Sanctuary Lenten Visual

The Worship Committee is grateful and thanks Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks and Ellen Carrico for the beautiful visual arrangement in the Sanctuary that will lead us through our 6-week Spiritual journey of Lent. Below is a description of the meaning of all the imagery in the presentation.

Lent begins with Jesus in the wilderness desert for 40 days. It ends with a splinterly cross and whispered pain. It is a season of Jesus’ royalty, as he is crowned with thorns and robed in mockery and scorn. It is a season of Jesus’ humanity, as he experiences the betrayal and the denial and the abandonment of his closest friends. It is a brutal season. And so, the draped purple and rustic burlap, hard stones and harsh rocks reflect the harshness of these days. Yet that is not the only truth of this season. Light rises from rocks. Green life emerges from stone. As we sing at Christmas, “Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.”

Each Sunday, an additional candle is lit, moving us through the dark days of Lent, moving us toward Jerusalem, where Jesus gives his life that we might live, moving us toward the bright dawn of Easter.
Prayer Concerns
“God is able to make all grace abound toward you...”
II Corinthians 9:8

Jack Abernethy
Les Basnight
Don & Nancy Bierwerth
Donna Bissell
Margaret Brown
Martha Butcher
Those Fighting Covid-19
Jim Carns
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
The family of Joe Morgan
Fran Peel
Claudia Riley
Fred Smith
Kathy Townsend
Lynda Wood
John Younkin

Lenten Devotional

Nouwen, one of the most beloved spiritual thinkers of the 20th century wrote passionately about the steadfast love of God found in his Son Jesus in a way that has touched the hearts of readers the world over. Excerpts from Nouwen’s inspiring insights are paired with original reflections and prayers in this booklet for each day of Lent, as we come to know more and more deeply the richness of the bond with our Savior that is ever changing.

We are Thankful for our Willing Servants

Weekly Elder
March 7 ..........................N/A
March 14 .........................Gentry / Whittle
March 21 ........................Webb / McRee
March 28 ..........................Jones / Baker

Liturgist Schedule
March 7 ..........................Ike McRee
March 4 ..........................Barbara Hardy
March 21 ........................Jean Basnight
March 28...... Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks

Flower Schedule
March 7 ..........................Available
March 14 ..........................Available
March 21 ..........................Rosalynn Pugh
March 28 ..........................Gary & Linda McGee

March Birthdays
Kylie Michler ..............................2
Dot Deal ..............................7
Tommy Deal ..........................10
Ann Boyd ..............................11
Tom Smith ..............................12
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Frances Maestas ........................13
Alex Thomas ..........................16
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Children’s Church
Please refer to your Sunday Morning bulletins for the schedule of Children’s Church workers. Should you have any questions, please contact Hollie Writtenberry.

Sun. March 14

Liturgical Calendar

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A Word from Your Pastor

Over the past month, I have heard from many of our church members who have received the COVID-19 vaccine. They have shared their appreciation at the professionalism and organization of our local Dare County officials who have given the shots. I am grateful that several of our members have called some of those who were eligible to receive the vaccination to make sure that they knew how to sign up and get the shots. We thank God for the marvels of modern medicine and for the hard work of researchers who helped develop these vaccines so quickly. Clergy are now included in Group 3 of North Carolina's vaccination groups and I plan to receive my vaccination as soon as it is available to me. The past twelve months, beginning in March 2020 have been difficult. It has required more patience and endurance than we ever thought was possible, yet God continues to see us through this difficult time and gives us hope.

I am looking forward to gathering again in person for worship beginning on March 14th. The Session decided to pause church activities briefly this winter as case numbers were rising and our members were beginning to receive the vaccination. When we gather again in person for worship on March 14th, we will continue to live stream our worship services on YouTube and the church’s website for those who need to continue to stay safe at home. Other church activities will also start back beginning March 14th.

