

OCEAN Views

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JUNE, 2021

FROM THE PASTOR: TERRY DOUGHERTY



A Visitor to My Office

Grace and Peace – and Hope – to you, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Wednesday, May 19th, I had an early morning visitor to my office, the Tussar moth you see pictured, which is a Chinese Oak Silkmoth. You can't, perhaps, tell, but it is quite a big moth, about 3 ½ inches from head to wingtip. What you also can't tell is just how delighted I was by the visit (though anybody here that day could tell you); for me, for as long as it was here, that moth was a sign and herald of hope. It has been a long time that your visits to my office have been few and far between; a long time that I have felt constrained to keep my own visits few, with a stress on real necessity. I know I may have been over-cautious (though I would not agree without explaining), but all of your safety means and always will mean the most to me; I could not live with myself if any slightest carelessness caused harm.



So, I have regarded my office as my monastic cell, and have addressed my need for human interaction, very often, through books. But now I have had an avatar of release, my friend, the moth! Now the great world has sent a messenger, to say, *look up; look outward; know that I am God: know that I am*. Monastic teaching holds “*Go into your cell and close the door; it will teach you everything*”; as a teacher of the incarnational life of Christ in us all, this crosses a very important scruple for me: learning is a great thing, but it is for the purpose of service. Perhaps I simply am not an “elevated” soul, but I don’t understand or embrace service outside a social setting. While I love learning, and quiet, and contemplation, they are satisfying as much for what they bring forth as for what they instill. Many a meditation, or time of prayer, or worship service, has flowed directly from what I have learned here in this office, and feel a great urgency to share. My library here in my office would mean far less to me if I didn’t hold it available to all and any of you.

So, too, with the chairs and table across from me, here at my desk. They’ve spent a lot of time in the past year covered in books and papers; but they have a higher purpose and a higher service, and that is to you, and your cups of coffee; to your thoughts, feelings and prayers. While my

friend the moth, a free and winged spirit, might not have accepted an invitation to come in, I hope you will; I have missed you!

If you have no personal reason to wish to see me, let the themes of my June sermon series on 2nd Corinthians bring you on in; Paul's Corinthian correspondence is a wonderful, and still valid, window into congregational life. I hope, as we all re-engage, that this 2,00 year old wisdom will become fresh for us, especially on a conversational, day-to-day level. Regardless of all that, it is wonderful seeing you all in worship; may we never cease to value what we missed for so long; never take for granted what can be more fragile than we ever thought. Mask up and mingle, I look forward to seeing you!

From Rev. Greg Olikenyi, C.S.Sp.:

Almighty ever-living God, out of infinite love you created the world and filled it with your Spirit. You gave us a bountiful world filled with beauty and goodness. You placed us in this world to care for it in the joy of communion with you...Heavenly One, give us the grace to recognize your spirit dwelling in each of us and so appreciate the gift we are to one another. Rid us of evil thoughts, and make us see all men and women as brothers and sisters. Help us to create a joyful community that embraces mercy, love, peace and service in humility and charity. Unite us and make us one with you, in union with our brother Jesus Christ, and in the power of your Holy Spirit who gives life. Amen!

In Christ's love,

**"So sweet, so sweet the roses in their
blowing,
So sweet the daffodils, so fair to see;
So blithe and gay the humming-bird a
going
From flower to flower, a-hunting with
the bee."**

Nora Perry, In June

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Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

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SESSION REPORT

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

The **Session of OVPC** met on Monday, May 10, 2021, via ZOOM.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 7:15 PM.

Orders of the Day:

We welcomed, **Elaine Smith as Sewing Circle Moderator** to our meeting. Elaine recapped the 'Covid-19' 2020-21 year. The Sewing Circle has met remotely to socialize a bit and conduct their business meetings followed with Bible Study using the Horizons study guide. The Sewing Circle is active and looks forward to meeting outside in June. Session appreciates the Sewing Circle and their commitment to mission in the community and the church.

Return to Worship in the Sanctuary – An in-depth discussion centered around the returning to worship in the sanctuary including the continuation of streaming our worship service. Session approved the **MOTION** for the Communications/Technology Committee to perform a study to assess the requirements and costs to stream our worship service from the sanctuary. The study will include the financial impact, personnel required, physical building changes, production and delivery of the service, and the worship liturgy. The Communications/Technology Committee has the authority to include outside professional resources to assist in the study.

