



# Ocean Views

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOVEMBER 2022



## From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty

*Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good!! God's faithful love endures forever!! (Ps. 107: 1)*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we enter November, with Thanksgiving and Advent and Christmas all hovering into view on the sea horizon of my consciousness, parts of me sometimes feel tired. It's been a busy few months, as I have had a lot of commitments all collide – but they are all good. Good for me, and, I earnestly pray, good for others. But, once again, I find myself chained to my desk – or just feeling that way – too often. The good thing – the very good thing, which many of you have helped me with – is that I exercise the self-awareness to do about that what I need to do. What I need, myself, is to take enough distance to get things in perspective, to allow me to stop **meddling** (which does not always result in anything good), to allow my senses to work and my mind to stop taking up more than its share of space. Since you know me, you know that means getting outside; it often means my car isn't here because I need not to be.

I've gone to be re-acquainted with all the things I am grateful for; and they are many indeed. Here and now, I want to say I'm grateful for you. You bear with me, and my mistakes, and my shortcomings, with grace and love. I seek to do the same, and the realization that we are all small things on the earth helps me to do that, to let go and to let God have God's way with me and my universe. Here's a poem (you knew that was coming, didn't you?) by Jacob Griffin Hall; it's called *What Now*:

*The roads have closed for flooding.*

*The rows of cars are marbled in a mist.*

*Watching gulls dive-bomb*

*the waves behind the pier, the only thing*

*that's left for me is gratitude.*

*Thank you for this.*

*Thank you for the landscape*

*that's not yet turned to dust,*

*the wet gusts filled with clumsy birds  
and hints of sunlight,  
and me, soaking wet as well,  
allowed by the grace  
of what flesh  
to watch.*

Thank you, my Lord, for the great out of doors, and for the people in my life, and for the work of my hands. Thank you, for OVPC and its lovely people. Thank you for this and every day. Amen.

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; as members of one collected people you've been called to peace. More than that! Be thankful! Let Christ's message live, and live abundantly, amongst you, while you teach, and even dare to correct one another, using the wisdom of psalms, and hymns, and songs guided and given by the spirit. Sing to God, with grateful hearts (Colossians 3: 15-16, my paraphrase)*

...as do the birds of the air and the animals of the fields.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Terry

**“IN NOVEMBER, THE TREES ARE  
STANDING ALL STICKS AND BONES.  
WITHOUT THEIR LEAVES, HOW LOVELY  
THEY ARE, SPREADING THEIR ARMS  
LIKE DANCERS. THEY KNOW IT IS TIME  
TO BE STILL.”**

**CYNTHIA RYLANT**

## **Ocean View Presbyterian Church**

67 Central Avenue  
Ocean View, DE  
19970

Service  
Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

Pastor  
Terry Dougherty

**Church Office**  
302-539-3455

Website  
ovpc.org

Session  
Bev Bailey  
Marlene Quinn  
Mike Read  
Bob Wolf  
Ray Keeney  
Ollie Robling  
(Clerk of Session)

Deacons  
Gloria Bartholomew  
Joni Keller  
Charlie O'Neill  
Mike Quinn  
Sue Sigvardson  
Kristina Taylor

**Newsletter Editors**  
Lorie and Jim Hartsig

# Session Report

## Ollie Robling

**Monday, October 10, 2022**

Attending: Rev. Terry Dougherty, Bob Wolf, Mike Read, Marlene Quinn, Bev Bailey, Ray Keeney, Ollie Robling (Clerk of Session). Guests Mike Quinn (Mission Committee)

The meeting was opened by moderator Pastor Terry Dougherty at 7:02pm with devotion and prayer.

Mike Quinn presented what happened in 2022 with the Mission Committee and what was planned for 2023. Mike distributed a Mission Matrix as of 3/27/2022. The Mission Committee will be updating its job description and submitting it to the Session for approval.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Elaine Wolf not being present, Bob Wolf discussed the Reconciliation Notes from the Finance Committee's Report to Session.

