

OCEAN Views

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2021



FROM THE PASTOR TERRY DOUGHERTY

Greetings in Christ, Sisters, Brothers and Friends of OVPC;

I do not bring you the news you, and I, and your Session so dearly wish: I do not bring you news that all has gone back to normal, nor that all can simply go back to how it always was. Though we are tired, though we wish differently, it is still the case that COVID hems us in before and behind, threatening us with its prevalence and its virulence. Delta and Lambda variants (as of writing) are the dominant and newly threatening strains of the virus making their way into and through the population of the United States. Vaccination and masking remain (as of writing) political flashpoints, rather than matters for dispassionate application by authorities on public health. Sussex County, our home county, remains (as of writing) a “hotspot” for the virus, with cases and hospitalizations and deaths all climbing. Perhaps that will all slow down in the coming months, as our steady stream of visitors is reduced to an off-season trickle. Your Session and I, out of love and caution, will continue to take every precaution to protect you that we are able to deliver. We know this means ongoing frustration as a calendar of longed-for annual events keeps getting deferred, and well-made plans end up deferred. We thank you for your patience and support, your loyalty to us and to the cause of Christ, especially we thank you for your love and trust.

Fleming Rutledge writes this in her devotional, *Means of Grace*, on page 226:

There are two different ways of asking, “Where is God? Why does God hide?” One way is scornful, hostile, and truly God-less...the other way of asking comes from deep faith. ...Anyone who has received even a tiny glimpse of the majesty, holiness, and righteousness of God will have an increased sense of the darkness, disorder, and malevolence that’s loose in the world. These forces would swallow us up had not God set in motion God’s great plan to reclaim creation.

She writes this discussing Isaiah 45; writing further (226-227) *the conditions in which those chapters were written were hopeless by any ordinary standards. The people of God had been dragged off to Babylon, where the colossal Mesopotamian gods dominated everything. They were forced to ponder the fact that their God had apparently abandoned them... [But!!] God is not dependent upon circumstances. God creates God’s own circumstances. God is not located simply within Israel. God’s power and promises encompass the entire created order.*

Friends, many before us have waited, and have borne circumstances that seemed hopeless. "Had it not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, then the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters" (Psalm 124: 2-5).

We are the leading of a people – the people of God – who have long known how, and why, to wait. Whether waiting for a land, or waiting for a messiah, or waiting for a Savior, or waiting for the new heavens and new earth, we know how to bear time and circumstance with confident hope. We know God holds better for us, that God will feed us and claim us and walk with us, always and again. We know that God is setting, and will set, all things right. We are here to witness that God is not absent, and not neglectful, but that God reaches with love and hope to all people, through us and through others, through hands and hearts and minds, willing always what is best for us while encouraging and helping us to seize all that for ourselves. We are companions, not puppets, servants of one another and sent ones of God, and we can bring that most antique of Christian virtues, patience, to bear on all we face, doing all we can in each day, knowing another will dawn in God's time.

We will remember Buzz and Betsy with their family and friends, exercising every caution. We will use and share our buildings, exercising every caution. We will love and serve our community, exercising every caution, willing to wait for that which cannot be NOW, while doing what must be done however we can. Above all, we will strengthen and support one another, holding all things in common and honoring the bond of love.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12: 32-34).

In Christ's love, Pastor Terry

Bob Jackson asked that we tell the people of OVPC that they are praying for the Irish Mailman and the wonderful people at OVPC. The Jacksons hope to get back to our area soon.

.... Amy Peoples

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SESSION REPORT

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

OVPC Minute from Session – July 19, 2021

Shaped by God, We Love and Serve

The **Session of OVPC** met on Monday, July 19, 2021, via ZOOM.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 7:09 PM.

Orders of the Day:

We welcomed prospective members, **Glenn and Kristine Taylor** on Letter of Transfer from Limestone Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE. Glenn and Kris have recently moved permanently to Ocean View after 8 years of being 'week-enders' to the beach. **Welcome Glenn and Kris !**

We also welcomed prospective member, **Barbara Crowell** on Letter of Transfer from Grace Presbyterian, Springfield, VA. Barbara is a retired teacher and looks forward to participating with OVPC in the Tutoring Program at Bethel Mariners. **Welcome Babs !**

Session met with **Jim Hartsig, Chair of the Cemetery Committee** to review the Cemetery Committee status and activities.

Session met with **Bob Clark, Finance Committee Chair**, to discuss the mid-year budget review. Contributions are tracking positive and expenses are holding. **MOTION** to increase the Repairs and Maintenance budget by \$5,000 to pay for a portion of the Fellowship Center roof replacement (Special Project #1-2021) with the remaining from the Capital Improvements. The Finance Committee and Session will meet with Scott Derr, Investment Manager, to review our portfolio at the September Session Meeting.

