



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER
2020



FROM THE PASTOR TERRY DOUGHERTY

Beloved in Christ, I want to thank you, all of you, for your long patience and for your deep understanding. I know I can speak for leadership, and all your fellow congregants, and I do say this for myself as well: *God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence* (Psalm 91:3); we for our part will strive to fulfill this – *On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot upon a stone* (Ps. 91:12). All that has been done so far, and that is being done even now, is in the name of your safety. Thank you for all the ways you are helping now, and will help; you make it possible for us to be together!

It's been a long Summer, and a long time apart. Hard as it has been, I pray earnestly that, even as we awake from it, that much has also already been awakened in us. Our tolerance for aloneness, never mind loneliness, is in direct conflict with a fact of modern life: we have as many means of distraction as any people have ever had. The little rectangle in our purse or pocket can take us thousands of miles from our current state, can take us down 2 and 3 and 4 hour rabbit holes, can link us to “friends” by the hundreds and thousands; all without asking a thing of us. Our televisions and satellite radio choices can do the same, with our only necessary involvement being customization of how we are distracted from ourselves and our lives. Even when we read – arguably one of our deepest interactions with another human being’s thought – our distractions call, and we begin to “multi-task”.

I heard it said on the car radio while driving to set these thoughts down, that it is not true that we multi-task at all; that’s not a human thing. Rather, we “task-switch” serially; and I suspect that drains each of those tasks of some of their meaning, to and for us. Each one pulls us away from the meditations of our heart, from our consideration and contemplation of “what it’s all for”, and “what it all means” and, most importantly, “where it’s all going”. Because, it is definitionally true of us as Christians that we believe it is “all” for something, and means something, and goes somewhere. It is all for God’s kingdom, means that love is God’s way, and goes to our eternal companionship with the God who gives Godself to us, endlessly, for our sake.

Even as the warmth of our community has been missed, we can know that the fire of love has been kindled and awakened in that quiet space where our souls go to meet God; a place beneath, or beyond, or above our knowing. A place that, seeming empty, brims with meaning; a place that, seeming dark, is all light; a place that we have avoided, but which fulfills. The stones of our loneliness, of our distraction, of our alienation, have been poured into this place. If we will wait, if we will bear it, they are being turned over and over and over, with and against and among each other; turned over in our hearts, inside the heart of God, as a tumbler turns the stones of the earth, smoothing all that is jagged, polishing all that is dull, highlighting the beauty and the color of all that is in us, alone or, even better, all together. When we are together, let us never forget this interior voyage, this time alone with our Maker, so that we will cherish each other more dearly, and more fervently, than ever: the Beloved Community.

Until then, until this is all fulfilled, I want to share with you, dear friends, what I'm seeing anecdotally: this is the era of the long – and I mean long! – phone call. The call that re-assures, the call that re-connects, the call that drives back the darkness a bit. Should you be the recipient of that call, feel honored; for you have been trusted. Should you need to make that call, reach out in faith. Trust. I believe your trust will be rewarded, especially if you reach out to any member of this so-loving community. That spark of God's love awakened in each of us waits only for a reason, to bloom into the fire of love.

Be well, dear friends; for each of us, at our own chosen pace, that time will come when we see, rather than “see”, each other again. Rest in the love of Christ.

“If a year was tucked inside a clock, then autumn would be the magic hour.”—Victoria Erickson.

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SESSION REPORT

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

The **Session of OVPC** met on Monday, August 10, 2020 via ZOOM Meeting.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 7:25 PM.

Orders of the Day:

We welcomed Pam Price, Facility Committee Chair, to our meeting. Pam presented the annual Facilities Report to Session. The committee is currently gathering supplies in support of new Covid-19 cleaning protocols required for opening our sanctuary and restrooms for public worship. Pam is budgeting for additional cleaning supplies including personal hand sanitizers for the remainder of 2020. Facilities will reach out to the congregation for volunteers to sanitize our sanctuary and restrooms. Session wants to thank the Facilities Committee for addressing the challenges presented by Covid-19 and implementing the appropriate protocols.

MOTION approved authorizing expenditures for Covid-19 cleaning/safety protocol supplies.

