

#### OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2012



# \* Reflections \* Kerry Shull

During Holy Week, we will be reading the Passion story. We are taken from the Last Supper (or immediately after) through Jesus' death and burial. On Palm/Passion Sunday (April 1<sup>st</sup>), the reading will be from Mark 14:1 to 15:47. On Good Friday (April 6<sup>th</sup>) during the Tenebrae (a word that comes from the Latin word for "darkness") Service, the Passion story is taken from the Gospel of John, 18:1 through 19:42. Due to the length of these readings, we will be asking help from a number of members.

Why is it that we seem to hear this story differently than we do other stories? There is something about listening to this story that makes it seem tedious. It is so long, and we already know it. Why do we need it repeated?

Why not just focus on a particular portion?

What do we expect to derive from these stories? Well, they tell us about our salvation. They tell us how Jesus died on the cross for us. Traditionally, we see these stories as doctrine. They relate how Jesus, who had been "born of the Virgin Mary," now "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried," (The Apostles' Creed). The stories, then, state what we are to believe. We are to believe *that* Jesus did this, then, did that, then suffered death, then died, and finally, was buried. These beliefs, then, distinguish believers from non-believers. There it is, just believe it! Could it be that our struggle with these stories stems precisely from this doctrinal approach? Could it be that we have inherited a perspective that may not be helpful?

What I want to argue is that this way of reading the stories is not how they are meant to be read. What if we were to read the stories asking two questions. The first is a question of "Who?" The second is a question of "How?"

The "who" question relates to Jesus. We all have our favorite plumber, or electrician, or automobile mechanic, or physician, or teacher. These become special people to us. They know their field. We relate well with them. We trust them to work on our behalf. We entrust to them precious things. Authority for us is a personal matter, a personal relationship. (We cannot have such a relationship with a set of beliefs.) When it

#### Reflections (Cont.)

comes to life itself, we also look for an authority. Can Jesus be our authority in our relationship with God? Can Jesus, not just tell us about God, but show us God? Can Jesus usher us into relationship with God? Can Jesus help us to live? The question is, Whom is this Jesus? Where else do we see Jesus more clearly than in these stories? The God we see in Jesus is one who works an incredible transformation precisely through suffering and death. He enters death. He goes where we do not want to go.

The "how" question follows from the first. If Jesus is that authority, how does he alter our perception of the world, of others, and of ourselves? How would following him change our lives? How would belief in him bring hope to the world?

Questions of "who" and "how" arise out of the stories, and hence we are tied to the stories themselves. Too, the questions never receive final, once-for-all answers. Each year in our lives we see new things as we read the stories. It is not like doctrine, which is defined and is simply repeated. The two questions represent a journey, a journey that never ceases, that each day is new, a journey of people following Jesus.



Prayer Chain

The Church has a Prayer Chain for whoever needs prayer for whatever reason. Call Hilary Smith (302-436-5678) with prayer requests.

### Ocean View Presbyterian Church

67 Central Avenue PO. Box 287 Ocean View, DE 19970

#### **Service**

Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

#### **Pastor**

Kerry Shull

### **Church Office**

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#### Website

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#### Session

Beverly Bailey Karen Colwill Richard Peoples Mike Quinn Jennifer Read Herb Sheetz

#### **Deacons**

Mike Read Edna Ewing Jim Hartsig Bruce Hobler Amy Peoples Cathy Sheetz

#### **Newsletter Editors**

Lorie and Jim Hartsig Send submissions to: newsletter@ovpc.org

# ....From The Editors Lorie and Jim Hartsig



The people of our church are AMAZING. For such a small congregation, we do and give a lot! This has always been true, but especially in the past several months.

We have had two funerals receptions. You would think they were elaborate dinner parties. The Women's Circle pull together these feasts at a moment's notice. Everyone pitched in.

Emergency Home Repair - Herb Sheetz has no trouble assembling together a work crew. While the project is assigned by the Milford Housing Development Corporation (MHDC), Herb and crew have built steps for to an outside door that previously went nowhere, seal coated a roof, replaced a sagging floor in front of the front door and retiled the kitchen floor - all on one mobile home.