April 1st is Maundy Thursday, the day of Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples. There are many different names for that holy meal we share in the church. The Last Supper refers to how it was the very last meal that Jesus had with his disciples before he died on the cross for our salvation. The term Lord’s Supper points to how the sacrament belongs to Jesus; he instituted it and when we participate in the holy meal, we are connected to him. Communion focuses on the communal nature of the sacrament. Communion has the same root as the word community, emphasizing that this meal unites us with brothers and sisters in Christ, not only at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, but with other believers through time and space. The word Eucharist comes from a Greek word meaning “thanksgiving.” When we call the sacrament the Eucharist, it points to how we give thanks for this special way to be spiritually connected with God. The Last Supper, the Lord’s Supper, Communion, and Eucharist are four different names for this sacrament that all have different, yet complimentary meanings to help us understand what it means for us to break bread with our brothers and sisters in Christ through the Lord’s Supper.

When we gather on Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Communion together. The Maundy Thursday service will also be live streamed and those who watch from home will be able to participate in virtual communion. We will not have a meal in the fellowship hall as we have done previously on Maundy Thursday, but I look forward to this chance to celebrate the sacrament together.

Peace in Christ, Jody Moore

Sermons for March 2021
Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

March 7, 2021
Psalm 19

This psalm reflects on the glories of God’s creation and then shares that the benefits and blessings of the law that God has given us, which provides us with wise counsel. Psalm 19 points to God as the source of all knowledge and says, “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”

March 14, 2021
John 3:1-17

Jesus has a conversation with Nicodemus, one of the Pharisees, who is interested in Jesus’ teachings. In response to Nicodemus’ questions, we hear one of the most beloved and familiar verses in the entire Bible. Jesus tells us, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” We will discuss this amazing and wonderful Good News!

March 21, 2021
John 12:23-33

Jesus offers paradoxical wisdom about what it means to be one of his disciples. By being willing to give away our lives for the sake of Christ’s kingdom, we gain new life. It is through sacrificial giving that we receive some of God’s greatest blessings.

March 28, 2021: Palm Sunday
Mark 11:1-11

This passage is the Palm Sunday story of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowds are filled with energy and excitement. They joyously welcome the long-awaited Messiah, but then they quickly turn on Jesus when he does not meet their expectations. Are we willing to follow the Messiah and to obey him, even when his demands are not what we expect?

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.
OBPC started holding in-person worship services in the church sanctuary in October. Due to Covid-19, we have had to make some adjustments, such as limiting attendance to 50 people, keeping social distance, wearing face masks, and not being able to have congregational singing.

We recognize that not everyone can or should attend in-person church services and it is our goal to make our services available online for those who wish to participate from home. However, you may have noticed that we have experienced some technical difficulties with our live streaming during the past couple of months. We have worked hard to correct the issues and the system has performed well recently. If you have been frustrated, we hope you will try us again!

To view services online, go to our website, www.outerbankspresbyterian.org, and follow the instructions highlighted in yellow at the top of the page. Thank you for your patience and persistence!

In loving memory of
Mr. Thomas “Tom” Williamson
April 16, 1938 ~ January 11, 2021

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held, here, at OBPC on Saturday, January 23. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife, Roberta and his daughter, Keri. Condolences may be left at www.gallopfuneralservices.com.

In loving memory of
Mr. David John Feild
April 27, 1944 ~ February 3, 2021

David is the husband of our OBPC Office Manager, Cathie Feild. Our sympathies go out to Cathie and David’s son. A Zoom memorial service will be held on Sat., March 13 at 2 pm. Information for connecting to this will be sent as time approaches.

In loving memory of
Mr. Joe Morgan
Entered Eternal Rest on February 21, 2021

Joe Morgan passed away on Sunday, February 21, 2021. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time, but a service will be held here at OBPC in the near future. Please keep his wife, Barbara and their family in your prayers.
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Presbyterian Women

Thank you for checking out the Presbyterian Women news! In this article, you may learn when and where the different circles are meeting!

