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THE HOME VISITOR

“An Unlikely Lent” by Rev. Dr. Jeff Beebe

The Season of Lent is a 40-day, that has been described as an often unexpected, spiritual journey of preparation for Easter, focused on prayer, fasting, and charity (or acts of service) to foster deeper connection with God.

Take a moment to consider a word, with meaning, that tends to often find its way into our lives and perhaps creeps into our lives a bit more than we'd like. Or perhaps, we welcome it because our lives, at times, seem a bit more ordinary than we'd like. That word is UNEXPECTED.

Years ago, while sitting at a table eating supper, a friend of mine pulled a classic (food wasting) prank on me when she loosened the lid on the saltshaker. Yes, I proceeded to use the salt, and yes too much came out, only to hear her explicitly say, “expect the unexpected.” We would often share that expression in one another's presence, as we would acknowledge when something occurred which was unexpected. With a little modern-day research, it seems that “expect the unexpected” is a phrase, often attributed to philosopher Heraclitus and later Oscar Wilde, advising that life is unpredictable and one should be mentally prepared for surprised, disruptions, or sudden changes of plans.

Lent, being a 40-day spiritual journey, which began on Ash Wednesday and will end at Easter (ok, truth be told, it's forty-six days as the Sundays don't count, which really opens the discussion on what you've given up or taken on for Lent).

Regardless, Lent is a journey from here to there. By definition, a journey is any course or passage from one stage to another. And yes, you can get there even if you've got the common New England phrase stuck in your head, “you can't get there from here!”

If your life is anything like my life, you will experience the unexpected between here and there, wherever that there may be for you. On the one hand, we each begin this pilgrimage from differing places, and yet on the other hand, we each begin in the same place, where we are found by a God who yes meets us, in the midst of our preparations, right where we are, and promises to journey with us through Lent, to the Cross, and thru the Cross where we once again, on the third day, celebrate the new life that the resurrection brings forth.

So whether Lent for you is a journey, a pilgrimage, a season, a time of preparation and whether you have given up something or taken on something, might you begin each new day expecting the unexpected, especially from our Lord and Savior who, walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own. And the joy we share as we tarry there None other has ever known.

We continue to lift in prayer OBPC Members.

Barbara Bowden
Charlotte Burge
Bruce Burge
Ella Mae Chadbourne
Aleta Dick
Bruce Geelhood
Phyllis Heller

Carol Helmendach
Sherri Jarvis
Bruce Miller
Sue Mitchell
Alma More
Jill Moscoso
Susan Parisi

Cynthia Pfleiderer
Ray Piller
John Smarkusky
Marilyn Smarkusky
Elizabeth Strong
Cindy Watkins
Gwen & Earl Williams



We lift in prayer OBPC Families and Friends

Kimberly Pyne-Daughter and George Keefer-Friend by Sharon Carter
Laura Bassett, Mel Smith, Audrey Pentz, John Harkrader-Friends by Kirsten and Curtis Finley

Steve Struble-Friend by Bill and Bonnie Thompson

Hiro Hirumi-Father by 2c Hirumi

Betty Colburn-Mother by Sandy Johnson

Becky Krenn-Friend by Sue Kim

Jerry Bracken, Vince O'Conner, and Darlene Rathmell-Cousins by Mike Troutman

Jim Thiede-Nephew by Rosie & David Perry

Sylvia Engelbrecht-Friend by Kassie Manza

Kathy Miller-Sister by Debbie Strickland

Matthew Eaton-Son, Bonnie Warder-Mother, Lynn Baker-Sister, and Ali Owens and Carson-Friends by Heather Eaton

Lisa Pierson-Daughter, Elizabeth Gainsborough-Sister, Sharon Kitts and Bill Fuller-Friends by Arlene Clark

Matt Sweet and Brian Canard-Grandsons by Betty Canard

Brady Barry-Son, Trevin Barry, Henry Threath-Grandsons by Susan Barry

Carolyn Kuehn and Alva Debiak by Candy Christman



Prayers for Our Community and World

We pray to respond to the needs of others with compassion and generosity.

We have a Church Prayer Chain

Please call or text Candy Christman (386-956-5924) if you have a prayer request to lift up by our Prayer Chain.

Lenten
Soup & Study
Wednesdays
February 25th -
March 25th
@ 5:30pm



Join us every **Wednesday, beginning February 25 through March 25 at 5:30pm**, in the fellowship hall for a shared meal of soup and bread, followed by an interactive Lenten study.

We will have multiple types of soup at each of the gatherings including dairy-free and vegetarian options.

Our study this year will be connect with our sermons through the Lenten season and have accessibility to them so that even young children can participate in our time of learning together.