MOTION approved the Session minutes of the **June 14, 2021**.

MOTION approved the **June 2021 Finance Reports**.

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

MOTION approved updates to the Session Job Description.

Pastor Terry's report was received.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

COVID-19 discussion focused on State of Delaware COVID-19 protocols and specifically, to continue hybrid worship in the sanctuary.

MOTION approved for Memorial Service for Betsy and Buzz Henifin on Saturday, September 18th, 2021.

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: **August 9th Session Meeting - reports are due August 4th .**

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 9:20 PM

OVPC Minute from Session – August 9, 2021

Shaped by God, We Love and Serve

The **Session of OVPC** met on Monday, August 9, 2021, via ZOOM.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 6:09 PM.

Orders of the Day:

We welcomed **Scott Derr, CFP, of Comprehensive Financial Associates** and the Finance Committee to our meeting. Scott performed an in-depth review of the OVPC Cambridge Investment Portfolio. **MOTION** from the Finance Committee was approved recommending no change to the risk portfolio factor on the Cambridge Investment Account. Session thanked Scott for his diligence in managing our portfolio.

We also welcomed **Pam Price, Facilities Committee Chair**, to review the Facilities Committee status and activities for 2021. Pam and the Facilities Committee has been instrumental in keeping our campus in compliance with DE COVID-19 protocols. Session appreciates all that the Facility committee members have done to support a safe campus.

Session met with **Bob Wolf, Chair of the Communication/Technology Committee**. We reviewed the Committee's status and activities required to support virtual worship in Memorial Hall. We also review the 2021 and 2022 evaluation of software, equipment and technology to support our office and virtual worship opportunities. Session is grateful to the Technology Committee and their commitment to support our network and the technology required for virtual worship. **We have not missed a Sunday since April of 2020.**

MOTION from the Nominating Committee approved electing Ollie Robling as the Session member on the Church Nominating Committee. As the Nominating Committee starts its work, please prayerfully consider if asked to serve.

MOTION approved the Session minutes of the **July 19, 2021.**

MOTION approved the **July 2021 Finance Reports.**

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

Pastor Terry's report was received.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

- Building Committee **MOTION** approved to establish 2 handicap parking places near Memorial Hall.
- Take a look – we have a new roof on Fellowship Center !
- Mission Committee **MOTION** approved for an Alternative Christmas Gifts Fair the first 2 Sundays in December and during the Nativity Festival.

COVID-19 discussion focused on State of Delaware COVID-19 protocols and specifically, to continue hybrid worship in the sanctuary. No changes at this time.

Discussed the Memorial Service for Betsy and Buzz Henifin on Saturday, September 18th, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

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: **September 13th Session Meeting - reports are due September 8th .**

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 9:10 PM

**Autumn is a second spring
where every leaf is a flower.
Albert Camus**

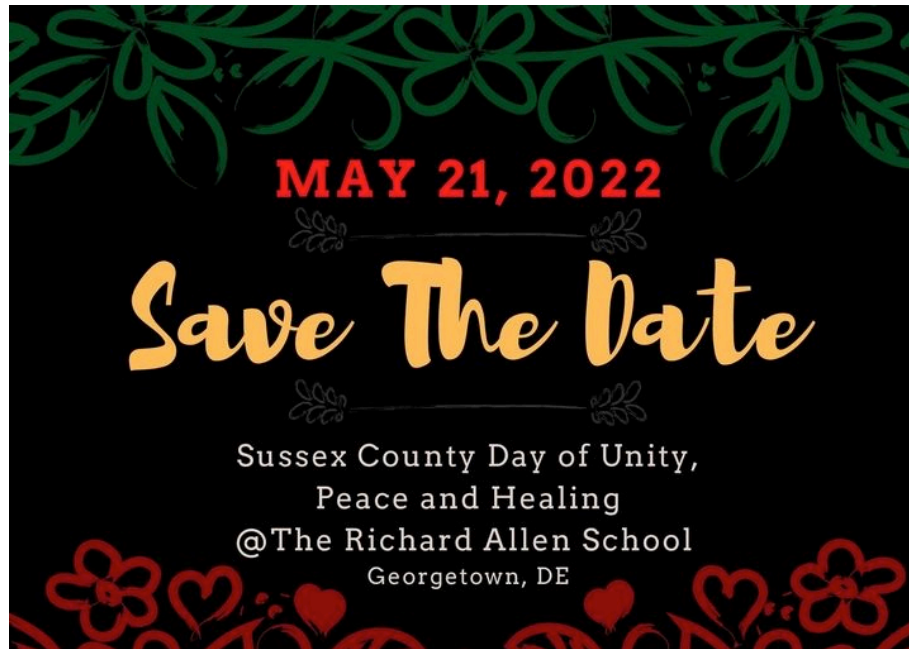


Nancy Turner
Herb Sheetz
Mike Read
Mike Quinn
Cathy Yantz
Carol Kester
Earlene DeFazio

