



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MARCH 2019



From the Pastor Terry Dougherty

Dear Friends in Christ; in a couple of days we will mark a slightly early entry into Lent on what I've laughingly been calling "Jazz Sunday". I'll be refreshing a theme I've preached on once before: a relationship I see between Paul's reference to a Roman "Triumph" in his 2nd letter to the Corinthians, and the Jazz Funeral tradition in New Orleans. The Sunday right before Fat Tuesday - Mardi Gras - affords me a wonderful coincidence in time.

Paul, and the musicians and "second line" of the funeral, both meditate on a temporal defeat that is, in the light of hope and faith, a temporary defeat; both defeats bear upon a death, and how to cope with the loss and grief that attend that death. Lent itself bears powerfully on the first of those deaths, that of Jesus, who is the Christ. Not only upon the sad history and the sad stories, but more importantly on how the necessity of His death has everything to do with human behavior, and human failure.

We will walk through that history, and our part in that human failure, metaphorically in chains - similar chains to those Paul proclaims himself to wear. Our journey is both penitential and meditative; we know so many of the parts and so many of the answers so well that, if we're not careful and deliberate, we might operate on all of this at a knowing, dismissive remove. I pray for each of us that that will not be so, that we will in fact present ourselves once again for Jesus' thorough inspection, and will participate in what is, again metaphorically, our mortification. It's an understanding Dietrich Bonhoeffer pointed to: since we have been God in Christ's enemies, it is possible at any time to be such again. Our way of life is, first and foremost, a way, one which requires conscious discipline and repeated decision to stay on, moving forward. Loving our neighbor, lifting up the poor, offering ourselves sacrificially, stepping away from obsessive worry, speaking the truth in love - none of these are intuitive or well-regarded choices. This choice is also a choice away from a way of life that is self-centered, careless, unkind, unthinking, ... and so much easier!

I am grateful to our Christian Education committee, and particularly to Jen Read and Marie Waehler for recent leadership, for re-connecting us as a body to spiritual practices, to spiritual

disciplines. I am also grateful to the Worship committee for again taking initiative to provide Lenten devotionals, and to Bill Colwill for a commitment not only to Time of Prayer as an ongoing program, but to Holy Week Time of Prayer as a daily discipline. Friends, this re-connection to gratitude, to meditation and to prayer is very much for our spiritual health and growth; now that we have chosen, let us remain on this road!

I wish for all of you a holy Lent, one of self-examination and change, and finally one that recognizes “Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning” (Ps. 30). Let us make that journey together, bearing one another’s trouble and sorrows.

Session Report

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

OVPC Minute from Session - February 4, 2019

The Session of OVPC met on Monday, February 4, 2019, in Fellowship Center.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 7:05 P.M.

Orders of the Day:

Ollie Robling, Moderator of the OVPC Board of Deacons, presented the 2018 annual Deacon’s report to session. The 2019 Mission Giving Schedule was reviewed. Session thanked the Board of Deacons for their good works including their Sheperd Program of member outreach.

The Stephen Ministry has requested the repurpose of the Fellowship Center anteroom into a comfortable neutral setting for one-on-one discussions. **MOTION** approved to repurpose the anteroom in Fellowship Center into a small comfortable space for one-on-one discussions. This area will be available to Stephen Ministers and members of the congregation. The room will also be a place for young children with a ‘pack’n’play’, table and chairs, books and toys for young children.

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Service
Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

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

Newsletter Editors
Lorie and Jim Hartsig

MOTION passed to approve the January 2019 Financial Reports.

In response to the questions at the Annual Congregational Meeting:

- The detail financial reports are available upon request. Please contact the Finance Committee, Bob Wolf (Chair) or Bob Clark (Liaison).
- The **Sewing Circle Mission Giving** report reflected the 2017 distribution instead of the 2018 distribution. The new Mission Giving 2018 Report will be distributed in the March Newsletter.
- **Pastor Dougherty's Terms of Call** indicated the incorrect Effective Salary. The correct amount is \$36,335 not \$36,355 as reported. The total Cost to Budget was correct. The correct Terms of Call will be distributed in the March Newsletter.