No other questions were raised.

MOTION passed to accept the September Financial Report and the Treasurers Report.

### CLERK'S REPORT

MOTION passed to approve the docket for this meeting.

MOTION passed to accept the Session minutes of September 12 as amended.

Correspondence received so far in October: 6 e-mails from Donna Scully, PC(USA) and the New Castle Presbytery

Liturgists for November : Ray and Marlene

Next Session Meeting: November 14, 2022, 7:00 PM at Fellowship Center

Changes to the Roll:

Deaths: none

Funerals: none

Baptisms: none

Marriages: none

Gain/Loss of Members: none

Year to Date Membership: 92

MOTION passed to approve the Clerk's Report.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

A written report was received from Pastor Terry. Marlene questioned whether the Deacons should contact shut-ins on their Shepherd's List to see if they want home communion and if an Elder should accompany Pastor Terry to serve the communion.

A question was raised about holding meetings with all Committees attending, several times per year. A question was raised if the Frankford hunger program should be given over to the Mission Committee.

### NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Ray Keeney's suggested changes to the format of the Session meetings occurred. It was agreed that the Liaisons would give their Committees a copy of Ray's Committee Meeting Template to see if it would be helpful to them in structuring their meetings.

Marlene gave Session a "heads up" that she will not be the Presbytery Commissioner next year. This will be an Elder elected in December.

### OLD BUSINESS

Implementation of the New Member Orientation classes will be assigned to the Christian Ed Committee. These sessions to be held quarterly with both new and existing members welcome.

### SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special Project #2-2021 Mission Committee –The Labyrinth Project – The next meeting will be held on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm to talk about benches and final touches on the Labyrinth which will include plans for current maintenance and an ongoing Maintenance Program. Construction of the Labyrinth came in \$2000 under budget.

Special Project #4-2021 Com/Tech – we are now able to play music in the Sanctuary from the computer.

Special Project #6: Grounds Committee - Paving parking lot – Our design engineer has another plan for the work, but it will have to meet with the approval of Ken Cimino from the town of Ocean View.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:53pm by Pastor Terry Dougherty.

Respectfully submitted,

Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session



# Deacons

## Kristina Taylor

Southern Delaware Education Foundation  
SDEF

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” – Benjamin Franklin

November's Deacon Mission is the **Southern Delaware Education Foundation (“SDEF”)**. This non-profit corporation was formed in 2016. Our friend and church member Bruce Hobler was kind enough to speak with me about the importance of this organization. After sharing a pamphlet from the organization, Bruce shared how **SDEF** provides scholarships to qualified low-income individuals in Sussex County for workforce development program education.

Qualified participants/students are responsible for 25% of the cost of their certificate programs which include important fields such as: medical/dental, environmental, early childhood and more. **SDEF** depends on donations from organizations to fund these scholarships. In addition, **SDEF** offers two major fundraisers during the year. These scholarship opportunities provide people in Sussex County a chance to better themselves and our community through education.

During **November**, please consider donating to **Southern Delaware Education Foundation**, the November Deacon Mission and help those who are looking to better their lives and the community. Hand-labeled envelopes for **SDEF** will be available in the Sanctuary and if enclosing a check, please note **SDEF** on the check memo line.



OVPC Deacon Mission

Southern Delaware Education Foundation  
SDEF

Workplace education and  
professional certification scholarships

# Deacons

## Kristina Taylor



September 17, 2022

Ocean View Presbyterian Church  
67 Central Ave  
Ocean View, DE 19970-9315

Dear Friends of OSTD,

On behalf of Operation SEAs The Day, Inc., we wish to express our appreciation for your generous donation of \$1,015.00..

Your donation will help us continue our mission and help us serve those who have selflessly served and sacrificed for us!

