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Easter at Outer Banks Presbyterian

Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Thursday, April 1
5:00 PM
pre-registration online

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 4
8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
pre-registration online

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Prayer Concerns

"God is able to make all grace abound toward you..."
II Corinthians 9:8

Jack Abernethy
Les Basnight
Nancy Bierwerth
Donna Bissell
Margaret Brown
Those Fighting Covid-19
Jim Carns
The family of Anne Cramer
George Daniels
Tommy DeSanto
Donna & Terry Evans
Dorothy & Matt George
Ann Gilbert
Jim Goes
Judy Goins
Margaret Hartman
Linda Helmkamp
Joe & Tanta Hendricks
Nick Hodsdon
Andy Mallory
Ken McGee
Sharon McRee
Nancy Messinger
Barbara Nock
Fran Peel
Claudia Riley
Mary Sansone
Fred Smith
Kathy Townsend
The family of Ben Wall
Lynda Wood
John Younkin
Those Serving in our Military

We are Thankful for our Willing Volunteers

Elder Schedule
April 4 .............. Whittle / Jones / Nowland
April 11 ..................... Nock / Campbell
April 18 ...................... Baker / Campbell
April 25 ...................... McRee / Jones

Liturgist Schedule
April 4 .......... Barbara Hardy (8:30 am & 10 am)
April 11 ..................... Jean Basnight
April 18 ...................... Ike McRee
April 25 ...... Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks

Flower Schedule
April 4 ...................... Easter Lilies
April 11 ..................... Available
April 18 ..................... Available
April 25 ..................... Available

April Birthdays
Hollie Writtenberry ..................... 1
Jeff Rhodes ......................... 1
John Dick ......................... 3
Grace Hook ..................... 7
Judy Diaz ...................... 8
Jody Moore .................... 9
Dan Harris ................... 10
Melanie Cahoon ............. 13
Claudette Forney ........... 14
Karen Mclver ............... 15
Jim Goes .................... 16
Judith Moore ............. 16
Donna Evans ................. 16
Susan Smith .................. 19
Emily Hastings ............. 21
Bethany Siefferman ........ 21
Donna Lowcher ............. 22
Winkey Roberts ............ 22
Elisabeth Writtenberry .... 26
Fran Peel ..................... 27
Lyman Futrell ............... 30
Jessica Lowcher ............ 30
Millie Rickers ............. 30

April Anniversaries
Mr. & Mrs. Winkey Roberts .......... 5
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Clemmons ........ 8
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Messinger .......... 9
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Smith ............. 9
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hardy .......... 14
Mr. & Mrs. Eva Hardy Williams .... 22
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hendricks .......... 22
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Rhodes ............ 28
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Langdale ....... 29
A Word from Your Pastor

I am writing you after we have had two in-person worship services in the month of March. It has been a joy to be back together in the sanctuary. The number of people who have attended so far this spring is an increase from when we held in-person services in the fall which is due, in part, to many of our members having received their COVID-19 vaccinations. I want to thank everyone who has worn masks and followed safe social distancing protocols for these worship services as we attempt to keep each other safe and protected. We still are having a large number of people join us virtually via the live stream each Sunday morning and we will continue that way for us to remain connected in the weeks and months to come.

I am especially looking forward to Easter Sunday, April 4th. We will have two identical worship services at 8:30 and 10:00 am. So far, we have had a much larger group sign up for the 10:00 am service and ask that those who are able attend the earlier service. Easter is the most important day of the year for us as Christians—it is the day when we proclaim the central truth of the Gospel. Jesus Christ, God’s Son, who was crucified, dead, and buried, was raised to new life on that first Easter Sunday. Easter shows us that God has the power to bring new life out of loss, death, and despair. Easter is the day that we glimpse the salvation and deliverance that is ours through Christ. I am so glad that we will be able to gather together in-person and on-line to mark this essential day in the life of our faith.

There was a boy who was intellectually disabled who we will call Paul. He attended a local church and went to Sunday school each week, but he usually could not understand what the class was discussing. One Sunday the teacher gave them an assignment: each child was given an Easter egg and told to fill it with some item that reminded them of Easter. Every child brought their eggs back; some had butterflies, others had flowers. Paul’s Easter egg was empty. The teacher tried to cover for Paul: she did not ask him to explain his egg. Paul protested, “Aren’t you going to ask me about my egg.” He said it was empty to signify the empty tomb that has given new life to all of us. Paul died of complications from his illness later that year and each member of the Sunday school class put an empty Easter egg on his casket to symbolize the new life that Paul had received through Christ who has risen again. This past year, together we have experienced emptiness and many hardships, yet this Easter we will celebrate the new life that comes from the empty tomb!

Peace in Christ,

Jody Moore

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Sermons for April 2021
The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

April 1, 2021:
Maundy Thursday
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

We will hear the story of Jesus’ last meal with his disciples. Jesus knows that he is preparing to hang on a cross and die for our sake and yet in that moment he serves, not himself, but his disciples. Jesus humbly gets on his knees and washes his disciples’ feet and he commands us to do the same. We will gather both in the sanctuary and on-line as we celebrate the sacrament of the Last Supper.

