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Outer Banks Presbyterian Church is
Celebrating 41 Years!

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
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This is God’s House! All are Welcome!
Prayer Concerns
“God is able to make all grace abound toward you...” II Corinthians 9:8

Jack Abernethy
Les Basnight
Marc Basnight
Helen Beshens
Don & Nancy Bierwerth
Margaret Brown
Martha Butcher

Those Serving in our Military

Dorothy & Matt George
Maj. Brian Dermody
Claudette Forney

September Birthdays
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Taylor Lewis ......................................... 3
John Rickers ......................................... 3
Al Schalk ............................................. 5
Karen Hastings ...................................... 6
Sharon Moore ........................................ 7
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Becky DeSanto ..................................... 20
Linda McGee ........................................ 20
Lynda Wood ......................................... 22
Anita Bennett ....................................... 24
Maggie Snyder ...................................... 27
Margaret Hartman .................................. 30

September Anniversaries
Mr. & Mrs. John Arndt ....................... 4
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Baum ..................... 9
Mr. & Mrs. Buzz Boyd ....................... 10
Mr. & Mrs. Merrill Hastings ............... 12
Mr. & Mrs. Doug Helmkamp ............... 12
Mr. & Mrs. Al Ihrig ............................. 16
Mr. & Mrs. Matt Lowcher ................. 22
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Harris ....................... 24
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Moore ....................... 27
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Gentry ................... 28

October Birthdays
Oscar VanEe ........................................ 1
Marion Jones ....................................... 4
Barbara Morgan ................................... 6
Debi Baum ......................................... 6
Bonnie Langdale ................................ 7
Marilyn Smith .................................... 9
Laura Lilieberg .................................. 10
Barb Nowland .................................... 10
Reid Hinson ....................................... 11
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Cora Huit ......................................... 19
Gary McGee ...................................... 19
Barbara Rust ...................................... 19
Jean Sias .......................................... 28
Nonie Booth ...................................... 29
Ben Cahoon ....................................... 29
Frank Moore ...................................... 29
Wray Grumiaux ................................... 31

October Anniversaries
Mr. & Mrs. Tyler Booth ...................... 5
Mr. & Mrs. Tommy DeSanto ................ 7
Mr. & Mrs. Blair Siefferman ............... 8
Mr. & Mrs. Don Frye ......................... 15
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Aldridge ................... 17
Mr. & Mrs. John Webb ....................... 21
Mr. & Mrs. David Feild ...................... 29

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Liturgist Schedule
Sept. 6 .................... Susan Harman-Scott
Sept. 13 ............ Youth Group Participants
Sept. 20 ............... Christine Jackie
Sept. 27 .............. Ike McRee

October 4 .............. Nonie Booth
October 11 .......... Ike McRee
October 18 .......... Barbara Hardy
October 25 .......... Jean Basnight

Flower Schedule
September 6 ................ Available
September 13 .......... Hollie Writtenberry
September 20 .......... Available
September 27 .......... Available

October 4 ................ Available
October 11 .......... Tom Williamson
October 18 .......... John & Evelyn Webb
October 25 .......... Sue Callens

Happy Birthday!
A Word from Your Pastor

When the state of North Carolina moved to Phase 2.5, it allowed for groups of up to 25 people, who maintain social distance, to meet indoors. At its meeting earlier in September, the Session permitted groups of up to 25 who are able to wear masks and keep social distance to begin meeting inside the building. I am looking forward to leading the congregation in a Bible study for a total of five weeks in September and October. We will meet in the sanctuary because it allows us to be more spread out from one another. The Bible Studies will be held on September 22 and 29 and October 6, 13, and 27. Each Tuesday we will meet at 5:00 pm. We will be studying the same passage that I will be preaching on the following Sunday. We will also begin worshiping in person in the sanctuary together on Sunday, October 11th, as long as conditions related to COVID-19 continue to progress positively.

What does it look like as we return to some of our old routines? We know that things will not be back to normal, as we have perceived it, for some time. Many of us will need to continue to stay at home to stay safe and away from potential contact with the virus. We have a number of people in our congregation who are at a higher risk from the virus and we have the Christian responsibility first to protect and care for each other. We will continue to live stream worship services and have some of our meetings on Zoom to allow individuals to participate in our church’s life from the safety of their homes. Even as we return to some familiar activities, we will still be wearing masks, keeping social distance, and not giving each other hugs or warm embraces as we typically have done. There is real grief that we are still living in the midst of these disruptions, but all is not lost.