We welcomed Bob Wolf as the Communications/Technology Chair to our meeting. Bob presented the committee's annual report to Session. They have been busy taking OVPC virtual: streaming services, midweek meditations, and ZOOM meetings. We changed internet providers to accommodate live streaming stability. We discussed budget impacts if we continue to be virtual after we return to public worship. The report also highlighted the continuing works including accomplishments, scheduled activities for licensing software, advertising and committee support. The committee is looking forward to a future redesign of the OVPC website. Session appreciates all the work the committee has done in keeping the congregation connected through virtual media and maintaining all administrative systems.

MOTION passed to approve the minutes of the **July 13, 2020 Session Meeting.**

MOTION passed to approve the minutes of the **July 18, 2020 Special Session Meeting.**

MOTION passed to approve the **July 2020 Finance Reports.**

Pastor Terry's report was received.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

Finance Committee update:

Continue to limit our expenses (based on limited projected income) by taking actions **until our income is adequate:**

- all committee allocation/requests are frozen
- the Finance Committee is reviewing and approving all bills to be paid

- CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) - **all funds have been used** We are waiting for PNC Bank to issue compliance filing requirements to complete the process to turn the loan into a grant.

Grounds Committee update: Tropical storm Isaias caused major tree damage and also damaged the roof of the shed. Ray secured an estimate from Clark Tree Service for \$1,200.00 to remove 2 trees and other downed branches from the remaining trees. The stumps will not be removed. **MOTION** approved to have Clark Tree Service remove the 2 trees and other branches at a cost of \$1,200.00. Ray will get an estimate to repair the shed. **(NOTE: tress and downed branches have been removed.)**

Church Nominating Committee update: Mike Read, Chair, will convene the committee to assess open positions for 2021 and fill them. Please prayerfully consider if asked to serve.

Return to public worship – Session developed a plan and schedule to resume public worship at a special session meeting on July 18, 2020. We reviewed safety and cleaning protocols along with the implementation of both. Reservations will be required by week. Ellen Neumann has volunteered to take reservations and inform the ushers as to who will be attending. A letter will be sent to members and friends with details.

Communication to members/friends - SEG (Social Engagement Group a subgroup of Communications/Technology) will prepare letter to the congregation informing them of Session's plan to resume public worship. Marti will work with our Admin Assistant to generate mailing of the letter and safety protocols to members and friends. **NOTE:** Letter was approved by Session via email vote and was mailed to members and friends on August 8, 2020.

Mission Committee– The committee prepared a document 'A Partnership with Westminster Presbyterian Church for Syria/Lebanon Ministry' detailing a request for OVPC to partner with Westminster in obtaining a New Castle Presbytery - IGNITE grant. This missional initiative supports the PC(USA) MATTHEW 25 initiative which we will hear more about in September. **MOTION** approved for the Mission Committee to move forward entering OVPC into a partnership with Westminster Presbyterian Church (Wilmington) for the Syrian/Lebanon Ministry with the clear understanding that OVPC is under no financial obligation. (Note: Session is concerned with financial commitment, but it is understood that if we want to be financially involved any plea for contributions will be approved by Session first.)

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

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

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 10:48 PM

DEACONS' REPORT

PAM PRICE

Milford Housing Development Corporation Deacons' Mission Project for September 2020

For the past several years, the Deacons have provided financial support to the Milford Housing Development Corporation (MHDC), a value-driven, non-profit housing developer, headquartered in Milford, DE and will continue doing so in September.

The mission of MHDC is to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing solutions to people of modest means. MHDC was founded in 1977 by a group of concerned local citizens who saw a need for affordable housing in the community and took action.

OVPC is involved in the MHDC Home Repair Division (HRD). Here is how the Home Repair Division works:

1. The client (homeowner) makes an application with MHDC and are evaluated for need, income, age, and physical condition of the property.
2. A representative from MHDC goes to the property to see what the client wants repaired, takes photos, and reports back to the HRD Committee.
3. The committee reviews all the applications and decides which job will get done. There is no charge to the client for the repair. None of the work done is cosmetic but is done to keep people living safely in their home.
4. The project is then given to OVPC, headed by Herb Sheetz, to perform the work.

Most of the MHDC's funds for the HRD have come from the DE Housing Authority, however four years ago the Housing Authority told MHDC that any future repair projects that their money funded could not be done by volunteer labor but that all work had to be performed by a licensed contractor. If the funds come from a source other than the Housing Authority, then MHDC could use Herb's OVPC volunteer team to do the work.

All offerings received in the September Deacon's Mission for MHDC will be earmarked for the HRD and Herb's team will be able to do projects funded by this mission.

