



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2019



From the Pastor
Terry Dougherty

What I Did on My Summer “Vacation”

Greetings in Christ, all, and welcome back to the church year; I hope Summer, here or away, has been a blessed and rewarding time for you. It has for me; in light of that the first thing I want to express is my gratitude. All of you, through the Session and by your encouragement, both personal and financial, have let me know without doubt that my growth and continuing education/exploration of vocation is a priority for you. It is for me as well; it is another way in which we are well matched. I’ve shared with a few people that I feel often a press of urgency, because there is so much time I cannot have back, in which I was not engaged in or preparing for this work. I could go on letting that make me feel inadequate (and in bad moments I do), but it is much better to engage each day as a learning experience and environment, and to stretch myself whenever possible. That has certainly happened this past Summer, thanks to your generosity.

First, I attended the Engle Institute of Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary - this one’s pretty prestigious, so I’m still not sure how I slipped in, but I sure am grateful! The plenary speaker/presenter, whom you’ve heard me mention in worship, was Dr. Roger Nam, President of George Fox Seminary. He spoke for five mornings of the books of Ezra and Nehemiah through the lens of repatriation, leaning on his own experiences as a Korean-American. Very moving and insightful; and, though he is not a preacher, a great model of bringing the whole self to the task.

It was out of this experience that I crafted my own 2-part series on Ezra/Nehemiah, which I originally intended to have some linkage to our congregation, where almost everybody is a returnee or an “immigrant”. The salience of the experience of the returnees from the exile to our contemporary experience came to drive my exegesis, such that the end product was not exactly where I had started to go. The research and the “transformation” of the text were exhilarating; I hope some of that came through in the product.

I participated in three distinct preaching workshops at Engle, as well: *Learning from Diverse Preaching Traditions*, with Rev. Dr. Jared Alcantara; *Stories of Recognition*, with Rev. Carolyn Helsel; and *Preaching as Spiritual Formation*, with Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm, from the Mennonite tradition.

Jared covered - really thoroughly! The African-American, Latino/a/x, and Asian preaching traditions (which are, internally, all multiple traditions, somehow pulling truly helpful illustrations and advice out even as our heads were stuffed with information and both printed and filmed. A few chestnuts, out of many:

“Our theologies are our autobiographies in disguise” - Cleo LaRue

“There are two kinds of preaching people don’t want to hear: BAD preaching, and GOOD preaching!” - Fred Craddock

“Don’t get up to preach if you are not *there to preach!* - Traditional, African-American

We talked about how our power - or lack thereof - may effect preaching, especially our freedom to preach in conscience: “how direct can I be?”; and the “status” of the preacher in various settings; about balancing our voice and our body in communicating; about the size of our pulpit (mine’s pretty big); about “folk” and “intellectual” traditions; about pace (again, in the African-American tradition, “start slow, go high, set fire, sit down”).

We talked, above all, about questioning ourselves:

What is the *telos* (goal) of my sermon? Explanation? Understanding? Celebration?

Is my sermon redemptive? Do I announce both truth and hope?

Did I set expectations, societal or cultural? Did I meet them?

Did I rouse passion?

We learned to think of the written text as an “arrested performance”; only orality determines pace, pitch, pause, and punch - the means by which we paint a picture, and invite others in; the means by which we move through that world, and return to this. Both our intellectual and improvisational abilities are challenged, as the sermon is planned, preached and published. We are challenged to be both a doctor in the sickroom, and a lawyer in the courtroom; above all, we are challenged to try to restore memory - anamnesis replacing amnesia -so that a congregation, or an individual, might, like the prodigal son, might be aroused, and return.

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What is necessary for that to happen is that our “inward” and “outward” calls both be realized (both Emerson and Calvin), and that our “heat” and “light” be in balance (Jonathan Edwards’ “Doctrine of Sensible Knowledge”), that we both explain and proclaim.

Out of all that, here are four takeaways for me: 1. Rather than think in structure and form, think in mood and plot; this reduces the inductive work of both preacher and congregation. 2. Engage Holistic knowing; appeal to reason, but also to emotion, intuition and will. 3. Use indirect communication; be invitatory, then discover together, rather than “impart”. 4. Sojourn together. Jesus was ever ready to stop, in the middle of all the hurry, stress and urgency of His mission, for the sake of learning together.

