



A New Season for Duck Church

Dear Friends,

Only a few weeks ago we were enjoying the holiday season and the wrap-up of 2018. Now we are in a new year in a new season.

The image of seasons applies to many things in life, and one of those things is pastoral appointments. Through much prayer and consultation, Elizabeth and I have come to the conclusion that God is leading us into a new season of pastoral ministry. Elizabeth is up for ordination as an Elder in Full Connection in June, and that means we must move to a place where a full time church is available for her. This is bittersweet for us. We are excited about what God has for Elizabeth in her new full time ministry, but we are very sad to leave all those whom we love here at Duck Church and at Mighty Wind.

At our annual advisory meeting with the District Superintendent, we requested to move in June 2019, when Methodist pastors in the North Carolina Conference rotate.

The next several months will be lovely months as we think of all the great things we have accomplished together in the Kingdom

of God. Together, you and I have been used in mighty ways by the Lord, and that is to be celebrated. Duck Church is among the most wonderful churches in the Southeastern United States, and I will miss being your pastor when June comes.

We do not yet know who the next pastor at Duck UMC will be, but you can rest assured it will be one of the best pastors our Conference has to offer. We will find out who our next pastor will be after Easter, and that is also when I will expect to know what my next assignment will be.

We have many months before it is time to say farewell. So the next six months are a good time to enjoy one another, to reflect on how far we have come together, and to anticipate what lies ahead.

With love to each of you,

John

SERMON SERIES: HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

I am excited about the sermon series God has given me to share with you in January. It is: "How To Understand the Bible."

The Bible is many-layered. In many places, its meaning is perfectly transparent. In other places, it is anything but transparent. Why is this? How do we unlock its secrets and hidden meaning? That is what we will be talking about in January, and you won't want to miss a single Sunday of this important teaching. It will inspire you and make some things clear that you may not have understood before. It may also introduce some new puzzles for you that you had not seen before.

Jan. 6th Does the Bible Always Mean What it Says?

We all understand that sometimes the Bible means exactly what it says in a literal way. Sometimes it does not; sometimes it is symbolic. How can we tell the difference?

Jan. 13thWhy Does God Sometimes Hide the Meaning of the Bible?

What doesn't God just say exactly what he means in the Bible? Why do we sometimes have to play 'hide and seek' with the Bible's meaning?

Jan. 20thThe Problem of Historical Context

The Bible was written thousands of years ago. Some of the historical context is no longer obvious to us, and so it seems quite strange. For example, why did Paul tell women they had to wear hats in Church? Should women still wear hats to obey the Bible?

Jan 27thThe Problem of Translation

Usually, the translation of the Bible is perfectly clear. But sometimes it isn't. How do we deal with that?

Our Mission – To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.

Silver Link Lunch, Wednesday, January 16th at 11:30 AM

The Silver Link Lunch program begins its fourth year! If you are a senior who would enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal, you are welcome to join us at this time in the Fellowship Hall. If you have not attended before and would like to come, please call Lyn Shields at 252-261-1858 to make a reservation. Transportation will be provided if needed. It is a delightful time to connect with your peers in a warm and comfortable setting over a home cooked meal with meaningful conversation. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month, except July and August at the height of summer traffic!



CALLING ALL MEN!

Men's Breakfast Kickoff for the New Year

The United Methodist Men will host a breakfast meeting on Saturday, January 19th at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will consist of food, fellowship and an inspiring devotional. We will install the new UMM officers for the year. Stack'em High will provide us with a delicious breakfast – first timers get theirs for free, so come on by and join with other men from the church for a fun time together.

Hurricane Relief Fundraiser a BIG Success!

The United Methodist Men's Pancake Fundraiser held on November 1 at Stack'em High raised \$3,100 for the NC Conference Disaster Relief Fund. This was one of our most successful fundraisers in recent years, thanks to the generous hearts of Duck Church members and regular attendees. A special thanks to Sherman Pierce, Jim Cotter, Scott Steward, Steve Kiousis, Rox Corbin, Gary Moore, John Park, John Walker, and Amy Denson and her crew who stayed until the cleanup was completed: Sammy Steward, Madelyn Newsome, Angelena Bell, Alyssa Goulet, Ayden Bell, and Barbara Goulet. Thanks, also, to those who were selling and buying tickets, who participated in eating and those socializing with other DUMC members to making this a huge success.