I encourage us to look for the blessings in this present moment, for the positive things that God brings out of our difficulties. After all, we worship a God of resurrection hope, a God who brings new life out of death and loss. During this time that our lives have been turned upside down by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had an opportunity to reflect, to think about a better way forward. Sometimes it takes events that shake us up to enable us to see and imagine our lives and our world in new ways. Brene Brown has said, “We will not go back to normal. Normal never was.” Our pre-corona experience was not normal other than we normalized greed, inequity, exhaustion, depletion, extraction, disconnection, confusion, rage, hoarding, hate, and lack. We should not long to return my friends. We are being given the opportunity to stitch a new garment. One that fits all of humanity and nature.” My prayer is that we will stitch a new garment based in love, compassion, truth, justice, and the grace of God. May we also remember to give each other the benefit of the doubt and forgive each other, recognizing that we are all navigating a time of high anxiety, dislocation, and stress. I pray that God will sustain us and give us hope and joy as individuals and as a congregation.

Peace in Christ,
Jody Moore

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September 20, 2020
Exodus 12:14 and 14:19-31

Moses leads the people to the Red Sea and Pharaoh’s army is chasing after them. The Hebrew people are at the most critical moment of their lives and are powerless to save themselves. They are fully reliant upon God, who delivers them. What does it mean for us to trust in God to be our hope and our deliverer?

September 27, 2020
Exodus 16:2-15

God gave the Hebrew people what they wanted: freedom from bondage in Egypt. The new freedom they have experienced comes with some changes. Now they need to find their own food in the desert, so the Hebrew people start to grumble. Change, even when it is God’s will and for the best, often brings about some resistance and frustration. How do we, as God’s children, handle change well?

October 4, 2020
Exodus 20:1-20

God gives Moses and the Hebrew people the Ten Commandments so that they will have laws to guide them for their common life together. What is the purpose of the law? How can we look at God’s law, not as a bunch of rules, regulations, and restrictions, but as a gift from a merciful Creator? We will celebrate the sacrament of communion virtually on this World Communion Sunday.

October 11, 2020
Philippians 4:1-9

Paul tells us, “Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.” In the church, we do not need to be somber; we can celebrate and experience joy in our lives. Paul dealt with so much hardship, yet he discovered true abiding joy in Jesus Christ. That same joy can give us strength and hope today.

October 18, 2020
Philippians 2:1-11 and 3:4b-14

In chapter 2, Paul states that Jesus Christ’s name is worthy to be praised because he lived humbly among us, giving up every advantage he had at God’s right hand to come to earth and serve us. Christ is a role model for the church in how he sacrificed himself for others and sought to love all people. Then in chapter 3, Paul tells us that faith involves persisting and persevering, as we seek after our goal of serving and loving Christ.
Indoor worship services in the Sanctuary may resume on October 11, 2020 if conditions related to COVID-19 continue to progress positively. One service will be held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Zoom. The worship service will continue to be live streamed. Children’s Church and a nursery will be provided as usual. All participants shall wear facial masks and shall socially distance by at least 6 feet while inside the church building and on church property. A total of 50 people, excluding worship participants, will be allowed at the service. Sign up for each service will be required for purposes of potential Covid-19 contact tracing. Reservations can be completed by calling the church office or online. Rows of seats in the Sanctuary will be blocked off by the Worship Committee Moderator so social distancing can be accomplished. Two Elders (one primary and one alternate) and two ushers will be assigned each Sunday for purposes of greeting worshippers and assisting them in locating seating. The Pastor and Clerk of Session will prepare an assignment of Elders and the Worship Moderator will prepare an assignment of ushers for the services. The Worship Moderator will conduct a “practice” or “dress rehearsal” with all participants prior to October 11. A table will be set in the Gathering Space, on which offering plate(s), bulletins, hand sanitizers, and extra facial masks will be placed.

News from the Presbyterian Women

Thanks to Rev. Jody and Maggie Snyder for leading the kickoff Bible studies in September. Our books for the lesson were *Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament*, by. Dr. Lynn Miller and *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Brown. In both books, we learn the great lesson that God is never absent, but we must seek to “feel” His presence.