From Carolyn, I learned about the necessary overlap between teller and hearer; and that the structure of an oral story is not what hearers care about; rather it is what they can identify with, and what they can admire. We need to incarnate our stories - in agreement with our own Don Benjamin, we learned the best starting place is the “I wonder?” piece. We also need to cross the “disjunction” between “you” and “I”; Jesus was a master of this practice because He was a master of cultural reference. Our “Balcony View” - which comes from deep familiarity with the text - must be ameliorated by sustained conversation where our people are. We can accomplish that, perversely, by listening to another, different story. A story, unlike an anecdote, is open-ended; though it consists of “info” and data, what’s important are the universality in it, the gratitude and/or struggle expressed, the things that are in common for all of us. The preacher’s attention to the literary forms of the Bible itself inform every story told out of it: what is it doing, how does it function, what is at stake? (Tom Long).

Dawn shared with us many ways to make not just our spiritual practices but also our self-care, vital for the sake of our congregations. Practices of silence, varieties of prayer, the activity of retreat can all inform what and how we preach.

...Then... I attended *The Bowed Head*, at Calvin Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 22nd through 26th. It was led by Rev. Dr. Neal Plantinga and Rev. Scott Hoezee; great colleagues and great friends, as well as, in order, teacher and student in their first relationship. The picture is of the whole group on the deck behind the conference room; we were from 14 states and 2 provinces, and we were of widely various experience. All of us shared our experiences of grief: that of others, especially congregants, and our own. The morning sessions were organized around an analysis of three assigned books: *A Grief Observed*, by C.S. Lewis (in whom Dr. Plantinga is an expert); *A Grace Disguised*, by Jerry Sittser; and *Everything Happens for a Reason*, by Kate Bowler. We also had presentations by Sara Chung, the Associate Dean of Students at Calvin, who lost her husband and father of her two children at the age of 32, and by Rev. Marc Nelesen, Ph.D., Th.M., who shared his Th.M. thesis with us and absolutely overloaded us with resources and books to seek out (my budget won’t sustain it all, but I’ve started. Don’t tell Pam!).



Our morning sessions all were so full, and so thoughtful, and so emotional, that resting afterwards was a necessity. We had some optional afternoon sessions, and some genuine retreat time, as well as two meals out all together, thanks to Calvin Seminary. The work we accomplished, the insight we gained, was far more directly vocational than I expected, even as it was intensely personal. I have already begun planning to present on the conference to our Stephen Ministers, and thinking about all the ways this conference can enrich all of our insights and practices together. The “Stephen Library” will continue to grow! Equally importantly, I recognize through hearing the lived experience of others, that I must be prepared to question, and care for, myself in order to be the best pastor possible. This group of wise folks absolutely embraces the principle of therapy for the therapist; on the notion that no-one should try to carry all the griefs the pastor receives alone.

I did not even take the chance to share the marvelous experiences of worship I experienced at both conferences; these, too, will surely make their way into what I do, and how I do it. I’ll be pleased to share; but right now I suspect I’ve overshared. Thanks for going for the ride!

SYNOD MEN’S CONFERENCE

Dale Smith

Recently, about 60 men from the Mid-Atlantic Synod gathered at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center for a weekend of prayer, fellowship, worship, and inspiring speakers. The theme of the conference was taken from Isaiah 6:8 “Here am I; send me”. Hymn #69, “Here I am, Lord”, was sung during each session.



Various speakers encouraged the participants to “heed one’s call”, boldly going forth into deeper waters (Luke 5:3-7). Sunday opened with a silent service of communion. The message at the closing worship was given by Rev. James Atwood, an author, pastor, and a nationally recognized voice on the subject of gun violence prevention.

The Synod Men’s Conference is an annual event. Plan to attend July 17-19, 2020!

Session Report
Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

OVPC Minute from Session - July 8, 2019

The Session of OVPC met on Monday, July 8 2019, in Memorial Hall.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 7:07 PM.

Orders of the Day:

MOTION passed to approve the June 2019 Financial Reports.

Finance Committee reminder that Scott Derr, Financial Investment Manager, will attend our August 12th meeting to review our portfolio and our direction going forward.