Additionally, Herb is always looking for volunteers to join his team and help with the work. You do not need specific skills or tools, just a willingness to lend a hand and make someone's life a little better.

Please consider a generous donation to this important mission anytime during the month of September.

Thank you for your generosity.



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

YARN

What is a Prayer Shawl?

A Prayer Shawl is a handmade expression of love and care. Usually worked on at YARN meetings, but since March made in the homes of anyone willing to support this ministry.

Who gets a Prayer Shawl?

Prayer Shawls are an appropriate way to remember those who are ill or grieving, saying farewell, going off to college, and other times of transition or celebration.

How can I give a Prayer Shawl or learn how to make one?

Ask any YARN member for more information: Kathy Sheetz, Marti Sommer, Marlene Quinn, Carol Kester, Marie Waehler, Sue Sigvardsen, or Lorie Hartsig. Supplies are available.



Home goods.



REOPENING THE SANCTUARY FOR WORSHIP

As OVPC prepares to slowly open on August 23rd, ushers will play an important part in helping to ensure a safe and structured beginning. We will need three ushers for each service. Seating, temperature taking, and supervising any waiting lines are the main responsibilities involved. If you will be able to assist in this vital service on Sunday mornings, please send a text or email to me and I will get back to you as I establish a schedule. Be sure to include your contact information and dates when you would NOT be available. Thank you!

Judy Reich

As OVPC makes plans to re-open for services in phases soon, we are asking for volunteers to help disinfect surfaces in the sanctuary and the restrooms in Fellowship Center and Memorial Hall before (Saturday) and after each service. We have found that the bathroom cleaning takes just 30 minutes with two people working together. If you'd be interested in helping out, please let Lori in the office know. All supplies including masks and gloves are provided.

Pam Price



Thank you to all of you for reaching out to our family before and after my Dad's illness and passing. You were and are a source of great comfort. A special thanks to Terry Dougherty for his loving care of Dad and me. His message at the graveside service completed Dad's circle of life in such a meaningful way. We are forever grateful.

*Cindy Woodruff
Chuck Woodruff
Ally Woodruff
Susan Quinn
and families*

COFFEE HOUR RESUMES VIA ZOOM

ELAINE SMITH, MODERATOR, WOMEN'S CIRCLE

In past years, in September, the Womens' Circle would host a church-wide coffee hour in Memorial Hall, as a time to greet each other and to gather in small groups, over coffee and goodies.

These days, we must adapt ...

ANNOUNCING: Coffee Hour (via Zoom) on the second Sunday of the month. Using the Zoom video platform, we will gather together virtually, following worship, around 10:30. Once we have gathered, we will use the Zoom Breakout Group capability to split off into several small groups for a period of more intimate fellowship. Then, we will come back together to wrap up.

Grab your own coffee and goodies and enjoy the fellowship! The Zoom meeting details will be posted in the church calendar and in that Sunday's email blast.



THE LIMO LADIES OF BETHANY STRIKE AGAIN

AMY PEOPLES

The limo Ladies of Bethany have struck again. This time joined by the Wednesday Group that meets on Thursday Lunch group. Because of the COVID-19 Virus, the Ocean View Presbyterian Church Sewing Circle had to cancel their Heavenly Luncheon they have held for so many years. It has always been held at the same time as the Beach & Bay Cottage Tour sponsored by the South Coastal Library. This was also canceled.

The ladies decided to donate the funds they would have spent at the luncheon to the Sewing Circle. The Limo Group and the Lunch Group always attended the luncheon as they toured the homes by way of limo.

This is truly a Godsend for our church Sewing Circle which puts on the luncheon with the help of the congregation. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year for the Circle and its is our way of giving funds to the missions, local, national and international they support each year. So many people depending on our Circle and this will be such a help.

What a nice way to get together and help a part of the community! Hopefully we will all be at the Beach & Bay Cottage Tour and Heavenly Luncheon next year.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

DALE SMITH

FOCUS ON THE MATTHEW-25 INITIATIVE

Starting September 20th, during the Christian Ed hour, in conjunction with the Mission Committee, we will begin a five-week series focused on the PC(USA)'s initiative about MATTHEW-25. As in past weeks, these sessions will be conducted via Zoom; meeting details will be found in the church calendar and in the Sunday bulletin.

Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. To that end, PC(USA) has invited Synods, Presbyteries, and individual congregations to affirm their support — to be counted as a Matthew-25 group.