We encourage everyone to attend and bring a friend!



All are invited to bring a **"Brown Bag Lunch"** to the fellowship hall at noon **Monday, March 30th through Friday, April 3** for a Holy Week Mid-Day Gathering.

This will be a time with scripture, song, and prayer.



Family Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday April 4

All youth and their families are invited to attend this year's Easter Egg Hunt **on April 4, 2026 from 9:00-10:30am**. We will gather for a continental breakfast, Easter activities, and an Easter Egg Hunt!

We ask that the teens help our littles with their egg hunt first and then they will have their hunt after. We hope you are able to join us for this fun tradition. **Please sign-up at the Sign-Up Station in the Narthex or contact the church office to let us know you will be attending.**



Join us on Easter, April 5, for a wonderful time of fellowship. We will gather in the Haddad Fellowship Hall from 8:30-10:00am to share breakfast. Stop by on your way to choir, Sunday School or Worship. Stay for a few minutes or the entire time. Celebrate the Resurrection sharing a meal with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Pancakes, sausage, breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, donuts, fruit, and other delicious treats. Coffee and juice!! Bring a friend or neighbor! And invite them to stay for worship.

Sign up in the narthex. Let us know what yummy food you will bring to share! Questions? Call Ann Myer @ 386-405-6357 Volunteers needed!!

Holy Week Worship

Sunday, March 29	Palm/Passion Sunday worship	10:30 AM
Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday with communion	5:30 PM
Friday, April 3	Good Friday- Tenebrae service	5:30 PM
Saturday, April 4	Easter Egg Hunt	9:00 AM
Sunday, April 5	Easter Breakfast	8:30 AM
	Easter Sunday worship	10:30 AM

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



The Garden Shop

All are invited **Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 10:00am to The Garden Shop at Select Growers** located at 4391 St. Rd. 11, DeLeon Springs, FL 32130.

We will create a planted color bowl using a 10" decorative, terra-cotta-style container and a selection of seasonal annuals currently available in the Garden Shop. This workshop covers plant placement, color and texture balance, spacing, and basic care. The finished container is perfect as a pop of color for a porch or patio. After our workshop you will have time to explore the shop before we gather for a salad bar lunch and time of devotional.

You must register to reserve a spot, and the cost is \$25 per person. If someone cannot afford the \$25 the church will assist with the fee. **All registrations and fees are due by Sunday, March 8.** All questions should go to Amanda Wilson-Stovall 386-214-7696.

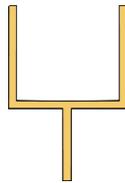
OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Souper Bowl Sunday!

Thank you to everyone who helped us donate 527 pounds of canned food to Halifax Urban Ministries!



304 LB



223 LB



Habitat for Humanity: Take a peek inside the house! It's coming along nicely and hope the new owner will get to move in soon.





On Saturday, February 15 members of our Outreach Committee made a visit to Rose Marie Bryon Children's Center to help with their weekly food distribution program. Every week they provide a bag of easy to cook food for neighborhood children to make sure they have food to eat over the weekend. It's especially important on long weekends. OBPC has been a proud sponsor of all the work RMBC since the 1960's. We love to see God's children feeling loved and being cared for.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE



CHURCH PROPERTY WORKDAY!

All are invited to join us **Monday, March 16th** at 8:30am for a Church Property Workday.

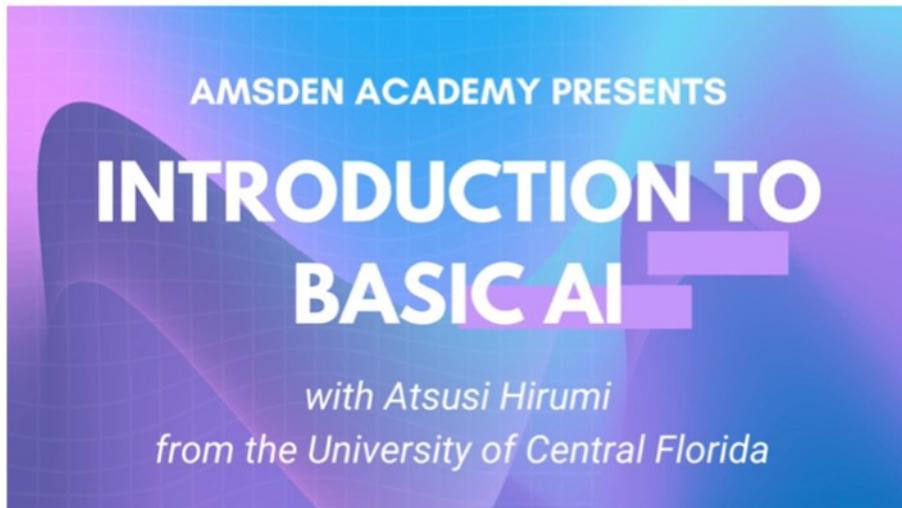
OBPC is our church home, and we all should lend a hand to help maintain our home. Most of our youth will be on spring break and this is a great opportunity for them to get some volunteer hours as well as give a helping hand to the church.