April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday
Mark 16:1-8

Mark tells us about the events of the first Easter, when Salome, Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary go to Jesus’ tomb only to find that the stone is rolled away and Jesus’ body isn’t there. An angel tells them not to be afraid because Jesus Christ has been resurrected. Jesus’ victory shows us that God is stronger than even death!

April 18, 2021

On Easter Sunday, two travelers are walking home to Emmaus distraught because their Lord has died. Another man joins them on their journey and they invite the man to join them for dinner. As they break bread together, they realize that the mysterious man is in fact Jesus Christ, who has risen from the grave.

April 25, 2021
1st John 3:16-24

First John focuses on the centrality of love. This text explains that God has shown the ultimate example of love in Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us. Inspired by Christ, we are called to share God’s love with each other and the world.
On Thursday, April 1 at 5 pm we will gather in the Sanctuary for worship and in remembrance of the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. For the past several years we have shared a meal and celebrated Communion together in the Fellowship Hall. Due to COVID restrictions the meal is not possible this year; however, we will have Communion during the service. Maundy Thursday is a beautiful and somber time of remembrance and we invite you to join us for this meaningful service. Please register online to attend this service in person. You may also participate from home via live-stream.

Virtual Piano/Organ Recital

During the month of March, Jason Evans, Director of Music Ministries/Organist at OBPC and Michael Morgan, Director of Music Ministries at Edenton Baptist Church, joined forces to create a virtual piano/organ recital that you can view in the comfort of your own home. This recital consists of themes of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. The program is available on the church website.

One Great Hour of Sharing

PCUSA had a special offering collection on Palm Sunday, March 28, titled “One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS). All monies raised go to our Presbytery of New Hope.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. The OGHS ministries are driven, not so much by who the recipients are, but by who we are - faithful and generous followers of Jesus Christ.

If you didn’t have a chance to give on Palm Sunday, you may send your gift to the church office anytime during the month of April to PO Box 2199, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948. Write on the memo line OGHS.

Easter Sunday Wire Cross

Don’t forget to bring a flower for our wire cross on Easter Sunday! We will have the cross outside on Saturday allowing you to bring flowers then. On Sunday morning, during services, it will be located in the Gathering Space. Once church is over, it will be returned to the out of doors. This will allow people to drop off their flowers before or after worship in addition to our regular morning worship services.
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Youth News

The Youth Group is excited to be meeting in person again for games, dinner, service projects, Bible Study, and prayer!

The numbers are in, and OBPC tackled hunger in a BIG way! Some of our youth went to the Beach Food Pantry to deliver, weigh, and check in all of the Souper Bowl of Caring donations. Church family, together we donated 424 pounds of food, which will provide 353.3 meals, and $305 which will provide an additional 635.4 meals. That’s 988.7 meals that will be provided right here in our own community. Thank you to everyone who supported this annual mission project!!
The monthly circle meetings for the Presbyterian Women of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church will be held as follows:

**IN-PERSON PW MEETING**
Wednesday, April 14 | 10:00
This meeting will be held in the sanctuary.

**ZOOM PW MEETING**
Wednesday, April 14 | 7:00 pm
This meeting will be held via zoom.
Please contact Maggie Snyder for information on connecting.

**FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE CIRCLE**
Thursday, April 8 | 5:30 pm
This meeting will be held in-person at the church.

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**In loving Memory of Donald “Don” Bierwerth**

Donald Bierwerth, a member of the church and long time resident of Outer Banks has passed away Thursday March 25th after a long illness. He will be interred at St Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery, Cambridge Springs, PA in the family plot with services to be performed at a later date. The family wants to let the congregation know and ask to keep Don’s wife Nancy Bierwerth in your prayers and communications. Nancy is still residing at Brookdale Elizabeth City. She can be reached at 252-562-6211. 401 Hastings Lane, Elizabeth City, NC 27909.

Leslie Arnold - respectful daughter
208-484-2406

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**Thank-You**

Dear Friend in Christ,

Thank you so very much for the most beautiful flowers. There is one red rose that is the largest rose I’ve ever seen. It was such a surprise to receive them.

The Lent Devotional booklet is a daily pleasure to add to my morning devotion.

The OBPC is in my daily prayers. Again, I thank you for thinking of me!

Love in Christ,
Claudette Forney

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**Thank-You**

Donna & I express our deepest gratitude for all your prayers for Donna’s recovery from Covid. Thanks to you and all her other friends, she beat the virus and is doing well. Thanks, also, to Jody and Barbara, for their calls and prayers.

God bless,
Terry Evans

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**OBPC Shirts**

Golf shirts and sweatshirts are available with the OBPC logo on the front and the church motto on the back. Both types of shirts are $10 each with the money collected going to PW, who had the shirts made. See Bev Jones at church on Sunday to purchase shirts or call the office. Any shirts not sold by April 11th will go to Room In The Inn.
The Cub and Boy Scouts are doing a popcorn fundraiser for their troop. For more information and to obtain a direct link, please email Scoutmasters, Blair & Marion Siefferman at blairmarionsiefferman@gmail.com.

Also, there are a couple of photos of the Scouts doing some community service with Better Beaches OBX planting sea grass on the dune line in S. Nags Head.