Over these several weeks, we will hear more about this Matthew-25 initiative — the context of the initiative and the three component parts:

SUNDAY	TOPIC
September 20th	Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan, NCP Missional Presbyter, will provide an overview of the initiative and update us on the progress within the Presbytery
September 27th	Jen Read will lead our discussion about Congregational Vitality
October 4th	This session will present the PC(USA) materials about Dismantling Structural Racism. Marlene Quinn will lead us.
October 18th	We will explore ways to Eradicate Systemic Poverty , led by Bev Bailey and Dale Smith
October 25th	Ending this series, we will discuss what Matthew-25 means to OVPC and likely next steps.

Much more information about the Matthew-25 initiative can be found online at:

presbyterianmission.org/ministries/mathew-25

It is expected that a recommendation “to be identified as a Matthew-25 Church” will be presented to Session in November.

By accepting this Matthew 25 invitation, OVPC can help our denomination become a more relevant presence in the world. We recognize Christ's urgent call to be a church of action, where God's love, justice and mercy shine forth and are contagious.

MISSION COMMITTEES

OVPC AND WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN IN WILMINGTON

BEV BAILEY AND DALE SMITH

New Partnership formed between the Mission Committees of OVPC and Westminster Presbyterian in Wilmington

On August 10, the OVPC Session approved a request from the Mission Committee that we establish a partnership arrangement with Westminster Presbyterian's Mission Committee in support of a ministry with Christian churches in Syria. The partnership will involve education, prayer, personal involvement, and an application for an Ignite Grant from New Castle Presbytery.

Westminster has a cohort within the Mission Committee that has been involved in ministry to Syria and Lebanon for 9 years. The head of the Syrian group heard about our church from Billie Sutter, a Christian Educator who spent a weekend with our church in April, 2018, to talk with us about her recent trip to Syria. Billie had explained that she had met the Dabaj family that weekend, and knew of our relationship with them.

In applying for an Ignite grant, NCP encourages churches to "partner" with other churches and organizations in order to spread the good news. This Partnership with WPC will be "emergency food relief" and will feed 60 families for 6 months, in order to stave off covid-19 and help people get stronger and ready to assist others. Our partner on the ground will be the Fellowship for Middle East Evangelical Churches (FMEEC), who has done this kind of program many times. The cost of this program, which will also purchase the food from Syrian resources, is \$20,000 and we have asked for an Ignite grant for \$18,500. The rest will come from WPC and individual donations.

The Mission Committee is pleased to partner with WPC and plan to do more in the future. We hope to hold a Zoom educational event sometime this fall/winter to show you the results of our partnership. We will keep you posted on further ways you can help through individual letters and notes.

What is an "Alternative Christmas Fair"?

Have you ever attended a church that celebrated the holidays with an "Alternative Christmas Fair? If you have, you have been to an event which gives local and international charities the opportunity to raise funds in a group setting; and visitors to the fair get a chance to learn about and donate to those charities. There is a subgroup of the Mission Committee who are working to present the first "Alternative Christmas Fair" this fall at OVPC. We have been hard at work throughout the summer, and hope to offer members the opportunity to honor loved ones with a gift to a charity that is connected with OVPC in some way. In return for a suggested donation of \$25.00 to a charity you choose, you will receive a card that tells the receiver something about the charity. All the donations gathered will go to those charities. We hope with each year, the opportunities to give will grow, but the first year will be somewhat limited due to Covid-19. We will keep you updated on the dates you may shop, but please mark your calendar for November-December opportunities to give a cherished gift to a loved one and help others at the same time. Questions may be directed to Sue Baer, Marlene Quinn, Jennifer Read, and Bev Bailey.



A Ministry of Listening

Think of a time when you really felt cared for. Chances are someone focused on what you had to say, was attentive to your needs, and listened to how you felt instead of telling you how you should feel or what you should do.

