



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 2019



From the Pastor Terry Dougherty

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving (Col. 2: 6-7).

Welcome to February, dear friends in Christ! We are not in a territory with an abundance of hibernating animals, but this is when they do; withdrawing from difficulty in order to just *be*. My word to you right now? Breathe. Just breathe.

I look back to the service of remembrance of baptism, to the feeling you all brought to the sanctuary that day. We drew back from the cold and snow and rain, and were simply together, one faithful body. We were restored and renewed by the Holy Spirit; we were quiet and we were happy. We were fulfilled, even as we put aside striving. We were affirmed, in all our variety, in all our success and all our failure, as beloved children of God; here and now, as we are - not when we have finally crossed off all the items on a list!

When God created the heavens and the earth, the seas and the dry land, the fish and the animals - and us; when God had finished the Genesis list: God rested. Bear in mind, God never tires! God is infinite in power, infinite in wisdom, infinite in capacity and ability. Yet, God rests. God did not cease for any purpose, but God did cease for a reason: delight. Because God delights, and because we are made in the image of God, delight is appropriate for us, as well. Delight is what God, Adam and Eve all participated in together, walking around in Eden; and it was good.

One of the consequences of the Fall, the first human turning away from God which is reprised in all our lives, is that we are not tireless. We run down, we falter, and in fact we will die. We, and all the universe, are unwilling participants in that radical uncoupling from our creator. We participate, as well, in entropy - for as long as we avoid the renewal that only God can give. God gives that renewal by the Spirit, and does so at God's own pleasure: thanks be to God, that pleasure is still a pleasure in us! God's long plan for us is for our good, and for the good of all creation; a reconciliation and renewal for our sake. The end will be as the beginning: mutual

delight, without end. The heaviness of striving will be lifted from us at the last.

Yet, when we say “recreation”, or “pastime”, or “play”, we are apt in the same breath to denigrate these things as secondary, or even meaningless. The truth is, recreation is restoration. It rebuilds faculties and facilities of our whole person we don’t realize we have badly neglected (yours truly, for instance, *needs to exercise!*).

*Do not let anyone [including yourself!] **disqualify you** , insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling in visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head - from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God! (Colossians 2: 16-19)*

As with the church, so with our individual bodies and selves; the growth is from without, by the agency of God in Christ, through the Spirit. As Paul might have put it today, “Relax, for cryin’ out loud!”

“Christian life does not imply the exclusion of profound human values, but challenges us to integrate all aspects of life into a single dedication to God. Hard working, responsible Christians strive for excellence; their efforts Need to be valued as both humanly and spiritually significant. Within a total vision of human fulfillment, work must be complemented by leisure.” (Leonard Doohan, *Leisure*, p. 54, edited)

Walter Brueggemann says “Sabbath provides a visible testimony that God is at the center of human life - that human production and consumption take place in a world ordered, blessed and restrained by the God of all creation”. Many of us take our time away at this time of year; please, relax and enjoy. Engage fully in what Theresa of Avila called “the prayer of the rest of the faculties” - that time when we stop our spiritual (and, let’s be honest, intellectual) striving for perfection. Resting, instead, against God, and against God’s good gifts of time and place, we recognize that we are spent. Burrow into that; there’s time enough to take it all up again, to rejoin the procession. God, by the infilling work of the Holy Spirit, can and will restore us. God can and will do this *without our help*.

Let go, dear friends, and let God. Be blessed in that, while winds howl and the earth goes on turning. *“Those who enter God’s rest also cease from their labors - as God did from God’s own” (Hebrews 4: 10).*

In Christ, Pastor Terry

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OVPC Minute from Session - January 14, 2019

The Session of OVPC met on Monday, January 14, 2019, in Fellowship Center.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 7:06 P.M.

Orders of the Day:

Finance Committee Liaison, Bob Clark, distributed and reviewed the proposed OVPC 2019 Budget.

Cemetery Committee **MOTION** made and passed to add \$1,500.00 to the Repairs and Maintenance budget to cover mowing the church's common grounds.

MOTION made and passed to approve the 2019 OVPC Budget as presented.