Sep. 3rd
Sep. 6th
Sep. 8th
Sep. 19th
Sep. 22nd
Sep. 28th
Sep. 29th

Jane and Bob Clark
Ruth and George Schafer
June and Brooks Goldman
Lorie and Jim Hartsig
Rita and Bob Doherty

Sep. 2nd
Sep. 3rd
Sep. 5th
Sep. 10th
Sep. 16th



I have a highchair (given from Earlene) that is just right for a baby thru a toddler. It is FREE and does come with a wide tray. If anyone is interested, let me know.
Gloria Bartholomew rghbart@verizon.net





Welcome

Glad you're here!

Kristina and Glenn Taylor



Glenn Taylor

Glenn was born and raised in New Castle County, DE.

Glenn's maternal grandfather was General

Superintendent at Trinity Methodist Church in Wilmington,

DE where he attended in his younger years. Glenn has

always loved the beach areas in DE. Glenn's uncle Bill had

a mobile home in Carsy Jan Acres outside of Rehoboth

and loved surf-fishing. Glenn caught this "bug" early on and still enjoys fishing of all kinds! Glenn

joined Port Penn Volunteer Fire Company, Port Penn, DE. in 1987 and he still holds a position on

the Board of Directors. Glenn, retired, spent his career in the construction products industry: steel

pipe, aluminum pipe and finally concrete pipe. The children and grandchildren keep him busy!

Everyone, especially George and Elsie Young, were so welcoming during the eight years as OVPC weekenders.

Kristina Taylor ("Kris")

Kris was born in Coaldale, PA, though was raised in New Castle County, DE. Kris grew up

attending Limestone Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE where she and Glenn would eventually

be married (1975) and then raise their three (3) children: Nathan, Tracy and Adam. Kris attended

the University of DE, but completed her Bachelor's degree in Business Management at Wilmington

University (many years later). Kris also completed a post Bachelor's degree certificate in Legal

Studies from the same university. Kris loves music and spending time with the three children and

four (4) grandchildren: Shane, Alyssia, Hanna and Brent. OVPC is a good fit for us, the people, the

pastor and the worship services.

Jan and Jake Stavinga



Both Jan and Jake grew up in Northern New Jersey. We

were married in 1978 and moved to the Chicago area

where Jan worked for Madison Bank and Jake worked for

Aetna Life and Casualty. Since then, we've had the

opportunity to move for work opportunities and lived in

the suburbs of Hartford, CT; Los Angeles, CA; and Philadelphia, PA. We have four children (Kristen, Richard, John and Matthew) and four granddaughters. Since we both enjoy the Beach, we decided to move to Bishops Landing upon retirement from Travelers Insurance and are enjoying the slower lower Delaware lifestyle. We were both raised Christian Reformed (Dutch Protestant denomination) but joined a Presbyterian church in California with our most recent church being First Presbyterian Church in Ambler, PA. We are happy to be joining the Ocean View Presbyterian family.

Barbara Crowell

I am Barbara Ann (Stallings) (Hacker) Crowell. Cumberland, MD is my birthplace and I was born May 26, 1951. My parents were Robert and Mary Stallings and both were active in The First Presbyterian Church in Cumberland. I was baptized at the church when I was 20 weeks old. My parents took me to church weekly and I became an active member from a very young age. Jesus Christ was/is with me all the time. God has blessed me with the most perfect parents and grandparents possible. I am the youngest child of the youngest children of both set of grandparents. At age, 70, today I realize all the lessons my former family and current family are teaching me. Dad and Mom always demonstrated God's LOVE.



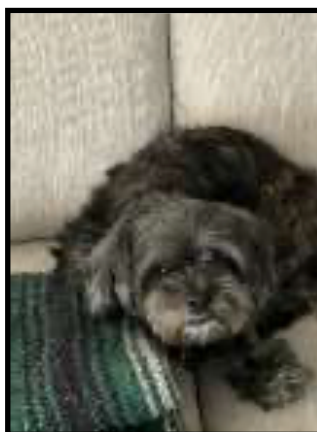
Even when I was climbing mountains in my life... I knew the lessons Mom and Dad taught me. They encouraged me through school and I was awarded a college degree in 1973. My college was Frostburg State College and my sister, Jane graduated in 1969, and older brother, Johnny, graduated in 1961. All of us took degrees in education. Johnny became a Vice Principal in the PG County School system. He retired in 1992 from that position. Jane taught for 5 years and then took off to be a stay-at-home mother. I graduated in 1973 and moved to Northern VA in 1974. After working as a teller in the Lafayette Credit Union for 7 months I was hired as an elementary teacher in Prince George's County Schools. In 1975, I met my first husband, Fred, and became his wife in Dec. of 1975. June of 1976, I became a full time Mom to Eric, 9, and Alex 5. God followed me through each day of difficult decisions. When I married Fred, I chose to leave the First Presbyterian Church in Cumberland and join The Washington Farm Methodist Church. My son, Bryan, was born in August of 1977. All three of my sons were baptized at Messiah Methodist Church in West Springfield, VA. In the Spring of 1978. Our daughter, Allison, was born on February 27, 1984. Allison was baptized in September of 1984. My children were encouraged to go to church and complete confirmation in their middle school years. Fred and I divorced in June of 1996. Bryan was a teenager and Allison was 9 when he left in January of 1993. I was employed in Fairfax County Public Schools from 1984 to 2009. Messiah Methodist held me up through God's Word and Fellowship. I attended Divorce Recovery, became teacher with Rainbow Kids and took a Dave Ramsey University of Peace Course. As a single parent, the church met my needs during this difficult family time. In 2007, I married my second husband, Jim, aka Bear to me. He blessed my life with love and kindness through out the years of raising my children.

