



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OCTOBER 2020



## FROM THE PASTOR: TERRY DOUGHERTY

Dear Family and Friends of OVPC,

I write to you this month not as the Irish Postman, but as a person of Irish (Catholic) descent. Folks of Irish ancestry, especially those who know the history of that storied island – as I do – often have powerful feelings about it: please know that in the following they may be there, but I have sought to keep them in reserve.

I write because, honestly, I have struggled from the pulpit to convey with urgency what white supremacy is (and is not), and why we should care. I have tried to show how it can be both real and invisible. It happens that in one of the Wednesday meditations, I referenced a song by one of my long-time favorite songwriters, Phil Coulter. That led to a couple of happy hours remembering many of his songs, and those included likely his best known song, *The Town I Loved So Well*. And that in turn led to the avenue of explanation I'm going to now attempt; please bear with me!

Here in America, racial supremacy is exercised by a wide variety of people who are collectively "white" (many of whom, such as Italians and Polish and Irish, weren't always seen that way). Over people who are black, brown, "hispanic" and indigenous. In Ireland, in a struggle begun in the early 13<sup>th</sup> century, supremacy has been exercised by English speakers, over native Irish speakers; all of them were and are "white". Since the English Reformation, the struggle has become one of Protestants (Church of England, Church of Ireland) above Catholics. So, supremacy in both cases, as in all other manifestations, has been targeted at a culture deemed inferior, and exploitable, for (and subsequent to) a culture deeming itself superior. Then, history clouds the issue with justifications and fictions. And practices and policies that are inconsistent with the stated aims and mores of the dominant culture go unquestioned, ignored and forgotten, even as their consequences wreak havoc and destruction on the targeted culture. Either of assimilation, or disintegration, are often the result. Sometimes, though, there is successful, sustained resistance.

In America, that resistance centers on the various civil rights movements, especially those since the Civil War; currently on Black Lives Matter, and various Aboriginal American rights

movements. In Ireland, it centered and centers on language rights, popular resistance, armed resistance (IRA, Provos, New IRA, etc.) and political resistance (primarily Sinn Fein – pronounced roughly Shinn Hein, and translated “we ourselves”; certainly an indigenous peoples’ hope anywhere).

*The Town I Loved So Well*, which I hope you will listen to (it’s been covered widely, but I recommend listening to Phil himself), illustrates within its text many of the mechanisms and consequences of enacted “supremacy”, analogues of which are easily recognized here in the United States.

**Lack of Access:** The people described here have a memory of when everything was theirs – prior to the English Plantation acts, which took local ownership of land by royal fiat, transferring that ownership to those loyal to the crown. A rural, agricultural people ended up concentrated in towns that had been market centers. Then, Enclosure acts forbade the free use of common land for purposes of fishing and hunting, arrogating all the produce of the land to the crown and the aristocracy. This same system and method in the United States led to the concentration of indigenous people on reservations. It drove landless blacks into cities, beginning after the failure of Reconstruction and running straight through to redlining and vulture mortgages.

**Installation of environmentally hazardous infrastructure into poor or minority neighborhoods:** in the song, the smoky, smelly gasyard into a Catholic neighborhood; in America powerplants, sewage treatment plants, toxin-generating manufacturing. Also, installation of infrastructure to restrict or cut off mobility and access: in the song, walls and barbed wire (and see Berlin, Jerusalem and a thousand other examples); in America the deliberate of Interstate and other highway structures to cut off racially segregated neighborhoods. We should also note the dailiness of walking by the jail; a concrete (pardon the pun) reminder of the limited future of this neighborhood, where the dispossessed are also overpoliced.

**Speaking of overpolicing,** please note the reference to armored cars (known as Saracens), tear gas, tanks and guns. If that sounds familiar, it’s not coincidental. The enforcers of order are deliberately estranged or unknown in the neighborhood. A police force embedded in a culture, slowed down to walking speed and dedicated to conversation and being known, communicating in mutual love, ceases to be oppressive. The English famously – and to their own detriment – couldn’t be bothered to learn Irish, which thus became a useful “code”. [a cultural aside: they could not “twig to

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it” (English) or “dig it” (American). Both these folk expressions derive from the Irish verb *thuighim*, which means “to understand.”]

Up there at the beginning of the song we heard “the shirt factory horn called women from Kragan (*Creiggann*), the Moor and the Bog” - these were impoverished “ghettoes” of the Catholic population. This is the repetitive, underpaid, ergonomically crippling work women from targeted minority communities around the world can expect to be limited to. And remember, their schools have been underfunded and abused for centuries, and their native language has spent hundreds of years forbidden to be used.

“While the men on the dole...”: “Dole” is the English term for what we generalize as “welfare”. Men in this targeted community cannot find work at all, certainly not union jobs, which would give them a modicum of power. Direct consequences of this deliberate closing out include a familiar list: substance abuse, domestic abuse, vagrancy, mental illness and criminality, all of which contribute to the vicious cycles of over policing and negative stereotypes.