We have received some comments from our VIFs who attended the 2022 Warrior Beach Week we thought you might enjoy:

*"We appreciate everything you have done for us. You have been true angels to our family this week. Words cannot express our gratitude. We have met the most considerate, unselfish loving hearted people. Awesome community that has given so much of themselves in thanks to wounded veterans and their families."*

*"Our lives looked completely different before our arrival to Bethany. We were overwhelmed, stressed, and frustrated – feeling alone and lost..... Thank you for your generosity. I used this time to reflect on my service---- the good, the bad, and in between. I never thought people would thank me for my service. And for that I THANK you! My family THANKS you!"*

*"This week has been beautiful. We are so thankful for the love we have felt all week. We are going home with a grateful heart full of peace, love, and gratitude. This is the most loving and kind community we have ever seen. Thank you for all you do, you are doing so much more than we could ever express."*

*".... Incredible trip to the beach! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The generosity and all the endless love shown by this community has been truly inspirational and unforgettable.... Relaxing and getting away from reality of everyday ..... THANK YOU for being a part of this healing for us."*

*"... Staying in your home helped my husband (and I) relax, rest, and connect with other Warriors ..... The people here are so nice, and Patriotic ... we were in the parade, and it brought my husband and I to tears. We never received a Welcome after coming home from our service."*

We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Chris Ross

Operation SEAs The Day (email me at [cross21114@aol.com](mailto:cross21114@aol.com) if you have questions.

*Operation SEAs The Day did not provide any goods or services, in whole or in part, for the donation received. This acknowledgement of your 2022 contribution is provided pursuant to Section 170(f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code.*

*Operation SEAs The Day is organized and operated as a 501(c)(3) public charity. All donations are tax-deductible. The primary purpose of Operation SEAs The Day is to support wounded active duty and veteran military service members and their families through various activities, including, but not limited to, organizing donated local beach homes and facilitating an annual "beach week" and other events as a gesture of appreciation for their service and sacrifice. Please save this letter for your income tax records.*

**P. O. Box 811, Bethany Beach, DE 19930**

**[www.operationseastheday.org](http://www.operationseastheday.org)**



## Deacons

Kristina Taylor and Gloria Bartholomew

*We Deacons are making progress!  
We will be transferring \$4,000 to  
SERCAP from the Milford  
Housing Dev. Corp. funds.*

Founded in 1969 SERCAP improves the quality of life in rural communities (in multiple states) and for low-income individuals to access clean, safe drinking water, environmentally sound wastewater treatment systems, and affordable housing improvements to keep them warm, safe and dry.



**Southeast Rural Community  
Assistance Project, Inc**

SERCAP has low-interest loans and grants available to:

- construct, refurbish or replace individual water/well systems or septic systems (loan at 1% interest; maximum \$15,000; for 5-10 years),

OR

- home improvements (3-6% interest loans for ramps, roof repairs, etc. up to \$15,000; up to 10 years).

General Requirements for using OVPC's grant include:

- Residence (not new construction) must be in Sussex County DE and be lived in within the recent 12 months.
- Applicants must own (or provide recorded Lifetime Rights) and occupy the home being improved.
- Household income may not exceed the state median income limit (in Delaware based on US Housing and Urban Development guidelines is \$83,000).
- Application fees and Origination Fees in Closing Costs (can be included in loan amount) but a separate Credit Report fee is due in advance.
- At least 2 licensed/insured contractors' estimates are usual. An inspection of the final work by SERCAP office, and a Certificate of Satisfaction is completed by the homeowner is used prior to distributing final contractor's fees.
- SERCAP to decide how to distribute funds, fully administer the grant, and provide a report on the use of OVPC's grant.

Frequently asked for information:

SERCAP is rated as a 501(c)(3). It has been given a rating by Navigator of 97 as “give with confidence” organization, that includes the following information: FY2020 98.9% of expenses are related to the program, vs administrative. Only 19% of their expenses are related to these 2 specific loan and grants programs. No portion of OVPC’s grant donation will be used for administrative expenses.