Bear is a faithful and loving man. We grew up with similar families. In 2011, my sister, Jane was suffering from ALS. Finally, after seeing her disease take over her being, I decided to change my church from the Methodist Church to the Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Virginia. At Grace, I served as a youth director and a volunteer tutor for 3 years. I had retired from Fairfax County Public School system in 2009. But, during the years of 2009-2019, I have been hired back in the county as a Resource Teacher. I decided to relocate my residence to Ocean City, MD and then Ocean View, DE in 2015. My brother, John and his wife, Belkis retired from the DODD's in the Spring of 2016. They retired to Berlin, MD, in the Fall of 2016. Johnny suffered colon Cancer, October 2017-January 17, 2018. That was so sad! At the time, my property was a rental condo on the beach in OC. After Johnny's passing, I decided to relocate to Ocean View. My little granddaughter, Josephine Joy, developed Leukemia in the fall of 2018. I knew I needed to relocate to DE instead of Florida, for my Josie Joy. [Josie is doing well after chemo was finished this past December 2020]. Now, I am traveling back and forth from Alexandria, VA to Ocean View, DE to accommodate my husband's wishes. More and more I am living in Ocean View. The Hope Center and the prospect of serving the Lord with my love for children is a big part of my talents as a mom and Teacher. I love American History and I twirl a mean baton. I know my Foundation has built my Fortitude to use my talents to the fullest.

My family has grown into this next century through... Bryan, is a VP with a Solor Power Company in MD. He is the proud husband, of Rea Hacker, and Josephine Joy Hacker. Maggie and Maui are their two English Labrador Retrievers. They live in Laurel, MD. Allison is married to a retired Major in Air Force Kris Juhl. They have two children, Mackenzie, age 6 and Austin, age 4 on this August 1. I am flying to Colorado Springs to celebrate his fourth birthday and see my daughter's family for a week. I am more than blessed and Thankful.

New Member! Well .. Kind of

This mother and daughter duo joined the Wolf household on July 24th and took no time at all to own the place. They have been such a blessing to us – excited to go on long walks and chase each other around the living room and then settle in to relax with whoever might be sitting down close by... can't wait for our church family to meet 'the girls'!



DEACONS

Pam Price

Deacons' Mission Project for September 2021

The Deacon's mission project for the month of September is the **Selbyville Middle School**. Many students and their families at SMS are low income and in need of food assistance. The guidance counselor at the school, Patricia Jennings, has contact with and can ascertain the families' needs.

Monies donated to this important project will be used to purchase gift cards from the Food Lion in Selbyville to assist families in need.

Gift cards purchased at the Food Lion are restricted to the purchase of groceries and may not be used for the purchase of cigarettes.

Please consider a generous donation for families in need in our area anytime during the month of September.

Thank you for your generosity.

SUPPORT FOR REV. DR KARLA KOLL

Dale Smith

Over the past several years, OVPC has provided financial support for Rev. Dr. Karla Koll, a PC(USA) Mission Co-worker in Costa Rica. This multi-year commitment aligns us with Presbytery objectives of having its member churches sponsor at least one Mission Co-worker. This commitment also aligns us with the Matthew25 Initiative objectives of having missional impact in international areas.

Our annual contribution target is \$1200. Currently, we are behind that goal, so your contribution to Rev. Koll's ministry would be appreciated. Please send your check, annotated for "Rev. Koll Mission Ministry", to the church office or drop into the collection plate.

And all at once, summer collapsed into fall.
Oscar Wilde

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Elaine Smith

DIALOGUE TO ACTION DISCUSSION WORKSHOP

YWCA Delaware's Racial & Social Justice Program strives to transform communities by changing consciousness, promoting inclusion and solidarity, and cultivating skills in individuals to advocate for justice and to inspire a movement.