“There was music there, in the Derry air”: I hope any lyric sheet you may have printed out has the last two words correct!! This plaintive recollection stands in for the loss of a uniting culture. Under supremacy, music and language are both proscribed where possible, and derided as “primitive” where that’s possible. If that sounds familiar, it’s because that has been the history of Black and native cultures in the U. S. Uniquely beautiful and musical speech, filled with unfamiliar words and terms, is categorized as childish, and requiring remediation. A third variety of silencing is cultural appropriation, in which what is beautiful or pleasing in unique cultural offerings is “sanitized” and “commercialized” for dominant cultural use, in ways that are no longer “threatening”. Think of Elvis, and others, coining fortunes out of “race music”. Think of the Washington “Redskins”. Traditional ways of life are suppressed, and too often lost.

How is a traditional culture to survive? By exercising proprietary memory, and pride. Coulter’s last verse is astonishingly forward-looking, even optimistic. Love of place persists, even where pride of place is stolen. Equally forward-looking is James Weldon Johnson’s hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, #339 in our own hymnal, and known as the Black National Anthem.

While supremacy doesn’t have to be based on race, it generally is, and certainly is here in America. In Ireland, it is religion, and that is true in the ancient and modern Middle East, as well; people are otherwise pretty indistinguishable, if they are not wearing traditional garb. What supremacy does need is to be founded on the targeting of some people group as unworthy, undeserving, servile, ineducable, less than equal and – at last – less than human. The worse it gets, the worse the language and actions that enforce it.

But the opposite, and actual, qualities of a culture are what save it: resiliency, vibrancy, pride, equity and mutuality. Part of the resiliency is holding on to historical names and terms, as well as ways. Coulter refused the English name of the town he grew up in – Londonderry. No; Derry is the historical name, a name that preserves the Irish place name *Dherryaigh*

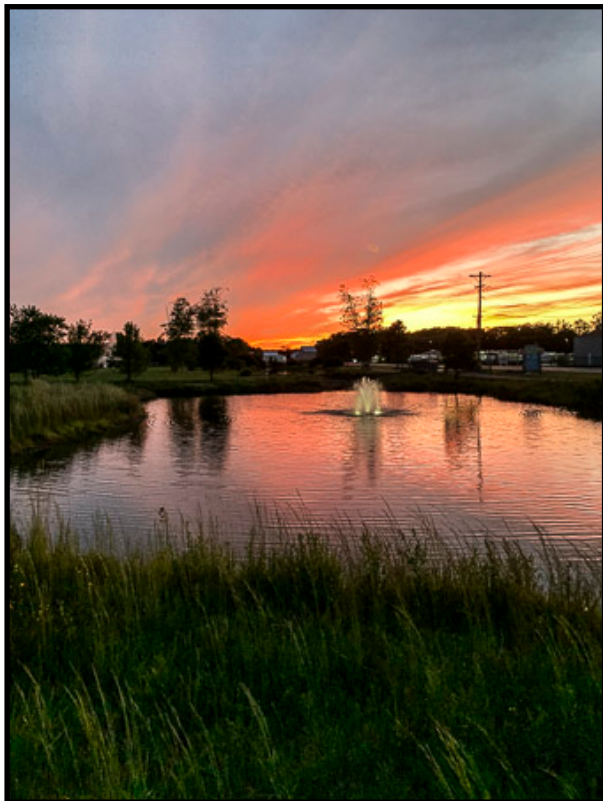
*Columchaille* (pronounced roughly Jerry column kill), which means “the oak grove sacred to Columcille”. If I may make one more recommendation, the play *Translations*, by Brian Friel, is a sensitive treatment of this topic (and yes, I will lend it to you!).

Ireland, like America, has become “multicultural”; so too has England, though England is burdened by terrible nativist resentment toward citizens from all over the former empire. The real solution, the one that doesn’t involve incitement, oppression and violence, is to embrace the richness of human difference, and the flourishing of all people. That also happens to be the Biblical charge to Israel and to Christians. God willing, let it be so.

In Christ, and with abounding gratitude for your forbearance,

Listen to Phil Coulter’s song The Town I Loved so Well:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAqOC5iJ5o8>



Photos by Terry Dougherty



## SESSION REPORT

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

The **Session of OVPC** met on Monday, September 14, 2020, via ZOOM Meeting.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 6:00 PM.

### Orders of the Day:

**We welcomed Scott Derr, Financial Advisor, to our meeting.** Scott reviewed the OVPC Combined Account Portfolio (year to date) in detail and answered questions. The Finance Committee joined us for this part of the meeting. No changes were authorized. Session thanked Scott for his management of our investments and his commitment to transparent communication with OVPC.

**We welcomed Mission Committee Co-Chairs, Beverly Bailey and Dale Smith, to our meeting.** Dale reviewed the Mission Committee's Report to Session, highlighting accomplishments:

**NCP Guatemala Partnership Emergency Food Kit Appeal**

**Continued support of Rev. Dr. Karla Koll and her work in Costa Rica**

**NCP Syrian/Lebanon Partnership with Westminster Presbyterian**

The Mission Committee is excited to present the PC(USA) Matthew-25 Initiative. It starts on September 20 for 5 weeks during the Christian Education hour starting at 10:30 via ZOOM. More details on the church calendar ! Session appreciates all the work the Mission Committee is doing to identify new mission opportunities for OVPC.