**IN PERSON**

There will be a PW Zoom meeting held on Wednesday, March 10 at 7 pm via Zoom. Karen Lurie will host the meeting and Maggie Snyder will present the lesson. Please contact Maggie Snyder for information.

**FAITH, HOPE & LOVE** circle will not be having their particular circle meeting in March, however, all members are welcome and encouraged to join in with one of the two above mentioned opportunities!

There will be an in-person gathering of PW for the monthly meeting held on Wednesday, March 17 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary of OBPC. This meeting will be led by Mollie Bass.

**Maundy Thursday**

**Thursday, April 1, 2021  5:00 pm**

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 this is not possible this year. Maundy Thursday is a beautiful and somber time of remembrance and we invite you to join us for this meaningful service. Please register for this service online.

Outreach & Witness Committee

Even though we have been staying aware of how to keep everyone safe, the Outreach & Witness Committee is still active in the community.

**Beach Food Pantry** -- Dot Landis, coordinator. 919-645-8064. The weeks we are signed up to volunteer at the Pantry are April 5, June 7, August 9, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6. The Pantry has done well keeping everyone safe with masking and washing hands and limiting people in the building. Contact Dot if you would like to be added to the list of volunteers. Volunteers are welcome to work one day a year, or during every week we volunteer -- whatever works best for YOUR schedule.

**Ruthie’s Kitchen** -- Linda Campbell, coordinator. 412-596-1579. The days we are signed up to prepare and distribute dinners are Apr. 27, Sep. 21 and Nov. 16. Volunteers gather at our church to prepare take-out dinners with items that have been made at volunteers’ homes. Then the meals are taken to the parking lot of Son Rise Church to be distributed to people as they drive by. Please contact Linda if you would like to be a volunteer. Again, volunteers are welcome to work one day a year, or for all the dinner dates -- whatever works best for YOUR schedule.

**Faith Knitters** -- Barbara Nock, coordinator. 252-255-5979. If you like to knit or crochet, contact Barbara to find out what their needs are.

**Room In The Inn** -- Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks, coordinator. 330-386-5723. Even though other churches have signed up to provide food for a week at a time, they are always looking for assistance to provide meals to be delivered to the facility where people are staying. You can contact Tanta to find out what their needs are. This year they changed how they are operating, due to COVID, and have done a wonderful job.

**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, will join forces to create a virtual piano/organ recital that you will be able to view in the comfort of your own home. This recital will consist of things that lead us through a theme of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Once the program is recorded, it will be available on the church website. We will let you know when it is ready for your viewing pleasure!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Virtual Sacrament of Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, March 7 during the 10:00 am worship service. Join us as we remember Christ’s ultimate sacrifice on the cross for us. Please remember to have some type of juice and bread/cracker available to participate with us! Communion will also be held on Maundy Thursday, April 1.
The class continues to meet every Sunday morning at 8:30 A.M. via Zoom. A Zoom invitation is mailed to the class email list and is also posted on the Church Facebook page every Friday. In March and April we will continue (and complete!) our study of Comparative Religion using Jason Boyett's book *12 Major World Religions*. The schedule for the completion of this study is as follows:

**February / March 2021**
- Feb. 14: Buddhism 1
- Feb. 21: Buddhism 2
- Feb. 28: Sikhism
- Mar. 7: Taoism
- Mar 14: Confucianism
- Mar 21: Bahai
- Mar 28: Shinto
- Apr 4: Jainism
- Apr 11: Zoroastrianism *(This will conclude our study of Comparative Religion.)*

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### The Baptismal Shell

The story is told about Martin Luther. Every morning, as his feet touched the floor, his hand touched his forehead and he repeated, “I am baptized, I am baptized, I am baptized.” Centered in his identity as a Child of God, he faced the challenges and conflicts of the day.

When Pastor Jody preached on the Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord, he told that story. He reminded us that baptism forms the core of our identity as a Child of God. In our baptism, God claimed us for our lifetimes. That Sunday, the baptismal shell was front and center of the sanctuary and at the shell, Pastor Jody moved his hands through the water as he declared the assurance of pardon, “In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.” Throughout the sermon, he reminded us to remember that we are baptized.