MOTION passed to approve the minutes of the **April 12, 2021**.

MOTION passed to approve the **April 2021 Finance Reports**.

Finance Committee update:

We continue to limit our expenses.

Thank You to OVPC members and friends for your continued financial commitment !

Pastor Terry's report was received.

Pastor Terry conducted a small family memorial for Elizabeth (Betsy) Henifin on May 8, 2021.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

Christian Education MOTION approved for planning purposes, following COVID-19 protocols, that Fellowship Center be available for Ted Talks on the second Sunday in July and August.

COVID-19 discussion focused on the availability of Fellowship Center for use by support groups. **MOTION** approved to open Fellowship Center to the support groups, following COVID-19 protocols, on May 24, 2021. Our Facilities Chair, Pam Price, will contact the support groups.

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

Session urges all committee chairs to get their Session reports to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Session Meeting: **June 14th Session Meeting - reports are due June 9th .**

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 10:10 PM

SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

Karen B. Colwill

Special SESSION MINUTES
Monday, May 19, 2021 at 8:00 pm

Shaped by God, We Love and Serve

A special May Session Meeting was held on May 19, 2021 remotely via ZOOM Meeting. Present were Moderator: Rev. Terry Dougherty; Elders: Bob Wolf, Mike Read, Marti Sommer, Marlene Quinn, Elaine Smith, Ollie Robling(excused); Clerk: Karen Colwill

Guests: n/a

Moderator opened with prayer and devotions at 8:02 PM.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Define response to Delaware's updated COVID-19 Protocols

Moderator

1. Review Delaware's updated COVID-19 Protocols, 29th Modification, May 21, 2021.

Discussed the Delaware 29th modification and the impact on OVPC Worship, facility use by OVPC members/friends and outside groups.

- Social distancing requirements moved from 6 feet to 3 feet.
- Masks not required indoors except for gatherings greater than 250.
- Outdoors, Delawareans should follow masking guidance issued by the CDC.

2. Public worship changes.

The following **MOTIONS** were discussed and voted, effective May 23, 2021.

MOTION made, seconded and passed to continue to follow the Delaware COVID-19 stated social distancing requirements changing from 6 feet to 3 feet.

MOTION made, seconded and passed to continue to require masks in all OVPC indoor congregate settings.

MOTION made, seconded and passed to withdraw the OVPC COVID-19 protocols of temperature checks and registration at all worship services. Ushers will ask visitors to sign a guest book for contact tracing.

MOTION made, seconded and passed for the Sunday Worship Service to present the gifts collected during the playing of the Doxology and the communion elements, of the bread and the cup, will be presented during the communion service.

3. Use of Fellowship Center for support groups.

Facilities Chair, Pam Price, is contacting the support groups and sharing the OVPC Fellowship Center Protocols.

MOTION made, seconded and approved the OVPC Fellowship Center Protocols:

- a. 33 chairs are available; spaced at 3 feet social distancing
- b. kitchen is available to make coffee only
- c. open windows for ventilation
- d. nursery area is not available
- e. as church, we are masking at this time
- f. as please leave room as originally set-up

4. Use of facilities by contract groups.

MOTION made, seconded and passed to open Fellowship Center to contract groups following the OVPC Fellowship Center Protocols.

5. Use of facilities by OVPC Leadership (Session/Deacons) and church committees.

MOTION made, seconded and passed to open Fellowship Center, beginning June 1, 2021, to leadership and church committees. A hybrid solution will be explored. Chairs should schedule meetings with the Administrative Assistant to update the church calendar.

NEXT MEETING The next regular stated meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. via ZOOM Meeting.

CLOSED WITH PRAYER: The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:51 PM.

DEACONS

Gloria Bartholomew

WOW & Thank You

Thank you OVPC for your generous donations to Sussex Community Housing Services for Crisis House! I'm pleased to let you know that the Deacons April Mission was quite a success. Randy and I made two deliveries of food/spices to the Georgetown shelter, and at the last delivered a check for \$1,195. Here's what we gathered:

- 13 different jars of spices – totaling 4.8 lbs
- 13 containers of coffee – totaling 9 lbs
- 6 containers of assorted drink mixes – totaling 5 lbs
- 400 tea bags
- 1 large powdered creamer
- 5 lbs of BBQ sauce
- 7 lbs of salt
- 8 bags of granulated sugar – totaling 32 lbs
- 4 good sized containers of cooking oil

We are blessed and we pray Crisis House will be blessed by our donations. Thank you again OVPC!