**MOTION** passed to approve the minutes of the **August 10, 2020 Session Meeting.**

**MOTION** passed to approve the **August 2020 Finance Reports.**

**Pastor Terry's** report was received.

**MOTION** passed for Pastor Terry to attend continuing education, 'Sojourners Retreat' at PC(USA) Stony Point Retreat Conference Center in Stony Point, NY , from September 27 (after worship) to October 2, 2020.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

### Finance Committee update:

**Continue to limit our expenses** (based on limited projected income) by taking actions **until our income is adequate:**

- all committee allocation/requests are frozen
- the Finance Committee is reviewing all bills to be paid
- CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) - **all funds have been used.** We are waiting for PNC Bank to issue compliance filing requirements to complete the process to turn the loan into a grant.

- **Kudos and Thank You to OVPC members and friends** for your continued financial commitment during this pandemic !

**Church Nominating Committee update: Mike Read, Chair**, the committee is making progress and continues to fill the 2021 slate. Please prayerfully consider if asked to serve.

**Communication / Technology - SEG** (Social Engagement Group) **MOTION** approved to offer a worship time of 'Self-Guided Meditation and Prayers' in the sanctuary on Thursday evenings from 6:00-6:30 starting in October. All worship protocols will be followed. Information will be sent to members and friends.

**Return to public worship** – Session developed a plan and schedule to resume public worship. A detailed letter and email blast were delivered to all members and friends in August. Phase 1 is complete and Phase 2 is in process. **Phase 3 will be implemented on October 18, 2020** which moves public worship from the sanctuary to Memorial Hall. Communion will be celebrated on October 4<sup>th</sup> World Wide Communion in the Sanctuary. **NOTE:** OVPC facilities are still **NOT open** to OVPC or outside groups except for worship.

**The Princeton First Call Pastoral Leadership Program – concludes on December 31, 2020.** The Pastor Support Team presented a proposal to Session to conclude the program.

- MOTION:** Approved the proposal to conclude the Princeton First Call Pastoral Leadership Program on December 31, 2020.
- MOTION:** Approved for Session to define 2021 Terms of Call to recommend to the congregation.

Detailed information of the process will be sent to members and friends in early November. A Special Congregational Meeting will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> after worship.

**Session appreciates all the efforts from members and friends in keeping our facilities and campus sound and all that's involved in preparing for public worship. Thank You !**

**Session** urges all committee chairs to get their Session reports to the office by the Wednesday before the Session Meeting: October 12<sup>th</sup> Session Meeting - reports are due October 7<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 9:40 PM

## **PERSONNEL ACTIVITY**

### **Marti Sommer**

During October Kathy Rhodes, Church Musician, will be having a performance review as required of the Personnel Committee. Input is requested from the congregation. Please submit any comments to [msommer15@mediacombb.net](mailto:msommer15@mediacombb.net) . All comments will be confidential.

## DEACONS REPORT

Sue Baer

### PEACE and GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

This offering draws Presbyterians together, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows the creation of resources for dealing with conflict and provides nurturing reconciliation, and stands in support of our global sisters and brothers because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

Peace is Active, NOT Passive

Peace is Doing, NOT Waiting

This offering has been a commitment to Peacemaking established in 1980. 25% of the offering stays with local congregations, 25% goes to the mid councils to unite congregations to support Peacemaking in their regions, and 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

In this season of Peace, Presbyterians are being invited to reflect upon 5 ways to practice:

Peace Within

Peace in Relationships

Peace in Community

Peace in the World

Wholistic Peace

Please give generously to this mission, it couldn't have come at a better time in our world!

## FOOD DONATIONS

The Pyle Center food pantry has been unable to distribute food to families, thus they are not in need of food donations. In continuing conversation with the Pyle Center, it has been decided to reach out and identify other ways to distribute food to those in need. Food donations are being given to students and their families in the Selbyville Middle School area. An Administrator at the school identifies students and families in need and is in contact with them. The Deacons will continue to be in contact with The Pyle Center.

**The grandeur of nature is only the  
beginning, Beyond the grandeur is God.**

**Abraham Joshua Heschel**



MASON DIXON POST NO. 7234  
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August 18, 2020

Earlene DeFazio, Moderator  
The Board of Deacons  
Ocean View Presbyterian Church  
67 Central Avenue  
Ocean View, DE 19970

Dear Ms. DeFazio:

On behalf of the members of Mason Dixon VFW Post 7234, I want to extend our sincere thanks for your generous donation of \$660.00 to our *Veterans Relief Fund*.

Both National VFW bylaws and the bylaws of our Post specify that these funds are used only for the "aid, assistance, relief and comfort of needy or disabled veterans or members of the Armed Forces and their dependents, and the surviving spouses and orphans of deceased veterans". In addition to providing aid to needy veterans in our local community, we are proud to be major supporters of the VFW's National Home for Families and Children and other local and national organizations devoted to veterans' programs. Recipients of aid from this fund are carefully vetted by the leadership of our Post and all disbursements are approved by the membership.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William S. Hensley", is written over a horizontal line.