PCUSA Statistical Report was reviewed in detail. **MOTION** made, seconded and passed to approve the 2018 PCUSA Statistical Report. Submission will be made by the submission deadline of February 14, 2019. NOTE: The Clerk submitted the report on February 5, 2019.

MOTION passed to approve Session Minutes of January 14, 2019.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

The Cemetery Committee **MOTION** was made and passed to approve the new Cemetery Committee Job Description.

The Facilities Use Committee **MOTION** was made and passed to approve the new Facilities and Services brochure.

Report "On First Project with Ignite Grants" was received for MHDC Home Repairs.

A Leadership Retreat will be held on March 9, 2019. Rev. Dougherty will send an email to attendees with details. **MOTION** made, seconded and passed to serve Communion by intinction at the Leadership Retreat on March 9, 2019.

The 2018 Annual Contribution Statements were mailed on January 29, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Rev. Terry Dougherty adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 9:41 P.M.

"Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind."

Henry James

Mission Giving 2018 *(corrected based upon Annual meeting)*

MISSION	TOTAL	LOCAL	NATIONAL	INTERNATIONAL
DEACONS				
Souper Bowl Sunday	475.00	✓		
One Great Hour of Sharing	1,250.00	✓	✓	✓
PC(USA) Karla Koll	1,035.00			✓
Pentecost	1,215.00	✓	✓	
Southern Delaware Ed Foundation	966.00	✓		
Operation SEA's the Day	2000.00	✓		
Pyle Center	1,257.00	✓		
MHDC	1,426.00	✓		
Peacemaking & Global Witness Offering	992.00	✓	✓	✓
Habitat for Humanity	1,045.00	✓	✓	
Christmas Joy Offering	1,210.00	✓	✓	✓
Sub-Total Deacons	12,871.00			
WOMEN'S CIRCLE				
Thank Offering	913.00		✓	✓
Presbyterian Disaster Relief	1,000.00		✓	✓
Delaware State University 'Dreamers'	1,000.00	✓		
Karla Koll Costa Rica Mission	500.00			✓
Southern Delaware Alliance Racial Justice	250.00	✓		
IDF	500.00		✓	
The Way Home	500.00	✓		
Rwanda Joy	500.00	✓		
Cheer Center Meals on Wheels	250.00			✓
Pyle Center (daycare)	500.00	✓		
PWNCP Mission Commitment	700.00	✓		
PWNCP Birthday	106.00		✓	✓
PWNCP Least Coin	81.00		✓	✓
Sub-Total Women's Circle	6,800.00			
CROP WALK				
	4,507.00	✓		
SPARK MISSIONAL MINISTRY GRANT				
UBL Solar Panels	1,650.00			✓
Tres Rios Church, CR - lunch program	1,050.00			✓
Rwanda Joy	1,000.00			✓
Home of the Brave	1,000.00		✓	
Semper Fi Fund	1,000.00		✓	
Sub-total Spark Missional Ministry Grant	5,700.00			
\$ TOTAL	29,878.00			

2019 Terms of Call
Rev. Terence B. Dougherty

Total Effective Salary	\$54,335.00 <i>(corrected based upon Annual meeting)</i>
Benefits	\$21,190.00
Reimbursements	\$ 5,000.00
Total Cost to Budget	\$80,525.00
Vacation	4 weeks
Study Leave	2 weeks
First Call Pastoral Leadership Program	5 days



March 10th

**“Each leaf, each blade of grass vies for attention.
Even weeds carry tiny blossoms to astonish us.”**

Marianne Poloskey, *Sunday in Spring*



Harriette Tuttle	Mar. 4th
June Goldman	Mar. 5th
Amy Peoples	Mar. 9th
Flora Beaver	Mar. 11th
Mary Ann Robling	Mar. 15th
Joe Schaefer	Mar. 15th
JoAnn Griffin	Mar. 17th
Bruce Hobler	Mar. 19th
Jim Trent	Mar. 19th
Lee Grace	Mar. 26th



Marie and Jim Waehler	Mar. 3rd
Sue and Ken Sigvardson	Mar. 21st
Barbara and Jim Dietsch	Mar. 28th



Souper Bowl Sunday collected food for the Pyle Center



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 March 4th

LENT



**March 6th
Memorial Hall
6 p.m.**

Worship service to follow

Ecumenical Soup Lunch Schedule

March 13th - tbd

March 20th - Community Lutheran

March 27th - OVPC

April 3rd - St Martha's Episcopal

April 10 - St Ann



It's Okay to Be Human . . .