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JUNE MISSION - LA ESPERANZA

Earlene DeFazio

La Esperanza was founded in 1996. Its mission is to provide support to Latino individuals and their families and to integrate them into the community by providing advocacy, education, and support services. La Esperanza is the only multiservice nonprofit focused on building empowerment among Latinos in Sussex County.

Their mission is: "To assist Sussex County Latinos on their journey to achieve stability, integration and success."

While 2020 was a very difficult year due to COVID-19, La Esperanza was able to continue meeting needs of the Latino community by providing food assistance, immigration counseling, and assisting with citizenship classes.

I encourage you to go to the OVPC website (ovpc.org) where you can find the 2020 La Esperanza Annual Report which provides detailed information of their many activities and accomplishments last year or go to their website <https://www.laesperanzacenter.org/donate/>.

Please consider supporting this important and worthwhile organization. Make your check payable to OVPC and in the memo line indicate "June Mission".

Thank you.

USHERS

Judy Reich



Have you thought about volunteering to be an usher, but not sure what it is all about? During these times of isolation, the ushers are our front-line workers in keeping us safe from COVID. As we return to a more normal time, the ushers serve mostly as greeters. They are the persons who welcome you to church each Sunday and help as needed to seat you and be sure you have what is needed to participate in the service. That is the single most important job of each usher. You will be asked to arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 and leave as soon as the congregation has left.

I see the love of God shining in the eyes and the smiles of so many of you. I know that your instinct to sincerely welcome each other to worship is authentic and real. I have seen you minister to the stranger and embrace (virtually or physically) the fellow member. This congregation is the friendliest, most inviting, and approachable assembly I've ever encountered, and I am blessed to be a member with you.

We need you to help us by using those traits and skills to be a part of the usher team. As a result of the virus several of our regular ushers are not able to continue to serve. If you volunteer to be on the team, hopefully you would serve no more than once every two months. Currently some are ushering twice a month, many every month. We try to schedule at least a month in advance so you can plan ahead.

Sincerely think about it and pray about it and if you are willing to serve as an usher, email or call me.

Thank you, Judy Reich rjandjudyann@yahoo.com 302 547 6424



Stephen Szlasa
Liz Hobler
Brooks Goldman
Joni Keller
Jim Waehler
Susan Sigvardson

June 2nd
June 4th
June 11th
June 17th
June 20th
June 30th

Carol and Dave Kratch
Carol and Bill Kester
Marlene and Mike Quinn

June 6th
June 8th
June 27th

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Ellen Neumann

Join us for a "Morning at the Beach"

The Christian Education Committee would like to invite our OVPC family and friends to join us for a time of fellowship and fun under the sun. We will meet on the lawn across the street from the church. Bring your beach chair and, if you wish, an umbrella and favorite beach game for a "Morning at the Beach."

Refreshments will be served in the breezeway. If you need a chair, let us know and we will gladly provide one for you.

CDC protocols will be followed.

Come renew old bonds and create new friendships!

DATE: Sunday, June 13, 2021

TIME: 10:30 AM directly after Worship

PLACE: The lawn across the street from the church



This event will be cancelled if there is inclement weather.

If you have questions please contact Ellen Neumann: elleneu86@gmail.com

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**"And since all this loveliness cannot be Heaven,
I know in my heart it is June."**

Abba Woolson

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Ray Keeney

Monthly Grounds Maintenance Report #2

Our first Saturday of the month plan went well (May 1, 2021). Approximately 7 people showed up and we were able to get a number of items on the list completed.

The next 1st Saturday of the month is Scheduled for Saturday June 5th. (9 to 12)

Still on the list plus some additional items:

- Weeding around the Historic Sign in front of the Church
- Mulching in front of the Church Office
- Mulching in front of and behind Fellowship Center
- Mulching behind Memorial Hall around the 6 or so Crape Myrtle trees
- May need 3 pickup trucks to pick up 3 loads of mulch
- Replace 3 fence posts flagged with yellow tape (new posts are next to the old posts)
- Replace fence rails flagged with yellow tape (New recycled rails are behind the garage)
- Cut the new growth emerging along the fence from the Church Office to and behind the Columbarium (if anyone has or has access to a Bush Hog let me know)
- Our lone painter Jim Hartsig has done a good deal of painting around the buildings with more to go (he does not have to be our LONE painter!)
- There is a new patio under construction in front of the Church. The paving stones need to be moved out of the way so the base can be leveled & prepared for the stones to be put back in place.



