



DECISIONS

Getting into the Game.

You know in the church we often place a great deal of emphasis upon the importance of making decisions. We talk about making a decision to accept Christ, making a decision to be a Christian in a non-Christian culture, making a decision to get involved in a ministry through the church, or deciding to step up to tithing our income. Lot's of decisions.

I think we could all agree that these are important decisions to consider. But you know what? Decisions alone don't move you into change. There must be follow through. A decision is easily canned by all talk and no action. For example, if five frogs are sitting on a log, and four of them decide to hop away, how many frogs are sitting on the log? The answer is five. Just because you decide to hop doesn't mean you will. Every decision must be accompanied by doing!

So...this begs the question. You know, we're into March now...what decisions did you make for New Year's that you haven't followed through on yet? Resolutions without action really don't matter, do they? How many times have you been moved during worship to do something great for God?

You know, the music hit you right in your heart, the sermon connected with you right where you live, God spoke, you listened, and you "decided" to _____. Okay, you made a decision. That's important, it's the first step. But what have you done about it? James tells us that, "faith that doesn't show itself by good deeds is no faith at all – it is dead and useless" (James 2:17).

Duck Church needs each and every one of you to "get into the game." Everyone is important. Everyone has something valuable to offer. But the simple fact is without action, without follow-through all the decisions in the world are useless. What decisions do you need to put into action? What commitments do you need to follow through with? What faith do you need to exercise? What difference are you going to make for God with your one and only life?

I love you all,

Chris

New Member Class will meet in the Fellowship Sunday School Classroom on March 22nd from 4:00-6:00pm. It is intended for all of our people; those who are already members, those who would like to become members, and those who would like to be active in duck church while leaving their official membership at another church.

new MEMBERS CLASS

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

Silver Link Luncheon

Now celebrating it's fifth year!

Wednesday, March 18th • 11:30 AM

Come join us to celebrate on Wednesday, March 18th at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall! As always we will enjoy a delicious lunch in the presence of our fellow seniors. If you are a senior and have not attended before, kindly make a reservation by calling Lyn Shields at 252-261-1858.

If transportation is needed, we will gladly provide a ride for you. We look forward to a grand get-together. You won't want to miss it!!



Ruthie's Kitchen

The mission of Ruthie's Kitchen is to provide food and fellowship for the hungry. Thanks to sponsoring organizations, free dinners have been served on Tuesday evenings since October 2009.

On Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 Duck United Methodist Church provided and served a meal consisting of BBQ, rolls, slaw, green beans, potatoes, mac & cheese and cake to the guests of Ruthie's Kitchen.

Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. (the BBQ received many high praises)

Thanks to our volunteers Don Pratt, John Hearne, Gail and Mike Harris, Brian Morgan and Leslie Geiberger, Marva, Joyce Rabat, Karen Stone, Steve Kiouis and Janet Pierce.



Sherman Pierce

Duck Men – At a Glance!

Thank you, Duck Church, for supporting the UMM pancake fundraiser in early February! Because of your generosity, we raised over \$2,000 for Ocracoke relief and recovery. And we had a good time feeding our faces, too!

In other news, Duck Men, including Bob Garrett, Jack Meagher, Scott Kessler, Garth Adams, and John Park, loaded a box truck made available by Jody Midgette, full of furniture donated by a family in Duck, and Dave Bakken and Rick Fagersten drove it to a waiting needy family in Ocracoke.

God Is Good!

Our next monthly men's breakfast and fellowship will be March 21 at 8 AM in the Duck Church fellowship hall. Fun fact- the 21st is the latest date in the month for a men's breakfast, since we always have them on the 3rd Saturday of the month! (Hey...would you rather read a bad Dad joke? ... 'cause you KNOW we can do that, too!!) Come join us on the 21st to meet with other men and see how you can grow and serve!




United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Thursday,
March 5th
9:30AM

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The United Methodist Women will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Their speaker this month is Chris Stadther from the Dare County Master Gardeners program. All women are invited.

March BIRTHDAYS!