Although they have an office in Frankford, OVPC would be dealing with their representatives in Roanoke, VA. They will provide a summary of how our grant money of \$4,000 was used. It could make a difference in an individual being able to qualify for a loan/grant just in fees related to a need. In future years if OVPC Deacons decide to include SERCAP as a Monthly Mission, we could add funds for another grant.

Finally, this program is so specifically well-matched to the intention that the Milford Housing Development Corporation (MHDC) funds were given, that the Board of Deacons are pleased to offer disbursement of those particular funds in grant form to SERCAP. We hope this non-profit will be a blessing to our Sussex County homeowners – in a new way that OVPC’s “ramp builders” meant their help to be used.

## Quarterly Financial Report

Bob Clark

**Year to date for the period ending September 30, 2022**

Below is the year to date income and expenses for OVPC.

Income:	\$142,727
Salaries and expenses paid:	\$151,850
Deficit or Surplus:	(\$9,123)
Money on hand at the end of the period:	\$15,746

Contact Bob Clark if you have any comments or questions.



Randy Bartholomew  
Dave Sergison  
Karen Colwill  
Kerry Shull  
Sandra Gayle  
Bob Clark  
Charles O'Neill  
Marti Sommer  
Tom Bentz  
Bill Kester

Nov. 6th  
Nov. 10th  
Nov. 14th  
Nov. 14th  
Nov. 15th  
Nov. 16th  
Nov. 16th  
Nov. 16th  
Nov. 20th  
Nov. 20th

Joni and Ray Keller

Nov. 24th

Turn the clocks back

Remember to move  
your clocks  
back one  
hour.



November 6th



**YARN** meets in Fellowship Center  
on Monday, November 7th at 10am.

# Sewing Circle

Lorie Hartsig

WOMEN'S SEWING CIRCLE October 12, 2022

**SHAPED BY GOD, WE LOVE and SERVE**

The meeting followed dessert served by Jen Read and Marlene Quinn. The blessing and meditation was given by Pastor Terry.

Marti Sommer moderated the meeting and opened with prayer.

Eight members were present.

The Purpose was recited and October birthdays were recognized.

## REPORTS

The **Secretary's** minutes were approved as corrected.

The **Treasurer's** report was read and approved. Closing balance at end of September was \$9,380.69.

**Circle Mission-** Lorie reported that the annual meeting will be held on November 8 at 2pm in Fellowship Center. All are welcome to attend. It is at this important meeting that disbursement of funds to charitable organizations is discussed and prepared to take to Circle for approval.

**Session** report was given by Marlene Quinn, Elder **Correspondence** - Lorie reported that Giant Food will give us one dollar from every

Blooming for Good bunch of flowers bought during the November campaign.

**Mission Committee-** Marlene reminded us that once again an Alternative Gift Market will take place on the two Sundays of December and during the Nativity Festival if held.

**Sunshine-** Marie brought a number of Halloween cards to those women no longer living in the area to be signed by Circle members.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Sharing Pantry-** There was a short discussion regarding buying food from another source and eliminating the paperwork involved when food is placed in the SP.

Circle representative to the OVPC Nominating Committee is Bev Bailey and her alternate is Kathy Sheetz. Marti said that she will stay on as treasurer for one more year.

**Thank Offering-** will be held on November 13th and will be announced on November 6th. Donations will be placed in labeled envelopes in the pew holders.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** will be held on November 22. Bread makers for this event are Ellen, Jen, Lorie, Marti, Sandy, Susie, Bev and Kathy.

**CROP Walk** is this Sunday (16th) at 2:30pm at Our Lady Church.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Pot Luck Christmas dinner** will be held December 2 at 6 pm with entertainment by the AARP Chorus. They will join us for dinner.

We will ask Kathy Sheetz to check with local schools to check on adopting families for Christmas. Kathy was not in attendance today.

Next meeting is November 9. Marti will lead Bible Study. Sue Baer and Sue Sigvardson will be hostesses.