Thanks!
John P.



United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Thursday,
January 3rd
9:30AM

Several of our members attended the United Methodist Women's district meeting this fall. One of the highlights was a candle burning ceremony. Our sisters, Susan Preston, Maureen Schorzman, Pearl Sinn and Mary Ann Milburn, were remembered.

Our district theme for 2019 will be SERVE, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Peter. 4:10).

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Please mark your calendar for Thursday January 3, 2019. We will start off our new year with a planning meeting and pot luck refreshments at 9:30 AM. Come and bring your great ideas for programs and service projects. Let's make 2019 the best year ever!

January BIRTHDAYS!

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| 1/1- Donald McGriff | 1/18- Susan Darke |
| 1/2- Ronald Forlano | 1/19- Carol Nuzzi |
| Charles O'Shields | 1/20- Jim Cotter |
| 1/6- David Buchanan | Lynn MacDonald |
| Lori-Jo Scott | 1/21- Mark Batenic |
| 1/8- Louise Sawyer | Lucy Worley |
| 1/10- Jean Lowe | 1/22- Betts Groff |
| 1/11- Renee White | Anna Johnson |
| 1/14- Nancy Bryant | Scott Parrish |
| Barbara Figiel | 1/23- Molly Lawhon |
| Nancy O'Shields | 1/25- Steve Kiousis |
| 1/15- Doug Brooks | 1/26- Jeanne Kitchin |
| Jay Williams | 1/27- Dave Hedberg |
| 12/16- Kelli Miller | 1/29- Lois Shank |
| Holly Minor | |

Happy Birthday to All Y'all!

If your birthday is this month but not listed, please call the church office to be included next year.

Take The Time to Welcome Our Guests.

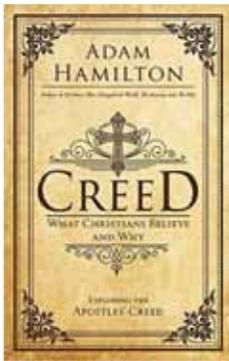
Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2

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February
is Coming!

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B O O K R E V I E W



Adam Hamilton, *Creed, What Christians Believe and Why.*

(Abingdon Press, 2016), 165 pages.

"I Believe." These are the familiar beginning words of the Apostles' Creed. Hamilton tells us that "belief is a decision of the will." We choose to believe in certain things that we can't absolutely or scientifically "know." This book is a phrase-by-phrase examination of the Apostles Creed, exploring the meaning of the words, looking at arguments for and against its assertions with applications and examples from contemporary living. It ends with a prayer of thanksgiving and commitment to live the words of the Creed. Once again, Hamilton has given us an informative, inspiring and conversational book about an important topic

Reviewed by Doug Brook

Book and CDs are available in the DUMC library.

Trustee Update.....

PROTECTING THE CHURCH

The trustees have had a busy and productive year.

First, we celebrate a generous bequest from Maureen Schorzman. Maureen loved Duck Church, and the church supported her in her last difficult years. Through her will, she bequeathed a 10% ownership interest in her home to Duck Church. That share was ultimately converted to cash for our general fund when the house was recently sold.

The decking on the church has been deteriorating for years. Repair and painting has done little to correct or slow down deterioration such as the rusty screws that pepper the front deck. The time has come to make it safe. The trustees advertised the project to commercial contractors with proper licenses and qualifications to complete a project of this size. The project has been projected in 5 phases. The first phase, which will begin in early January, will include the front deck, handicapped ramp, railings, and front steps. The new decking, Azek, will not deteriorate and has lifetime warranty (I'm never sure whose lifetime this is calculated on). Carolina Beach Builders has been awarded the contract for the first phase. The financing for this phase will include 2018 and 2019 budgeting. The Building Fund balance, which has been supported by contributors since it was depleted by the raccoon invasion, will also support the decking project. Donations designating the "decking project" are always welcome to help finance the remaining phases. As always, please continue to support the general offering. The contractor has assured us that the church will always be accessible. As they move across the deck, you may need to access the building through a different door. Mind the yellow tape!

Remember..... "Temporary inconvenience for a permanent improvement".

