



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOVEMBER 2018



## From the Pastor Terry Dougherty

I have always been a “bookish” person. If family lore is to be believed, the only reason I learned to count before I learned to read was that I learned to count turning the pages of *Winnie the Pooh* (still a favorite!). As I grew up, books were a refuge, and a portal. I went through periods of fascination with astronomy, ecology, ancient history, ... etc. When I became a little more selective, it was because of beauty. As a kid who hitch-hiked down to Long Branch, NJ often, I split my time between The Inkwell (open late, until later) and the Guggenheim Memorial Library of Monmouth College (open whenever, until the Inkwell did). At that time, the Guggenheim had the most wonderful collection of antique, art and rare books I had ever seen. There I met Dr. Keith, who taught English Lit at Monmouth and who just happened to operate the Keith Library at the Red Bank Antiques Center, where he sold rare books and ephemera (to this day, I believe each was a difficult decision to part from his own collections). He and I became friends, in the course of which I enjoyed the very finest introduction to English and American Literature, sitting in his sorting room while he smoked his pipe. I became a collector myself, under his tutelage; and he made it affordable by giving me ridiculously huge discounts. I learned my habit of treasuring books, and of leaving them as original as I could (this is why I still struggle to write in a book). Should you have any question how beautiful a book can be, please take me along on a trip to the Morgan Library in Manhattan, where I’ll gladly give you a tour of the lower floor!

Books, of course, have long been treasures; for most of human history they were the rarest and most expensive possessions people had. Illuminated books are only the most obvious example; books have been bound in rare woods and metals, adorned with rare and colorful jewels, made to look like our common vision of a pirate’s treasure chest. Sadly, the value of books and scrolls meant they were also liable to theft and desecration. During the period of the Viking invasions, monks in the Celtic islands would bury their cherished gospel collections to protect them from the sweeping vandalism and bloodshed of raids; some have only been found in the last century. The same is true of the Dead Sea Scrolls, found only in 1949; the Qumran community of the time of Jesus believed these biblical scrolls to be their most valuable gift to the future.

All this makes me think of the Treasure in the Field, a parable Jesus told in a couple of ways. This treasure is so worthwhile, the finder or seeker gives up all s/he has to get it, and feels blessed when it is found.

On the day I write this, Eugene Peterson, a very great preacher and author, has died. He is best known for the project he started with a Bible Study group in his church in Bel Air, MD; a translation project that eventually turned onto *The Message*, a Bible paraphrase into modern English (of 1971 or so) which became and remains a bestseller. Rev. Peterson's point was to democratize this greatest of gifts, the Bible. He was by no means the first to translate into the "common" language; Jerome, Tyndall, Luther and many other luminaries did so over the course of time, getting millions of Bibles into "common" hands and hearts, and bringing interpretation out of the hands of specialists only. It seemed to all of these, and it seems to me, that any treasure, but especially this treasure, is not meant to be kept, but shared; shared for its beauty and wisdom and grace and truth.

In that light, I have my own vision, that of the Kids in the Field. They not only find treasure, but share it, delighting in showing, telling, and letting go; in valuing all equally, rather than making exclusive hierarchies of value over stuff we actually only "own" a short while.

In that spirit, I began some time ago to let go of my books. Some went to my daughters (I was so pleased they finally wanted them) and to my sons-in-law; some are dedicated to my grandchildren. A Dore illustrated Douay Bible now has its home in the French Club of Princeton Seminary.

I say all this very breezily, but I was neither an instant nor a willing convert to this point of view (just ask Pam, the most dear and patient wife a man could have!). At this point in my life, though, I genuinely believe that all I may have learned, and all the sources I've learned it from, does not belong to me; rather, it is my responsibility to share every useful ounce of it (& along the way a lot of useless stuff I find interesting). Thus, along with my open door policy, I have an open library policy. You are welcome to come into my office, and browse or ask about books here, and to take them home for your own study or use. Just leave a tag or a note; for now my policy is to keep them all available to everyone. Should you fall in love with a particular book, it will be yours upon my retirement; put a sticky in it!

I do warn you, I've kept all this very brief; should you come in and ask, you just might get caught in a conversation about God, the Book, and books - but I will gracefully let you go, too!