The PW groups that will meet next month are:

- Faith, Hope, and Love Circle at 5:30 pm in church, Thursday, October 8.
- Mollie Bass’s group in church at 9:30 am, Wednesday, October 14.
- Maggie Snyder’s Zoom group at 7 pm, Wednesday, October 14.

If other ladies are interested in joining, please spread the word that everyone is welcome.

Update from CCC About Shot Clinic

The plans for the Flu Shot Clinic are being negotiated between the Walgreens Corporate Office and the local pharmacy providers. Please watch the OBPC Wednesday E-news for updates about the Sunday, October 4 clinic, or expect a call, text or email within the next few days. Thanks for your understanding and patience.

Stewardship & Generosity Committee

“Suffering” is a word that might occur to us as a seemingly endless pandemic continues. However, as clergyman William Sloane Coffin wrote “... forms of suffering can produce selfless courage. They can widen our circle of compassion, putting us in closer touch with those who suffer as we do ...” This congregation has exhibited Coffin’s observation over the last number of months through volunteering to assist members and friends with any need; volunteering with the Beach Food Pantry; providing support and outreach to those that continue to shelter at home; lifting up concerns and needs by the Prayer Team; and through the continued work of church boards and committees to maintain this outpost of God’s earthly kingdom. We miss Sunday viewing of the sanctuary banner with the words “Faith, Family and Friends”, but pushing through the “suffering” we continue to generously and faithfully demonstrate our allegiance to Christ by reaching as a family beyond the bounds of current limitations to maintain friendly and loving relationships through selfless giving.

Fulfilling God’s mission, we now enter into a season of discernment and dedication. During this season we are encouraged to reflect on ways to be generous stewards in all areas of the church’s ministry through dedication of self and financial resources. As we move toward Consecration Sunday in November, let us joyfully prepare to give of our time, talent, and treasure in order to participate in God’s Kingdom lived here and now.
News from Outreach & Witness

Beach Food Pantry

The Pantry has stayed open during this difficult time. Procedural changes were made. At first, all clients needed to make appointments, stayed outside and talked with volunteers, who were inside, on phones. The volunteer would share what was available and the client would make choices. Everyone wore masks and cleaned carts between clients. The next phase still required appointments, but one person per family was allowed inside with a volunteer. Masks and cleaning still required. Many thanks to Dot Landis (landisdorothy2@gmail.com) for her coordination of our volunteers. If you would like to make a monetary donation to Beach Food Pantry, please send it to P O Box 468, Kitty Hawk, NC 27948.

Room in the Inn

This is not business as usual. In a typical RITI season, we provide overnight accommodations, dinner, breakfast, and a take-away bag lunch at our local partner churches. But March 2020 brought a global pandemic that radically altered the way we can support the homeless on the Outer Banks as we prepare to move into our cold weather season. Our partner churches are understandably concerned about hosting our program this year. Many remain closed. This has caused your RITI board to explore housing that will enable us to continue our vital ministry, with the continued support of our churches. Would you add us to your daily prayer list? We will keep you updated as plans are made.

Faith Knitters Start Up Again

The Faith Knitters began their knitting and crocheting sessions on September 22nd. Beginning in October, Faith Knitters will meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 am at the home of Bill Pratt in Martins Point. If you would be interested in joining this group of ladies who knit or crochet prayer shawls we would welcome you with open arms. This group is made up of beginners as well as experts so you would fit right in no matter what your skill levels are. For more information call Barbara Nock at 252-255-5979.

Ruthie’s Kitchen

Due to the pandemic, Ruthie’s Kitchen closed down last spring. After Labor Day, they decided to limit their outreach by having organizations pre-package meals and hand them out to people in the parking lot of the Son Rise Church.

Our church prepared 50 carry-out meals for Tuesday, September 15. Many thanks to all the people who brought green beans, corn bread, applesauce, cookies, brownies, and donated money for fried chicken and bottled water. The next time our church will prepare a meal is Tuesday, November 17. All are welcome and encouraged to join in this local community outreach in November. Send your email contact information to Linda Campbell at lindagbc103@gmail.com.