In 2019, in reviewing the YWCA's program offerings, the Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice (SDARJ) decided to launch small group discussions called "Dialogue To Action". The study groups were, by design, multi-racial gatherings of 10-15 people, led by two facilitators. Following the YWCA's program materials, each group met for about two hours each week, over a six week period. The groups then gathered as a community to discuss action plans that resulted from the dialogue.

The first three study groups were convened in the fall of 2019 with 37 participants. In 2020, the groups met via zoom due to the pandemic. There were three groups in the spring and three in the fall, with 69 participants in total. This spring, there were again three study groups, with 30 people in total.

Dr. Marlene Saunders, one of the facilitators, has described Dialogue To Action as an opportunity "to form purposeful and enlightening relationships ... that are grounded on empathy, trust, and respect". (Dr. Saunders led the CE discussion on Racial Justice here at OVPC back in January.)

The alumni of all these Dialogue To Action (DTA) groups continue to meet on a monthly basis, via zoom, to check in with each other, to raise awareness of racial and social justice issues in the eastern Sussex area, and to plan future events.

Currently, the SDARJ leaders of Dialogue To Action are reviewing the lessons learned from these prior cohorts, seeking to enhance the content and structure the DTA sessions for the Fall of 2021.

CE Committee is considering convening DTA Discussion Workshop here in southeast Sussex. OVPC would invite other area churches to participate, being mindful of the criteria to have a multi-racial gathering of participants. We would plan to have experienced facilitators, from the earlier cohorts.



The CE Committee would like to gauge your interest:

- Have you heard of these Dialogue To Action study groups? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Have you previously participated in a DTA study group? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Would you participate in a DTA study group, convened by OVPC? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If so, would you prefer to meet in the ...
☐ morning ☐ afternoon ☐ evening?

Name: _____

Please return to the church office or drop in the offering plate.



Praying

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch

a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway

into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

—Mary Oliver



YARN...

**Yarn will resume on Monday September
13th in Fellowship Center**

COMING TO OVPC: AN ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET!

Bev Bailey

Have you ever attended a church that celebrated the holidays with an “Alternative Christmas Market? 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 Market 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 Market” this year at OVPC. We began this work in 2020 hoping to do it then, but 2021 seems to be the better year. We hope to offer members and friends 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 to a charity you choose, you will receive a card that tells the recipient 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 this first year we will concentrate on 7 or 8 groups who need our assistance. Mark your calendars now for the shopping dates. The Market will be open in Fellowship Centre during the Nativity Festival on Saturday, December 11, and will also be open on Sundays, December 5 and 12 after worship. We will continue to update you as we get closer to the Advent Season. Questions may be directed to Sue Baer, Bev Bailey, Marlene Quinn, or Jennifer Read.

FALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Bev Bailey

The CE Committee announces Sunday morning classes for September –November, 2021. Your committee has taken to heart that OVPC is now a Matthew 25 church. The three goals of all Mt.25 churches are to:

1. Increase Congregational Vitality
2. Dismantle Structural Racism
3. Eradicate Systemic Poverty

Through speakers and Bible/book studies we hope to learn more about this church’s role in helping to accomplish some of these goals for our community.

We will begin the Fall Season on September 26 as our Deacons present a speaker from La Esperanza, an organization working out of the Georgetown area. Jennifer Fuqua, the Executive Director will speak to us both in person and on Zoom about the work of this local organization.

In October and November, there will be a 6 week book study on Diana Butler Bass's new book, "Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend,, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence". Each week participants will read a chapter which we will discuss together in class. "Who is Jesus to each of us? When has Jesus assisted us in our faith journeys? Diana writes how her own relationship with Jesus has changed over the years, and how Jesus walks with us during difficult times. Perhaps we can share our own stories of our relationship with Jesus. The book is available on Amazon in hardback for \$22.24, and also on Kindle. If you need some helping in purchasing the book, talk to Bev Bailey or Pastor Terry. The book study will be held October 3,17,24,31 and November 7 and 21 in Fellowship Centre.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Judy Reich



Beginning September 5th, all announcements will be found in your bulletin, in our newsletter or on our website. Please refer to one of these to keep informed regarding upcoming events and other pertinent information. Any announcements for the bulletin should be given to Diane by the Monday before you wish to make them known. Thank you for your cooperation.

IT'S A SCAM



"AT&T Free Msg: (insert your first name). we accidentally overcharged your phone bill last month. Please your reimbursement here.
(link provided)"

The above message is a scam. The scammers want you to contact them and then they ask for personal information like your full name, account number and maybe your bank info so they reimburse you directly to your bank account,

Never give out your personal info to any caller especially bank information and your Social Security number. If in doubt look up the company and call them directly to verify information.