When the heating system in the sanctuary was deemed "broken beyond repair", a contractor replace it. Another contractor insulated the floor, walls and ceiling. The insulation foam was pumped into the wall but it left hole that needed patching. Herb and his team of merry men to the rescue. New trim covered the holes with a paint job to make it look like nothing was different.

What about paying for the heating system and insulation? Have no fear. The word went out and our members and friends gave generously.

Lorie and I are proud to be part of a church where so much gets accomplished by so many generous and hard workers.

Jim

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Mickie and Bob Stamp April 26

### BIRTHDAYS

Jim Dietsch	April 6
Doug Tolley	April 14
Larry Kramer	April 16
Bill Colwill	April 23
Amy Hiner	April 25
Marge Schaefer	April 28



### Holy Week / Easter Worship Opportunities

**Palm/Passion Sunday**, March 1st. 9:30 am. We will gather outside to shout our "Hosannas" and wave our palms, then process inside to hear the "passion" story told a new way this year. Communion will be celebrated. Holy week offers us more opportunity to remember Jesus' great gift to us. We should be back in the Sanctuary for this service.

**Maundy Thursday,** March 5th, 7 pm in the Fellowship Centre. We will gather round tables for a service that includes scripture, hymns, and communion.

**Good Friday**, March 6th, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Scripture, choral response, sermon, and the "stripping of the sanctuary" keep us in perspective of that sorrow filled day.

The sanctuary will also be open from noon until 3 pm for private prayer and contemplation.

**Easter Service,** March 8th, 9:30 am "Jesus has risen!! He has risen indeed!! Come celebrate this joyful day with music, scripture, story, and the return of all that is important in our worship experience. Coffee Hour following the service.

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time. ~Martin Luther

## The Way Home



### **FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, April 21st, 5:30 p.m.

Buffet Dinner, Silent Auction, Door Prizes

Entertainment by Award-winning singer and Songwriter **Doug James** 

Irish Eyes, Lewes, DE

**Reserve Tickets Now!** 

Call Bob at 302-293-5336

# OVPC Sewing Circle

I send Easter greetings to each of you. We have many things scheduled for the coming months so once again get those calendars out and jot them down.

On Easter Sunday, April 8, we will have the Coffee Hour. Liz will set up the coffee, Amy will provide decorations, and Lorie will ask some people to provide the refreshments.

Our April Circle will be Wednesday, April 11 at 12 noon. Bring your sandwich or salad and join the group. Beverly Bailey and Marge Schaefer will furnish the refreshments. We will be studying Chapter 8, "Greatly Honored Are Those Who Have Been Persecuted for the Sake of Justice". In March we found that the new format, reading the lesson and discussing it worked out very well. We had vigorous debate.

There are reservation forms available for the Annual Spring Retreat in Ocean City at the Dunes Hotel. It is scheduled for April 20-22. If you cannot stay overnight, you can go for the day activities but you must register.

Liz is signing up people to help with our Stop Hunger Now Program, which will take place on Sunday, June 10.She needs many volunteers so please call her today.

Since the Stop Hunger Now Program will take place on our usual Coffee Hour Sunday, Coffee Hour will be Sunday, June 17.

We are hoping to have a Sunday Brunch for Missions on June 24. It will be brought up to the Session for their consideration. We have need for Mission funds for the Circle and this would be a fun way to get them.

It is hoped that we will be back in the Sanctuary for Palm Sunday. The Sewing Circle gives a big thanks to the many people who have worked to get the Sanctuary's heating system, insulation, painting, and cleaning done. It has been a huge project and many stepped forward in a multitude of ways to get the job finished. THANK YOU ALL!!!

Hope to see you at the activities around church. Don't be left out, you'll miss something.

Again I send blessings to each of you for the Easter Season.