Ushers Needed

When we return to in-person worship, two ushers will be needed to serve at each service. The responsibilities of an usher will be a little bit different when in-person worship begins. Instead of handing out bulletins, the ushers will direct worshipers to a table where they can pick up their own bulletin. Instead of passing offering plates, the ushers will point worshipers to stationary offering plates where individuals may place their gifts. One usher will now serve at the front door and one at the south door (the only doors open to enter the church). They will greet those entering and encourage them to remain six feet apart and direct them to one of the Elders at the entrance to the Sanctuary who will direct them to their seat.

If you would be willing to serve as an usher during this reopening process please contact Cathie in the church office. Serving as an usher during these uncertain times is a vital aspect to OBPC safely reopening. Some of our regular ushers will be unable to serve at this time, so it is important for some new people to volunteer.

Upcoming Communion Schedule

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be held virtually on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 10:00 am. Please join us on-line for this meaningful time as we celebrate the sacraments and remember what Jesus did on the cross for each of us!
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Back by popular demand after last year's successful event, our youth group is sponsoring the second annual Trunk or Treat festival on Sunday, October 25 from 5:00-6:00 PM. This year's event will be a drive-thru festival where children and families can come in costume, remain in their vehicles, and drive through our church parking lot to trick or treat. Church members who wish to participate will be assigned a parking spot with plenty of room for distancing and can still dress in costume, decorate their trunks, etc. to hand out candy. However, you will simply deliver candy to the children through the car windows. We will also be handing out bottled drinks, hot dogs, and popcorn to participants as well as information about our church. Since many fall activities are cancelled this year due to COVID-19, there is a real need for this event in our community and we are excited to offer this safe alternative. We hope you will join us for a great evening of fun.

Please visit our church website to reserve your parking spot and sign up to help out with Trunk or Treat. If you have questions, please contact Hollie. Hope to see you there!

COMING SOON...

Our youth group will be coordinating a drive-by Thanksgiving collection for the Beach Food Pantry! Be sure to watch the weekly news emails and our website for a list of items needed for a Thanksgiving meal bag and for drop-off dates and times!
The Peace & Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together, enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

Twenty-five percent of our special offering will be given to Hotline, our community’s local shelter for battered women. The remainder goes to the larger church for peacemaking and witness projects throughout the United States and the world. For 38 years, this offering has enabled local congregations, Presbyteries, Synods, and the General Assembly to promote, support, and speak out on anything related to peace and peacemaking at the global scene.

Your gift to the Peace and Global Witness Offering will help initiatives like these and more, to provide support for those affected by violence and injustice around the globe as well as here in Dare County. You can send the special envelope in your offering box (or just mark on the check “Peace Offering”) to the church, P. O. Box 2199, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948. Also, special envelopes will be placed in the church bulletins on October 11.

Veterans Collection

The Outreach Committee will be collecting in October and the first week of November for our Veterans. Then we will take the items to the Veterans Hospital and Home in Newport News Virginia.

Items requested are:
Books
Socks
Sweat pants (men’s and women’s)
Sweat shirts
Toothpaste & toothbrushes
Combs
Brushes
T-shirts
All in one body wash (no alcohol)
Crossword puzzles
Puzzle books

There will also be a list posted in the gathering space along with a container to place your donations in. If you prefer to donate money then we will be happy to do your shopping.

Thank you all in advance for any donations. They are always so appreciative of these items.

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School Class has begun a series of classes on Comparative Religion. We are using the book 12 Major World Religions: The Beliefs, Rituals, and Traditions of Humanity’s Most Influential Faiths by Jason Boyett. We have just started looking at Ancient Foundations, studying the Ancient Egyptians, Romans, Greeks, and Nordic Region. Please join us! All are welcome! Please check the Church Facebook page for updates on how we are going to proceed with class as we transition back to in-person gatherings. We have been meeting weekly on Zoom and videos of the classes are available. If you want to be included on the class e-mail list, let the Church office know or e-mail Tom Carrico at tcarrico24503@gmail.com.
September Session Meeting Highlights

September 8, 2020

The Session of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church met during a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Attending were Session Members Ron Baker, Ron Campbell, Bobby Gentry, Bob Messinger, Barbara Nock, Barbara Nowland, Evelyn Webb, and Judy Whittle. Elder Ike McRee was granted an excused absence. Rev. Dr. Jody Moore moderated the meeting. Clerk of Session Gary McGee attended to prepare a record of the meeting. All persons in attendance participated in social distancing and wearing facial masks.