Blessings,

Ellen Davidson, trustee chair

Prayer Corner



"I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things

to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

Linus Quilters

Project Linus will start on

Friday, January 4th at

9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

and continue for eight weeks. We will again be making quilts for children in need, both pieced and stitched quilts and fleece tied blankets. Materials will be provided. For additional information, please call Sally Meagher, 261-0276.



T·H·E LOUISE ALTHOUSE BOOK CLUB...



Join us January 14th, 9:30 AM at Molly Lawhon's, 154 Beech Tree Trail, Southern Shores for our discussion of the book The Rainbow Comes and Goes by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt.

Guests are Always Welcome.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Consecration Sunday

Dear Friends,

Celebrate Christmas. Celebrate the New Year. It is January now. What could we possibly celebrate in cold January? Growth my friends, my brothers and sisters in Christ, growth. Looking back to 2016 when Consecration Sunday was introduced, as typical of any new program, the response was mixed. There were those who said "Duck Church doesn't need a 'pledge program'", "We have never done this before" and "We shouldn't talk about money at church". Over the last 3 years, Church leadership gently repeated "it isn't about the money, it is about your relationship with God". They explained that the Consecration Sunday program is another way to open wider your communication with God, to turn another part of your life over to God and to grow in your relationship with God.

At Duck Church, I know we feel and share the Spirit of God in so many ways. Through missions, worship, fellowship, Bible study and prayers for each other. The Consecration Sunday program also is a time to feel and share the Spirit of God. On that Sunday, we feel the Spirit of God as we hand in our cards together during worship, and we share His Spirit with each other during the Celebration brunches that follow. FEEL. SHARE. GROW.

And my friends, it is working. Us humble servants at Duck Church? We are growing our faith! Here we go.... Let us celebrate all the Christian Stewards who stepped out in faith, had the conversation with God, and filled out a total of 77 estimate of giving cards! The 21 disciples who filled out cards for 2019 who hadn't for 2018! And the 22 believers who increased their estimate of giving for 2019! Woohoo! Yay GOD!

BLANKET SUNDAY JANUARY 20TH, 2019

Are you looking for a way to warm your heart and the hearts of others? Give a blanket! Church World Service's (CWS) Blankets Plus Program provides a sturdy, comforting blanket to those struggling against the cold. The United Methodist Women is sponsoring CWS Blanket Sunday on January 20, 2019.



CWS is a faith-based organization transforming communities from around the globe through just and sustainable response to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. The CWS provided over 2,200 blankets and flood buckets to our North Carolinian neighbors after the recent hurricanes.

Over 8,000 congregations and groups across the country support CWS by raising money to buy blankets. Please join the United Methodist Women's Club in this effort by buying a blanket for a neighbor. A gift of \$10.00 provides a blanket. Contribution envelopes will be in the Sunday Bulletin on January 20th.

We will collect contributions up to Sunday, February 3, 2019.

Please join in the effort to keep our neighbors warm. Give a blanket and warm a heart. Thank you for your support.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Children's Ministry

Be a part of the team that plans and implements our Children's Ministry 1 Monday Morning a month from 9:30-10:30 AM

Prayer Ministry Led by Rosalie Schwarz

Monday afternoons from 1:30-3:00 PM

Volunteer to Work with students at Kitty Hawk Elementary School

Mom's Bible Study led by Taunya Moore

Tuesday Mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM

Duck Methodist Church • Childcare Provided

Circle of Friends Women's Bible Study

Elijah Bible Study Tuesday Evenings, 6:45-8:30 PM

Couple's Bible Study

Tuesday Nights from 6:30-8:00 PM

Joshua's Men

Meets on Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM

Pastor Bible Study led by Pastor John

Wednesday Mornings, 10:00 to 11:15 AM

Silver Link Luncheon

3rd Wednesday of the Month

Women's Bible Study on Women of the Bible

Wednesday Nights 5:30- 7:00 PM

Lisa Walker's home • 229 Sea Oats Trail, Chickahawk

United Methodist Women

1st Thursday of each month 9:30 AM

Choir Practice Thursdays at 6:30PM

United Methodist Men

3rd Saturday of each Month 8:00 AM

For additional information, please contact Debbie Breit @ 252-202-1042





Notes from the Missions/ Serve Committee:

For the November 2018 Duck Call, I described how Room In the Inn works - a local charity that provides food, shelter, and support services to as many as 14 homeless men and women in Dare County during the winter months in conjunction with local churches that would host the guests. About as soon as that article was published, we were contacted by Room in the Inn about a big change in how the program would be administered. The RITI board was approached about utilizing a building just South of St. Andrews church in Nags Head for the entire season with churches signing up to provide the same assets as in the past, except that now the guests would stay in one location. The RITI board decided to go with this option.