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it's a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However,

that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It's completely confidential too!)

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, speak with Pastor Terry or Elaine Smith (the Referrals Coordinator). Elaine can be reached at 908.859.2901 (home) or 908.319.4858 (cell).

Deacon's Mission of the Month

Eric Neumann



The Deacon's Mission for the month of March is One Great Hour of Sharing.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the church saying, "We'll be there when you need us."

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Your gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

When God's people work together through One Great Hour of Sharing, the possibilities are endless.

Christian Education

Karen Rubin Hamilton

In March, we will have a variety of educational opportunities including; navigating the OVPC Website, the study of “Liberation Theology” and a presentation on Balance. Please join us following worship in Fellowship Center for these opportunities.

March 3rd: Navigating the OVPC Website and Beyond.

Join us for a workshop where we will review and discuss our church website. Today, this is an important asset and the Communications & Technology team is working to make this a user friendly tool for both our congregation as well as our visitors. Our intention for this session will be to answer your questions, and discuss suggestions for improvements. We encourage all OVPC members as well as committee chairs, and moderators to attend. Your input will be crucial to future updates, including items specific to our ministry and mission activities. If time permits, we will also review navigating the internet and touch on some security concerns.

March 10th: Balance



Kathryn Cieniewicz
PT,MSPT, CAPS,CEAC

Aging in Place Specialist, Kathryn Cieniewicz, will present a short information session on March 10th in Memorial Hall during coffee hour. For those interested, she will conduct free mobility screening sessions on Friday, March 22nd from 9am to 5pm in Fellowship Center. These free screenings are one on one, 15-20 minute sessions and will require prior sign up. Please join us to learn more about Kathryn and the workshops that she has to offer for different pain/ mobility conditions.

March 17, 24 & 31: “Liberation Theology”

During our three sessions, we will explore the movement of Liberation Theology. Our time together will include working in groups to determine whether active participation in causes promoting social justice were always part of Jesus’s plan to bring forth the Kingdom of God. One social justice issue that unfortunately continues with us today is extreme poverty.

Three billion people in our world live on less than \$2.50 per day. 80% of the people in our world live on less than \$10 per day, \$3,650 per year. While many secular organizations are working to change the social and political structures that cause this extreme, widespread poverty, our Christian churches have largely believed in promoting salvation through God’s grace accompanied by good works within the bounds of these existing structures.

In 1971, Gustavo Gutierrez, a Catholic priest from Peru, published a book that was grounded in his life: working among the poor, and responding to the growing unrest in South America. He presents a radically new look at what the gospels mean to the poor and underprivileged. Since then, “A Theology of Liberation” has had a dramatic effect on the Catholic Church, on many Protestant churches, and on liberation movements worldwide. We look forward to an open discussion of Gutierrez’s that the Gospels lead us to challenge the powerful forces that oppress so many in our world.

Sewing Circle

Amp Peoples

The month of March means that spring could be coming and we will enjoy warmer weather. The cold weather has not stopped the Sewing Circle and its activities and we have many things scheduled for March and on, so please come and join us.

Yarn will meet on Monday, March 4th from 10-2pm. Bring your lunch and join them. It seems like they have new projects going all the time. Each month I tell you that they are very willing teachers and will happily help you if you are unsure. The Items they make go on to bless a shut-in or someone who needs a little extra love.

March 6th is the beginning of Lent. The Ash Wednesday Lenten Soup Supper will be held at 6pm at OVPC. Set-up for the supper will be that morning at 10am.

The Coffee Hour will be March 10th following the church service. Liz Hobler and Kathy Sheetz will be the hosts with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Stop by and have a time of socializing with your church friends.

Wednesday, March 13th, the Sewing Circle will meet at 12 noon. Bring your lunch. Refreshments will be provided by Liz Hobler and Kathy Sheetz. After a business meeting we will have our Bible Study, Chapter 6, "God with us through our Trials". This month the lesson will be led by Bev Bailey.