GRIEF ISN'T JUST FOR DEATH

it's also for

-
- 1 FRIENDSHIPS THAT HAVE ENDED
 - 2 LOSING YOUR COMMUNITY
 - 3 MISSING THE CERTAINTY YOU ONCE HAD
 - 4 QUESTIONING YOUR JUDGMENT
 - 5 RELEASING WHO YOU ONCE WERE
 - 6 FEELING LOST AND UNANCHORED
 - 7 LOSING TRADITIONS YOU LOVED

Through these many months, we have all dealt with many challenging situations. Yes, there have been deaths in our church and in our extended families. And, still, many of us have dealt with other things (some of them shown in this list) that have caused us to feel sad, to feel distressed. Stephen Ministers are here to walk with you, to talk with you, to pray with you as you grapple with these issues. Call Elaine Smith, 908.319.4858, for a referral.



FROM THE DESK OF

Tom Bentz

Manhattanhenge is a phenomenon in which the sunset aligns perfectly with east-west numbered streets in Manhattan, mainly 42nd, 34th, and 14th.

A Fly Dropped By To Die Today *on the 4th of July*

A fly just dropped by to die beside me,
plopped on its back on the porch railing,
fluttered a weary wing and flipped
over under the bright red stripes
in the white clouds
under the fading blue sky
on the Fourth of Goodbye.
I could not see what its eyes spied.
Did its life flash before its eyes
with the highlights of its few days of flight?
Did its mouth taste delightful lips or sips
of other delicious wastes or wonders
before its time flew by,
while we the people,
declare our rights to life, liberty, property,
and the pursuit and happy
on the Fourth of July
and so forth,
with that banner
still
waving?

I just received this alarm on my phone:
TORNADO WARNING
NEXT 30 MINUTES:
TAKE COVER IN YOUR CELLAR.

I have no cellar.
My wine is right here beside me.
My wife is sleeping right upstairs.
I'll have to drag her down with me
into the crawlspace
and cobwebs
under the house,
so, in the shape I'm in,
I may never get out
and ever get the joy
of annoying
you again.

Not in Kansas, Wisconsin, New York,
New Jersey, St. Louis or San Diego
anymore,
The Not-Thin Man

FROM THE DESK OF

Tom Bentz

(continued)

It is not the weight you
carry
but how you carry it—
books, bricks, grief—
it's all in the way
you embrace it, balance
it, carry it
When you cannot, and
would not,
put it down.

- Mary Oliver

It is not the care you
bear
but the way you bear it--
babies, mistakes, breaks
of bones, bonds, ways
taken and forsaken chances,
balances lost,
glances
back at fast chases
and lasting embraces
and ahead
at dead ends
and bends
in the road without end.

Tommy O. Liver
(Thomas Orrin Bentz)



COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY

Bob Wolf



If you hadn't heard there is now a second choice for watching our live streamed worship services – we now offer viewing through YouTube. Just make your way to our channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoENEUvG5LPZV2UaR2v6cRQ> or simply go to YouTube.com and search for Ocean View Presbyterian Church. One nice thing about YouTube is that if you have a smart TV, more than likely the YouTube app is already installed and you can watch us there instead of your computer or tablet... of course, Facebook live is still up and running for your viewing pleasure.



Our email software is pretty sophisticated these days and is always working to keep us safe by not letting us see emails that are potentially dangerous. But sometimes, they get a little too picky and might hide an email to you that is perfectly safe – I have noticed in the last week that several emails from church members have gone to my spam (junk) folder simply because they have a 'yahoo.com' email address and that domain has been flagged for being 'spammy'. Just check the folder now and then to see if you may have missed something – A word of caution - Just because you recognize a name doesn't mean the email is safe – remember all of the hints we have given in the past for recognizing risky emails.



As always, if you have any questions about navigating around our website, ideas for content, or tips for using your equipment please reach out to us and we will do our best to help you out.

**Winter is an etching, spring a water
color, summer an oil painting and
autumn a mosaic of them all.**

Stanley Horowitz



Guatemala Partnership
of New Castle Presbytery

Thriving and Bearing Fruit

Family vegetable gardens are a key part of the [Association of Mam Christian Women for Development's](#) nutrition effort. Without this program, some families would not have adequate Vitamins A and C, dietary fiber, and other vital nutrients in their diets. Each Spring, [CEDEPCA](#) delivers high-quality seeds for a variety of vegetables to women of the Association. The women receive ongoing training as they plant, irrigate, cultivate and harvest their bounty. [Presbytery of the James](#) (Richmond, VA) makes an annual grant to CEDEPCA for the seeds, while [New Castle Presbytery](#) underwrites the training. We are grateful for the generosity and seamless collaboration of all partners involved in this program, which is resulting in beautiful produce and healthier families.