**It is the month of June, The month of leaves and roses,
When pleasant sights salute the eyes and pleasant scents the noses."**

Nathaniel Parker Willis

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bev Bailey

Christian Education Classes announce Summer Activities

The CE Committee will offer three opportunities to deepen our faith and get to know each other better this coming summer. We will meet on the 2nd Sunday of June, July, and August.

June 13, A Beach Party on the lot across from Memorial Hall (*see article elsewhere in the Newsletter*). Refreshments will be served. 10:45 am.

July 11 and August 8, Lemonade on the Breezeway with "Ted Talk". After worship pick up a glass of lemonade and a cookie, then come into Fellowship Centre for a "Ted Talk" and conversation on a topic of interest to our community. 10:45 am.

A FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Bev Bailey

After Worship on Sunday, June 20, join the crowd at the 'Father's Day Café' in the Breezeway for refreshments suitable for all the Dads in our community. The Women's Circle wants to celebrate the wonderful Fathers of OVPC.



THE SYRIAN LIVELIHOOD

Bev Bailey

The Syrian Livelihood Revival Project raises \$1, 785.00 for Syrian Farmers

OVPC folk had a rare opportunity to donate livestock to Syrians who want to revive their farms after living through a 10 year civil war. As part of our Partnership with Westminster Presbyterian in Wilmington, on May 2 and 9, parishioners were given to opportunity to donate money for a goat (\$25), a sheep (\$40), or a beehive (\$50), to help restock farms on Syria. In return the purchaser would receive a wonderful hand-made card to send to a loved one. Available for purchase were Mother's and Father's Day cards, and birthday cards. Folks could also purchase the "Trifecta", a goat, a sheep, and a beehive for \$100, or you could "buy the whole farm", if you so desired. The Mission Committee was able to raise \$1,785 in just 2days and would like to thank all those who contributed to this great cause. Some farmers have already received livestock! We hope to have another opportunity later in the year to work with our successful partnership.



MAY 1ST WORK DAY

Photos by: Lorie and Jim Hartsig and Terry Dougherty



SEWING CIRCLE

Amy Peoples

The Sewing Circle of OVPC met Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 12:45PM via Zoom. We met for 15 minutes of social time before the meeting was called to order.

There were 12 in attendance.

Moderator Elaine called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Pastor Terry joined us and thanked us so much for his birthday card and gift.

He then read an adaptation by Julian of Norwich called "Hazelnut" and led us in prayer.

Elaine read a poem of spring by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Elaine read the OVPC Vision statement; Shaped by God, we love and serve.

May Birthdays, Marlene Quinn 5/13, Elaine Wolf, 5/23

REPORTS:

Secretary:

Marti made a motion, seconded by Lorie that we accept the minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting as sent electronically. Motion carried.

Treasurer:

There was no activity last month,

Balance on hand, \$3301.82

Marti will stop payment on the check to the Dreamers. It was sent in November and had not been cashed. A new check will be issued when we are sure of address and who should receive it.

OVPC Mission Committee Update:

Marlene encouraged us to all attend the Sunday, May 16 meeting after church to learn about our being a Matthew 25 church, "What Does It Mean To Us".

The Syrian Livelihood Revival Project held May 2 and 9 before church netted \$ 1785. The video about this project is available on YouTube for you to watch.

Session:

Session spent most of their meeting discussing the reopening of the church. It is hoped that the Support Groups (AA etc.) will soon be able to hold meetings. Another group is to discuss this tomorrow evening. There is no need after this week to call and make a reservation for the church service. The chairs can be 3 feet closer now.

Sunshine:

Marie has sent out cheer cards for May. If you know of someone who needs a card please let Marie know.

Correspondence:

Amy read a note from past member of the Circle and OVPC, Carol Kratch. She is in a retirement community in VA. She told us that Betsy Henifin's daughter has bought a townhouse about an ½ mile from Carol and they will be able to visit. Also Carol and Dave have rented at the beach in August and will hope to see us at church.