William S. Hensley  
Quartermaster

ccs: Harold J. Dietrich, Commander  
Fulton F. Loppatto, Adjutant

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**





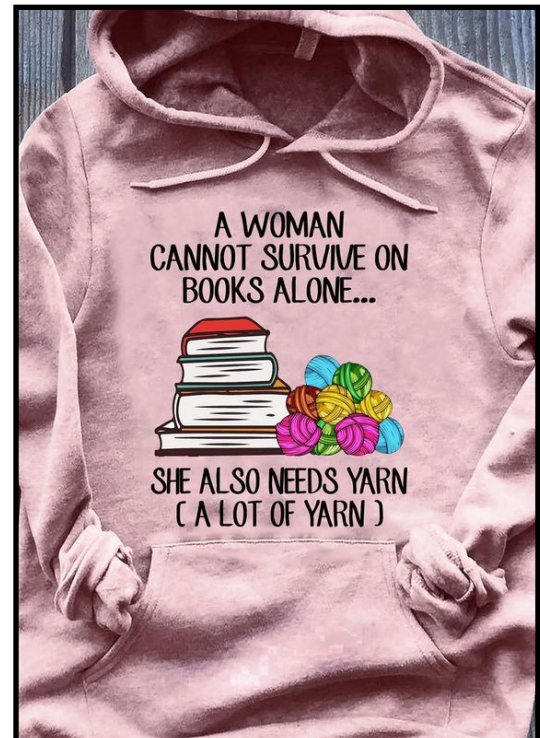
Gloria Batholomew	Oct. 2nd
Nok Schwartz	Oct. 2nd
Karen White	Oct. 4th
Carole Trent	Oct. 7th
Elsie Young	Oct. 9th
Carol Kratch	Oct. 12th
Charlotte Wheatley	Oct. 14th
Lorie Hartsig	Oct. 20th
Ollie Robling	Oct. 25th
Bob Turner	Oct. 27th
Ray Keller	Oct. 30th

Sandy and David White	Oct. 3rd
Mary Reed and Tim Smith	Oct. 7th
Nancy and Bob Turner	Oct. 7th
Elaine and Bob Jackson	Oct. 8th
Pam and Terry Dougherty	Oct. 9th

## YARN

### You Are Ready to Needle...

We continue to knit and crochet prayer shawls and give them to those in need of comfort. Please contact us if you know of someone who is in need of one. Lorie Hartsig and Kathy Sheetz.



## SEWING CIRCLE

Amy Peoples

(Excerpts from the Sewing Circle Minutes)

The OVPC Sewing Circle met Wednesday, September 9th by way of Zoom. There were 15 in attendance and Pastor Terry. Marti wanted to tell the Circle that she has one extra Study Book if you need one. The meeting was opened by the Moderator, Elaine Smith at 1:10 PM. Pastor Terry has two readings from "Sweet Grass" and "Ambrose of Milan" followed by prayer. Elaine led us in a prayer of remembrance of 9/11. The Secretary's minutes for the June 10th Zoom meeting were approved as sent electronically. The Treasurer reported that the Limo/Lunch ladies donated \$560 to the Circle since they could not attend the Heavenly Luncheon. Amy sent a thank you note to each donor.

We were sad to hear of the passing of our former member Jane Sergison in Florida. Dave has asked that donations be given in her memory and earmarked for the Sewing Circle. He gave the Circle a generous donation. Remember.. checks made out for Circle should be made out to OVPC with Sewing Circle in the memo area. Dave's address in Florida is: 1533 4th Ave., Apt. 216, Bradenton, FL 34206.

The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1520. A report was filed for audit.

### OVPC Mission Committee

Marlene Quinn reported the the Mission Committee and the Princeton Support Team are using funds given to Pastor Terry over a three year period, as a start-up to build a Blessing Cupboard. It will be filled with food (non perishable) and clothing items that people in need can come and pick up when needed. Marlene made a motion, seconded by Lorie that the Sewing Circle support the concept of the cupboard. The Motion carried.

There was discussion about whether this would infringe on our giving to Pyle Center. It is thought not; advertising it, etc. All these questions will be answered in the OVPC newsletter and other venues from OVPC.

Herb Sheetz and his group are building the cupboard. Exact placement of the cupboard has yet to be determined.

### Session Update

Session has not yet met this month.

### Correspondence

A thank you note was read from Pastor Terry for his birthday gift.

### Enhanced Jumble

Chairwoman Gloria reported that it was decided that they will have to cancel the Jumble this year because of COVID 19. Since we are still easing into using the buildings at this time it was felt it was better to cancel. She thanked her committee and they will be ready for 2021. Elaine also thanked Gloria and her team.

(Sewing Circle continued)

#### Christmas Dinner

We still do not know whether we will be able to have the OVPC Christmas Dinner on December 4th. It is definite the AARP Choir will not be there. They are not doing concerts at this time. We still plan on collecting for The Way Home. Ellen explained The Way Home to the ladies. It is a worthwhile group that helps men and women just released from prison become acclimated with life on the outside and having them move on with dignity. She will contact them about their need and a list will be put in the newsletter and bulletin before December.

#### New Business

The Nominating Committee, Lorie Hartsig, Kathy Sheetz and Elaine Smith will be meeting to prepare the slate of officers for the 2021-2022 term. We need a Moderator and a Secretary.

It is hoped that we can meet in person on October 14th but we will wait and see. If we can meet in person we will also Zoom for those who would rather not be in crowds. We will alert Circle members what is decided. We will definitely not be eating so we will meet at 1:00PM for meeting and Bible Study.