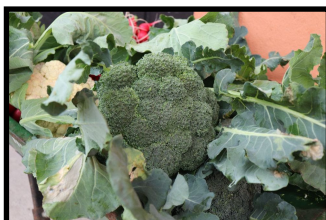
Adaptation and Innovation

Typically, seeds for beets, carrots, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, and radishes are provided. These vegetables all grow well in the cool climate of the mountainous communities where the women live. This year, a few new seeds were introduced: chipilín (a leafy plant used by Guatemalans in soup or to mix with tortillas), tomatoes, and miltomatoes (a small green tomato used in salsa verde). But these vegetables need a slightly warmer climate to grow optimally.

Wanting to ensure the seeds were not wasted, the women immediately began experimenting with alternative growing methods, guided by the knowledge and expertise of agro-ecologist Carlos. Planting the chipilín underneath a cornstalk, for example, appears to provide added warmth, as does planting seedlings in plastic containers.

A more permanent solution to this problem is to utilize greenhouses. Accordingly, the Association proposed that two greenhouses be built as a pilot program. The structures will incorporate a macro tunnel design and will be shared by 5-10 women in a community. These macro tunnels will expand the diversity of vegetables grown, extend the growing season, and equip women with additional knowledge and experience in vegetable production. We are delighted to announce that Aldersgate United Methodist Church (Durham, NC) and Westminster Presbyterian Church (Wilmington, DE) have agreed to fund these first two greenhouses in hopes that this pilot project is a success and can be launched on a larger scale in the near future.

Everyone is invited to support the work of our partners in Guatemala. To learn more about this project (and many more!), please visit www.ncpguatemala.com. You can also make a gift to Support Our Sisters at any time. Thank you!





Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery

Travel with us to Guatemala on August 25



No need to pack a suitcase or renew your passport - this journey is virtual! During the pandemic, one of the things we have missed the most is spending time with our partners in person, whether in Guatemala or here in the U.S. The [Intercultural Encounters team](#) at CEDEPCA has done an incredible job over the past 18 months designing creative and meaningful opportunities for us to connect face-to-face and learn about important topics.

We encourage you to attend CEDEPCA's next Virtual Journey to Guatemala, ***Migration in our Current Context***, on Wednesday, August 25 at 7:30 pm ET. Be transformed by this on-line travel opportunity designed for an English-speaking audience. Through music, travel footage, compelling stories, and breakout room discussions, we will dive into the root causes of migration in Central America made even more complex by our current global context. Speakers will include Guatemalan Migration Researcher Lizbeth Gramajo Bauer and PC(USA) Mission Co-worker at the U.S./Mexican Border Mark Adams. [Register Here!](#)

We pray that we will be able to travel to Guatemala in person again soon. Members of New Castle Presbytery typically visit there twice a year, accompanied by the Intercultural Encounters team. CEDEPCA staff helps plan our itinerary, arranges the logistics, and prioritizes our safety and well-being. At least two facilitators travel with us to translate and offer cultural guidance.



During the COVID crisis, a number of CEDEPCA facilitators and staff have continued to share their expertise and translation skills with us, joining us on twice-monthly Zoom meetings with leaders of the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development, assisting with project planning and execution, and even offering graphic design work for events! Truly, our work in Guatemala would not be possible without the support and encouragement of CEDEPCA. To say we are grateful is an understatement. To learn more and support the work of CEDEPCA, click here. Gracias!



Virtual Journey to Guatemala

Migration in our Current Context

AUGUST 25 2021



4:30 pm Pacific; 5:30 pm Mountain
6:30 pm Central; 7:30 pm Eastern

Suggested donation \$11



CIVIL AIR PATROL

Bob Turner

A familiar sound in the sky on summer weekends isn't always a banner plane. Delaware has been one of the few states that uses the *Civil Air Patrol* (CAP) for airborne traffic observations. The CAP's newer fuel-injection six-cylinder Cessna 182s — like the one shown below — generate that unique sound we hear that is more powerful than the typical banner plane.

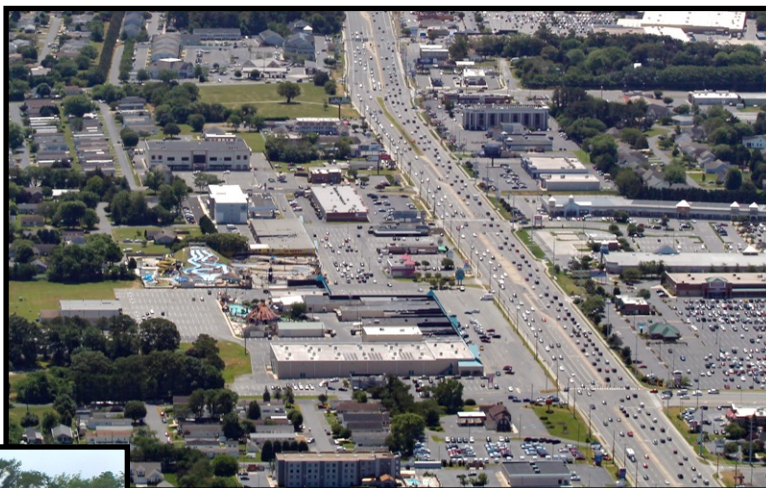
The program is funded by DelDOT which reimburses the CAP \$140 an hour for fuel. "It is a real money-saver for the state," says Lt. Col. Robert Turner from *CAP Coastal Patrol Base 2*, who points out that it costs the state about \$3500 an hour to keep a helicopter airborne.

