



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JANUARY 2019



From the Pastor Terry Dougherty

Happy New Year, to you and to all your family, to all whom you love, to this our community of OVPC. Happy New Year also to this, our home, our garden, our *paradis* that God has made for us to flourish in; to this our earth and all the astounding variety of life on, in, above, under and around it. Be opened to all these gifts, in your mind, in your doing, above all in your heart. Be opened to God, the author and the beating heart of the all of it, offering praise and gratitude in all you say and do; experience each “first” of this day as a true first - the chance to get greeting, welcome and relationship right, from the beginning and forever. Be exactly whom you are, without guise or guile, before God and neighbor, and be loving.

The following are bits from “New Year: A Covenant Service”, as found in my (old) copy of **Celtic Daily Prayer**, from the Northumbria Community. The idea behind it is “first footing” - being mindful of who is the first to cross your threshold in the New Year.

*This day is a new day
That has never been before.
This year is a new year,
The opening door.*

(open the door)

*Enter, Lord Christ,
We have joy in your coming.
You have given us life,
And we welcome your coming.*

Christ has many tasks for us. Some are easy; others are difficult. Some bring honor, others bring reproach. Some are to our liking, and coincide with our own inclinations, and are in our

immediate best interest; some are just the opposite. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to take on all of these is most definitely given us in Jesus; for it is He who strengthens us, and comes to help us when we are weak. Let us say yes to the covenant He makes with us:

I am no longer my own, but yours. Use me as you choose; rank me alongside whoever you choose; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, raised up for you, or brought down low for you; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; with my whole heart I freely choose to yield all things to your ordering and approval. So now, God of glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am your own. Amen.

Our world offers a wide variety of new years, some based on natural cycles, some based on sacred or secular calendars, some based on work or on finance; even we orderly Presbyterians have two: the first of Advent, and the first of January. All new years are based on one principle, though: that it is possible to make a new start, to repeat or not to repeat all we did, for good or ill, in the year now gone. That principle adumbrates the still larger Christian principle announced by Jesus: it is possible to have a new life. It is possible to lay aside all the reasons we have not been God's own, and to reclaim that first relationship. God longs for us to do just that, to live joyfully with God, walking and talking and making plans - forever.

Together as OVPC, and in our own lives before God, let us make this a year in Christ, bringing out of our treasure what is new and what is old (Matt. 13: 52).

You have given us life

And we welcome your coming.

Be with us, Lord,

We have joy, we have joy.

This year is a new year,

The opening door.

Be with us, Lord,

We have joy, we have joy.

May God bless and keep you.

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Sandy White
Eric Neumann
Cindy Benjamin
Ollie Robling
Sue Baer

Newsletter Editors
Lorie and Jim Hartsig

Session Report

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

OVPC Minute from Session - December 10, 2018

The Session of OVPC met on Monday, December 10, 2018, in Fellowship Center.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 7:00 P.M.

Orders of the Day:

We welcomed prospective members, **Cindy Woodruff and Sylvia Edmondson** to our meeting. **MOTION** to approve both Cindy and Sylvia to membership in OVPC on Letter of Transfer. They will be received into membership during worship on December 23, 2018. Welcome Cindy and Sylvia !

The **Pastor Support Team (PST)** updated Session on their activities and accomplishments for 2018. The PST members: Rev. Dr. Tom Kort (Princeton Theological Seminary), Pam Price, Mike Read, Kathy Sheetz and Karen Colwill, performed an independent review of Pastor Dougherty in accordance with the Princeton First Call Pastoral Leadership Program. We highlighted accomplishments and made recommendations. Pastor Dougherty is to be applauded for his first-year successes ! **MOTION** made, seconded and approved to distribute the maximum Pastoral Personal Grant monies of \$15,000.00 to Pastor Dougherty. The balance of the Pastoral Discretionary Funds will remain in the account to be utilized during 2019.

Bob Wolf, Chair of the **Communications and Technology Committee**, met to review their 2018 accomplishments. In February 2019, the committee will have an open session to review and navigate the OVPC website. More information to follow. Thanks to the committee for their support.

The **Personnel Committee** recommends we create the position of Church Musician. The salaried position is the focal point for the musical programs for the church, enriching the musical gifts of OVPC within the congregation and within the community. The position encompasses the roles of organist and choir director. **MOTION** made and approved that the position of Church Musician be offered to Kathy Rhodes effective January 1, 2019.

Finance Committee Chair, Bob Wolf, distributed and reviewed the proposed OVPC 2019 Budget.

MOTION made and approved to increase Committee Appropriation to Deacons from \$700 to \$750.

MOTION made and approved to establish a Pastor Discretionary Fund.

MOTION made, seconded and approved to accept Pastor Dougherty's Terms of Call to be placed before the congregation at the Annual Meeting for approval.