We were reminded of the special Zoom Fellowship Hour, Sunday, Sep 13.

After the meeting we had Bible Study with Bev Bailey. We studied Chapter 1, "The Heart of Lament" from our new study book. We are asked to write a lament before the next Circle meeting. Sue Rizer volunteered to do the October prayer. Next month Chapter 2 will be led by Marti Sommer.

We closed with the Mizpah at 3:10PM.

## ENHANCED JUMBLE SALE - CANCELLED FOR 2020

### Gloria Bartholomew

As you all are aware, OVPC is beginning to reopen for services - slowly and carefully. And Governor Carney has Delaware in Phase 2 of reopening (with no date set for Phase 3). Our local towns have continued to postpone or cancel public events. So with all that in mind, the Women's Circle has recommended that the Enhanced Jumble Sale not occur this year. Sad and at the same time wise decision making.

In the meantime, PLEASE DO NOT bring jumble items to store anywhere at the church.

We can continue to pray for the development, efficacy, and distribution of a vaccine as soon as possible.

We can make our own chicken salad to eat.

And lastly, we can try to not add anymore COVID-19 pounds to our waistlines!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### FOCUS ON THE MATTHEW-25 INITIATIVE

Starting September 20th, during the Christian Ed hour, in conjunction with the Mission Committee, we will begin a five-week series focused on the PC(USA)'s initiative about MATTHEW-25. As in past weeks, these sessions will be conducted via Zoom; meeting details will be found in the church calendar and in the Sunday bulletin.

Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. To that end, PC(USA) has invited Synods, Presbyteries, and individual congregations to affirm their support — to be counted as a Matthew-25 group.

Over these several weeks, we will hear more about this Matthew-25 initiative — the context of the initiative and the three component parts:

SUNDAY	TOPIC
October 4th	This session will present the PC(USA) materials about <b>Dismantling Structural Racism</b> . Marlene Quinn will lead us.
October 18th	We will explore ways to <b>Eradicate Systemic Poverty</b> , led by Bev Bailey and Dale Smith
October 25th	Ending this series, we will discuss what Matthew-25 means to OVPC and likely next steps.

Much more information about the Matthew-25 initiative can be found online at:

[presbyterianmission.org/ministries/mathew-25](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/mathew-25)

It is expected that a recommendation “to be identified as a Matthew-25 Church” will be presented to Session in November.

By accepting this Matthew 25 invitation, OVPC can help our denomination become a more relevant presence in the world. We recognize Christ's urgent call to be a church of action, where God's love, justice and mercy shine forth and are contagious.

**Autumn is a second spring when  
every leaf's a flower.  
Albert Camus**



# ARE YOU EXPERIENCING PANDEMIC FATIGUE?



Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like . . .

- ISOLATION AND LONELINESS
- ANXIETY OVER HEALTH
- GRIEF DUE TO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF LOSSES
- TENSION FROM JUGGLING WORK, CHILDCARE, AND SCHOOLING
- FINANCIAL STRAIN OR JOB LOSS
- UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE
- OTHER UNEXPECTED LIFE CHALLENGES?



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call our church office.

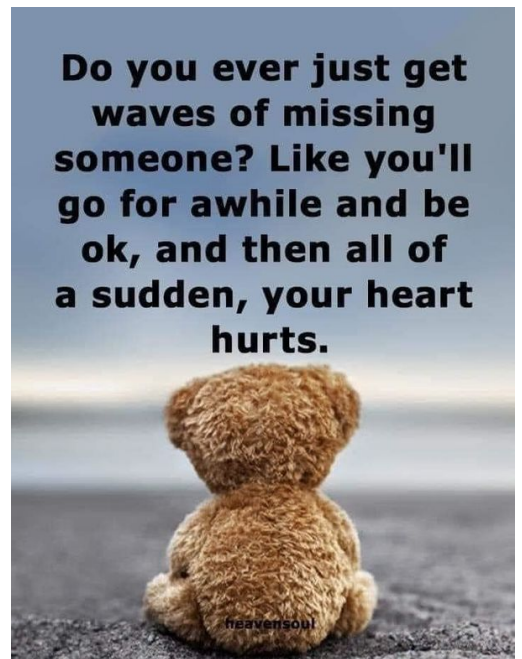
*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*  
Matthew 11:28



**FROM THE DESK OF****Tom Bentz**

**Praises be  
to, for, and from  
you and me,  
divinity in humanity,  
revival beyond survival,  
and a new beginning  
at - and after - the end . . .**

**<https://youtu.be/zCYoikGaI6U>**



## NEWS OF OVPC/WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN PARTNERSHIP IN MISSION

Bev Bailey

The Mission Committee wants to update members on our new partnership with Westminster Church (WPC) in Wilmington. In August, our Session approved a request to establish a partnership with the Mission Committee of WPC to support a ministry with Christian churches in Syria by applying for an Ignite grant from New Castle Presbytery. The grant was for \$18,500, and has been approved!! This grant along with \$1500 from Westminster and other sources will be used for emergency food relief to feed 60 Syrian families for 6 months. It is hoped that the program can begin in October.