## Ocean View Presbyterian Church

67 Central Avenue  
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**Service**  
Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

**Pastor**  
Terry Dougherty

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**Session**  
Don Bailey  
Cathy Yantz  
Bob Clark  
Mike Quinn  
Bruce Hobler  
Ellen Neumann  
Karen Colwill  
(Clerk of Session)

**Deacons**  
Earlene DeFazio  
Sandy White  
Eric Neumann  
Cindy Benjamin  
Ollie Robling  
Sue Baer

**Newsletter Editors**  
Lorie and Jim Hartsig

## *Session Report*

### *Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session*

The Session of OVPC met on Monday, October 8, 2018, in Memorial Hall.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 7:04 P.M.

#### **Orders of the Day:**

**Elaine Smith, Stephen Ministry Leader**, reviewed the referral process and answered questions. We will commission 9 Stephen Ministry caregivers during worship on October 28, 2018. A reception in their honor will be held during coffee hour on November 11, 2018.

**Karen Rubin-Hamilton, Chair of the Christian Education Committee** presented their calendar for the last quarter of 2018 and first quarter of 2019. Session thanked the Christian Education Committee for a job well done.

**Barbara Macfie, NCP Committee on Ministry and Congregations**, meet with Session to complete the COMC Rounding survey. Session was prepared to answer the questions and we got to brag about OVPC and all that we do as an active congregation in and out of our community.

**OVPC Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers** is after worship on November 4, 2018.

**OVPC Installation of Officers** is during worship on November 18, 2018.

**Leadership Training** is schedule for Session and Deacons only on January 12, 2019.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

**MOTION** passed to approve Session Minutes of September 10, 2018.

**MOTION** passed to approve the September 2018 Financial Reports.

**Personnel Committee MOTION** passed to accept the resignation of Linda Bowers, Church Secretary, effective October 18, 2018, and place a classified in the Coastal Point for an Administrative Assistant.

**Personnel Committee MOTION** passed to interview candidates for Administrative Assistant at the current work week (4 days, 3 hours per day) and wage.

**Cemetery Committee MOTION** passed to approve new Cemetery Guidelines for Maintenance and Appearance effective January 2019.

**MOTION** passed authorizing Rev. Terry Dougherty to take Continuing Education for 8 days, January 22 - 29, 2019, to travel to Guatemala with the NCP Ignite Group. The costs up to \$1,500.00 will be paid by the Princeton First Call Leadership Program.

*(Session Report continued)*

**SPARK Ministry Grant: Our \$5,000.00 grant has been awarded !**

**MOTION** made, seconded and passed to allocate \$1,000.00 to Rwanda Joy for tuition assistance for a college student who lost his sponsor. **Request from Sue Rizer.**

**MOTION** made, seconded and passed to allocate \$1,000.00 to Home of The Brave an organization that supports homeless veterans and families in Milford DE. They have a men's shelter and a women and children's facility. **Request from Bob Wolf.**

**MOTION** made, seconded and passed to allocate \$1,000.00 to the Semper Fi Fund an organization that provides service and program for veterans, and specifically one of which trains service dogs. Funds are allocated from: \$300.00 from SPARK and \$700.00 from Memorial Reserves. **Request from Earlene DiFazio.**

We also received a request from Marlene Quinn to support the new Ministerium Women's Shelter in Bethany Beach. As this organization comes to fruition, we will consider allocation of support.

**Session thanks** all the individuals who brought forth mission opportunities for consideration and support.

**MOTION** made seconded and passed to investigate supporting **Rise Against Hunger** in late winter or early spring. Don Bailey will gather information and report back to Session. A few years ago we prepared 10,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now (same organization).

**Reminder:** The November Session Meeting is November 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM in Memorial Hall. Our meetings are open to OVPC members. Please notify the clerk if you plan to attend.

Rev. Terry Dougherty adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 10:20 P.M.