Listening is one of the most powerful ministry tools at your disposal. It demonstrates that you care about the other person. In Stephen Ministry, a great deal of time is spent in teaching and practicing listening skills because of its importance as a caregiving tool. Here's a sample of what Stephen Ministers learn in their training about listening:

- Listening is active. It takes energy and commitment to listen really well. Focus your attention on what the other person has to say instead of thinking of what you'll say next. Look at him or her while you listen, and give verbal or physical cues from time to time so the person knows you're tuned in.
- Listening takes patience. Often you need to build trust before someone will open up to you. Constant, patient listening is a key.
- Listening involves more than just words. Pay attention not only to what is said, but to what is not said—or to what is said with a smile or a sigh. Pay attention to body language, too. Does it agree with or contradict a person's spoken words?
- Good listeners aren't completely silent. They restate key thoughts or ideas to be sure they understood correctly, and they ask focused questions to encourage the person to reach a little deeper.
- Listening happens over time. One conversation might build upon an earlier one. As you listen over several conversations, are there any recurring themes or patterns in what the person has said? Are there any contradictions from what was said earlier? These are signs there may be more to explore underneath.
- Listening is confidential. A great way to build trust and show the person you really care is to maintain confidentiality and not to share with others what was told to you in private conversation.

Jesus was the model of a good listener. Much of his ministry was listening to people. By listening to what people had to say he demonstrated how much he really cared about them. Remember the stories of the woman at the well, Nicodemus, or the disciples on the road to

(Stephen Ministers, continued)

Emmaus. All were times when Jesus showed his care and concern by first listening to people and then giving them what they needed.

The Stephen Ministers here at OVPC follow Jesus' model as a listener and caregiver, helping to make this a caring place where members and guests truly feel people care about who they are and how they feel. Just as our Stephen Ministers use good listening skills to communicate how much they care, so can you. Listening is a great gift we can give to one another, and one we can all use in our everyday caring and relating.

Elaine Smith, the Referrals Co-ordinator, can arrange for you to meet with one of our Stephen Ministers for one-on-one confidential discussions. She can be reached at 908.319.4858.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BEV BAILEY

October Book Study Announced!!

Mark your calendars now to get together with your OVPC friends on ZOOM on Thursday evenings in October. Bev Bailey will lead us in a study of the book, "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion", by Gregory Boyle. Father Boyle is a Jesuit priest and founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries, a gang intervention program located in Los Angeles. He writes this book in parables inspired by faith. This book is the perfect study as we continue social distancing and limiting what we do and where we go. The group will read 2 chapters a week (about 40 pages), and then we will talk about what we have read. The book may be purchased on Amazon, or you may ask Bev to get you a copy. And....you won't even have to leave your home to join!! If you would like to be a part of this group, and spend time with OVPC friends each week studying the power of compassion, please sign up with Bev Bailey by calling, messaging, or emailing her by September 20. We will begin on Thursday, October 1, and meet for 5 weeks.

**"There comes a time when autumn asks,
'What have you been doing all summer?'"**

SCAM ALERT

Be aware of scammers pretending to be COVID-19 contact tracers. Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Medicare Number or financial information. If someone calls and asks for personal information, like your Medicare Number, **hang up and report it to Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE.**

**The good Lord didn't
create anything
with out a purpose.
But mosquitoes
come close.**



Submitted by Judy Reich

HOME

How to Enhance the At-Home Worship Experience?

Most of you are still doing online worship, even if some have begun to gather some of your congregations in person (with masks and social distancing, of course) or are staying online for the foreseeable future.

Recently at one of our Zoom pastor meetings the idea came up that households who worship from home may want to consider creating a kind of holy space in their homes for online gatherings.

It could be as simple as clearing the kitchen table and lighting a candle or as elaborate as setting aside a corner of the home as a kind of worship corner with a small table, a cross or other meaningful item or picture, a hymnal, a candle, and space for the device through which you would be participating in worship. One pastor came away with the idea of each household taking in a special chair and covering from the sanctuary. Families might have a special plate or cup to use for communion. It could make gathering at home more meaningful as we make the best of these strange times and try to keep one another healthy and safe.

From Midweek Musings

House Chatter

Everyone PLEASE be careful because people are going crazy from being locked down at home!

I was just talking about this with the microwave and the toaster while drinking my coffee, and we all agreed that things are getting bad.

I didn't mention any of this to the washing machine, because she puts a different spin on EVERYTHING!! Certainly couldn't share with the fridge, cause he's been acting cold and distant!

