



# Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

(Session unanimously approved on March 31, 2020)

The church's COVID-19 Task Force met on March 30, 2020 outside the church in the vicinity of the playground on the east side of the church. Task force members present were Elder Judy Whittle, Worship Moderator Nonie Booth, Administration Moderator and Clerk of Session Gary McGee, and Rev. Dr. Jody Moore. The task force meets every two weeks and carefully monitors actions of the State of North Carolina and the Centers for Disease Control to develop recommendations for the Session. Most recently, Governor Roy Cooper had issued Executive Order 121 on March 27, 2020, and the CDC had updated recommendations to continue to practice social distancing of at least 6 feet and no assemblies of people exceeding 10 people.

The two Session actions dated March 13, 2020 and March 20, 2020 continue in force and are modified as follows:

1. The timeframe covered by this third action by the Session includes April 5, 2020 through April 30, 2020, which is consistent with Governor Cooper's Order and decrees by President Trump.
2. Places of Worship are not closed per Governor Cooper's order. However, the task force recommends that the church remain closed to all church groups and tenant groups through the end of April. Salaried employees, Jody Moore, Jason Evans, and Hollie Writtenberry, may enter the church as they wish, provided no more than 10 people are there at any one time and social distancing of at least 6 feet is honored, and they sanitize any surfaces they touch before leaving. Church Office Manager Cathie Feild, an hourly employee, may also enter the church as she wishes, provided no more than 10 people are there at any one time and social distancing of at least 6 feet is honored, and she sanitizes any surfaces touched by her before she leaves. All salaried and hourly employees are encouraged to work from home, however, provided they can accomplish essential tasks they need to complete. The Church Sexton, Brenda Feury, a contract employee, will continue to clean

on her regular schedule, and she will use this time also to sanitize all surfaces, door handles, as well as other deep cleaning and spring cleaning of all areas of the facility.

3. Church Office Manager Cathie Feild should sign all birthday and anniversary cards and caring cards in behalf of the Session until a normal schedule is again realized.
4. Dr. Moore will continue to live-stream worship services at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays through the end of April 2020. He will live-stream messages on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 12:00 noon each day. Palm Sunday and Easter services will be live-streamed at 10:00 a.m. The Communion Service planned for Maundy Thursday will be done virtually, that is Dr. Moore will announce that those wanting to participate from home should have bread and wine or grape juice available as he leads the serving of the Sacraments. It was acknowledged that technical difficulties prevented live streaming this past Sunday, March 29, 2020, so the service went online via Facebook, and is also now available for viewing on the church website. Dr. Moore thinks the technical difficulty on March 29 could have been a camera battery, which he will be pursue. If the glitch is not battery-related, technical assistance will be sought from the vendor either in person or via telephone. If the technical problems with live-steaming cannot be resolved by the time of the next service, Dr. Moore will record his messages at least 24 hours in advance and post same on the website for viewing at the worship times.
5. Dr. Moore is to have his weekly announcements and weekly devotional sent to all members and friends by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. The church office manager will coordinate distribution.
6. The task force recommends that the 2019 Easter Musical, "Alabaster Box," be placed on the website as a single, separate item for viewing.
7. The task force recommends that Music Director Jason Evans be allowed to secure and include one additional musician to participate in the services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, in accordance with and approval of Dr. Moore.
8. Nonie Booth informs Session that she has cancelled the Easter Lily order with Central Gardens, but cannot cancel the Eco-palm order because the palms have already been harvested. Nonie will place two (2) arrangements of palms at the front doors of the church on Palm Sunday weekend, and she encourages all members and friends to drive by that weekend and take some

of the palms home to celebrate Palm Sunday. A palm arrangement will be visible at the Pulpit on Palm Sunday. On Easter Sunday, the church's wire cross will be at the entrance to the church during Easter weekend. Members and friends of the church are encouraged to come by the church and place fresh flowers in the cross in celebration of the Resurrection and New Life.

9. The task force considered the death of Etta Parrott, and the need to schedule her funeral service. The task force recommends that Dr. Moore contact her family and encourage the family to wait until after conditions allow for the larger gatherings at church. While we remain under the present restrictions in the near future, if there are any families who want small private funerals for 10 people or less, the Session will consider if such a service may be permitted.
10. The task force reviewed a report from Barbara Nock, who is coordinating services and requests by members and friends who need grocery shopping assistance or pharmacy pickup assistance, or assistance of any type. Barbara reported that 22 members volunteered to help, and one (1) person has asked for assistance, which was accomplished.