## *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.

**“God is glorified, not by our  
groans, but by our thanksgivings.”**

**Edwin Percy Whipple**





Dave Sergison	Nov. 10th
Karen Colwill	Nov. 14th
Kerry Shull	Nov. 14th
Sandra Gayle	Nov. 15th
Bob Clark	Nov. 16th
Marti Sommer	Nov. 16th



Joni and Ray Keller      Nov. 24th

You are cordially invited  
to join us for a

## NATIVITY FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 8th

10 am- 2 pm

Ocean View Presbyterian Church

67 Central Avenue

Ocean View, DE



## 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 November 5th**



## *Meet the New Members Joni and Ray Keller*



Ray & Joni Keller transferred membership from Presbyterian Church of Toms River, NJ. We were members of PCTR for 33 years. Our former church was quite large with 4 services. Our 2 boys were baptized and confirmed in PCTR. We were very active with their upbringing in the church. We will be married

34 years this November. Many of you can attest to both the sayings of "Where does the time go" and "It seems like yesterday". We have certainly shared a lot in those 34 years and will continue to do so until "death us do part". We have 3 fantastic children. Michelle lives in Doylestown, PA with her husband and our 5 yr old granddaughter. Ray Jr. has become a member of this church along with us. He commutes between DE and Maine where his wife lives. Steve and his wife, along with our 6 and 5 yr old grandchildren, live in Pittsburgh, PA.

Any of you who moved here from NJ probably left for the same main reason we did-taxes!! You cannot afford to retire in NJ. We were looking for lower taxes and a less hectic pace of life; hence, we settled in LSD.!! Upon coming to Delaware 2 years ago, we wanted to find a smaller but still active church. We found that with OVPC. We both are still working. Ray owns his own consulting company and his clients are the Natural Gas and Oil Pipeline Industry. He is proud to say he has been in this industry since his first part time job in high school. That makes it over 53 years he has been in this field!! With age comes wisdom, right? I am an X-ray Technologist. I am currently applying for positions locally. I took 2 years off to acclimate the homestead plus do a small renovation on our house. We currently reside in Bishop's Landing in Millville.



*Fall Cleanup Day*  
*Saturday, November 3rd*  
*8:30 am to 1:30 pm*

Have fun and fellowship with your OVPC community at the Fall Cleanup Day! We will be cleaning windows and doors, raking, trimming shrubs and other activities to beautify the church inside and out. Coffee and sweets will be provided in the morning and a simple lunch at noon. Please join us!

*Christian Education*  
*Karen Rubin-Hamilton*

# Gratitude

## *The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*

*by Diana Butler Bass*

Please join us after worship in Fellowship Hall as we explore the meaning of Gratitude. Having read this book will be helpful but not necessary to participation in large and small group discussions.

### **November 4, 2018**

What DBB says about a grateful life, what others have to say about a grateful life. What does gratitude feel like? What does gratitude look like? Does gratitude really make a difference? Is it transformative?

### **November 18, 2018**

A Grateful Heart, Individual Gratitude, emotions and activities.

Karl Barth wrote, "Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth. Grace evokes gratitude like the voice an echo. Gratitude follows grace like thunder lightning".

### **December 2, 2018**

All about us.....Community, Church, Political Gratitude, emotions and activities. Robert Emmons wrote, "Gratitude amplifies goodness, rescues us from negative emotions, and connects us to others in a meaningful way".



Operation SEAs the Day is looking for host families for the 2019 event. As a host you would make the initial contact with your assigned family, give them information about the week and have many opportunities to spend time with them during the week. You do not house the family.

If you have any interest or want more information about the privilege of being part of this week as a host, please talk to Cindy or Don Benjamin.



*Christ caring for people through people***STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

*We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation!*  
*Elaine and Dale Smith*

At the end of October, our first class of Stephen Ministers completed their 50 hours of training in lay Christian caregiving. Cindy Benjamin, Pam Dougherty, Betsy Henifin, Bob Wolf, Elaine Wolf, and Mike Quinn (pictured here) were commissioned during worship on October 28th. Pam Price, Jen Read, and Kathy Sheetz will be commissioned at a similar service in November.

Our Stephen Ministers will continue to meet, twice a month, for peer support supervision and continuing education. It is through these meetings that they grow in their ministry skills, get support and encouragement from each other, and discuss further care giving topics. Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry; what a care receiver says to their Stephen Minister is kept in strictest confidence, especially during supervision.