8:30am - Coffee, doughnuts, and prayer

9:00am - Let's get to work! (Different levels of job difficulty will be available so everyone can participate)

Noon - Pizza lunch followed by water balloons for those who need a prewash before heading home.

Plan to be a part of this time of service and fellowship at your church home! Sign up at the Sign-Up Station in the Narthex



Curious about ChatGPT, Copilot, Gemini, or Claude—but not sure where to start?
Join us, Saturday, March 7th at 10:30am or a practical, beginner-friendly workshop exploring how generative AI can support your everyday life.

What You'll Do

In one hour, you will explore how AI can help you:

-  Support a **hobby or personal interest**
-  Make a **task you already do easier**
-  Learn more about **faith and scripture**

No technical background required.

What to Bring

-  A phone, tablet, or laptop with WiFi/Internet access
-  Access to one AI chatbot (e.g., ChatGPT, Copilot, Gemini, Claude)
-  OR You may come with or join someone in class with access
If needed and desired, we will help you download a chatbot.

What to Expect

-  Short guided, hands-on exploration
-  Simple prompt-writing support
-  Group sharing and discussion

*This session is about **trying**, not mastering.*

Who Should Attend?

-  Beginners curious about AI
-  Educators, professionals, and lifelong learners
-  Anyone wanting a safe, guided first experience

Come explore what AI can do—for you.

WORSHIP

BAPTISM It's always such a wonderful day when we can celebrate a baptism with our church family. **On Sunday, January 18**, Jacob, surrounded by his parents and sister, was baptized during worship. It was a wonderful time to remember our baptism as well as the promises we make to one another to help and guide each other in faith.



FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE



You are invited to a life-changing, transforming weekend retreat called *Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage* from **April 17-19, 2026** at the Retreat in Silver Springs, FL. This weekend is an extraordinary time to deepen your relationship with God, meet new friends, share in music, fun, laughter, meditation, motivating talks, and lots of surprises.

For further information you can go to the website: www.floridapresbyterianpilgrimage.org or please contact Mary Kay Wagner for more information 330 206-4344.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT SILVER SPRINGS JANUARY 2026

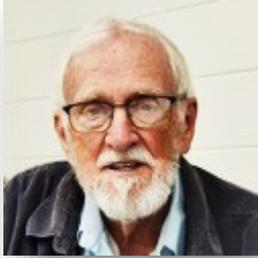
What an amazing overnight retreat focusing on What's Your Ebenezer? The theme was taken from 1 Samuel 7:12 "Thus far the LORD has helped us." It was a time of learning, refreshing, connecting, and growing deeper in our relationship with God. Also, time for a fun campfire with smores; walking a hiking trail, doing crafts, receiving prayer shawls made by Janice Danielson, receiving journals, and Ebenezer stones. Looking forward to another next year!



NO WOMEN'S GATHERING ON MARCH 7, 2026.
However, women are invited to lunch at Margarita Island Restaurant for fun and fellowship at 12:30 pm on March 7, 2026, located at 24 Ocean Shore Blvd Ormond Beach. Husbands are welcome also.



Welcome New Members



Verne Fuller has a varied background of church involvement. He has served as a deacon from 2016-2025 at New Enterprise, PA. He loves to sing and is already a member of the choir! Before retiring, Verne served as a Construction Superintendent for several projects. He is a well-traveled man with lots of interesting stories to share. Please introduce yourself to him!



We first met **the Scavilla family** at the baptism of their 4-year-old son Jacob, who also has a thirteen-year-old sister-Lorelei. Jason, their father, is an air traffic controller. His interests include hockey, golf and running marathons. Their mom, Liz, works as a self-employed photographer. She is multi-talented. Liz makes and sells sourdough bread. She also enjoys horses and fitness! Jason and Liz are from Nantucket, MA. Their anniversary is January 7.

Liz attended the Amsden Academy on gardening. She then attended church and enjoyed it so much, she returned with her family. The rest is history!



Stephanie Park and Jeffrey Geloneck were high school sweethearts who drifted apart and married others. Fast forward several years later and God joined them together on June 5, 2005. Their children include Kiersten Geloneck, Justin Geloneck, Madeline Schwartz, Sydney Park and granddaughter, Johanna Schwartz.