OVPC Mission Committee is pleased to assist this feeding program and to also help provide emergency relief to families affected by the explosion in Beirut Lebanon, by adding over \$1,300 in private donations to the Westminster Mission Committee. With our help, and the assistance of Beth Shalom Synagogue, Westminster collected over \$4,100 for Beirut Relief. We look forward to continuing to help those in need as we work in this new partnership. If you have questions or comments, please talk with Dale Smith or Bev Bailey, Co-Chairs of Mission.

### **More on Mission---Assisting the Rev. Dr. Karla Koll**

As you know, OVPC has been supporting a PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker in San Jose, Costa Rica for the past 3 years. Our church would like to continue that support in the amount of \$1,250. During this time of COVID-19 the money that we send Karla supports her so that she can teach and work at the Latin America Biblical University. Karla and the committee have been emailing and she has kept us updated about the coronavirus in Costa Rica. All classes are now being taught virtually because so many of the students can't travel from their home countries. The school is holding on and trying to reach as many people as possible. I asked Karla if she would write a paragraph about her work and send us a picture of her teaching. This is what she has sent:

What difference can a theological education make? In the online classrooms of the Latin American Biblical University, women and men from many countries, cultures and Christian traditions reflect together on what it means to follow Jesus in Latin America and the Caribbean today. In the context of the COVID pandemic, more people have turned to theological studies in search of words of hope and new skills for the challenges of ministry. As a professor of theology and history, I accompany students as they explore their faith in Christ and prepare themselves to be agents of transformation in their churches and communities.

To support Dr. Koll's ministry in Costa Rica, please send a check in any amount to Ocean View Presbyterian Church (OVPC) and put Dr. Karla Koll In the Memo Line. Simply drop your check off in the church office, or mail it to OVPC, 67 Central Avenue, Ocean View, 19970. The Mission Committee thanks you for your support of our Mission Co-Worker.



## A LITTLE **n**udge

Elsie Young

I remember as a youngster my parents saying this is a little nudge to move you on. Sometimes to get us going on to another physical place and sometime to get busy on something with a deadline.

So . . . This is a nudge to move the Advent Devotional writers to move on. Depending upon when you read this, the due date for your writing may be twenty six days or less!

## EAGLE VISITORS

Lorie Hartsig

As the ospreys left the area to begin their long journeys south, I wondered aloud, "How would you have us spend, photograph and share our lives now, Lord?" Walking through our new town park we heard a chirping call not unlike the osprey cry and, looking up, we saw an eagle! He/she landed on one of the park trees and we were amazed! Jim quickly returned home for his camera and I waited on a park bench, knowing what our next photo adventure would be. Please enjoy these photos.....we see one or both eagles quite often as we walk this lovely new park.



## A QUIET PLACE

Beginning October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Sanctuary will be open from 6:00 until 6:30 PM. A quiet, holy space for personal contemplation.

It is our hope this will provide a refuge from the chaos of today and another opportunity to commune with God.

### **Self-Guided Meditation and Prayer (SGMP)**

#### **Guidelines for Attendees (Including Covid Protocols)**

**Welcome to our Sanctuary for this time of personal meditation and prayer. We hope this will be a special time for you.**

To keep everyone safe, the following are procedures to be used by all attendees:

- By entering the building attendees are agreeing to abide by all OVPC safety protocols.
- Park between temporary cones to allow for six feet social distancing.
- Upon leaving your vehicle, always wear a mask covering your nose and mouth and keep it on until you reenter your vehicle.
- When entering the sanctuary, please use the ramp, not the steps. Do not enter using the door by the organ.
- Practice social distancing **at all times**. (The only exception is when the usher takes your temperature.) The ramp leading to the front door and the sanctuary will be marked with six foot spacing.
- Upon entering the Narthex use the hand sanitizer provided.
- Usher will take the temperature of each attendee upon entering the Narthex.
- Sign in for contact tracing with your name and phone number (Narthex). Writing instruments will be disinfected after each use. Please deposit the used writing instrument in the container marked "used".
- Copies of next Sunday's scripture readings will be available for you as you enter the church.
- Pew seating will be marked with yellow decals for social distancing. Please sit only where there is a decal directly in front of you. Use the center aisle to reach your seat. Only couples from the same family can sit together where two seats are marked. Singles can choose any marked seat, including using one of two marked seats.
- You may leave at any time. Please use the center aisle to exit through the back door (by the organ). Please use the hand sanitizer as you leave.



## THE NEARLY NEW THRIFT SHOP

Bob Wolf

In 2006 a plan was hatched to transform the Fellowship Hall and Sunday School building at Frankford Presbyterian Church into a thrift store to benefit not only the church but the community at large. Always wanting to continue to serve the community and raise money for mission, the membership of the church found it continually more difficult to continue fund raising as they had in the past with yard sales and community dinners so the idea of the thrift store was born. Still run by one of the founding members, Peggy Schaffer, the store is a blessing to the community and has now become the sole source of income for the church that continues to maintain Sunday services despite a small congregation. The store offers clothing for all, some brand new, as well as furniture, decorations, books, games and puzzles – not to mention the kitchen gadgets and glassware! Looking for something? Come in and ask for it – if they don't have it, they will tell you to check next week – the often-fulfilled belief is that God hears the requests and before long someone donates exactly what is needed.