Our week was scheduled to start Sunday evening, November 25th, right after Thanksgiving and ended on Sunday morning, December 2nd. We had everything ready to go - groups and individuals signed up just as we always have since 2009 when the program started. The only problem we encountered was that we had no guests for our week! I don't think this has ever happened before. The following week there were several guests.

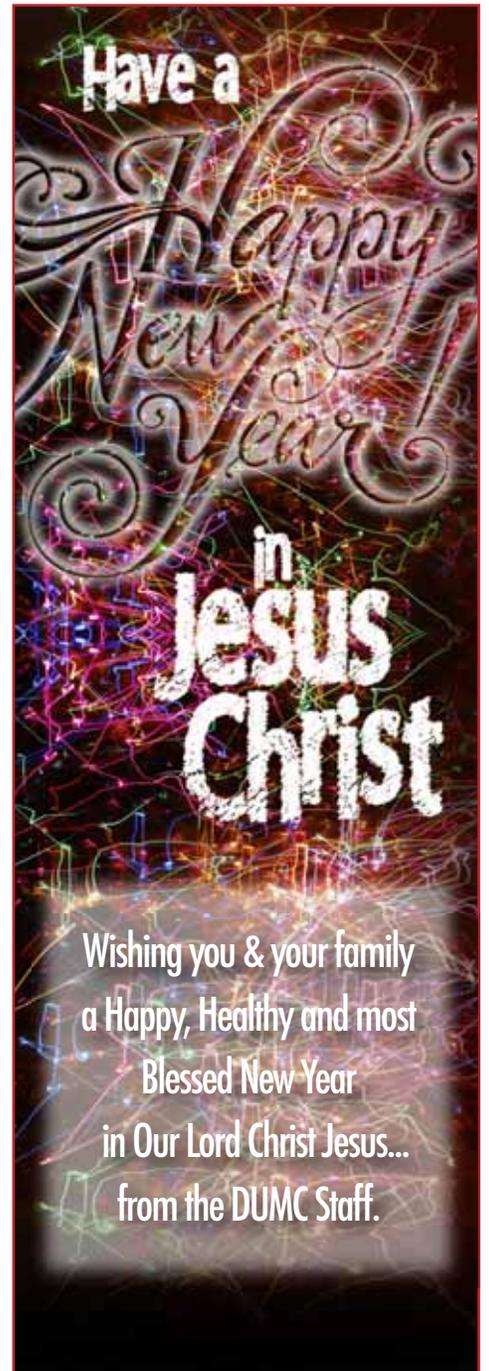
I want to thank all of you who signed up and were ready to go every day with meals, fellowship and chaperone duty. I appreciate your patience at waiting until 5:30pm everyday to see what was happening that night. Let's pray that the lack of guests for our week means there are fewer homeless in our community now as opposed to recent years when we hosted as many as 14 folks. Bless you all for your willingness to be ready to help out those in our midst that find themselves in desperate situations during our coldest months of the year.

Jim Cotter
Serve Committee Chair
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Pastor Amy and I would like to thank each and every one of you for the generous Christmas gift we received on Christmas Eve. Your kindness and generosity warm our hearts all year long. God bless you!

Pastor John



Wishing you & your family
a Happy, Healthy and most
Blessed New Year
in Our Lord Christ Jesus...
from the DUMC Staff.

Join us in February For Fun and Fellowship!



This year DUMC will be offering some exciting classes with professionals (and some not so professional) from the Outer Banks.

We will have Cooking Classes, Adult Painting Class, Yoga, Wine and Cheese Tasting and more...

Full Schedule, Cost and Class signups will begin Sunday, January 13th in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to teach a class or need additional information please contact Debbie Breit at 252-202-1042

January 2019 Celebrate a New Year...in Christ!