The Approved 2019 OVPC Budget will be part of the Annual Report presented to our members at the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 4, 2019.

MOTION passed to approve the December 2018 Financial Reports.

MOTION passed to approve Session Minutes of December 10, 2018 with correction.

The annual **2019 Per Capita** is \$29.80 per member. There is an envelope in the beginning of your packet designated for **Per Capita**.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

The Communication and Technology Committee's **MOTION** was made and approved to continue the OVPC placemat advertising at Bethany Diner at a cost of \$325.00 through June 2019.

Clarified the Mission Giving to PCUSA and New Castle Presbytery for the Pentecost and the Peace and Global Witness offerings:

Deacons will allocate **40% of the Pentecost Offering** to make an impact in the lives of young people within own community and **25% of the Peace and Global Witness** to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace.

Session received the detailed status report to MHDC Home Repair Program.

The Sewing Circle's **MOTION** was made and approved to use Memorial Hall for a fund raiser, LuLaRoe, on Monday, July 1, 2019.

MOTION passed to approve the updated Session Job Description.

(Session report continued)

MOTION passed to approve continuing education for Pastor Dougherty on June 9-14, 2019 to attend The Engle Fellow - Institute of Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary. The First Call Pastoral Leadership Program will provide the funds for this training.

For Your Information - The Delaware State Police and Ocean View Police are completing a vulnerability assessment of OVPC to have as a baseline. We will receive a copy of the baseline report. The Ocean View Police will be checking on our facilities randomly.

Rev. Terry Dougherty adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 9:14 P.M.

Presbytery Commissioner's Report

Mike Quinn

On January 12th the 844th meeting of New Castle Presbytery was held at Limestone Presbyterian Church in Wilmington Delaware.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM with prayer by Rev. Dianne Deming.

OPENING BUSINESS

Quorum call

Introduction of Corresponding Members and Visitors

Introduction of first time Commissioners

Welcome by Rev Nancy Conklin of Limestone Pres. Church

The stated clerk's motion to approve the consent Agenda was next.

It covered the Docket Approval, approve the minutes of the 843rd meeting of NCP, held on December 1, 2018 at 10:00 am at Church of the Covenant, COMC's written report, the Committee on Coordination report, and the equalization of rolls report.

Worship service with communion was next.

Committee on Representation and Nominations report followed worship, then the IGNITE report. The IGNITE team put forth The Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan to be The Missional Presbyterian of New Castle Presbytery. The vote was unanimous and her start date is March 1, 2019.

The Committee on Ministers and Congregations report followed with:

Welcoming the Rev. Susan Bennett, HR (Greater Atlanta)

Approval of Administrative Commission for Church on Main, Middletown

Addition of Designated Associate/Pastor position for NCP

Recommendations on GA amendments

A vote on all GA amendments was taken and all passed.

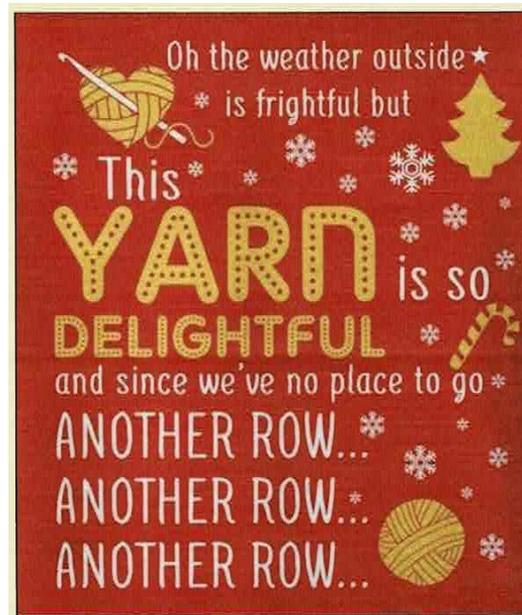
We adjourned with prayer.