Finance Committee Mid-Year Budget Review will be presented at the August 12th meeting including the review of the OVPC Financial Procedures.

The Consent Agenda **MOTIONS** passed:

Treasurer requested Earlene De Fazio be designation to count the offering if the Treasurer or Session designate is not available. Two members are to required count the offering.

Sewing Circle is establishing a relationship with the non-profit program, 'Pathway to Success' at the Cape Henlopen School District. More information will follow. Volunteer opportunities will be afforded to the entire congregation.

Worship Committee will have a 'Laity Sunday' this Fall.

Personnel Committee to increase the Administrative Assistant working hours from 12 to 14 per week. The additional hours will be taken, one each, on Wednesday and Thursday. Office hours will remain 9-12 Monday - Thursday.

Pastor Terry's report was received. **Reminder:** Pastor Terry has study leave July 22-26.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

The closing on the Church Street property is complete. Waiting on the deed and final survey.

MOTION approved to form a **Mission Committee** effective January 2020. The Mission Committee Job Description was reviewed and approved. The chair will be selected as part of the Church Nominating 2020 cycle. If you are interested in being a member of this committee, please see Pastor Terry.

Session urges all committee chairs to get their Session reports to the office by the Wednesday before the Session Meeting: August 12th Session Meeting - reports are due August 7th.

Rev. Terry Dougherty adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 9:32PM

Session Report
Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

OVPC Minute from Session - August 12, 2019

The Session of OVPC met on Monday, August 12, 2019, in Fellowship Center.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 5:40 PM.

Orders of the Day:

The Annual OVPC Investment Review was conducted by Scott Derr, our Financial Investment Manager. We reviewed our investment portfolio, reports, and discussed the investment strategy going forward. We elected to keep the current allocations.

Facilities Use Committee Annual Report to Session - Judy Reich, Chair

Judy presented the Facilities Annual Report highlighting the new policy for opening and closing the buildings for single use of non-church related groups, the Annual Kitchen inspection with the Health Department was completed with no problems found, and a new Facilities Manual is being assembled. Session thanked Judy and the Facilities Committee for their dedication to OVPC and the use of our facilities.

Finance Committee - Mid-Year Finance/Budget Review - Bob Wolf, Chair

The Finance Committee's Report to Session was presented by Bob and reviewed in detail. The overall budgetary health of the church is good. Changes were made to the Operating Account where account postings were incorrect. All church accounts were reconciled and reviewed. The committee is reviewing the OVPC Finance Procedures and will present to Session for review and approval when complete. Session thanked Bob and the Finance Committee for a job well done.

MOTION passed to approve the July 2019 Financial Reports. The Deacons will be contacting the Lord Baltimore Elementary School to support student back to school needs with the local allocation of \$430.00 from the Pentecost Offering.

Pastor Terry's report was received.

The Monthly Committee Reports were received.

Nominating Committee MOTION approved to split the current Buildings and Grounds Committee into two distinct committees: Buildings Committee and Grounds Committee, each with individual chairs and a standard committee structure. A single Session Liaison will represent both committees. Job Descriptions will be created and approved for each committee.

Session urges all committee chairs to get their Session reports to the office by the Wednesday before the Session Meeting: September 9th Session Meeting - reports are due September 3rd.

Rev. Terry Dougherty adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 8:27 PM



This October, it will be a year since nine members of OVPC were commissioned as Stephen Ministers.

In those months since being commissioned, nearly all our Stephen Ministers have had – or are continuing with – a caring relationship with someone in need.

These “care receivers” have been both from the congregation and from the community. The Stephen Ministers meet twice a month, as a small group, for prayer and encouragement in this caring ministry. They have participated in continuing education, delving into topics such as Ministering to the Dying and Their Families and Ministering to Those Experiencing Loss Due to Aging. They will soon begin a series on Ministering to Those Needing Long-Term Care.

Please hold our Stephen Ministers in your prayers, asking for God’s continued presence in this caring ministry.

If you – or someone you know – is going through a challenging time, please speak with Elaine Smith, the Referrals Coordinator, or with Pastor Terry.