Staffed by a small but faithful crew, every donation is sorted, inspected and priced for sale. The attic serves as the warehouse for items waiting to make their way to the main sales floor. Very little goes to waste at the store. Clothing that is stained is taken home and washed by one of the volunteers to see if it can be saved – towels and blankets not fit for sale are taken to the SPCA for the animals, items are saved for Purple Heart, and all clothing not fit for sale are taken to ACTS where they will be shipped to the Midwest to be recycled. At the end of each season (Spring/Summer, Fall/Winter) all remaining clothes on the racks are donated to Joseph House in Salisbury, a non-profit organization helping the poor and homeless. They also serve the community by offering a place where those needing to complete community service hours can work off their debt.

The thrift store is open on Friday from 9 to 5 and Saturday from 9 to 1. Volunteers are always welcomed (and needed) during those hours – no need to get on a schedule – just show up and you will be put to work – for an hour or for an entire shift. It's a wonderful way to meet some new friends, help a fellow congregation, and serve the community. Donations are accepted during store hours.







## Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery

### Food Kits Highlighted in PC(USA) Article

This week, the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) published an article about our Emergency Food Kit initiative, providing national exposure. The Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery has been working seamlessly with in-country partners CEDEPCA and the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development to provide emergency food assistance to families left even more vulnerable by the pandemic. Without these partnerships, this undertaking would not be possible.

Since launching this initiative in May, we have received an unprecedented level of support (from YOU!) that quickly surpassed our original goal. As of today, we have sent funds to Guatemala for **400 food kits** — enough to **feed 2,000 people** for a month. We are truly grateful for those of you, individuals and churches alike, who have contributed to this campaign. [Watch deliveries in action!](#)

COVID-19 will continue to exacerbate already high levels of chronic malnutrition and food insecurity in rural Guatemala. Our work to address this critical need will not falter, and deliveries of food kits will be ongoing. Please support our efforts by making a gift, spreading the word, and lifting up our Guatemalan friends in prayer. Thank you!

## Hundreds of Guatemalan families receive emergency food assistance

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### New Castle Presbytery and Guatemalan partners collaborate to supply enough kits to feed more than 400 families for a month

by Chris Hickey of the Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery | Special to Presbyterian News Service



Emergency food kits are delivered to families in rural Guatemala. (Photo by CEDEPCA)

WILMINGTON, Delaware — As in the U.S., COVID-19 has caused a huge disruption in the lives of families in Guatemala, resulting in lives lost, jobs vanished and plans put on hold. The Western Highlands, where the [Association of Mam Christian Women for Development](#) is headquartered, has been hit especially hard because of widespread poverty and nearly nonexistent health systems. As a result, high levels of chronic malnutrition and food insecurity in rural Guatemala persist.

When the first impacts of COVID-19 were felt, [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance \(PDA\)](#) sent an immediate grant to the [Protestant Center for Pastoral](#)

## STORM CLEANUP

Lisa Chase

Hello good and faithful friends,

There are still areas in Central Delaware that need Debris Clean-up from Tropical Storm ISAIAS. Lisa Chase (Candidate – PCUSA) is trying to get a list together of able-bodied and willing volunteers in our Presbytery, both men and women, who can handle chainsaws, saws, rakes, clippers, etc., to help residents/renters/property owners who are unable to address the work because 1) they are elderly, 2) infirm or disabled and/or 3) lack the financial resources to hire outside vendors to chop up, cut down trees, debris, etc.



Each volunteer will be required to sign liability release forms from the property owner and the group that is organizing the clean-up. Right now, Lisa will be the point of contact for any volunteers who are able to meet this need. She can be reached at 302-736-7021 or [lchase@dover.de.us](mailto:lchase@dover.de.us).



Photo by Lorie Hartsig



Ray Keeney giving the flag pole a fresh coat of paint.



## CROP WALK

Bob Doherty

Because of Covid 19 the 32nd annual S/E Sussex Crop Walk is being held at Our Lady of Guadalupe R.C. Church in Roxanna instead of Bethany Beach on Sunday Oct. 18th starting at 3:30 with registration and step off at 4:00pm. It will be a short walk around the parking lot, social distancing and masks will be required. Those who would prefer not to walk as a group can

pick your own time and place.

If you decide to walk, ask your friends and family to sponsor you by making a donation online by going on ovpc web page and clicking on the crop link or have them write a check made out to cws/crop. If they write a check please ask them to give it to you by the 18th.

The money raised by the walks is used by Church World Services (C.W.S.) to support the missions both here at home and around the world. Over 85% of the money raised goes to fund their missions. 25% of the walk's grand total will stay local and are equally shared by the churches that have food pantries.

If you are willing to support the walk by walking or donating please let me know.

You can reach me by calling me 5376442 or [robreet@gmail.com](mailto:robreet@gmail.com)

Please remember any checks you receive give to me or turn them in at the church office so we get credit for them.

Last year OVPC and friends raised \$5140.