**MITZPAH** May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another.



**Bloomin' 4 Good Program**



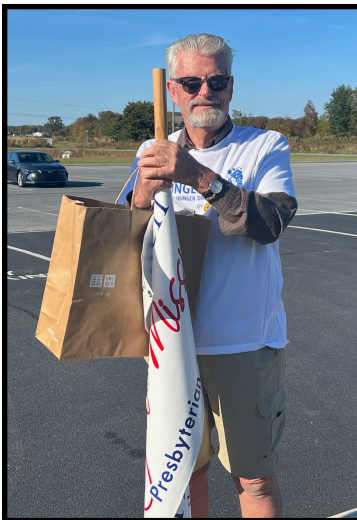
**Welcome back!**  
**Ocean View Presbyterian Church**  
**Sharing Pantry** has been selected  
to receive \$1 from every Bloomin' 4  
Good bouquet sold **during the**  
**month of**  
**November 2022 at:**

**Giant Food**  
**38069 Town Center Drive, Millville**  
**DE**



# Crop Walk

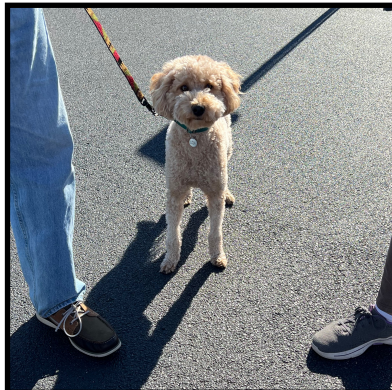
## Bob Doherty



The Crop Walk was held on Sunday, October 16th at Our Lady of Guadalupe RC Church parking lot. We could not have picked a better day, the weather was perfect.

OVPC had twenty two people walking behind its banner, twenty members, two guests and one puppy. We raised \$2,120 cash and checks, \$1425 online for a total of \$3,545.

I will give a full report when I get the final results. In the meantime I just want to thank everyone who supported the walk.





# Advent Times of Prayer

## Bill Colwill

### “Souls Matter”

Sharing and praying in our OVPC Sanctuary, 6:00 to 6:20 pm.

December 1st

December 8th

December 15th

December 22nd



Luke 1:45 - “And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord’”

Advent Times of Prayer provide a unique opportunity to engage with the Advent season: to embrace the concerns of our church family while providing a space for each of us to reach out to Christ.

Please join us.

(Bill Colwill for any questions – 717 870 5186)



## New Church Directory Errors

Please update your new church directory with the following corrections:

Marie Waehler: email address should read: **oceana0806@gmail.com**

**Hartsig**, Jim and Lorie: Last name is missing.

Sergison, David: 1533 4th Avenue **West**, Apt 216, Bradenton, FL 34205-**5913**

Please review your data in the directory – and perhaps the data of those with whom you keep in touch – for accuracy. If you find mistakes, please email Diane at the office with the corrections.

# Recipe

## Bob and Elaine Jackson



Recently, Marlene Quinn and I were chatting about favorite potluck recipes. She said that one of her all-time favorites was Elaine Jackson's sweet potato and apple dish. So, I immediately sent off a letter to Elaine and Bob and received his reply. He and Elaine searched through their recipes and lo and behold, they found the recipe! I plan to make this for Thanksgiving to share with my family in PA.

Marie Waehler

### **SWEET POTATOES AND APPLES CASSEROLE**

Courtesy of Elaine and Bob Jackson

#### Ingredients:

8 large sweet potatoes, boiled, peeled, and cut into 1/2-inch slices

4 large, tart apples, peeled, cored, and cut into 1/4-inch slices

3/4 cup brown sugar, packed

1/2 cup butter or margarine

1 Tablespoon grated orange peel

3/4 cup orange juice

1/3 cup maple syrup

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350-degrees F. Lightly grease a 13x9x2-inch baking dish.

Alternate potato and apple slices in an overlapping fashion in the dish. In a small saucepan, stir brown sugar and butter until melted. Add the rest of the ingredients and bring to a boil, stirring until smooth. Pour sauce over potatoes and apples.