I thought back over previous Sundays. Where was the baptismal shell on those days? Stored in a corner, tucked away in storage?

How like my own faith! Sometimes my identity as God’s own is front and center, and I know who I am and whose I am. All too often, I store my faith in a corner, tuck it away in storage for another day. I forget who I am, I neglect the One to whom I belong. I don’t remember that I am baptized. And I am the poorer for it, poorer in strength to face the challenges and conflicts of the day, poorer in depth of relationship with God, and poorer in love for my neighbor.

The baptismal shell, front and center, Sunday after Sunday, is a consistent visual reminder that we are baptized. The shell becomes an aid to remember our identity, a reinforcement to live out our faith every day instead of tucking it away.

Notice on Sundays, whether you are in the sanctuary or watching from your sofa, where the baptismal shell is. Front and center, where it is a companion to the communion table where we receive nourishment for the journey of faith. Notice the shell. And like Martin Luther, may you touch your forehead and be reminded, “I am baptized.” Let your baptism be your identity, of who you are, and whose you are.

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### Thank yous

Thank you to everyone who so kindly sent my dad Christmas and birthday wishes on his recent 90th. He misses all of you when he has moments of memory.

Dad’s church family was always one he cherished. Thank you again for remembering him!

Stay well,

Becky Layos *(For Oscar E. Northen Jr.)*

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Dear Church Family,

Winkey and I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food and visits during this trying time as well as the ice cream and the church ministry of flowers. We are so blessed to be in the OBPC family. Keep sending your prayers!

Love,

Louise & Winkey Roberts
What a difference a year makes!

Since 2009, RITI has offered overnight accommodations, dinner, breakfast, and a bag lunch to support over 400 men and women needing shelter during the cold weather season at our partner churches. But 2020 demanded a radically different way to begin providing safe services to a rapidly growing group needing our help.

New COVID-19 safety protocols have been added to RITI’s standard expectations to be alcohol- and drug-free, non-violent and respectful of all guests, volunteers and staff. Guests stay in the same location nightly rather than traveling from church-to-church each week and are developing a wholesome sense of community. An army of church volunteers and other caring neighbors bring prepared food and other supplies to the shelter and intake center daily. More are volunteering in other ways. RITI now has both male and female daytime and overnight staff, all experienced with recovery and modeling resiliency. A case management intern helps guests with goal-setting. Guests also share in meeting one another’s needs. In spite of challenges, or maybe because of them, personal growth and new opportunities occur regularly, including much-needed life skills, employment, health care, and new-found safe places to live.

You can help be a part of this ministry! There are so many ways you can help, even in these socially-distanced times! Would you add us to your daily prayer list? Can you volunteer some time to help guests with transportation to appointments? Can you donate needed supplies, such as warm clothing for adults, new socks and underwear, feminine products? Would you prepare soups, chili, spaghetti sauce and bread to freeze for last-minute supper needs on overflow nights? Will you consider giving tax-deductible funds online or by check to help meet RITI’s increasing expenses, such as for expanding overnight shelter and extra staff and costs associated with COVID-19? Even small amounts added together can make a huge difference.

Indeed, the last year has called us to find ways to operate differently under quite different circumstances. Yet by sharing our resources, we truly do make a difference.

**Did you know????**

- This season, RITI received the largest grant in its history ($33,822 from the Outer Banks Community Foundation) enabling us to purchase a 2018 15-passenger van and to help pay an overnight peer support specialist.
- When RITI’s capacity (14) for shelter at the housing facility exceeds its supply on a given night, staff chooses the most reliable, responsible, and mature guests to go to a hotel that provides low-cost rooms, a necessity dozens of times this season.
- Seven RITI guests have found full-time employment in the community so far this year, most with the help of RITI and its volunteers. If you need workers, give us a call!
- Just one example of love shared at Christmas was the extended family that banded together to gift several guests rather than gifting among themselves. Blessings abound!