The two-to-three person CAP crew is volunteer but the flights help maintain the pilots' flight logs while allowing them to assist with monitoring traffic. In New Castle County they typically fly morning and evening rush hours along the I-95 corridor. But during the summer, another crew is activated on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays to fly beach traffic patrols over lower Delaware.

The Sussex County patrol flies over the beach routes, specifically Routes 13, 113, 404, 9, 26 and 1 typically at an altitude of 1000 to 1300 feet. Here are CAP742's flights from this past weekend. The aircrews provide the traffic updates to DelDOT's TMC. But in addition to traffic observations, Lt. Col. Turner says they are also trained to provide homeland security observations if needed to appropriate agencies. Here is the view of Coastal Highway at the Midway Shopping Center on a busy summer weekend.

All of the CAP airplanes are high-wing single-engine Cessnas based in each of the state's three counties. Most are Cessna 182s although a few of the 172s are still in use. As part of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, the CAP is primarily responsible for inland search-and-rescue missions which also include locating emergency "EPIRB" radio beacons that are often found accidentally activated at local marinas. The CAP Cessna 182s are equipped with the Garmin G1000 "Glass Flight Deck" cockpit.

On December 1, the CAP will be celebrating its 80th birthday. Lt. Col. Turner says they are working on an event for the Rehoboth Beach Bandstand to mark the occasion. The Air Force, interestingly, will only be 74-years-old this year!



BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Ray Keeney

Ray Keeney and company continue to keep the church grounds looking good. You too can be a part of the crew. Join us at 9 am on the first Saturday of each month.



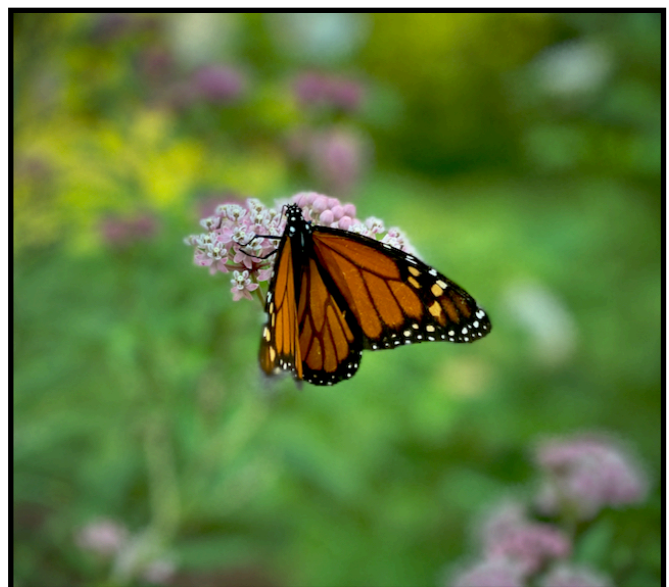
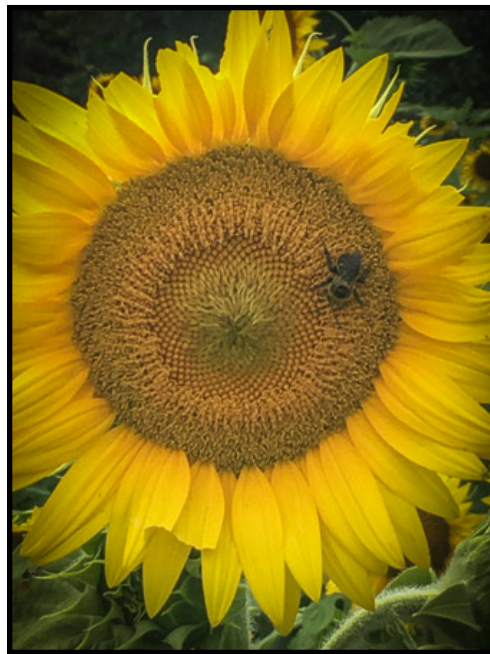
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After

PHOTOGENIC

Lorie and Jim Hartsig



One of the gifts of art in general, and photography in particular, is that the artist can offer others this vision of the graced ordinary moment.

Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation



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