“Water, Water, Everywhere But not a drop to drink”

The first week in October, OVPC will be hosting an “International Peacemaker”!! The PC(USA) has been bringing people from all over the world who have done something extraordinary in their own countries since 1984, and this year we are going to be hosting Xinia Briceno and her translator, Dr. Karla Koll for New Castle Presbytery. The 13 members who spent a week in Costa Rico in February, 2018, had the privilege of spending a day with Xinia as she told us about her work to bring clean water to her town. And now all of you will have the opportunity to hear her story, and spend time with Dr. Koll, whom OVPC supports in mission work. Watch for more news about this special opportunity for us and our community. We will keep you updated, but mark your calendars now for the weekend of October 4-6. If you have questions, just talk to the Hamiltons, the Colwills, the Quinns, the Baileys, the Hoblers, the Reads, or Susan Rizer.



HEAVENLY LUNCH - THE BEST IN TOWN

July 24 - 25, 2019

The weather this year was absolutely perfect - sunny, cool, clear and a blessing after so many brutally hot days. Approximately 365 customers discovered how "Heavenly" our lunch is and most raved about and thanked us for the homemade chicken salad, Caesar salad, fresh fruit, pasta, fresh baked rolls and chocolate and butterscotch brownies. After expenses the Circle deposited \$4000 for the Circle Mission Committee to support local, national and international missions. A listing of these missions is displayed on the lunch tables each year.

Sue Rizer stationed herself outside Memorial Hall at the well again this year where she greeted, talked about Rwanda Joy and collected donations for continued education for Rwanda high school students.

We welcomed new member helpers, Cindy Woodruff, Gloria Bartholomew and her husband Randy; Kerry Shull for returning to the team; Jim and Lorie Hartsig's grandson, Will Ashley and his friend Trevor Fullen who helped Jen Read "greet and seat our diners".

We give special thanks and appreciation to Mr. Harry Dukes from Eastern Shore Poultry for his generous donation of 200 pounds of boneless chicken breasts; Jimmy Robinson owner of Ocean View Produce for the watermelons and cantaloupes that fill our delicious fresh fruit bowls; Bethany Diner for butter and Ocean view Seafood for carry out containers.

The luncheon takes a lot of preparation and hard work but it also provides fun and laughter for all the members of our church family and guests that participate as greeters, hostesses, bus boys, parkers, money takers, dishwashers, kitchen food prep, plate scrapers, car parkers, brownie cutters, and ice and beverage coordinators.

We extend a special thank you to Kathy Rhodes for her up-beat, fun, non-stop piano music. Always a special treat for both the staff and guests.

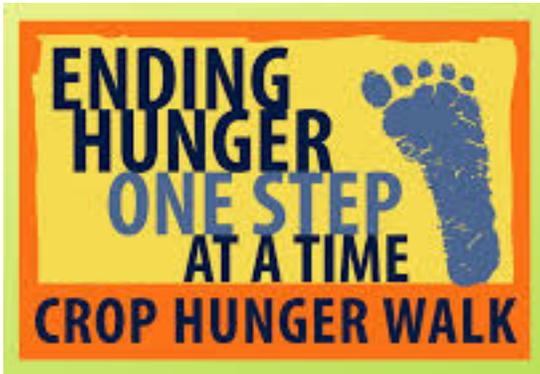
The Women's Circle Heavenly Lunch team with the help of all of the members of the Ocean View Presbyterian Church Congregation continue to make this luncheon one that the community looks forward to every July.





Nancy Turner Sep. 3rd
 Herb Sheetz Sep. 6th
 Mike Read Sep. 8th
 Mike Quinn Sep. 19th
 Jane Sergison Sep. 21st
 Cathy Yantz Sep. 22nd
 Betsy Henifin Sep. 25th
 Carol Kester Sep. 28th
 Earlene DeFazio Sep. 29th

Jane and Bob Clark Sep. 2nd
 June and Brooks Goldman Sep. 5th
 Jeannette and Charles O'Neil Sep. 9th
 Lorie and Jim Hartsig Sep. 10th
 Rita and Bob Doherty Sep. 16th



**31st Annual
 S/E Sussex County Crop Walk
 Sunday
 Oct. 20th
 2019**

CROP (Communities Responding Overcome poverty)



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 September 9th

Please note this is the second Monday because of
 Labor Day. Yarn returns to the first Monday,
 October 7th.