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| 3/1- Andy Breit | 3/20- Pat Garrett |
| 3/3- Cynthia Ahrens | 3/21- Lee Morrison |
| Joy Hood | 3/23- Liam Minnick |
| Larry Milburn | 3/24- Elizabeth Sager |
| 3/4 - Allie Stafford | 3/25- Nicki Johnson |
| 3/6- Jason Denson | Greg Willis |
| 3/12- Tom Davidson | 3/27- Shelby Hines |
| 3/14- Paige Spruill | 3/28- Don Sowder |
| 3/17- Pam Cotter | 3/29- Malikye Naser |

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... and New Members!

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

Hebrews 13:2



We have been blessed with six new members.

They joined Duck Church in February. Please welcome them in Christian Love:

- Buddy Byrum & Sharon Byrum
- Lorraine Elkerton
- Larry Lawhon & Molly Lawhon
- Bruce MacDonald

American Red Cross



Blood Drive April 1st

The United Methodist Women will be collaborating with Holy Redeemer Catholic church to support the OBX Community Blood Drive on April 1st at the Catholic church from 12 o'clock till 6:00 PM. We will be staffing the sign in table and café and provide refreshments. We hope many Methodists will support this drive.

Sign in on line at redcrossblood.org

Care Ministry

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help the Care Ministry with transportation and meals.

If you did not get a chance to sign up and would like to help drive someone to a doctor's appointment, treatment, or to get groceries, or to provide a meal for someone who is ill, or to be the Care Ministry contact person for May, contact Judy Gregory, 252-207-3213, or email: louee45g@aol.com.

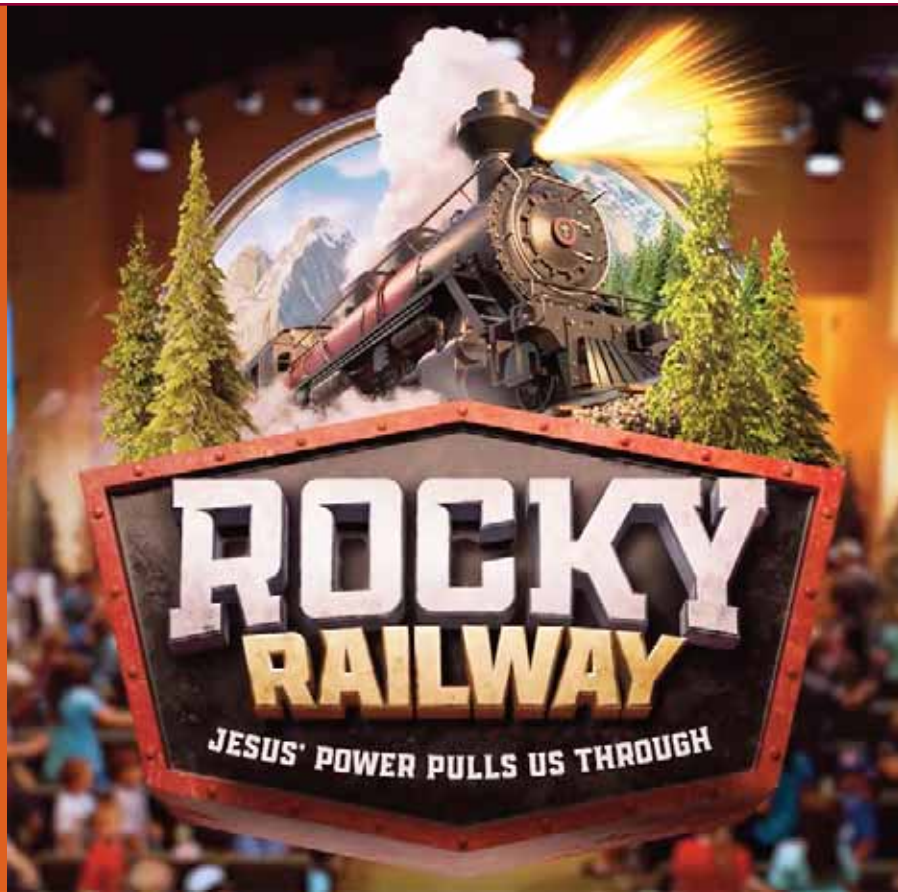
The Care Ministry contact person for March: Paige Spruill, 252-261-9761.