The following **MOTIONS** were made, seconded and approved:

Elect Corporate Officers: Don Bailey, President

Bob Clark, Vice President
Karen Colwill, Secretary
Liz Hobler, Treasurer

Elect Session Chair to the Nominating Committee: Cathy Yantz
Elect 2019 Commissioner to New Castle Presbytery: Mike Quinn
Elect Clerk of Session: Karen Colwill
Elect Treasurer: Liz Hobler
2019 Session Schedule
2019 Communion Schedule
2019 Holidays and Office Close Dates
Appointed Session Committee Liaisons

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

The Worship Committee's **MOTION** made and approved to establish an Organ Fund for the eventuality of replacing our current thirty-year-old organ.

MOTION passed to approve Session Minutes of November 12, 2018.

MOTION passed to approve the November 2018 Financial Reports.

Rev. Terry Dougherty adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 10:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Karen B. Colwill, Clerk of Session

Worship

Cathy Yantz

The Worship Committee would like to thank Buzz and Betsy Henifin, Marlene and Mike Quinn, Sandy White and Cathy Yantz for decorating the Sanctuary and Memorial Hall. A special thank you to Neat Cleaning for helping decorate the tree in Memorial Hall. Everything is lovely!

Many thanks to Kathy Sheetz, Lorie and Jim Hartsig, Sandy White, Judy Reich, and Cathy Yantz for the Poinsettia display. The flowers are beautiful.

Please join us in taking the Christmas decorations down on Monday, January 7th at 1pm. Many hands lighten the work.





Elaine Jackson	Jan 8th
Cindy Szlasa	Jan 8th
Barbara Dietsch	Jan 13th
Ellen Neumann	Jan 19th
David Kratch	Jan 20th



Betsy and Buzz Henifin

Jan 8th

**“In January
it’s so nice
while slipping
on the sliding ice
to sip hot chicken soup with rice.
Sipping once
Sipping twice.”
- Maurice Sendak, *In January***



YARN...You Are Ready to Needle...

.Knit or crochet or just watch and learn.

Join us in Fellowship Center
the first Monday of the month from 10 am-2 pm...
bring your lunch.

See you on January 7th

Christian Education

Karen Rubin Hamilton

In January, Marie Waehler will lead us in Spiritual Journaling “talking” to God, and Christian Meditation “listening” to God. She will provide handouts and guidance as you learn about these two new spiritual disciplines. Please join us following worship in Fellowship Center for these exciting opportunities.

January 20: Spiritual Journaling is a discipline of keeping an ongoing diary of the happenings in your life - the good, the bad, and the ugly. By addressing your entries to God or Jesus, they become written prayers and therapy while you reap the benefit of drawing closer to your Creator, often minimizing the stress of daily life. Marie will provide handouts and writing prompts to get you started and give you an opportunity to spend time with God in a whole new way. The good news about journaling is that you do not have to be a writer. What you write and how you write it is between you and God, so you can pour out your soul onto the blank page, knowing that no one else will read it, and you will not be judged on spelling, grammar, or penmanship. How cool is that!

It will be helpful if you bring a tablet or blank journal and your favorite writing

instrument, but if you forget, pens and paper will also be available.

Marie gleans from two books for this study (helpful, but not required to purchase): *Journal Keeping: Writing for Spiritual Growth* by Luann Budd, and *Journal Keeper* by Margaret D. Smith.

January 27: Christian Meditation is often an overlooked discipline by mainstream Christians who fear that it is not “Christian.” Gone are the days when those who meditated were thought of as hippie flower children or gurus sitting on tasseled cushions at the top of a mountain in India. New data proves that meditation can have benefits on physical, mental, and spiritual health. Those who regularly meditate for as little as 15-20 minutes daily experience a reduction in high blood pressure, reduced anxiety, improved immune systems, and an increase in energy levels.

Marie will guide you in beginning this new discipline by adding a spiritual element and take away any and all “fears” that you might have regarding regular meditation practice.



OVPC Women's Sewing Circle

Mission Giving 2018

Local	National	International
CHEER Center Meals on Wheels \$250	Presbyterian Disaster Relief 1000	
Delaware State University DREAMERS \$1000	IDF \$500	The Rev. Dr. Karla Cole's Mission in Costa Rica \$500.00
Pyle Center Day Care \$500		Rwanda Joy \$500.00
Southern Delaware Alliance Racial Justice \$250		
The Way Home \$500		
PWNCP Thank Offering \$913		
PWNCP Mission Commitment \$700		
PWNCP Birthday Offering \$106		
PWNCP Least Coin \$81		

Grand Total**\$6800**

Ladies of the Circle gave generously to a local family with 5 children.



Recognition/Celebration

Elaine and Dale Smith

During 2018, nine members of OVPC made the commitment of becoming Stephen Ministers. Following 50 hours of course work, they were commissioned during worship services in the fall.

It was our honor to lead the training for this group of individuals. Over the course of the 17 weeks of training, we guided the class through the proscribed training materials, grappling with topics such as active listening, boundaries, confidentiality, and Christian care-giving. There were many role-playing exercises that afforded each person the opportunity to practice the skills they were learning, getting feedback and suggestions on their approach.