The agenda was approved as presented. The Omnibus Motion was approved as follows:

A. Minutes of the July 22, 2020 Stated Meeting.
B. E-vote of August 26, 2020 establishing a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 20, 2020 after the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing three elders for the Class of 2023. E-vote of August 28, 2020 approving Administration Committee’s recommendation to allow use of church facilities by the Dare County Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution on second Fridays from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m., September – November and January – April, provided all existing Covid-19 regulations for use of the church be followed, social distancing being practiced, and mask wearing being honored. DAR will make a contribution to the church of at least $50. (Evelyn Webb has advised the contribution will be at least $100.)

The Session reviewed reports from the Christian Education Committee, the Finance Committee, the Church Nominating Committee, and the Church Covid-19 Task Force.

Two actions recommended by the Christian Education Committee were approved as follows:

1. That the Youth Group organize a Drive-By Food Bag Collection (possibly in collaboration with the church’s Boy and Girl Scout Troops) for the Beach Food Pantry’s Thanksgiving Bags. Hollie will coordinate this with Dot Landis, OBPC Food Pantry Point Person. The youth would send out lists using the newsletter and weekly news emails, set up the collection time in the OBPC parking lot for members to drop off donations, and deliver the bags to the Pantry.

2. That the Youth Group organize the Second Annual Trunk or Treat Activity in the OBPC parking lot as a socially-distant, drive-by event. The youth will organize the event, families can simply drive by with costumed children in their vehicles, and youth and church members, who wish to participate, will set up and distribute candy, prizes, and even hotdogs and popcorn through the windows.

Significant time was allocated to reviewing notes from a Zoom meeting of the Covid-19 Task Force on August 25, 2020 and recommendations from the Task Force from its Zoom meeting on September 7, 2020. After much discussion, the Session adopted the following statements for resuming worship services inside the Sanctuary:

The Church’s Covid-19 Task Force met via Zoom on Monday, September 7, 2020. Rev. Dr. Jody Moore presided and was joined by Nonie Booth, Judy Whittle, and Gary McGee. Dr. Moore started the meeting with prayer at 2:00 p.m. and the meeting concluded at 3:10 p.m. Recommendations were sent to the Session for consideration at Session’s meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the church.

The Session, having examined Governor Roy Cooper’s latest Executive Order moving North Carolina into Phase 2.5, and considering recommendations from the Covid-19 Task Force, adopted the following policies:

1. Church and non-church groups using the church building can resume meeting inside the church building provided a maximum of 25 people are assembled and all wear facial coverings/masks, socially distance at least 6 feet from one another, and use disinfectant wipes to clean all hard surfaces touched during a meeting or assembly, including chairs used. The church will provide disinfectant wipes in the Fellowship Hall and/or in the Gathering Space for church or church-sponsored groups. Specifically, the Scouts can resume meeting under these requirements. AA can also resume meetings, provided that each AA meeting shall be limited to 25 total persons, who wear facial masks and social distance 6 feet from one another. AA will not be allowed to meet on Saturdays so that the church will be cleaned and ready for worship services on Sundays; however, a conversation will be held with AA advising that AA can request additional dates and times if needed, provided these meetings do not conflict with other church activities and are listed on the official church calendar in the church office. AA is encouraged to purchase its own disinfectant wipes for cleaning after each meeting. The church office manager, Cathie Field, will notify all groups meeting at the church of these provisions and requirements.
2. Rev. Dr. Jody Moore may consider resuming Bible Studies this fall under the 25-person maximum with participants wearing facial masks and socially distancing at least 6 feet, as well as sanitizing with disinfectant wipes all hard surfaces, including chairs used during the meetings. Dr. Moore may consider holding these Bible Studies in the Sanctuary instead of the Fellowship Hall to better accommodate social distancing. The Bible Study will likely be held on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. over multiple weeks.