**THE GOODS ON GIVING GOODS**

RITI appreciates receiving monetary and material donations from individuals, businesses, and churches from across Dare County. Donations include eye care through the Lion’s Club, good winter clothing, hygiene, gift cards to restaurants and Dollar Tree, supplies for the intake center and housing facility, shelving to organize clothing donations, furniture, computers, paper shredders, printers, and office space for a computer room.

To make material gifts, please come to the intake center (111 W. Carlton Ave, Kill Devil Hills) daily between 9AM and 6PM. When the donors first arrive, they will be screened for COVID-19 at the entrance and then directed to the back of the office to drop off goods. It is not necessary to unpack goods as our intake worker, Teresa Clarkin, is a pro at efficiently shelving them. For donors not wishing to enter due to health concerns or if the load is too heavy, please call ahead (252-255-1133) or pop your head in the door and ask for assistance; our guests and/or volunteers will be more than happy to assist. Remember, RITI cannot use torn and stained clothing, used socks or underwear, children’s clothing, stuffed animals, and hotel toiletries.

You can help us help our brothers and sisters in need too! Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to PO Box 1354, KDH, or in person at 111 W. Carlton Ave, KDH between 9AM - 6PM Mon. -Sun.

**Funds are always needed! Please give generously! obxroomintheinn.org**
Youth Group News

Each year, our youth group leads OBPC in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring mission project. Souper Bowl of Caring is a ministry founded by a Presbyterian Pastor that utilizes our nation's largest football game to bring awareness to hunger in our local communities. Typically on Super Bowl Sunday, our youth lead worship, sponsor a food drive, and stand at the Sanctuary exits with soup pots collecting money to donate to the Beach Food Pantry. The Covid pandemic allowed us to be a little more creative this year! Our youth sponsored a front porch food drive, and spent Super Bowl Sunday afternoon driving from Southern Shores to Manteo safely collecting donations from front porches. We were blown away at the success of this year's food drive. Thank you to everyone who helped us TACKLE HUNGER by donating food and sending in monetary donations, all of which will be delivered to the Beach Food Pantry.

The Worship Committee is proud to announce that OBPC will be using Eco-Palms on Palm Sunday, March 28 at our 10 am worship service. You may learn more about Eco-Palms at www.ecopalms.org. If you are not able to be with us for the service the palms will be at the front door of the church for you to take. Please register for the service online.

Easter Sunday / Easter Lilies

Easter Sunday, April 4 will be celebrated with 2 identical worship services – 8:30 am and 10 am. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one with Easter lilies please call the church office with your order or pick up an envelope in the Gathering Space. The cost of the lilies is $10.00 each and orders should be received by Sunday, March 21. Please register online for the Easter service you would like to attend.

One Great Hour of Sharing

PCUSA has 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 we are able to be in church on Palm Sunday, you can put your offering in the plate. If we are continuing to worship from home, we want to encourage you to still donate, as this offering is very appropriate for what we are going through now. It is best to send this offering to the church office -- PO Box 2199, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948. Write on the memo line OGHS.

The 2021 Flower Schedule

The sign-up sheet for flowers is now available in the Gathering Space! Placing flowers in the sanctuary is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a person(s) or to honor a birthday, anniversary, birth or any other special occasion!
Stated Session News
Meeting notes from Tuesday, February 23, 2021

The Session of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church held a stated meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the church Sanctuary. Session members present were Ron Campbell, Bobby Gentry, Bev Jones, Ike McRee, Barbara Nock, Evelyn Webb, and Judy Whittle, all of whom attended in person, and Maggie Snyder, who attended via Zoom. Elder Ron Baker was granted an excused absence since he and his wife were visiting their newly-born grandson. Rev. Dr. Jody Moore moderated the meeting and Clerk of Session Gary McGee attended to provide a record of the meeting. All person in attendance observed Covid-19 restrictions of wearing facial masks and social distancing.