Jeannette O'Neill	Feb. 6th
Jen Read	Feb. 6th
Ray Keeney	Feb. 8th
Grayson Wheatley	Feb. 10th
Mary Reed	Feb. 13th
Jim Hartsig	Feb. 17th
Dale Smith	Feb. 26th
Don Bailey	Feb. 27th
Cate Read	Feb. 28th



Elaine and Bob Wolf	Feb. 10th
Carole and Jim Trent	Feb. 12th
Jen and Mike Read	Feb. 14th



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 February 4th

Christian Education

Karen Rubin Hamilton

In February, we will have a unique opportunity to look inside the topic of "Prison Education." Two experts in the field, Bruce Hobler Ph.D. and Stephen Steurer, Ph. D., will present an overview of the history and value of correctional education for adults. Please join us following worship in Fellowship Center for these exciting opportunities.

February 17: The Importance of Education

With a focus on recent research on education and general trends in prison reform, Dr. Stephen Steurer will discuss "Why Education for the Incarcerated is Important."

February 24: Prison Education in Delaware 1990 to Present

Dr. Bruce Hobler, will present an overview of the prison adult education program in Delaware, where the value of prison education intervention will be highlighted. This education includes academic instruction as well as vocational skills. An emphasis of this discussion will include a description of the Delaware Life Skills Program initiated in 1993. This program, one of only 18 in the nation, was funded by a Federal Grant.

A 25 minute video of this specialized treatment program will be viewed and there will be time at the conclusion for discussion.



Southeast Sussex County Ministerium

Prayer Service for Christian Unity

Dale Smith spoke and the Choir sang at the Southeast Sussex County Ministerium Prayer Service for Christian Unity on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. It was held at Saint Ann Catholic Church in Bethany Beach.





The After People

... after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

... after the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in.

... after the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do."

... after the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, "Welcome to your new home!"

... after the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.

... after you find a pink slip included with your paycheck.

... after your family and friends have heard your story one too many times but you still need to talk it out.

... after the movers have left, the last boxes have been unpacked, and you wonder, "What now?"

Stephen Ministers are ready to come alongside you – or your friends, neighbors, co-workers, or relatives – and provide comfort and support for as long after as needed.

To learn more about how a Stephen Minister might help, speak with Pastor Terry or Elaine Smith (the Referrals Coordinator). Elaine can be reached at 908.859.2901 (home) or 908.319.4858 (cell).

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

Facilities Team
Judy Reich

Note to all Committee Chairpersons and Church Officers,
Please be sure to check the church calendar on the web site before you schedule or change the time of any meetings or special events. If you see a conflict with a church or community group, contact the Facility Coordinator (Judy Reich) before you schedule. Also, if you notice a spill or damage to the meeting area, let Judy know so she can have it taken care of. Thanks for your cooperation.

Judy Reich [302 547 6424](tel:3025476424) or [302 616 2887](tel:3026162887) rjandjudyann@yahoo.com

Team Members: Amy Peoples, Buzz Henifin, Jen Read, Liz Hobler, Kathy Sheetz, Ray Keeney and Session Liaison Marti Sommer.

Per capita Apportionment

* *Initial Offering* CHECK NUMBER
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Initial Offering



In your envelope package you will find a Special Offering Envelope for Per Capita Apportionment (Initial Offering). Each Presbyterian church is charged an amount per member to support the Presbytery. This year the amount that is being charged to our churches is **\$30 per member**. OVPC looks to our members to help us defray the cost that is billed to our church for this cost. The Session would like to thank you in advance for your support to this effort.

SOUPER SUNDAY

Sunday, February 3rd

Wear your favorite sports jersey to church and bring soup (cans or packaged) for the Pvlc Center Food Pantry.



Meet the New Members

Sylvia Edmonson



Born and raised in Milford, DE. After graduating from Milford High School, I moved to Newark where I met and married John F Edmonson, 2nd Lt. US Army. Our daughter, Kimberly was born in Heidelberg,

Germany. After 23-24 years of army life, we retired and bought a farm and settled down in North Carolina. Twenty eight years later we moved to Ocean View. In 2009 we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. We love being on the water and fishing. For many years I was actively involved with Red Cross and community activities such as Special Olympics. Reading is my favorite pastime.