T·H·E LOUISE ALTHOUSE BOOK CLUB...



is meeting on Monday, March 9th, at 9:30 AM in the home of Molly Lawhon, 154 Beech Tree Trail, Southern Shores. Discussion of The Night Tiger by Yangsze Choo will be led by Kathy Horne and Shirley Ruff. Please contact Molly if you will be attending. **Guests are always welcome and encouraged to attend.**



Save the Date for... Vacation Bible School!

Monday, June 22nd thru Thursday, June 25th • Ages 4 thru 5th Grade

For more information contact Debbie Breit at 252-202-1042
education@duckchurch.org



CHOIR NOTES from Cezette Come One, Come All!

It is time to begin rehearsing music for our Lenten & Easter season! We would love to have you join us as we begin learning the music for our special services, as well as our regular weekly services. If you enjoy singing and would like to join our choir, please come to our Thursday evening rehearsals from 6:30-7:30pm in the choir room. No audition is needed. We welcome all ages and all levels of expertise. Please join us! For more detailed information, please call Ms Cezette Barnes-Tyler at 252-619-1517.

Quilts made by the OBX Blanketeers will be on display on Saturday, March 7th from 10AM to 3PM and also in church services on Sunday, March 8th. This mission reaches out to women of the community as well as our church women. The Methodist ladies involved are:



Carol Powell, Elizabeth Martinus, Joyce Hannan, June Forlano, Kathy Batenic, Betty Corbin, Suzanne Palmer, Eleanor Wesenberg, Lucy Worley, Joyce Wells, Lyn Shields, Sally Ketchum, Lorraine Elkerton, Judy Gregory, Morag Nocher, PJ Hall, Paige Spruill, Shirley Ruff, Ann Billingsley, Kay Ross and Sally Meagher.



Join us March 29th for one
Combined Church Service at
10:00 a.m.

**We will be tailgating in the
Fellowship Hall after the service.**

**The church will provide drinks,
meat and condiments**

Bring a dish to share!

**Please wear your favorite College
or Professional sportswear**



For more information please contact
Debbie Breit 252-202-1042

Empowering People to
Change Lives.

That's...





A Two-Word Prayer

As a kid and young adult, I attended the Catholic church and we had catechism on Saturday mornings. I remember learning about the major players in the bible and thinking how “un-touchable” these sanctified giants were. I mean they practically floated above the ground because they were so holy!

But then I found this list one day describing some of these biblical Hall-of-Famers: Abraham was old. Jacob was insecure. Leah was unattractive. Joseph was abused. Moses stuttered — and was a basket case. Gideon was poor. Samson was codependent. Rahab was immoral. David had an affair and all kinds of family problems. Elijah was suicidal. Jeremiah was depressed. Jonah was reluctant. Naomi was a widow. John the baptist was eccentric to say the least. Peter was impulsive and hot-tempered. Martha worried a lot. The Samaritan women had several failed marriages. Zacchaeus was unpopular. Thomas had doubts. Paul had poor health. Timothy was timid.

Quite a variety of misfits. Can you relate to any of these folks? I certainly can. If you're not involved in any service or ministry, what excuse have you been using?

Our very own Chaplain Gary Moore preached one Sunday to our congregation a few years ago and I remember that the title was something like “A two-word prayer”. That two-word prayer was “Yes, Lord”. When God puts it in your heart to step out and participate with others in our church, try saying “Yes, Lord”. If you're still hesitant or think you don't have the “right stuff”, remind yourself of the list above. You can be quite certain that Saint Paul had stinky feet just like you and me - we are really no different from them. They stepped out with courage just like we can and their lives were never the same.

Jim Cotter
Serve Chair



Duck United Methodist Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5th • 12:15 PM

(after the contemporary church service)

We will eat Lunch in the Fellowship Hall And then hunt eggs
inside and outside of the church

DUMC Children's Ministry will provide Fried Chicken, Dessert & Drinks.