Our Stephen Ministers are now ready to walk along side others who may be dealing with life's challenges. If you – or your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or relatives – are in need of comfort and support during a difficult time, please speak with Pastor Terry or Elaine Smith (Referrals Coordinator). Elaine will explain the ministry and ensure a good match of expectations when a Stephen Minister is assigned. Elaine can be reached at 908.859.2901 (home) or 908.319.4858 (cell).





## *Sewing Circle*

### *Amy Peoples*

Due to my recent knee replacement surgery, I will not be sending a full Sewing Circle letter this month. I hope that you will use the following "Dates To Remember". We have many activities you will want to enjoy leading up to Christmas.

#### Dates To Remember

Saturday, November 3, 2018, 8:30 AM Church Fall Clean-up

Saturday, November 3, 2018, PW Fall Gathering, New Covenant Church, Middletown

Monday, November 5, 2018 10-2:00 PM YARN

Sunday, November 11, 2018, Thank Offering Service during church

Sunday, November 11, 2018 Coffee Hour

Monday, November 12, 2018, 12 noon, Mission Committee meets. All welcome

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 , 12 noon, Sewing Circle; bring sandwich or salad, refreshments provide by Bev Bailey and Marlene Quinn, Bible Study follows led by Marti Sommer, Chapter #3, "God with us in our Discouragement".

Friday, November 30, 9:30 set up for Christmas Potluck Supper

Friday, November 30, 2018, 6 PM Christmas Potluck Supper. AARP Choir will sing

The Nativity Festival will be held Saturday, December 8, 2018 with set up December 6 and 7.

**Note  
From  
The  
Editor**

**Many thanks to Linda Bowers  
for her help and support in our  
work on your monthly  
newsletter. Best of luck to her!**

**CHANGE YOUR CLOCK**

**CHANGE YOUR  
BATTERY**

**November 4th, 2:00 am**

**Christmas Potluck  
November 30th 6pm**

Entertainment provided by  
**AARP Chorus**



## *About Our Visitors . . .*

### *Submitted by Elsie Young*

Our community is growing. Lately we've had the privilege of hosting a number of area newcomers to our worship service. Here is some food for thought.....

#### I AM A VISITOR

Won't you please...

Smile at me when I walk in the door. You are my first impression of the church during the first few moments I am in your building and this first impression will stay with me for a long time.

Help me find my place in the service. I will not find your help an intrusion. In fact, I will remember our kindness.

Speak to me during the coffee hour. I know you want to see your friends and settle that piece of committee business. But I may find it hard to believe that you truly care for each other unless I first see evidence that your care for "the stranger in your midst."

Tell me good things about our church and pastor. I want to believe that I have come to a place where people love each other and where they believe that they are doing something exciting and important for the Lord.

Notice me - even if I am not a "family". I don't want to feel left out just because I am unmarried, a single parent, a teenager, or an older person.

Talk to me again the second week when I come back, and the third and the fourth. I am still not a part of your congregational family.

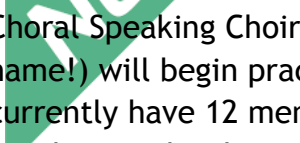
Invite me to become part of some church group or activity. I need more than worship every Sunday. I need to know that I am accepted and affirmed by a group of people within the church who know me by my first name and who care about me as an individual.

If you can find it in your heart to do these things for me, I will come back the second Sunday, the third and maybe forever. I will worship with you, join your choir, work at your events, teach your church school, contribute to your projects, and become a highly involved member of your church and, in doing, I will find my own life immeasurably enriched as a result of having become a member of your church.

*Source Unknown*

## *Choral Speaking Choir*

### *Bev Bailey*



Choral Speaking Choir beginning in November. The New Choral Speaking Choir (soon to have a name!) will begin practicing on Thursday, November 1, at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. We currently have 12 members and could use a few more. If you enjoy reading scripture and speaking with others in worship, we'd love to have you join us. We will practice twice a month, and present the scripture passages in church once a month (more during Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter). Please talk with Bev Bailey about joining this new worship endeavor.....





*Photogenic  
Jim Hartsig and Bob Turner*



## *Friday Night At The Movies*



Because of busy schedules there will be no movie night in November or December.

With deep sadness, we must share the news that Al DeFazio has died. Al returned to his God on Tuesday, October 23rd. Please keep Earlene and her family in your prayers.

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