Cindy Woodruff



Born in Vermont. I lived in NY, VA, MASS, England, NC, PA, IN, MD and now DE. I have one daughter, Allison, who is 30 and a resident of New Zealand where she plans to marry her kiwi fellow on

November 9th. I graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a degree in Library Science and worked 43 years in school and public library service to youth. I started coming to Rehoboth at age 12 and South Bethany from 1979 to now. I live full time with my 93 year old dad. I lost mom, Alice, in 2014. I love traveling, kayaking, reading, shell crafts and kids of all ages.

**There seems to be so much more
winter than we need this year.**

Kathleen Norris

SOCIAL SECURITY SCAM ALERT!

The Acting Inspector General of Social Security, Gale Stallworth Stone, is urging citizens to remain vigilant of telephone impersonation schemes that exploit the Social Security Administration's (SSA) reputation and authority.

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) continues to receive reports from across the country about fraudulent phone calls from people claiming to be from SSA. Recent reports have indicated that unknown callers are using increasingly threatening language in these calls. The callers state, due to improper or illegal activity with a citizen's Social Security number (SSN) or account, a citizen will be arrested or face other legal action if they fail to call a provided phone number to address the issue. This is a scam; citizens should not engage with these calls or provide any personal information.

SSA employees do contact citizens, generally those who have ongoing business with SSA, by telephone for customer-service purposes. However, SSA employees will never threaten you for information; they will not state that you face potential arrest or other legal action if you fail to provide information. In those cases, the call is fraudulent, and you should just hang up.

"Unfortunately, scammers will try anything to mislead and harm innocent people, including scaring them into thinking that something is wrong with their Social Security account and they might be arrested," Stone said. "I encourage everyone to remain watchful of these schemes and to alert family members and friends of their prevalence. We will continue to track these scams and warn citizens, so that they can stay several steps ahead of these thieves."

The OIG recently warned that some of these impersonation calls have "spoofed" SSA's national customer service phone number, displaying 1-800-772-1213 as the incoming number on caller ID.

The Acting Inspector General urges citizens to be extremely cautious, and to avoid providing information such as your SSN or bank account numbers to unknown persons over the phone or internet unless you are certain of who is receiving it. If you receive a suspicious call from someone alleging to be from SSA, you should report that information to the OIG at 1-800-269-0271 or online at <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.



Six Little Stories

Well worth the 30 seconds to read!

1) Once all villagers decided to pray for rain.
On the day of prayer all the people gathered,
But only one boy came with an umbrella.
That's **FAITH**.

2) When you throw babies in the air,
They laugh because they know you will catch them.
That's **TRUST**.

3) Every night we go to bed
Without any assurance of being alive the next morning,
But still we set the alarms to wake up.
That's **HOPE**.

4) We plan big things for tomorrow
In spite of zero knowledge of the future.
That's **CONFIDENCE**.

5) We see the world suffering,
But still we get married and have children.
That's **LOVE**.

6) On an old man's shirt was written a sentence
'I am not 80 years old;
I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'
That's **ATTITUDE**.

**“Surely as cometh the Winter, I know
There are Spring violets under the snow.”
R. H. Newell**

Friday Night At The Movies



Join us Friday February 1st at 5:30 at Bill and Karen Colwill's home to share a potluck and enjoy a movie together.

This month we will be showing the 2004 film 'Something the Lord Made'; A dramatization of the relationship between heart surgery pioneers Alfred Blalock and Vivien Thomas starring Alan Rickman and Yasiin Bey. Alfred Blalock (1899-1964), a cardiologist (therefore, self-confident to the point of arrogance), leaves Vanderbilt for Johns

Hopkins taking with him his lab technician, Vivien Thomas (1910-1985). Thomas, an African-American without a college degree, is a gifted mechanic and tool-maker with hands splendidly adept at surgery. In 1941, Blalock and Thomas take on the challenge of blue babies and invent bypass surgery. After trials on dogs, their first patient is baby Eileen, sure to die without the surgery. In defiance of custom and Jim Crow, Blalock brings Thomas into the surgery to advise him, but when Life Magazine and kudos come, Thomas is excluded. Will he receive his due?

(Synopsis from IMDB.COM)

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 ---

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