Thank You

**CROP= Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty**

**This isn't the mask you wore  
to school this morning.**



**No, this one is way cooler.  
I traded mine to Taylor  
who traded with Hunter.**



## A WORK IN PROGRESS . . .

Kathy Sheetz

Construction has begun on an exciting new project for OVPC. A pantry / cupboard for non-perishable items will be placed on our church campus for the food insecure of our community. Very soon we'll be able to donate items to fill the shelves. Thanks to Jim, Bob, Marlene, Mike & Herb for their continued labors.



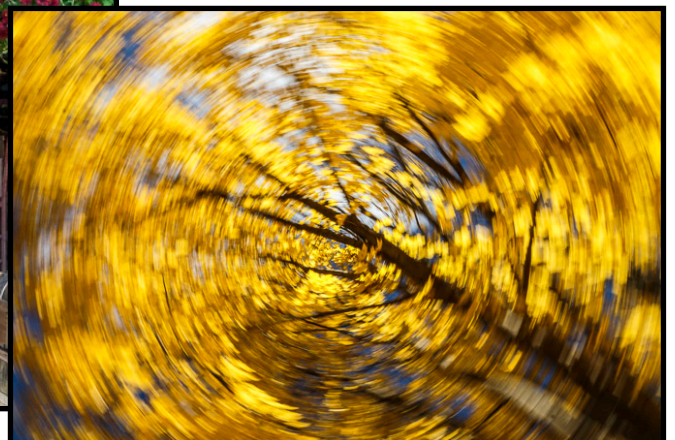


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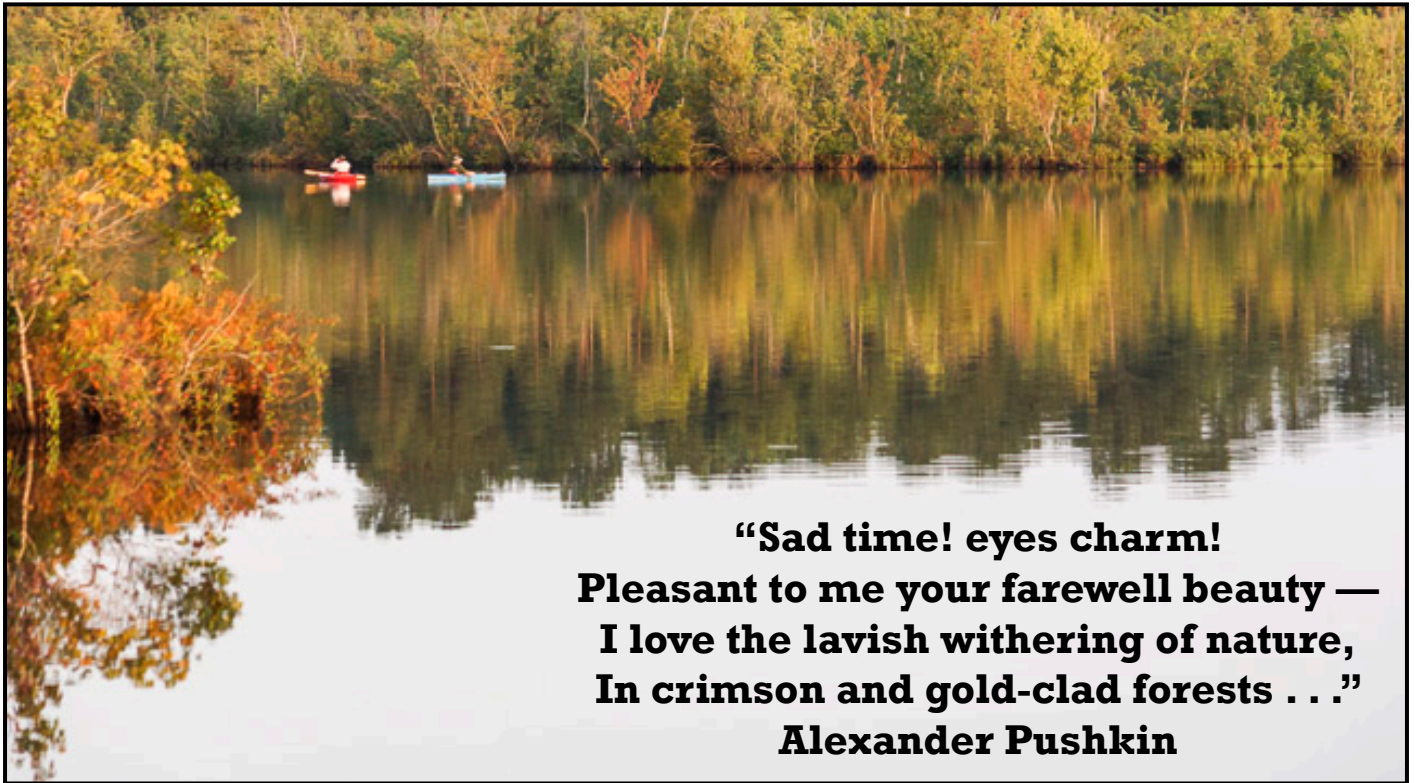
## PHOTOGENIC

Lorie and Jim Hartsig

**Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile.**  
**William Cullen Bryant**







**“Sad time! eyes charm!  
Pleasant to me your farewell beauty —  
I love the lavish withering of nature,  
In crimson and gold-clad forests . . .”  
Alexander Pushkin**

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