Bake uncovered for 40 minutes until glazed.

# Supporting Guatemalan Young Moms... right here at home!

While the majority of our work focuses on partners and projects in Guatemala, we have made a special effort this past year to connect with the local Guatemalan community in Southern Chester County, PA. Just over the Delaware line, the Guatemalan population has been steadily growing due to employment opportunities in the region's mushroom industry. Kennett Square (aka *The Mushroom Capital of the World*) and surrounding towns produce more than half of the nation's mushroom crops.

We quickly discovered a top-notch organization called [YoungMoms](#) that inspires and equips pregnant and parenting young women under the age of 21. YoungMoms offers a comprehensive support program which empowers participants to complete their education, obtain vocational training, become financially secure, and achieve goals that improve their lives and the lives of their children. Currently, 64% of these young moms are from Guatemala.

In addition to monetary donations, the Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery has supported YoungMoms in creative ways (see photos above). We recently hosted a personalized chocolate tasting for the mothers, brought back a dozen [sábanas](#) from Guatemala for new mothers to use, and provided dinner for 70 people during their September Club Nights. (Twice a month, young moms gather for Club Night to share a meal, get to know one another, and learn a new skill such as infant CPR, personal budgeting, or how to properly install a car seat.) And one of our steering committee members is even volunteering as a mentor.

The Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery looks forward to strengthening this new partnership with YoungMoms and discovering additional ways to connect with and support Guatemalans in our local communities. If you are interested in supporting [YoungMoms](#) please do! You can learn more about volunteer opportunities or ways to give [on their website](#). Thanks so much!



# Rwanda Joy

Sue Rizer

RwandaJOY is now six years old. It was established by Boyd Edmondson and Sue Rizer with the mission to help Rwandan young people get educations to get out of poverty. We now have a board in Pennsylvania and in Rwanda to oversee this process. We have graduated 37 total students 16 from university, 17 from secondary school and 4 from technical school. At the current time we have 28 university, 48 secondary and 8 primary for a total of 84.

We are a total volunteer organization with all of the money donated going to students.

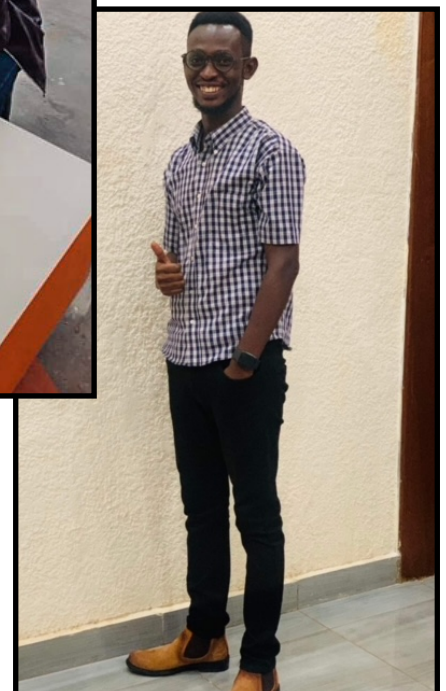
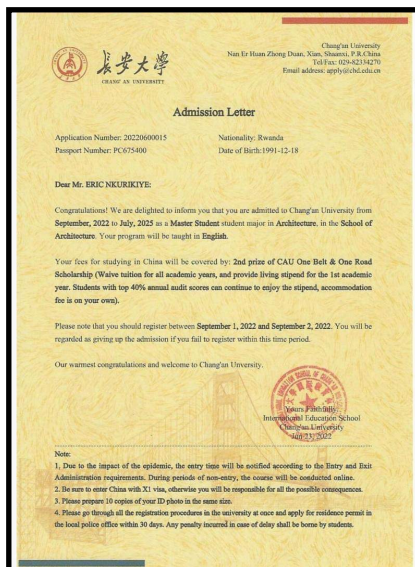
You can visit our website at [RwandaJOY.org](http://RwandaJOY.org) to learn more about us. You can donate at the website or mail donations to :

RwandaJOY

Box 540

Marienville PA 16239

The following pictures are of one of our students Eric. Eric learned English including speaking, reading and writing in English only 7 years ago. He started his university studies for architecture in Uganda 6 years ago and after his first year was invited to study in China. He has graduated with honors and the Chinese government has offered him a scholarship for his masters degree.