Dr. Moore opened the meeting with a Lenten devotional and prayer. He then declared a quorum to be present. The Session approved the agenda as presented with the addition of four (4) items: (1) Consideration of a request from U-Kirk at East Carolina University--Greenville for the provision of a meal for the campus ministry, (2) consideration of office hours for Office Manager Cathie Feild when she returns to working following the death of her husband, (3) consideration of church website improvements, and (4) proposed annual service agreement for the church’s HVAC systems with One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning.

The Omnibus motion was approved, which included approval of the Session’s minutes of January 12, 2021 as written approval of a donation of $100 to the Dare Minority Coalition in memory of David John Feild, deceased husband of church office manager Cathie Feild.

By consensus, the Session approved Greeting Elder Assignments for the second quarter of 2021 as follows:

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The Clerk of Session presented the Annual Statistical Report for the church that is submitted to the General Assembly. The Session approved the Annual Statistical Report, which is attached hereto.

Committee reports were received from the Finance Committee, the Congregational Care Committee, and the Worship Committee:

1. The Finance Committee presented the year-end report of the church Scholarship Fund, which is now valued at $41,847. The Corpus remains a $24,895, and investment returns were very good in 2020, according to Jeff Aldridge, Finance Moderator. He reported that $1,000 in scholarships were awarded from the fund in 2020, and a total of $7,750 in scholarships have been awarded since inception of the fund. Elder Jones is Session Liaison to the Finance Committee.

2. The Congregational Care Committee nominated Linda Helmkamp to receive the Presbytery’s Older Adult Award in 2021. Session approved the nomination. The committee also presented a list of persons who were recipients of flower arrangements from the church’s flower ministry. Elder Jones reported that Lenten Devotionals would be given to upcoming recipients through Lent, and she encouraged other Elders to take devotionals to persons on their ElderCare lists. Elder Webb reported that the committee has begun working with the Fellowship Committee to start a food ministry, whereby seven to 10 meals are delivered to congregants, while observing all Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions. Session approved the joint food ministry by the Congregational Care and Fellowship committees.

3. The Worship Committee recommended the following actions to the Session:
   a. 2021 Communion dates: Communion be held in 2021 on the first Sunday of every month, with the exception of April 4, Easter Sunday, when two (2) worship services would be held. There will be no communion on Easter Sunday. Celebration of the Lord's Supper would be held on Maundy Thursday, April 1. Elder Barbara Nock volunteered to serve as Greeting Elder for the Maundy Thursday Communion service. The Session approved the Communion dates for 2021.
   b. That a Virtual Musical Concert featuring Jason Evans and Michael Morgan, organist at Edenton Baptist Church be planned, with a date to be determined. Session approved the concert.
   c. The committee reported that Rev. Tanta Luckhardt-Hendricks and Ellen Carrico designed a visual arrangement in the Sanctuary for the Season of Lent. Dr. Moore invited persons to view the display and take a card describing the meaning of the display.
The Session approved the Building and Grounds Committee’s proposal for a modified service agreement with One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning to provide for the church’s annual service contract for maintenance and to replace air filters. This will help with air flow during the Pandemic.

By consensus, the Session designated Elder Bev Jones to be the church’s Commissioner to the 112th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope, which will be a virtual meeting on February 27, 2021.

A. The church’s Covid-19 Task Force, composed of Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Worship Moderator Nonie Booth, Elder Judy Whittle, and Administration Moderator/Clerk of Session Gary McGee, following a meeting on February 16, 2021, submitted the following recommendations to the Session. This is the 13th report to the Session since the Pandemic began. The Task Force believes that we can accomplish the recommendations submitted since the weather is getting warmer and more of our members are receiving Covid-19 vaccinations. The Task Force recommends all Congregants receive their vaccinations as soon as they are eligible:

1. That we begin having in-person worship services beginning on March 14, 2021 with the same Covid-19 restrictions of wearing masks, social distancing, limited attendance of 50 people, which excludes worship participants, and all persons attending registering in advance online or with the church office. The Task Force believes we can accomplish this since the weather is getting warmer and more of our members are receiving Covid-19 vaccinations.