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



		1 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2	3 United Methodist Women - 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl 1:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM	4 EVERY FRIDAY Linus Quilters 9:30 AM AA 7:00 PM	5 UNDECORATE THE CHURCH 9:30 AM
6 Youth Group - 5 PM	7 Prayer Ministry 1:30 PM	8 Mom's Bible Study 9:30 AM Circle of Friends 6:45 PM	9 Special Needs 9:30 AM Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM	10 Prayer Shawl 1:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM	11	12
13 Youth Group - 5 PM	14 The Louise Althouse Book Club - 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry 1:30 PM Administrative Council 7:00 PM	15 Mom's Bible Study - 9:30 AM Circle of Friends 6:45 PM Duck Call Deadline	16 Silver Link Lunch 11:30 AM Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM	17 Prayer Shawl 1:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM	18	19 United Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting - 8:00 AM
20 Blanket Sunday Youth Group - 5 PM	21 Prayer Ministry 1:30 PM	22 Mom's Bible Study - 9:30 AM Couple's Bible Study 6:30 PM Circle of Friends 6:45 PM	23 Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 AM Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM	24 Prayer Shawl 1:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM	25	26
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WORSHIP SERVICES
 Traditional Sunday Worship Services - 8 & 9:30 AM
 Contemporary Sunday Worship Service - 11AM
 Sunday School - 9:15 & 9:30 AM

Volunteer for the New Year!

Put your skills and talents to work at DUMC.
 Contact the Church office at 252-261-1525 and get connected... You will be blessed.

DUCK UMC YOUTH

**CHECK OUT
WHAT'S GOING ON
AT YOUTH GROUP
THIS MONTH:**



TO BEGIN THE NEW YEAR, WE WILL FOCUS ON PRAYER. ON JANUARY 6TH, WE'LL LOOK AT THE WAY JESUS TEACHES HOW TO PRAY IN THE LORD'S PRAYER. THEN, ON JANUARY 13TH, OUR FRIENDS FROM NAGS HEAD CHURCH'S YOUTH GROUP WILL JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND PRAYER. IT WILL BE AN AWESOME TIME OF CONNECTING WITH THE LORD, SO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

ADOLESCENCE IS FULL OF ALL SORTS OF EMOTIONS. SOMETIMES WE FEEL TRAPPED BY LONELINESS FOR MONTHS, AND OTHER TIMES WE SWING FROM JOY, ANGER, AND ANXIETY ALL WITHIN THE SAME HOUR. IT CAN BECOME OVERWHELMING! STARTING AT THE END OF THE MONTH, WE'LL TACKLE A DIFFERENT EMOTION EACH WEEK TO SEE WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT IT.

- JANUARY 6TH**TEACH US TO PRAY
- JANUARY 13TH** WORSHIP & PRAYER NIGHT WITH
NAGS HEAD CHURCH YOUTH
- JANUARY 20TH**MOVIE NIGHT: INSIDE OUT
- JANUARY 27TH**.....ANXIETY



MOVIE NIGHT, JANUARY 20TH, 5-7:30 PM: INSIDE OUT!

TO BEGIN OUR SERIES ON EMOTIONS, WE'RE GOING TO WATCH DISNEY PIXAR'S "INSIDE OUT". JOIN US FOR MOVIE NIGHT WITH PIZZA, POPCORN, AND FRIENDS!



BUS SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH GROUP

AS ALWAYS, OUR CHURCH BUS, WADDLES WILL PICK UP AND DROPS OFF.



LOWES IN KILL DEVIL HILLS

PICK UP 4:30 PM + DROP OFF 7:30 PM

MARKETPLACE BY MATTRESS STORE

PICK UP 4:45 PM + DROP OFF 7:15 PM



Did Someone Say...
Christmas Par'tae!



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Prayer Requests

Please call the church office if you do not have e-mail and would like to receive notices of prayer requests.

To Communicate ~

Call us at 252-261-1525

Monday through Friday or

Email anytime at:

office@duckchurch.org

Office Hours:



Monday through Thursday – 9:00 to 5:00 PM

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The Duck Call deadline for February 2019 is Tuesday, January 15th. Thanks.



Silver Link Lunch