Meet Our The New Members

Jim and Jane Bonbright



Jim and Jane Bonbright lived in South Bethany for 33 years and moved here permanently in 2014. They come from Kensington, MD as Chevy Chase

Presbyterian Church (Washington, DC) members of 46 years. Previously, they raised three grown children here and now eight grandchildren.

Jim Bonbright graduated from Hamilton College and Columbia University. He worked for the U.S. Department of Defense for thirty-five years, first as a researcher in the Experimental Psychology lab at Walter Reed Army Annex and later as a computer programmer for U.S. Army enlisted personnel and officers. As a young athlete, Jim pursued wrestling and pole vaulting, and later the Marine Corps Marathon. Hobbies include flying model airplanes and gardening.

Jane Bonbright danced professionally with Radio City Music Hall, New York Metropolitan Opera, and American Festival Ballet (in Europe). Thereafter, she graduated from Indiana University, George Washington University and Temple University focusing on arts education as a researcher, teacher/academician, and arts administrator. She is the Founding Executive Director of the National Dance Education Organization (1998) and continues to serve as its Director of the Online Professional Development Institute overseeing all curriculum, courses, and professors teaching dance as art in education. Hobbies include tending landscaping, knitting, and hosting summer reunions.

Gloria and Randy Bartholomew



Randy and Gloria Bartholomew moved to South Bethany as permanent residents about a year ago from Colesville, MD (DC area). We have owned here for 18 years, but Randy's

retirement from the National Trust for Historic Preservation prompted the move. Previously Randy worked at a regional accounting firm and with shopping mall developers. Gloria's careers included the US Treasury Dept., the trade Association for tire manufacturers, and 2 church secretarial jobs. Together we have one lovely daughter, Heather, married and living in Kensington, MD with her husband Casey and a grand-kitty cat.

We were very active in Colesville United Methodist Church, serving on numerous committees. Gloria was one of the 3-women team that developed "Born Again Jewelry", a program that funded various mission organizations. They received used jewelry donated by church members and redesigned them into new pieces. During their years together, they provided over \$20,000 to missions and she hopes to introduce this to OVPC members.

We are so pleased to join OVPC's community of faith and thank you for your warm welcome.

Sewing Circle

Amy Peoples

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and are ready to enjoy the many events of the Sewing Circle. During the summer we had two fund raisers. On July 1 we had the LuLaRoe Fundraiser to help Rwanda Joy, one of our special missions. It was a big success and enjoyed by those who participated. Be sure and notice the special fashions that our members bought on this one day event. We had our Heavenly Luncheon later in July and it was a complete success. We had many attendees and the weather was picture perfect. As always many compliments from those attending, many came to eat both days. We were able to put close to \$5000 toward our Mission Giving. Best of all it was so special to see how the entire church comes together to make it a perfect two days. Again thanks to all who helped in any way.

Now let's get to thinking of **September** and the activities of the Circle.

Sunday, September 8, we will have Coffee Hour hosted by the ladies of Salt Pond. Come and enjoy after the church service.

Monday, September 9, 2019, YARN will meet. Please bring your lunch and join them from 10-2. I am sure they will be doing so many of their shawls etc. that are so valued by the recipients. Remember if you do not know how to do a project, there are many willing helpers and you will be quite capable before you know it. Come and join them.

On Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 12 noon, the Sewing Circle will meet. Bring your sandwich or salad and refreshments will be provided by Cathy Yantz. After our lunch we will have a business meeting followed by Bible Study led by Bev Bailey this month. We will be studying from our new study book, "Love Carved in Stone" Chapter 1, "Words of Love, I am your God, You shall have no other".

At this time I would like to remind you that we all took a pledge at the Circle meeting that we would read the lesson before the meeting and come prepared or we would not do this study from Horizon's. This will make it so much easier for the leaders.

Karen Hamilton approached the Circle about doing lunches, once a month for the children at risk at Cape Henlopen School. We have the approval of the Session to go ahead with this project, so we will be discussing this at Circle.