Jeffrey serves as an information analyst at Embry-Riddle University. He enjoys reading, gaming, and HR certifications. His wife, Stephanie, works as Assistant Public Defender in the 7th Judicial Circuit.



Bonnie Maloney and Jeff Beebe have a history together. They both grew up in North Palm Beach Presbyterian Church. I'm sure there are stories to share! Before she retired, she was the office manager in her late husband's dental practice. She was active at Lighthouse Presbyterian. Bonnie loves walking, TaiChi, reading and having her daughter close by.



Missy Herrero, daughter of Bonnie Maloney, is married to Renny Herrero. Their anniversary is October 3. They have three adult children: Isabella who lives in Atlanta; Caroline who lives in D.C. and Stryker. Missy works in the field of medical device sales. She loves the beach, so she picked a great church home at OBPC!

Music Notes—March 2026



OBPC Lenten Worship Series – *The Unexpected Teacher*

First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 22	<i>The Unexpected Teacher – Part 1</i>
Second Sunday in Lent, March 1	<i>The Unexpected Teacher – Part 2</i>
Third Sunday in Lent, March 8	<i>The Unexpected Healer – Parts 1 & 2</i>
Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 15	<i>Guest Preacher</i>
Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22	<i>Guest Preacher – The Unexpected Savior – Part 1</i>
Palm Sunday, March 29	<i>The Unexpected Savior – Part 2</i>
Maundy Thursday, April 2 5:30PM	<i>A Momentary Pause</i>
Good Friday, April 3 5:30PM	Tenebrae – Service of Darkness
Easter, April 5	<i>And It Begins</i>

Montreat Worship & Music Conference 2026

We have 8 Youth and 7 Adults ready to attend the Montreat Conference this coming June! Please mark your calendar for the **Youth Choir Mini-Concert** which will take place on **Sunday, April 19** after worship. We'll have a delicious luncheon followed by the Mini-Concert which will showcase our talented Youth Choir. Your gifts to the Youth Montreat Fund help us to send these young people to Montreat each summer. Thank you for your generous gifts!!



Choral Scholars

Thank you also for your generous gifts to our Choral Scholars Fund. These young college students are working hard on their degrees and come here twice a week to sing and have fellowship with us. With your gifts, we are able to support these singers who have become valuable friends! Please use this QR code to give directly to the Choral Scholars Fund!



Tuned for Praise 2025-2026



Thank you to everyone for helping with this year's concert series. Each concert was well-attended and very much appreciated by members of OBPC and our community. Our concerts reach outside our walls to share music and fellowship with folks from all over the area. We also give opportunity for performers to perform and share their talent and their message! Your presence and your gifts help to continue this series. Watch for details about our 2026-2027 series! Please consider giving a gift to the OBPC Concert Fund using this convenient QR code.



Tune for Praise- February 1

Samone Hicks and Karl Van Richards, both professors at Bethune-Cookman University, were perfection in their **concert, "Love Songs"**. Samone's voice was exquisite and angelic as she sang a diverse selection of music from operas to musical numbers. Karl's piano styling dazzled in accompaniment. Together their performances were superb! Sunday, February 1, 2026 was the final concert of our 2025-2026 Tuned for Praise Concert Series, but we will return with another lineup of fantastic performances this fall. So be on the lookout for that announcement soon!



FINANCE COMMITTEE

****SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 15, 2026**

Plan for the Future: Legacy Giving Seminar & Luncheon After Worship Service.**



As faithful stewards of Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, we have always been generous in supporting our ministry and mission. To ensure that our church continues to flourish for generations to come, we invite you to join us for a special luncheon and seminar on legacy giving.

Rev. Dana Waters, who will be preaching during our worship service that morning, will also lead the luncheon and seminar. Presented by the Presbyterian Foundation, this event will explore meaningful ways to leave a lasting legacy that supports the future of our church through planned giving and endowment income.

Whether you are just beginning to consider your legacy or want to learn more about how your generosity can continue beyond your lifetime, this seminar is for you.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for worship, fellowship, food, and an inspiring conversation about sustaining our church's mission into the future.

Please sign-up on Sunday in the Narthex or call the church office 386-441-0300 or if you plan to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Easter Flowers

Yes! I would like to make an Easter flower donation. I understand that the following will be in the Easter Sunday bulletin April 5, 2026: **To the Glory of God and**

() In Memory of () Celebration of () Thanksgiving for

Given by: _____

Please make your check payable to OBPC with "Flower Fund" on the memo line in the amount of **\$15.00** for each plant. Fill in the information above and bring to the church office on or before **Monday, March 30, 2026**

Our youth and families had a fantastic time ice-skating together at the Daytona Ice Arena on Monday, February 16. Spending time together bonding and building relationships with one another is how the church family remains strong.