Unfinished Business:**Sharing Pantry:**

The Sharing Pantry is being used and checked to see what is needed. It is interesting to see what goods are taken and what are not.....tuna no, meat products, yes, a pattern is being formed. Karen bought \$300.00 of stock and it is stored in Fellowship Hall. It is definitely being used by community.

Blessing Bag Update:

Marie reported that only 5 bags were filled in the bin. Hopefully after more publicizing in church bulletin etc. more bags will be filled. The Way Home is thankful for any of the articles on Marie's list. We have till end of May for this project and then we will reevaluate if we will continue.

Monthly Clean-up:

Clean up of the church property will be the first Saturday of the month from now on. No lunch is necessary but water will be provided. Elaine will furnish water and notify Ray. Earlene has donated a cooler, and Lorie will provide ice. Water is necessary as weather gets warmer for these workers.

New Business:

Our June 9, Sewing Circle meeting is planned for outside...zoom will be done if weather is inclement. We will bring our lunch and drink, and dessert will be provided and we will meet at 12:00 noon. We will not have a Bible Study since we have finished this years study but we will have a short meeting. We need to dedicate our birthday giving and the Least Coins. Please bring your Birthday Offering and Least Coin offering to this meeting so that Marti can send to the Presbyterian Women. Since we have not been meeting in person these funds are lacking.

If you need a Study Book for 2022, "What My Grandmothers Taught me", @\$10.00, please notify Marti so she can order one for you.

Father's Day Brunch:

The Men did such a fine job hosting the Mother's Day Brunch, Amy was asked to send a note of gratitude to Bob Wolf and Don Bailey and their group of helpers. The Sewing Circle will now reciprocate on Father's Day, June 20. Marti and Elaine will set up, and Bev will ask Elaine Wolf to help her with refreshments. It will be set up in breezeway between Memorial Hall and Fellowship Hall. We cannot have decorations because of wind in breezeway.

Amy was asked to write a note of thanks to Reverend Dr Tracy Keenan for her participation in Gifts of Women Sunday. She delivered a fine sermon for this special day and it was a joy to have her with us.

Reminder:

Lightly used clothing and house articles are very welcome at the thrift Shop at Frankford Presbyterian Church.

Elaine gave her Annual Sewing Circle report to Session on Monday. If anyone would like to read her report, let her know.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 12 noon outside at church weather permitting.

Our business meeting was completed and we went to our final Bible Study lesson of this series# 9, "The End of Lament" led by Bev Bailey.

After the Bible Study we closed with the Mizpah at 3:00PM

FIVE-FINGER PRAYER

Anne Cetas

Prayer is a conversation with God, not a formula. Yet sometimes we might need to use a “method” to freshen up our prayer time. We can pray the Psalms or other Scriptures (such as The Lord’s Prayer), or use the ACTS method (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication). I recently came across this “Five Finger Prayer” to use as a guide when praying for others:

- When you fold your hands, the thumb is nearest you. So begin by praying for those closest to you - your loved ones (PHI. 1:3-5).
- The index finger is the pointer. Pray for those who teach - Bible teachers and preachers, and those who teach children (1 THESS. 5:25).
- The next finger is the tallest. It reminds you to pray for those in authority over you - national and local leaders, and your supervisor at town (1 TIM. 2:1-2).
- The fourth finger is usually the weakest. Pray for those who are in trouble or who are suffering (JAMES 5:13-16).
- Then comes your little finger. It reminds you of our smallness in relation to God’s greatness. Ask Him to supply your needs (PHIL. 4:6, 19).

Whatever method you use, just talk with your father. He wants to hear what’s on your heart.

Father, give me the wisdom to know how to pray for others.

GIFTS OF WOMEN SPEAKER - REV. DR. TRACY KEENAN

Marlene Quinn

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan to our pulpit this morning. She is the Mission Presbyter of New Castle Presbytery. Previously she pastored churches in Pittsburg PA and Columbus Ohio.

Dr. Keenan and her husband, the Rev. Jim Mehler have two grown daughters. She plays the piano, writes music, and rides a Harley. Dr. Keenan provides staff support to various Presbytery committees including the one that Terry and I serve on. In that capacity she brings joy and enthusiasm as she challenges us to explore new possibilities. We were so glad to have her with us on the Gifts of Women Sunday.



A CHURCH BEING THE CHURCH

Dale W. Smith

It is a good-sized congregation, in a rural/suburban setting, in a well-known area of the Northeast.