3. The church playground shall be opened to all children of church members.

4. Indoor worship services in the Sanctuary may resume on October 11, 2020 if conditions related to COVID-19 continue to progress positively. One service will be held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m. The worship service will continue to be live streamed. Children’s Church and a nursery will be provided as usual. All participants shall wear facial masks and shall socially distance by at least 6 feet while inside the church building and on church property. A total of 50 people, excluding worship participants, will be allowed at the service. Sign up for each service will be required for purposes of potential Covid-19 contact tracing. Reservations can be completed by calling the church office or online. Rows of seats in the Sanctuary will be blocked off by the Worship Committee Moderator so social distancing can be accomplished. Two Elders (one primary and one alternate) and two ushers will be assigned each Sunday for purposes of greeting worshipers and assisting them in locating seating. The Pastor and Clerk of Session will prepare an assignment of Elders and the Worship Moderator will prepare an assignment of ushers for the services. The Worship Moderator will conduct a “practice” or “dress rehearsal” with all participants prior to October 11. A table will be set in the Gathering Space, on which offering plate(s), bulletins, hand sanitizers, and extra facial masks will be placed.

5. The Session read Jason Evans’s memo to the task force setting out his desires for music at the church and during worship services during the Pandemic. The Session accepted the task force recommendation that Jason be allowed to work with the Jubilate Handbell Ringers to see if the ringers can be accommodated in future worship services under masking and socially distancing requirements. The Session also accepted the task force recommendation that Jason be allowed to incorporate quartets on occasion during worship services under masking and socially distancing requirements. The previously approved order of worship will be maintained for the present time. However, Jason and the Pastor may choose to have either instrumental music or a choral selection following the sermon (which has been entitled “Piano Meditation” in the bulletin). The Session asked Jason to investigate special masks used by church choirs and others to allow singing without spreading potential breath droplets. The Session indicated that it appreciated Jason’s input.

6. The Session heard a report from Dr. Moore about issues and problems with the church’s recording and live streaming technology. The Session agreed for Worship Moderator Nonie Booth to arrange for a consulting visit within the next several days by Rome Gehrig of Norfolk, VA, who has assisted the church in the past regarding its sound and video technology. The Session agreed to allow the Worship Committee to proceed with its plans to correct issues and problems associated with this technology. The Session acknowledged that there may be costs associated with these corrections.

After determining the date for indoor Sanctuary Worship Services to resume on October 11, 2020, the Session revisited its decision to hold a Congregational Meeting on September 20, 2020, and determined to change the date of the Congregational Meeting to October 11, 2020, following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. The Church Nominating Committee will announce its nominees for the Elder Class of 2023 two weeks prior to October 11, 2020.

Elder Bob Messinger provided a written and verbal report on his and Dr. Moore’s participation in the 110th Stated Gathering of the Presbytery of New Hope that was held virtually on July 28, 2020. Elder Messenger was commissioner from Outer Banks Presbyterian Church and was introduced as a first-time attendee at a Presbytery meeting.

Elder Evelyn Webb volunteered and was approved to be the commissioner representing the church at the next Stated Presbytery Meeting on October 24, 2020. This meeting is also scheduled to be held virtually.

Dr. Moore advised the Session of Rev. Tom Murphy’s death on August 16, 2020. Rev. Murphy, a resident of Rodanthe, NC was founding pastor of the Roanoke Island Presbyterian Church in Manteo and occasionally filled the Pulpit at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church and as well as moderated meetings of the Session, as needed. Session authorized a gift in memory of Rev. Murphy of $200 (to be taken from the Local Benevolence budget line-item) be sent to the Chicamacomico Life Saving Station Historical Association in Rodanthe, NC.

Dr. Moore further discussed the technological situation regarding live streaming and recording of worship services during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Session agreed for Dr. Moore and Worship Committee Moderator Nonie Booth to pursue repair or replacement of the devices.

Dr. Moore advised that he would be presiding at a wedding ceremony on September 21, 2020 for an out-of-town Presbyterian couple that will be held on the beach. He also will preside at the wedding ceremony on October 17, 2020 for member Tom Williamson and his fiancé Roberta Shaw.

Finally, Dr. Moore discussed with Session meetings or conversations he had held with various church members during this time of the Pandemic.

To conclude the meeting, Dr. Moore led a devotional on “Blessing One Another” and “Choosing the Blessings.” The meeting concluded with a prayer for needs in our church and community and then adjourned at 6:05 p.m.
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This certificate is awarded to
Rev. Jody Moore and the Congregation of
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In recognition of your ongoing support by
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Signature: Gale E. Sisson
Executive Director
Date: July 30th, 2020