February Birthday, Anniversary & Baptism Celebrations



Following worship service on Sunday, March 1, please join us in the Haddad Fellowship Center to recognize all who celebrate a birthday or an anniversary during the month of March. Desserts will be served.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 4 Richard Clark | 13 Wayne Bowden | 23 Madelynn Deahl |
| 6 Phyllis Heller | 13 Betty Canard | 23 Virginia Tedesco |
| 9 Bob Navidomskis | 15 Miriam Hinkle | 24 Debbie Strickland |
| 11 Alan Black | 17 Robert Deahl | 27 Kamillie Gibby |
| 10 Nathon Thompson | 18 Linda Petrie | 30 Susan Steele |
| 12 Jamie Hawes | 18 Morgan Wilson-Stovall | |

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

3/14 Lindsey & Sandy Johnson 27 yrs.

3/27 Will & Carol Akers 58 yrs.



2026

Every Sunday 9:00 Youth Choir, room 10; 9:00 Adult Sunday School, Library; 9:00 Adult Bible Study, room 12; 9:30 Youth Sunday School, rooms 8,14; 10:30 WORSHIP 1st Sunday with Communion; 11:30 PB & J Sandwich Making, HFC; 11:30 Fellowship Coffee Time, HFC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 11:45 MARCH BIRTHDAYS/ANNIV. CELEBRATIONS, HFC	2 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7	3 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7 6:30PM DB CHORAL SOCIETY	4 8AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, LIB 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7 10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12 5:30 LENT/SOUP/STUDY, HFC	5 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7 10:30AM TAI CHI, 9 6PM GLORY BELLS 7:15PM CHOIR REHERSAL	6 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7	7 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7 10AM WOMENS GATHERING, 12
8 	9 8:30 HFC SET-UP FOR MEETING FOR TOMORROW 9AM P.C.COUNSELING,7 9AM FINANCE, LIB 6:00 CE MEETING, LIB	10 8:30 -NOON PRIV. GARDEN CLUB MEETING, HFC 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7 11:00 FELLOWSHIP EVANGELISM, LIB 530 WORSHIP MEETING, LIB 6:30PM DB CHORAL SOCIETY	11 8AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, LIB 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7 10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12 5:30 LENT/SOUP/STUDY, HFC	12 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7 9:30AM PLANNING & STAFF, 12 10:30AM TAI CHI, 9 6PM GLORY BELLS 7:15PM CHOIR REHERSAL	13 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7	14 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7  5PM TEEN NIGHT, HFC
15 HOME VISITOR CUT OFF 11:45 LEGACY GIVING SEMINAR & LUNCHEON	16 8:30 HUM VOLUNTEERS 9AM COUNSELING CTR,7 6:00 SESSION MEETING, 12	17 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7 10:00 PROPERTY MEETING, LIB 6:30PM DB CHORAL SOCIETY	18 8AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, LIB 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7 10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12 5:30 LENT/SOUP/STUDY, HFC	19 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7 9AM DEACONS, MAKE & TAKE, HFC 10:30AM TAI CHI, 9 6PM GLORY BELLS 7:15PM CHOIR REHERSAL	20 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7	21 9AM P.C. COUNSELING,7
22	23 9AM P.C.COUNSELING,7	24 9:00 P.C COUNSELING,7 6:30 DB CHORAL SOCIETY 6:30 OUTREACH MEETING, LIB	25 8AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY, LIB 9AM P.C COUNSELING,7 10AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, 12 5:30 LENT/SOUP/STUDY, HFC	26 9AM P.C COUNSELING,7 10:30AM TAI CHI, 9 6PM GLORY BELLS 7:15PM CHOIR REHERSAL	27 9:00 P.C COUNSELING,7	28 9:00 P.C COUNSELING,7 9:00 MAKING PALM CROSSES, HFC
29 	30 NOON-BROWN BAG LUNCH, HFC	31 NOON-BROWN BAG LUNCH, HFC	4/1 NOON-BROWN BAG LUNCH, HFC	4/2 MAUNDY THURSDAY NOON-BROWN BAG LUNCH, HFC 5:30 worship service	4/3 GOOD FRIDAY NOON-BROWN BAG LUNCH, HFC 5:30 worship Service	4/4

Please note: Since printing of this calendar changes may have been made. We would like you to visit OBPC web site at ormondbeachpc.org for the most current calendar and for other current announcements.