It is a vibrant congregation, with a lead pastor, two associate pastors, an active youth program, supporting local and international missions, with traditional and alternative worship services. Its small groups, Bible studies, and spiritual formation classes are well attended. It has also been the home to an Arabic Christian worship community for over twenty-five years. In the early 2000s, as refugees from Myanmar (formerly Burma) were being resettled in the area, a Chin Burmese worship community became part of the congregation.

The congregation coped with the pandemic restrictions as best it good, offering worship via live-streaming and pre-recorded options. They used zoom conferencing to sustain the fellowship connections among the members. Their Deacons and Stephen Ministers helped provide pastoral care. The members also grappled with tensions and divisions brought on by the political landscape and in dealing with social and racial justice issues.

Then, there was that day in Spring 2021, during the morning commuting hours, when the police scanners crackled with “live shooter” warnings at a very public gas station. One man had killed another, injured a bystander, and fled the scene. In a short period of time, the shooter was found nearby, having killed himself.

For this congregation, this incident of apparent road rage quickly became much more than the latest “breaking news” story. The shooter was a member of the church, specifically of the Chin Burmese fellowship. He was a single man, with the fellowship having become his family. He was a man of faith, well-regarded amongst his fellow believers, playing guitar for the choir. The entire church community was stunned. This act of violence was so out of character for the man they had known.

Was this actually road rage? Or, had something occurred that caused this Asian man to fear for this life? Were there other stresses in his life that he had not shared? And, then, when had he obtained a gun? How? Why? What was behind his violent act?

The pastors of the church comforted the leaders of the Chin community, supporting them in their grief over this death, in grief and anger over his violent acts, and in concerns over anti-Asian sentiments.

Living out their Christian values, besides publishing statements condemning violence and speaking against hatred, the church leadership decided to have a memorial service for the shooter and to have his remains interred in the memorial garden on the church campus, a place of rest and reflection. They also funded monetary gifts to support the man killed at the scene as well as for the wounded bystander.

This congregation, already coping with the stresses brought on by the pandemic, faced this tragic event with grace and with compassion.

Thanks be to God, for this church. Let it serve as an example to us all.

[[This narrative is based on actual events that occurred in April 2021.]]

SUPPORTING OUR SISTERS

A Giving Opportunity for the NCP Guatemala Partnership Submitted by Dale Smith

Day in and day out, our sisters in Guatemala are hard at work providing for their families, strengthening their communities, and empowering themselves. Their efforts are fortified by our partners on the ground and by generous individuals and churches, like you.

Last year, churches in the Presbytery came together to implement two COVID relief projects: emergency food kits and egg-laying chickens. The outpouring of donations was truly inspirational, and the Partnership quickly met our goal of providing 530 families with food staples and a steady supply of eggs. For this, we are grateful.



But did you know that these are just two of the many projects we support on an ongoing basis? Others include fuel-efficient stoves, revolving funds, empowerment training, prayer partnerships, family vegetable gardens, and reforestation...just to name a few.

We hope you will continue to lift up these women by making an undesignated gift which will allow us to direct funds where they are needed most at any given time. You can [make a gift](#) and learn more at www.ncpguatemala.com.

Thank you for supporting our sisters in Guatemala.



"The doctor told me to introduce more greens into my diet."



Advocacy Training Session

Please join us as we learn about and practice advocating with our elected officials for sanctions relief for the Syrian people

Tuesday, June 8
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Eastern time USA

OR

Thursday, June 10
7- 8:00 pm Eastern time USA

Both sessions are the same; choose the day/time that works better for you. The session is one hour long.

WHAT: A one-hour training session for those who would like to talk with their U.S. Representative or Senator or their staff person(s) to advocate for a reduction in economic sanctions on Syria. This training session is a follow-up to our April 13 Spring Advocacy Gathering. We want to keep the momentum going! Please join us at one of these sessions.

OBJECTIVES:

- Orient you to the process of meeting with a Congressperson and their staff person(s) and follow-up.
- Review two brief documents for use prior to and during your meeting with the Congressperson.
- Practice discussing the sanctions with each other (role play) so you gain comfort in talking about the topic. One of the SLPN Steering Committee members will play the role of a Rep or a Senator or staff person, while you will advocate for reducing the economic sanctions.