### Dates to Remember

Sunday, April 1, Palm Sunday Sunday, April 8, Easter Sunday Wednesday, April 11, 12 noon, Sewing Circle April 20-22, Spring Retreat at Dunes Hotel, OC, MD May 13, Mother's Day Coffee Hour Sunday, June 10, Stop Hunger Now

Sunday, June 17, Coffee Hour, Father's Day Sunday, June 24, tentative date for Sunday Brunch for Missions

Sunday, July 8, Amy Peoples will host church Coffee Hour to celebrate Dick's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday

#### CALLING ALL GREETERS AND USHERS!

We are still looking to fill our Greeter/Usher schedule. This year, the duties of Greeter and Usher will be shared. But don't worry - if you are unable or prefer not to perform both duties, we can work something out. You don't even need another person to team up with – we will find you a partner.

You can volunteer for a week at a time or a month – or any other combination you like. Please contact Elaine Wolf if you are interested in serving. A schedule will be available for reference at Sunday worship.

## Religions Of The World

Richard Kauffman is leading "Religions of the World" for members and friends of Community Lutheran Church. The course beings Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The class will meet every Wednesday until the end of July. This is the same course Richard has taught at the *Osher Lifelong Learning Institute* at the University of Delaware. We are fortunate to have this opportunity.

Please sign up for this course by April 29<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You can also leave a message at the church office or contact Sandra Wachter-Myers (sacawmy@yahoo.com or 410-536-7461). We are asking for a \$10 registration fee to cover the cost of duplicating materials. The class is open to the community, so please share this information with neighbors and friends. The following is a description of the course:

From indigenous people to those of the post modern, world religion has been a part of human life. While we spell God's name with different alphabet blocks and history has recorded conflicts originating in the differences, there is in our time a developing inner faith movement that acknowledges commonalities shared by all. The aim of this course is to examine commonalities and differences seeking deeper understanding and dispelling misunderstandings. This course will explore in-depth the religions of the West (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) as well as those of the East (Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Shinto and Confucianism). Videos will be used to enhance our exploration.

Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of wait.

### Session Report Eariene De Fazio, Clerk of Session

The Session met on March 12, 2012.

The Treasurer reported that the bills related to replacing the heating, air conditioning and insulating the Sanctuary have been paid. The remaining bills are for the trim work, painting and cleaning the Sanctuary. We are looking into having the pew cushions cleaned and re-stuffed, but this will be after Easter and after firm estimates for the work have been received.

Barring any unforeseen delays we will be worshiping in the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday.

Meeting Ground sent a letter requesting help to replace their van. Their old van has died and needs to be replaced. A **MOTION** was made, seconded and passed to donate \$425, from the General Fund to Meeting Ground to be used toward the purchase of a van.

Karen Colwill distributed a proposed Pastor's Job description. This matter was tabled until next month to allow sufficient time to read and form suggestions.

Jennifer Read presented three proposals to Session to consider in response to the results from the Appreciative Inquiry:

- An Adult ESL Class
- A Financial Literacy Coaching Class
- A class for International Students called "American Idioms, Colloquialisms & Slang"

While Session is enthusiastic about all of these programs, there are questions that need to be answered before moving forward with the ESL and Financial Literacy Coaching. **MOTION**, made, seconded and passed to move forward with the "American Idioms, Colloquialisms & Slang".

A copy of the annual reports that were submitted to Presbytery is available in the office for review.



Directions: 36405 Club House Rd. Millville. Corner of Rt. 26 and Club House Rd. Direct any questions to the Millville United Methodist Church office at 302-539-9077.

### Re-enactment

You are invited to witness the **Living Last Supper**at the

Millville United Methodist Church

Wednesday, April 4, 2012 or Thursday,, April 5, 2012 7:00 P.M.

# Identity Theft & Your Computer

Unfortunately, as our technology advances, so does the risk of having precious and important information stolen from your computer. Like it or not, we are becoming an electronic society with much of what we are used to doing either in person or by mail being transitioned to the computer. Unlike the thief who confronts you on the street or breaks into your home, these cyber-criminals can often attack without leaving any obvious tracks. But just like your home, there are things that you can do to protect yourself.

Anti-Virus Protection: There is much talk about computer viruses, malware (malicious software), and 'hacking' in general. While there is some protection built into your computer's operating system and many web browsers, it is important that you have additional protection - but you don't necessarily have to spend a lot of money for it. Check with your Internet Provider; some, such as Comcast provide virus protection for free. There is also free software on the internet that can be downloaded and used – many of these, such as AVG, and Microsoft Security Essentials have received very good reviews. Remember that no security software is foolproof. There are new threats discovered every day so once you have protected your computer, it is important to keep the software up to date – most software will offer automatic updates so you don't have to remember to do it.