## From Sussex County Officials

Sussex County officials this week alerted the public about a new round of fictitious calls being made, this time with a scammer purporting to represent the County Constable's Office.

The caller, officials said, poses as a constable, telling the victim an arrest warrant has been issued, but will be canceled in exchange for money. A similar scam occurred in June, with a caller claiming to be a Kent County sheriff's deputy.

Sussex County officials reminded the public that employees do not solicit citizens by telephone or email to collect funds, fines or fees. Additionally, contact by the Constable's Office and other departments will be made by mail or in person whenever notices of violations or other official County documents must be served to citizens.

To assist the public, the County provided tips to anyone who receives a suspicious solicitation, either by telephone, text or email:

- Try to obtain the caller's name, a physical address and a telephone number, if possible, as well as the name of the organization represented. In the case of texts or email, avoid clicking links or opening attachments to any message.
- Do not give sensitive or personal identifying information, such as Social Security numbers, bank account numbers, passwords, addresses or dates of birth.
- Do not give any money, and do not agree to any terms or conditions.
- Hang up/delete the message, and directly contact the agency in question to verify claims.
- Contact local law enforcement to report any suspected scam.

Extracted from the Coastal Point, October 13, 2022

**LET GRATITUDE BE THE PILLOW UPON WHICH YOU  
KNEEL TO SAY YOUR NIGHTLY PRAYERS.**

**MAYA ANGELOU**

## Photogenic



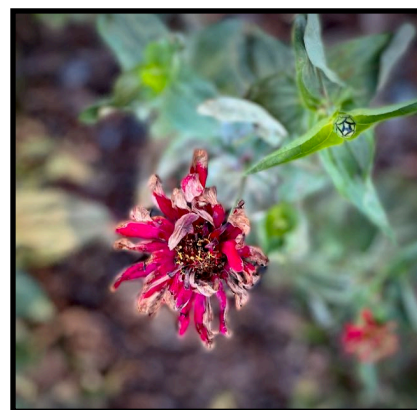
Tom and Lenore Bentz on vacation with goats in Heidiland.

### LEAF

TEACH ME TO FALL

ON THE INDIFFERENT EARTH

ANNA KAMIENSKI





## Photogenic

Lorie and Jim Hartsig

Forest creatures at the  
Delaware Botanic  
Gardens







Join us for dinner and a movie on **Friday November 4th** at the Wolf's house – We will enjoy fellowship and a potluck meal starting at 5:30 and we'll get the movie going around 7:00. If you would like to bring something to share that's great but don't worry if you can't – you are still more than welcome!

This month's feature will be 'The Two Popes' starring Anthony Hopkins and Jonathon Pryce.

An intimate story of one of the most dramatic transitions of power in the last 2,000 years. Frustrated with the direction of the church, Cardinal Bergoglio (Jonathan Pryce) requests permission to retire in 2012 from Pope Benedict (Anthony Hopkins). Instead, facing scandal and self-doubt, the introspective Pope Benedict summons his harshest critic and future successor to Rome to reveal a secret that would shake the foundations of the Catholic Church. Behind Vatican walls, a struggle commences between both tradition and progress, guilt and forgiveness, as these two very different men confront their pasts in order to find common ground and forge a future for a billion followers around the world. Inspired by true events.

[SEE A CLIP OF THE MOVIE HERE](#)

If you have any suggestions for a movie you would like to see for movie night, please let Bob or Elaine know and we'll do our best to make it happen!

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