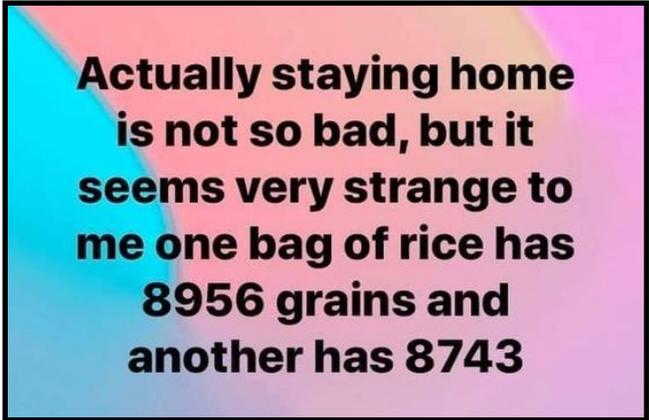
In the end, the iron straightened me out! She said the situation isn't all that pressing and all the wrinkles will soon get ironed out!

The vacuum, however, was very unsympathetic...told me to just suck it up! But the fan was VERY optimistic and gave me hope that it will all blow over soon!

The toilet looked a bit flushed but didn't say anything when I asked its opinion, but the front door said I was becoming unhinged and the doorknob told me to get a grip!! You can just about guess what the curtains told me: they told me to "pull myself together!"

We will survive!!

Submitted by Marie Waehler



**Actually staying home
is not so bad, but it
seems very strange to
me one bag of rice has
8956 grains and
another has 8743**



COMING IN OCTOBER

The 32nd Annual Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 18th. It will be held at Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe instead of Bethany Beach this year.

Community garden at Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe



OVPC PARTNERS WITH LORD BALTIMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR SMILE PROGRAM KATHY SHEETZ

Pastor Terry and the Pastoral Support Team are pleased to share some details about the SMILE program at Lord Baltimore. SMILE will prepare teachers and counselors to enable a successful return to school, whenever and however that takes place, at Lord Baltimore. The program recognizes that relationships are key to the success of students, and that re-establishing relationships with a sense of security and inclusion will lead to a successful school year. Students (and teachers!) have been away a long time, and re-integration may well be an emotional and social roller coaster for many. Positive coaching through modeling, morning meetings and real life experiences, facilitated with Morning Message Books and Classroom Calm Containers (the "toolbox") will help

teachers to calm down or de-escalate students whose emotions may escape or even overwhelm them.

Professional development days will be run by an experienced facilitator; there will also be planning days for Mental Health Counselors. SMILE is an acronym for these areas of skills focus:

- S** – Social Interaction
- M** – Mindfulness
- I** – Inclusion
- L** – Listening Skills
- E** – Emotions

Along with a prepared teacher, each classroom will have a "toolbox", which will contain emotions charts and activities, and sensory items, intended to aid a student in calming, and becoming able to return to the group.

SMILE will be fully integrated with all educational and social services available at Lord Baltimore.

Funding for this grant comes from the First Call Pastoral Leadership Program, generously funded by Heather and Paul Hagg, which accompanied Pastor Terry in his arrival at OVPC as a means to assist him in the transition to effective pastoral leadership through his first three years. The Pastoral Support Team (Karen Colwill, Kathy Sheetz, Pam Price and Mike Read), through a productive relationship with Rev. Dr. Tom Kort of Princeton Seminary and relying on resources available at Princeton Seminary, not only seeks to help Terry but also to help set the parameters of this fledgling program. The Haggas, Princeton Seminary, and we the beneficiaries of this program, hope to make it a replicable model to help first call pastors everywhere.



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One idea to the PST to help food insecure folks in the Ocean View area is in the planning and building stage. A " Food Cupboard" will be constructed by our local men and will be stocked with non - perishables on a help yourself basis. The slogan " Take what you need, Give what you can " will be attached to the Cupboard. Our Congregation will be given the opportunity to help fill and maintain the items in the Cupboard.

Pastor Terry has been elected Chaplin of the Southeast Ministerium. Terry has been an active member which represents our commitment to mission and our community.. Congratulations!

NEWS FROM AFAR

In the past few weeks I have received notes from some OVPC members who have moved away or have not been able to be with us because of the COVID-19.

Wanted to let you know that Sherry Moore is doing well and sends good wishes to OVPC from TN.

Bob and Elaine Jackson are in PA and have not been back to their beach home this summer. Their families are enjoying and caring for their beach home this summer. They send their prayers and good wishes to OVPC family. They hope to see us all soon.

Amy Peoples



JANE SERGISON

It is with heavy heart that we share the news that Jane Sergison has died. She had been in hospice care for about two weeks, and died at 8:30 AM, Tuesday August 25th (today). Dave is doing well; he knew this day was coming. Please pray for Dave and for all the Sergisons' family. May Jane enter her eternal reward, and rest in peace.