Please bring a “Kid Friendly” side Dish.








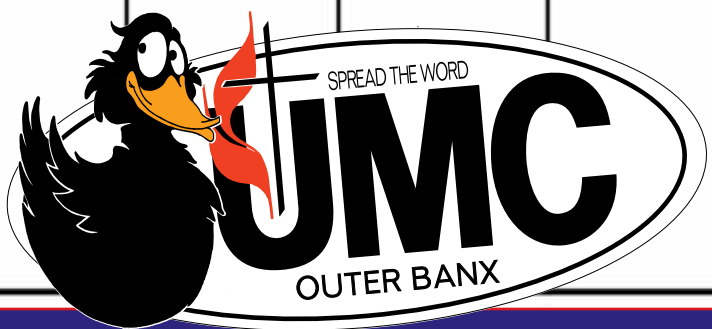

For additional information call Debbie Breit at 252-202-1042

A Seed for Thought

The Lord,
your God,
is in your midst,
a mighty savior,
who will rejoice
over you
with gladness,
and renew you
in his love."

(Zephaniah 3:17)

March 2020 *The Promise of Spring... Our Hope in Christ*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Confirmation Class 12:15 PM Youth Group 5-7 PM	2 EVERY MONDAY Prayer Ministry 1:30 PM Joshua's Men: 6:30 PM	3 EVERY TUESDAY Mom's Bible Study 9:30 AM UMW Lenten Study 1:30 PM Circle of Friends 3:00 PM Couple's Bible Study 6:30 PM	4 EVERY WEDNESDAY Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM	5  United Methodist Women - 9:30 AM	6 Confirmation Retreat EVERY FRIDAY AA 7:00 PM	7 Confirmation Retreat  OBX Blanketeers quilts on display
8  Daylight Saving Time Begins Youth Group 5-7 PM	9 The Louise Althouse Book Club - 9:30 AM Administrative Council Meeting 7:00 PM	12-14 Mark Your Calendars <i>Good Friday</i> T · E · N · E · B · R · A · E · April 10th • 7:30 PM		12-14 Mark Your Calendars <i>Good Friday</i> T · E · N · E · B · R · A · E · April 10th • 7:30 PM		
15 Eastern Carolina Concert Society Concert 4:00 PM Youth Group 5-7 PM	16 Duck Call Deadline  A GRAND FINALE CONCERT March 15th - 4PM <i>featuring</i> Tommy Midgette - Barry Ambrose Natalie Drummond & Family Coyote (from Ocaracoke) Timothy Price - Trio La Mar DUCK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH			17  Silver Link Luncheon 11:30 AM	18 EVERY THURSDAY Prayer Shawl 1:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 - 8PM Youth Bible Study 7:00-8:30 PM	20  FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT  6:00 AM Bring Your Friends!
22 New Member's class 4:00 - 6:00 PM Confirmation Sunday 9:30 Service Youth Group 5-7 PM	25 26 27 28					
29 One Church Service 10:00 AM Tailgating Luncheon 11:00 AM Youth Group 5-7 PM	 Maundy Thursday April 9th • 7:30 PM					

WORSHIP SERVICES
 Traditional Sunday Worship Services - 8 & 9:30 AM
 Contemporary Sunday Worship Service - 11AM
 Sunday School - 9:15 & 9:30 AM