We, too, learned much from this class. Being relatively new to OVPC, we learned more about the church and its history as a caring community. Most importantly, we observed the spiritual growth that happened within this small group ministry. Each in their own way, Cindy, Pam, Betsy, Jen, Kathy, Pam,

Elaine, Bob, and Mike confirmed our belief in Christ's caring for people through people.

The Stephen Ministers meet bi-monthly, to encourage and support one another in their specific caring situations. This "peer supervision small group" approach reinforces the training by strengthening each minister in the specific relationships they are in. We are all very mindful of the importance of confidentiality as we support each other in providing the best care possible for each care receiver.

We look forward to continuing to journey with these Stephen Ministers in their caring relationships with people in our church and in the community.

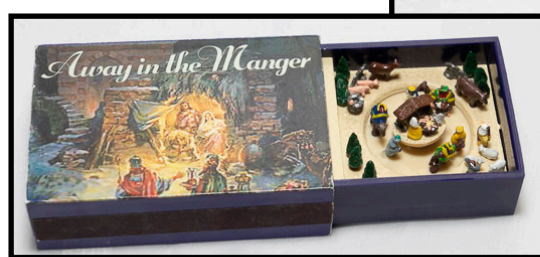
Are you (or, someone you know) struggling with life's issues? Speak with Pastor Terry or Elaine Smith (the Referrals Coordinator). Elaine will explain the ministry to you and ensure there's a good match of expectations. Elaine can be reached at 908.859.2901 (home) or 908.319.4858 (cell).

"There is a privacy about it which no other season gives you In spring, summer and fall people sort of have an open season on each other; only in the winter, in the country, can you have longer, quiet stretches when you can savor belonging to yourself."

Ruth Stout

Nativity Festival

Sue Sigvardson - coordinator



OVPC Cemetery

Guidelines for Maintenance and Appearance

Effective January 1, 2019

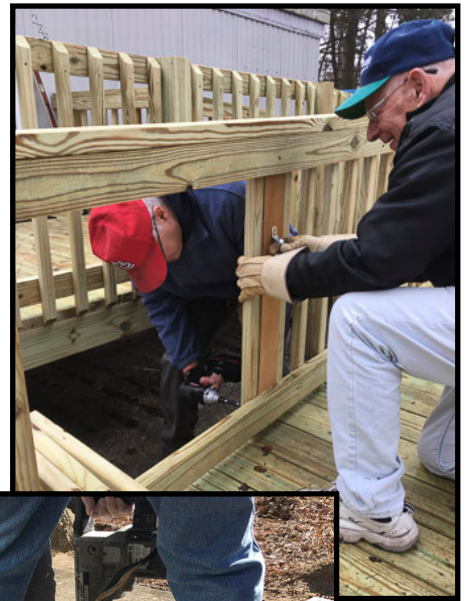
- Mowing shall be done in-season on a regular schedule agreed upon between the OVPC Cemetery Committee and a contractor hired through a competitive bidding process and approved by Session.
- Placement of flowers and wreaths at grave sites is permitted, but should be removed and disposed of by the family when they are no longer fresh.
- Artificial flowers are permitted, but should be removed by the family when they become faded or weather beaten.
- In the event family members are unable to remove flowers and wreaths that have expired, the Cemetery Committee shall dispose of them at its discretion.
- No planting of bushes, shrubs, trees, or flowering plants is allowed, due to interference with the mowing process. Exceptions include bulb flowers, such as daffodils or tulips, which are gone prior to the beginning of mowing season.
- After January 1, 2019 attachment of items and artifacts to headstones is prohibited regardless of means of attachment.
- Decoration of grave sites through the use of ribbons, streamers, banners, balloons, strings of lights, and special effect lighting is not allowed.
- These guidelines seek to maintain the OVPC cemetery as a hallowed, peaceful, reverent place of rest for those buried there, and for their loved ones who visit there.
- Violations to these guidelines may result in written notice from the OVPC Cemetery Committee.





Photogenic Jim Hartsig

Another ramp
completed.



Anyone
interested in
being part of the
emergency
repair/ramp
crew contact
Herb Sheetz. All
are welcome. No
experience
necessary.

Friday Night At The Movies



Join us Friday January 4th at 5:30 at Bob and Elaine Wolf's home to share a potluck and enjoy a movie together. In keeping with the new release of 'Mary Poppins Returns' we will be showing 'Saving Mr. Banks'.

This 2013 film starring Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson is the story of Walt Disney trying to keep a 20-year-old promise to his daughters to obtain the rights to their favorite story and make it into a movie. But will the Disney charm be enough to sway author P.L. Travers who has absolutely no intention of letting her beloved magical nanny get mauled by the Hollywood machine sell the rights to her story?

If you are interested in hosting movie night, or have a special movie request, please contact Bob Wolf. Remember that you can be a host without having the movie at your home ---