At our February Circle meeting it was decided we would have a LuLaRoe Fundraiser on Monday, July 1st in Memorial Hall. The Committee working on this event is Sue Rizer, Kathy Sheetz, Marlene Quinn and Cathy Yantz. Many hands are needed to make this fundraiser a success, so please offer your help or say yes when asked to lend a hand.

LuLaRoe is a company that provides comfortable, affordable, stylish clothing. The unique thing about her is that they only make 1000 of each print in each size. The sizes range from XXS to 3XL. Be sure to let your friends know that we are having this event in July and invite them to attend.

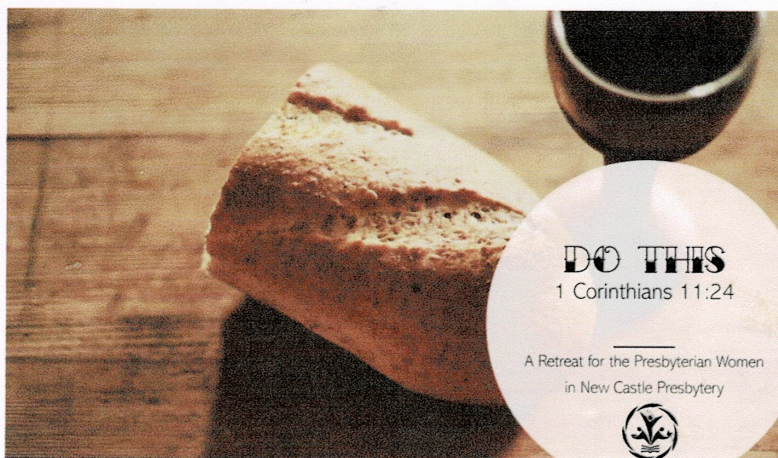
Another thing to note from our Circle meeting, when you write a check to the Sewing Circle, please make it out to OVPC with Sewing Circle in the memo line.

On Monday March 18th at 6pm we have been invited to Wicomico Presbyterian Church in Salisbury to a supper to meet students in the Dreamers Program. Please contact Marlene Quinn if you plan on attending.

The Ecumenical Lenten luncheon will be held at OVPC on Wednesday March 27th at 12 noon. The set up for it will be on Tuesday, March 26th at 4pm.

Hope to see you at the Sewing Circle events. Don't miss out on something special!

Presbyterian Women in New Castle Presbytery



April 5-7, 2019

Rev. Kaci Clark-Porter & Rev. Holly Clark-Porter
Keynote and Bible Study Leaders

Worship! Workshops! Fun! Fellowship!

Music Leaders ~ Linda Wardell and Carrie Stine

Special Guest Presenter ~ Barbara Allen

PW Global Exchange Participant & Co-Facilitator of the Synod Racial Ethnic Dialogue Team

Workshops

Chair Yoga ~ Alice Goodfellow Davis

Pathway to Healing Grief ~ Rev. Dr. Carrie Stine

Creating an Atmosphere for Dialogue ~ Barbara Allen

Book Discussion on A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman ~ Darlene Newsom

Registration brochures can be downloaded at

<https://sites.google.com/site/pwinncp/pw-ncp-retreat-form>

Join us at The Dunes Manor Hotel where every room has an ocean view!
2800 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842

Questions? Contact Nancy Long, Retreat Co-Chair, at nlongssg@gmail.com

Friday Night At The Movies



Join us Friday March 1st at 5:30 at Bob & Elaine Wolf's home to share a potluck and enjoy a movie together.

This month we will be showing the 2017 film 'Same Kind of Different as Me' starring Greg Kinnear, Renée Zellweger, and Djimon Hounsou. This is the true story of Ron and Debbie Hall who seem to have a picture-perfect life but in actuality are facing a marriage on the rocks and, for Ron, the loss of all that is truly meaningful. This story follows the incredible journey they take after meeting Denver Moore, a homeless man who Debbie first sees in a dream. Many of you will remember this as a book study that we did several years ago. (Rated PG-13 for thematic elements including some violence and language).

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 ---