DUCK UMC YOUTH



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

LIFE AFTER

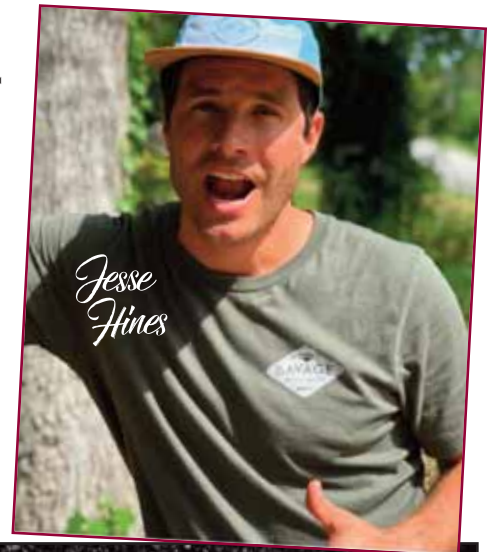


FAILURE IS A PART OF LIFE. SO HOW DO WE DEAL WITH IT WHEN WE DON'T MAKE THE TEAM, OUR GRADES ARE FALLING, OR WE TOTALLY BLOW IT IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD? HOW DO WE TREAT OTHERS WHEN THEY FAIL? JOIN US IN MARCH AS WE FIGURE OUT HOW GOD WORKS EVEN IN THE MIDST OF FAILURE.

- MARCH 1ST EVERYTHING'S CHANGING: YOUR SOUL**
- MARCH 8TH FAILURE TO ACHIEVE**
- MARCH 15TH WHEN YOU'VE BLOWN IT**
- MARCH 22TH WHEN OTHERS BLOW IT**
- MARCH 29TH GUEST SPEAKER: JESSE HINES**

JESSE HINES AT YOUTH GROUP, MARCH 29TH!

WHILE AMY'S ON MATERNITY LEAVE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SEVERAL AWESOME SPEAKERS FROM THE COMMUNITY COME AND SHARE WITH US AT YOUTH GROUP! JESSE HINES - SURFER, DAD, HUSBAND, AND SURFIN' SPOON OWNER - WILL JOIN US MARCH 29TH.



OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS HAS BEEN MEETING SINCE EARLY FEBRUARY. FOR SIX WEEKS, OUR CONFIRMANDS HAVE LEARNED ABOUT SALVATION, GRACE, WHAT WE BELIEVE, BAPTISM, DISCIPLESHIP, AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEIR CHURCH FAMILY. ON MARCH 6 -7TH, OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS WILL JOIN CONFIRMANDS FROM ACROSS THE STATE AT THE CAMP DON LEE CONFIRMATION RETREAT. THEN, ON MARCH 22ND AT THE 9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE, OUR CONFIRMANDS WILL GO PUBLIC WITH THEIR FAITH - BEING BAPTIZED AND BECOMING FULL MEMBERS OF DUCK CHURCH. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US IN WORSHIP AS WE CELEBRATE THE FAITH COMMITMENTS OF DAN BROWN, JACK BROWN, SCOT BROWN, AND LIAM MINNICH!



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 REAL ESTATE OFFICE

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

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We may not have it all together, but together we have it all! 😊



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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 Thursday

or Email anytime at:

office@duckchurch.org

Office Hours:



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

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The deadline for the April Duck Call is March 16th. Thanks.



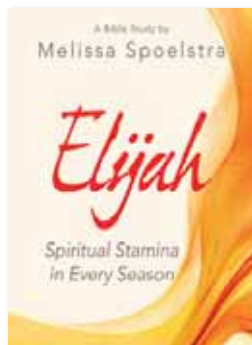
Join us for Family Movie Night
 Friday, March 20th at 6:00pm
 We will serve Pizza, Popcorn and
 drinks before showing Frozen 2
 Bring your friends!



Please RSVP to Debbie Breit by March 18th
 252-202-1042

B O O K R E V I E W

Melissa Spoelstra,



Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season,

(Abingdon Press, 2018), 214 pages.

I came to know Elijah, arguably the greatest of the prophets, not from Bible study but from singing Mendelssohn's oratorio Elijah. Elijah was certainly God's messenger but his was not an easy journey.

He faced frustration, anger, indecision and at one point told God he had had enough and just to take his life. Yet Elijah persevered, exhibiting spiritual stamina.

This book has a basic study guide for five daily lessons each week with a weekly reading plan for deeper study. Its aim is to help the reader to develop spiritual stamina in six areas: prayer, choices, soul care, surrender, mentoring and legacy. It's serious and timely devotional reading.

Reviewed by Doug Brook

Available in the DUMC Library