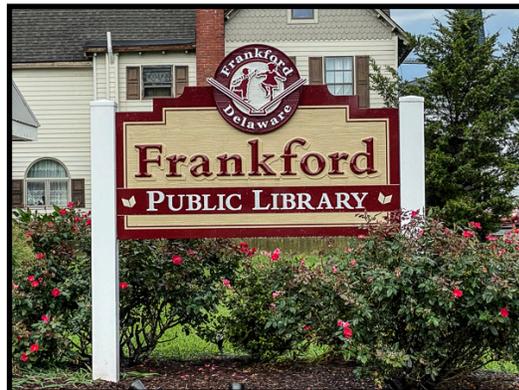


SUMMER EATS LIBRARY PROGRAM

Lorie Hartsig

On a very warm Wednesday morning at the beginning of August, Jim and I picked up 75 boxed lunches containing large BLT and turkey sandwiches, carrots and small bowls of applesauce from Bethany Diner. A smiling Elhan Hajiyevev, owner, his cook and some of his staff helped us fill our car with the boxes. We made two stops: first to Frankford Library (who later called and asked for 5 more lunches for the next week) and Selbyville Library. We were assisted by librarians at both locations. The entire trip took less than an hour. Kids were expected at both libraries to pick up their lunches.

The program incorporates money from Pastor Terry's discretionary portion of his First Call Pastoral Leadership Program with discernment help provided by his Pastoral Support Team paid to Bethany Diner. Karen Rubin-Hamilton and Karen Colwill took responsibility for many of the fine points of making the lunches healthy and yummy, the logistics of coordinating the Diner and Libraries on the morning of delivery and in finding drivers (Hartsigs and Reads) to deliver lunches. Win-win for everyone, especially the children! The Wednesday program is designed to last just through August, but its success and the possible need into the school year may change this plan.



SUPPORT FOR REV. DR. KARLA KOLL

OVPC has had a long-standing relationship with Rev. Dr. Karla Koll, a PC(USA) Mission Co-worker in Costa Rica.

Dr. Koll serves as Professor of History, Mission and Religion at the Latin American Biblical University in San Jose, Costa Rica. The University offers programs in Biblical and theology studies to prepare leaders to serve churches and communities throughout Latin America. Because it is a small school teaching reformed tradition in a Catholic country, they strive for a different way of looking at faith.



The support OVPC and other churches give Karla is what enables her to continue this noble work. The Mission Committee feels strongly that support for Rev. Koll should be continued, especially as this support aligns us with Presbytery objectives of having its member churches sponsor at least one Mission Co-worker. Session has concurred in our recommendation to continue to provide an annual stipend to Rev. Koll.

To that end, over the next remaining months in 2020, the Mission Committee is seeking your contributions to the Rev. Koll Mission Ministry. We have set an objective of raising \$1200 for this ministry (the amount in previous years). In your donation checks, please annotate "Rev. Koll Mission Ministry" so that the funds can be directed appropriately. Please give from your heart. Donations to this ministry must be received no later than November 30th.

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

FROM THE DESK OF TOM BENTZ

*as the winking lightning flashlights the midnight
sky
should I defy
discretion and caution
and plunge into my pool?
definitely.
but before I do
and radiantly die
I send you
master capturers of sunrises,
this ocean and beyond view:*

Everything Is Going to Be All Right, by Derek Mahon

How should I not be glad to contemplate
the clouds clearing beyond the dormer window
and a high tide reflected on the ceiling?
There will be dying, there will be dying,
but there is no need to go into that.
The poems flow from the hand unbidden
and the hidden source is the watchful heart.
The sun rises in spite of everything
and the far cities are beautiful and bright.
I lie here in a riot of sunlight
watching the day break and the clouds flying.
Everything is going to be all right.



The Vacation

By Wendell Berry

Once there was a man who filmed his
vacation.
He went flying down the river in his boat
with his video camera to his eye, making
a moving picture of the moving river
upon which his sleek boat moved swiftly
toward the end of his vacation. He showed
his vacation to his camera, which pictured it,
preserving it forever: the river, the trees,
the sky, the light, the bow of his rushing
boat
behind which he stood with his camera
preserving his vacation even as he was
having it
so that after he had had it he would still
have it. It would be there. With a flick
of a switch, there it would be. But he
would not be in it. He would never be in it.

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whose most recent book of poems is *New
Collected Poems*, Counterpoint

PHOTOGENIC

Susan Rizer



My worn out shoes.