The next big fundraiser is our Fall Jumble. It will be held Saturday, October 12, 2019, 8:30-12. Set up will be Friday, October 11, 2019, 8:30. Be sure to start to collect items to sell for this project. Items are needed for the various booths; glassware, small household items, knickknacks, books... (Marlene has asked for children's books especially) children's toys, potted plants and jewelry.*** I want to add a special appeal for jewelry. After last year's Jumble , the jewelry supply was depleted and we will be starting from scratch.** Also get out your recipe books, we will need baked good for the yummy bake table. Remember please, NO clothing,

Sewing Circle continued...

shoes, pocketbooks, or large furniture, or anything soiled or broken. Please say yes when you are approached to help with the Jumble. Good way to get to know your fellow Ocean View attendees.

I hope you will be able to join us at our Circle activities, it is a dedicated group and always ready to see a new face at our table.

Heavenly Luncheon Postscript

Amy Peoples

As many of you may remember from a number of years past, we had a beautiful angel show up on chopping day. She has returned many times again. How special!

Well once again another angel has come to help the Heavenly Luncheon. When I was in line to get paper products etc. at the Party Store in Salisbury. I spoke with a lady behind me. She wondered if I was having a Mardi Gras Party, (purple napkins) I said no, it was for our Heavenly Luncheon in Ocean View. We chatted a bit and she said she had had very serious heart surgery and really did not want to be out but was running an errand for her daughter.

When I went to pay, she asked the cashier if we could share her coupon, was told yes and I received \$20.00 off bill. WOW!

You never can tell when you will have an angel come into your life. Be Alert!

**Kindness is the language the deaf can
hear and the blind can see.**

Submitted by Elsie Young who saw this in her audiologist's office.

Christian Education

Karen Rubin-Hamilton

Join us in Memorial Hall after worship this month for two very different educational opportunities. We are excited to have a guest speaker on September 15th and then Dale Smith to lead us in discussion on September 29th.

September 15th: The Shofar Trumpet

Please welcome our guest speaker Brett Buchler, as he shares with us the ancient history and spiritual significance of the Shofar (ram's horn) Trumpet.

September 29th: The Homeless Are People, Too

Through video clips, photos and discussion, Dale Smith will help us gain a better appreciation of the plight of the homeless. This program will include discussion on how to interact with those we meet, how to support the Cold Weather Shelter, and initiatives underway in Sussex County.

Shelter Help Needed

The Ministerium and LoveINC are collaborating on having a Cold Weather Shelter (for men only), to be open every night from mid-November to mid-March. Training of volunteers for this upcoming winter season is being held locally at the Millville UMC on **Thursday, September 26, from 7-9pm**. If you have any questions, see Bruce Hobler or Dale Smith.

PRINCETON SUPPORT TEAM UPDATE

Karen Colwill, Kathy Sheetz, Pam Price, Mike Read and Pastor Terry

The Princeton Support Team (PST) members continue to meet weekly for brief check-in times for discussion and solutions. PST is also planning to be part of the Leadership retreat at OVPC in the fall.

Recently, Pastor Terry spent 5 days at the Calvin Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI. for a conference on Grief and Pastoral Grief Ministering named "The Bowed Head." This conference is part of Terry's continuing education in connection with his Terms of Call at OVPC.

Pastor Terry will be the facilitator and provide an overview of the conference on Grief and Pastoral Grief Ministering to the Stephen Minister group on Sept. 16th. These Stephen Ministers continue to study and prepare for their Care Receivers.

Kitchen Ministry for Pathways to Success
Karen Rubin-Hamilton

Pathways to Success is a local mentoring program focused on helping “at risk” youth develop into healthy, productive, and responsible citizens. It is a non-profit organization that has a 98% graduation rate within the Sussex County Schools in which it works. One of the great needs for the youth it serves is nutritious food.

The Women’s Sewing Circle with the approval of Session is entering into a partnership to provide one meal a month for the students in this program at Cape Henlopen High School. This meal will be prepared in our church kitchen, and we are looking for volunteers for preparation and delivery.

Our Needs

Shopping Ingredients for our preset menu once per month.

Food Prep 2nd Wednesday of the Month 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Cooking 2nd Thursday 2:00 -3:00ish

Delivery 2nd Thursday 3:30

If interested in joining this effort, please complete information

below and leave in the collection plate or give to

Karen Rubin- Hamilton or Marti Sommer.