We have attached [Holy Discontent](#), the excellent advocacy resource booklet prepared by the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness. If you plan to attend the Advocacy Training Session, we suggest you read pages 8-12 prior to the Session. This is written for an in-person meeting with a Congressperson or staff person, but much of it applies for a Zoom-based meeting.

On the registration form, you will be able to give us names of your advocacy “team,” people with whom you would like to be in the same breakout room for the role-play.

[**REGISTER HERE**](#)



Today's HOT FRAUDS

- Zoom Phishings
- Covid-19 Vaccine card cons
- Fake online shopping sites
- Celebrity impostor jackpots
- Online Romance ambush
- Medicare card come-ons
- Cash-transfer app swindles
- New Social Security scams
- "Account problem" scams

From: AARP Bulletin - April 2021

Seniors are the most likely group to fall for scammers. Be wary of them.

If you have caller ID, **DO NOT** answer. If it is important the caller will leave a voice mail.

Scammer will ask you to send money via Bitcoin, cash, gift card. **DON'T**

Fraud Phone Message

Message regarding your existing credit card accounts. Thanks to your good payment history and good credit score you have been qualified finally for an interest rate reduction between 0 to 5%. Several attempts were made to reach you. This is your final courtesy call before we are unable to lower your interest rates. So press one now...

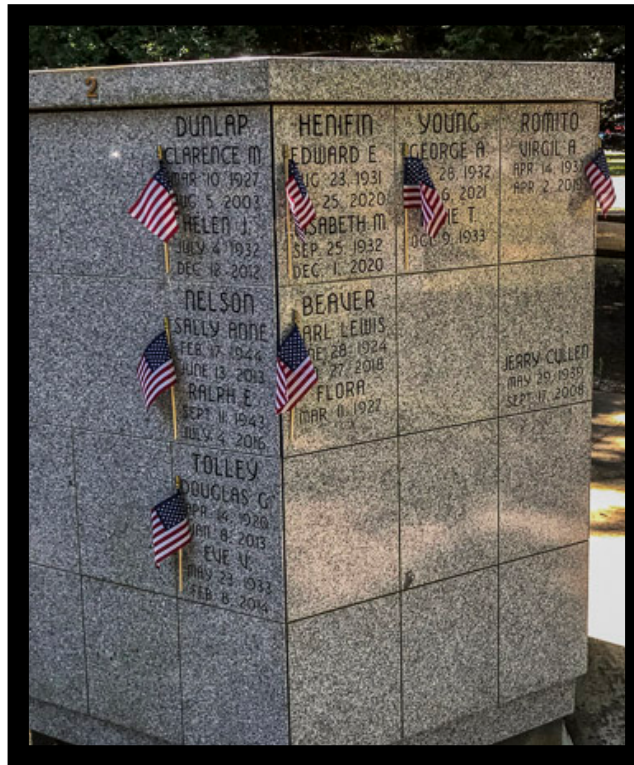
There's a huge surge in Facebook posts asking seemingly innocent questions like making up your movie star name by using your pet's name and your mother's maiden name or the street you lived on etc.

First pet.
Mother's maiden name.
Date of birth.
Place of birth.

These are all answers to online banking account security questions.

Don't do it!

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Thank you, Bob Turner, for placing American flags on the Veterans' tomb stones and columbarium niches.

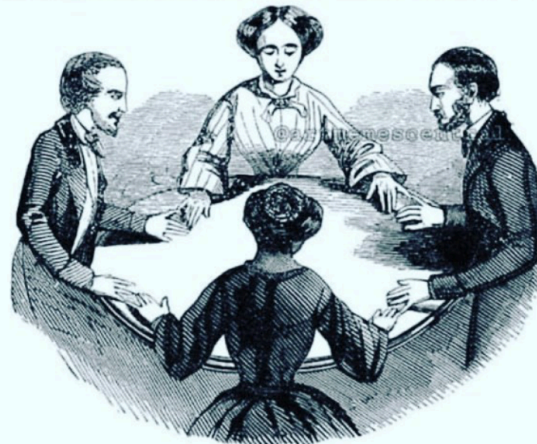
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While Lot was obviously going to miss his wife desperately, he could see no reason not to make the best of the situation.

Zoom meetings are just modern seances



"There's someone who wants to join us."
 "Elizabeth, are you there?"
 "We can't hear you."
 "Can you hear us?"

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