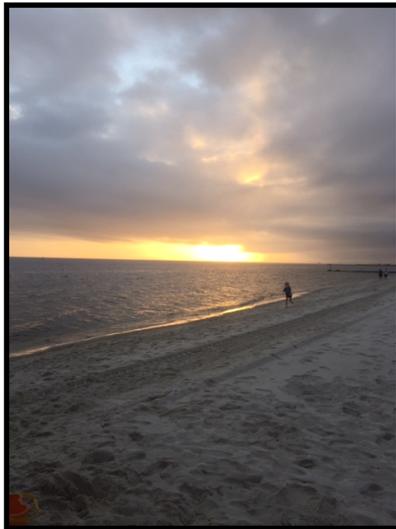
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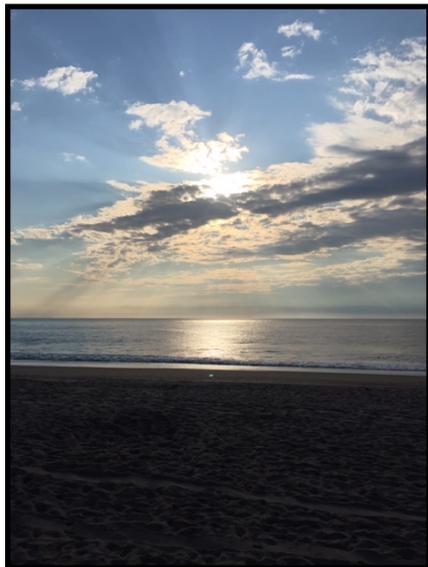
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Mississippi home walk.



Pennsylvania home walk.



Delaware home walk.



Florida home walk.

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Jim and Lorie Hartsig



New steps leading to the front door of the Sanctuary. The stone work matches the new sign.

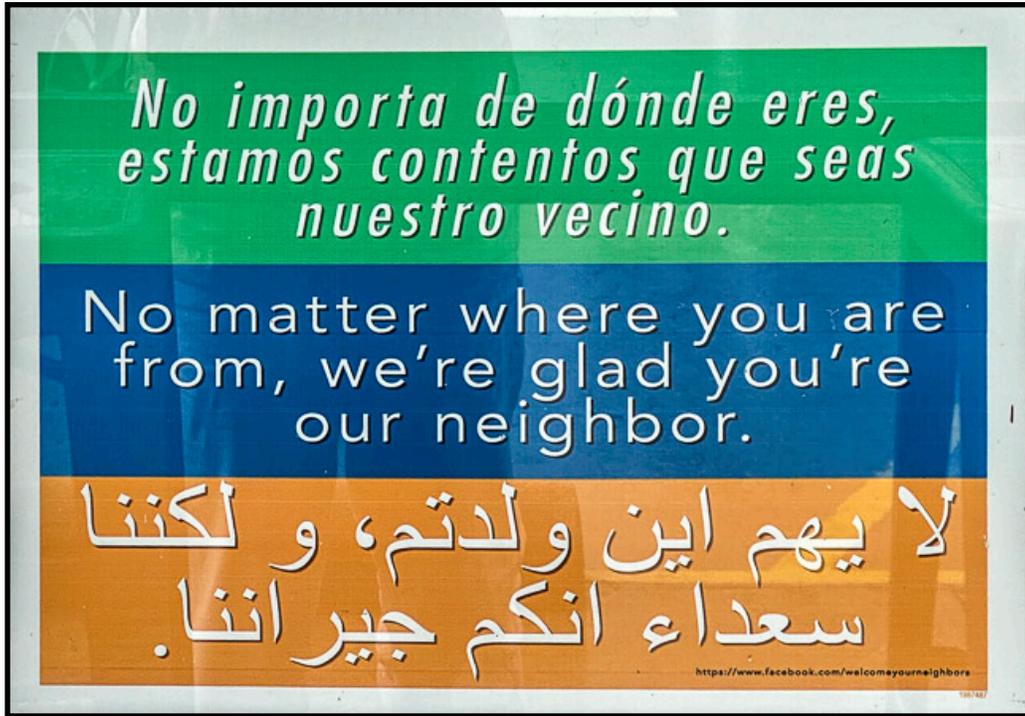


The flag by the Sanctuary is now lighted so the flag can stay raised 24/7.

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Jim and Lorie Hartsig





Sign in window of Dagsboro coffee shop.

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