Name _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

We will be having an organizational meeting in September.

**By all these lovely tokens
September days are here
With summer’s best of weather
And autumn’s best of cheer.
Author unknown**

Advent Devotional

Elsie Young

In the summer of 2007 OVPC decided to write our own devotional for the Advent season. And here it is time to begin the process for 2019.

A list of scripture readings (Lectionary) is provided from which we choose a day and write a devotion to be included in the "publication". Copies from past years are available.

Your writing is submitted to Bob Wolf by computer or a hard copy can be given to Elsie Young. November will find the 2019 issue in our possession so that the devotional can be a part of our personal Christmas readiness. If you have questions, talk to Elsie.

KARIOS of Delaware

Dale Smith

KARIOS of Delaware will be having another men's weekend retreat at the Sussex Correctional Institution in Georgetown on Thursday December 5th through Sunday December 8th. There will be four preparation dates for training for the outside team, usually held on Saturdays. If you might be interested in this ministry, please contact Dale Smith.

Recycling Day

Location: Hockers Super Store

When: Saturday, Sept. 14th
8am to 2pm

What: Household Hazardous Waste - Product container marked with words, "Warning: Hazardous", "Flammable," "Poisonous," "corrosive" or "Explosive." For example: household cleaners, garden pesticides, paints, nail polish, fluorescent bulbs, or antifreeze.

Electronic Goods Recycling - Electronic Equipment such as, old computers, printers, CD players, microwaves, telephones, televisions, game boys, fax machines, answering machines and VCRs.

Paper Shredding - Residents can bring up to 2 boxes of personal confidential papers for shredding (financial and legal documents, receipts, and tax and medical records(. Papers with staples or paper clips are accepted.

The event is restricted to Delaware residents and is held rain or shine.



Mission Committee Job Description

Approved July 8th, 2019

The primary role of the Mission Committee, a committee of Session, is to promote, support, and focus the congregation on mission and ministry to our community and beyond. A Session Liaison will be assigned.

The Committee shall have a chair, nominated by the Church Nominating Committee, with at least 4 members at large. A liaison from both the Deacons and the Sewing Circle will be appointed by their respective groups for the purpose of information sharing, with the Deacons and the Sewing Circle responsible for their own respective mission giving and to give input to the Mission Committee.

Responsibilities:

Develop ways to assist and engage the congregation in ministry and mission locally, regionally, and globally. This may include partnering and grant writing.

Investigate and suggest new opportunities for OVPC mission involvement.

Review and update the Mission Matrix, maintained by the Church Secretary.

Serve as the point of contact with mission/ministry agencies and programs supported by the Mission Committee, including vetting those ministries annually, and finding ways the church can better partner with them in ministry.

Create and maintain a Mission Center (the well?) using it to help coordinate mission involvement within the overall ministry of the church.

Serve as a point of contact with the neighboring congregations, South East Sussex Ministerium and the Presbytery to explore potential partnerships in mission/ministry.

Promote and publicize activities to the congregation in the form of bulletin announcements, web site updates, newsletter articles and Facebook which educate the congregation on mission and ministry. Encourage financial support and "hands on" participation.

Plan and coordinate either a Mission Fair or Mission Forum every other year.

The Session supports our Congregation's continuing growth in mission involvement both in monetary support and active participation in mission. The Mission Committee will look to Session for approval on all mission activities and funding. The Committee is requesting a budget of \$ 200. this year for any expenses they may incur.

Provide a monthly committee report to Session summarizing upcoming activities.

Meet with Session on an annual basis reporting accomplishments and future activities.

Provide a Mission Committee Report for the Annual Report.

Heavenly Luncheon 2019

Jim Hartsig



Friday Night At The Movies



Friday September 6th - Our September movie will be hosted by Karen and Bill Colwill at their home. 'I Can Only Imagine' starring J. Michael Finley, Madeline Carroll, and Dennis Quaid is the true story behind the Christian contemporary song of the same name. Growing up in Greenville, Texas, Bart Millard suffers physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father, Arthur. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song "I Can Only Imagine" as singer of the Christian band MercyMe.

Because of so many activities at church, there will be no movie in October. We will get together once again in November to embrace the coming of winter!

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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