2. That we hold two (2) worship services on Easter Sunday, one at 8:30 a.m. and one at 10:00 a.m. These services would be in-person and the 10:00 a.m. service would be live-streamed. In-person attendance would be limited to 50 people at each service and the same Covid-19 restrictions indicated in Item 1 above would be observed, including advance registrations to attend.

3. Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021, Celebration of the Lord’s Supper would be held in-person and live-streamed at 5:00 p.m. A fellowship meal would not be served. Attendance would be limited to 50 people, advance registration required, and Covid-19 restrictions indicated in Item 1 above be observed.

4. That we resume letting outside groups and church groups begin meeting inside the church beginning March 14, 2021. These meetings would be limited to 25 people in attendance and all Covid-19 restrictions indicated in Item 1 above be observed, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order issued on February 24, 2021. The 25-person limit could be adjusted as the statewide mandate regarding indoor gatherings is increased. Session may also grant exceptions. Groups would include handbell choir, youth group, Presbyterian Women, Bible study groups, Scout groups, and Daughters of American Revolution. AA has already been meeting regularly and their meetings would continue.

The Session approved all of the recommendations presented by the Covid-19 Task Force. The Session further agreed to allow the Daughters of the American Revolution to meet on March 12, 2021, as an exception to the to the above requirements, provided Covid-19 restrictions are observed.

The Session considered a request from U-Kirk campus ministry at East Carolina University in Greenville to provide a meal for attendees, averaging about 10 people at a cost of about $10 each. The meal events are held in Greenville. The Session approved issuing a gift card in the amount of $100 to the campus ministry. This would come from the local benevolence line-item in the church budget.

Dr. Moore reported that he had visited with church office manager Cathie Feild. He said she plans to return to work on Monday, March 1, following the death of her husband. She now plans to go home for lunch to help take care of her dog and bring her dog outside. For now, Cathie is requesting some extended time during the middle of the day to go home (longer than the current 30-minute lunch break). Cathie is thinking that she would like to work the following schedule.

9:00-12:00 Cathie works in the office
12:00-1:30 Cathie goes home
1:30-4:30 Cathie works in the office

Dr. Moore thanked those volunteers staffing the church office during Cathie’s absence and said they would continue to assist as needed when Cathie returns. Those volunteers are Bev Jones, Jean Basnight, Barbara Nowland, and Jason Evans.

Cathie also thinks that it may be possible for her to cut down her lunch break to an hour (from an hour and a half) as she gets acclimated to things. Dr. Moore said a Zoom service would be held on March 13 for her husband and she would later provide information about the service.

The Administration Committee recommended, and Session by consensus approved, this temporary schedule for Cathie Feild.

Dr. Moore presented other reports and reflections

Following closing prayers of thanksgiving, intercession for one another and members and friends of the church, and other concerns, the Session adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

The next Stated Meeting of the Session will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at the church.
COVID-19 Vaccination Update

There are promising words from: Dr. Fauci of HIAID; the local County Health and Human Services; the Wisconsin Council of Churches; and the National Public Radio Podcast of February 18, 2021 about the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccines. The data are very clear; these vaccines are highly effective in protecting from serious illness and they are very safe.

Thank you to each of our OBPC members, who have stepped up to get the COVID-19 vaccines. This personal decision by each of us is the most important way to achieve widespread immunity from this virus in Dare and surrounding Counties and to get us back to full, in-person worship at OBPC. Please remember that even though you may have had both shots, we need to continue the wearing of masks and practicing of social distancing.

If you have any questions, please call the church office (252-441-5897), and ask that someone from the OBPC Task Force or the Ad Hoc Medical Team call back to provide you answers and documentation.

- Your Ad Hoc Medical Team