**Spam:** Spam is a general term associated with unwanted/unsolicited email. Email is a very popular and easy way for unwanted software to be stored on your computer allowing someone to either cause your machine to act erratically, destroy data, or gain access to your data. You should <u>never open</u> an attachment on an email sent to you from someone (either an individual or business) that you do not know. Also look at the subject line – if it appears 'flakey' consider it bad and delete it – here is an example of an email that ended up in my spam folder:

Reverse Mortgage Advisor Comcast New FHA Saver Program For Seniors - photographs overjudgement underset sennar decolorizer freesheets Asclepius M

Many malicious emails also contain clues right within the body of the text – look for misspellings and incorrect punctuation.

**Be Your Own Detective:** A little extra work might be the best protection of all. If something looks suspicious to you but you are interested in what is being said – go to the website by some other means – (search engine, etc.) or look up the number and give them a call. Recently I received an email informing me that a site I subscribe to was changing the way User Names were stored and to 'click here' to update my information. Being leery of such things, I instead went directly to the website. The email ended up being legitimate but making the change on the website just as easy and I am comfortable that my information has not been compromised.

**Finally – and Most Importantly** -- remember that no financial institution <u>WILL EVER</u> ask for your personal information via email. If you receive this type of request, you should call the institution immediately. This is also a good rule of thumb for phone solicitations as well. If you ever get a phone call asking for such information, ask the person for their name and extension, hang up and call back using the number on the back of a statement.

Periodically we will publish helpful tips like this to help you get around on your computer. If there are specific things you would like to learn more about, please email your question to <u>webmaster@ovpc.org</u>

## Gifts of Women Service

Kathy Pownall was the guest speaker during the March 4th Worship Service.











# Building and Grounds Dave Sergison & Buzz Henifin

Is that a light at the end of the tunnel or is it a locomotive speeding at us, or is it Murphy's law that has stepped in? In fact it is one of Murphy's laws that may have us in its grip. All had been going very well until last night when Don Bailey and Bob Wolf discovered that only one speaker is working in the Sanctuary. It is expected that the insulation company will help us fix it. Digging through a bat of insulation and another twelve inches of blown in material is not a pleasant job for the inexperienced. Kerry remembered that he helped put the system in, back in 1990, and even remembered the church member who donated and helped install the system. We have talked to the man and if he is right, someone digs in the insulation and finds the wire from the one speaker going to the next and we should find that a wire has pulled out of a wire nut wire connector. Simple fix, right? Hopefully so, but we will still move to the Sanctuary in time for Palm Sunday service..

Just for information the heat and air conditioning works beautifully just like the Arctec Air installers said it would.

Herb's idea to have the insulation put in through holes in the walls and under the windows through the wainscot was right on. Now it is difficult to see where that was accomplished. It is wonderful what some glue, putty, spackle, caulk, wood trim and little plugs made from a closet rod can do. Dick Peoples, Mike Quinn, Bob Doherty, Bill Colwill, Bob Wolf, Mike Read and Dave Sergison do outstanding work under the direct guidance of Herb Sheetz. Thanks to them all.

The holes in the floor, where the old furnaces supplied heat, have been covered to match the floor level and matching carpet has been installed.

A new crawl space door has been installed on the North side of the church. Hopefully when the weather dries out a bit we can get all the crawl space skirting painted so that it matches and doesn't look like a patchwork quilt.

Now a big THANK YOU to all who dug into their funds and far exceeded what was need to come out of this major work without the church going into debt or using reserve funds. Yes, THANK YOU so very much.

## Sanctuary Renovations



Photos by Jim Hartsig









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## April 2012 Calendar

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Easter Sunday Easter Sunday 9:30a -11:00a Sunday Worship (S) 10:30a -11:30a Coffee Hour (MH) 7:00p -9:30p Acoholics Anonymous(FC)	9 7:00p -9:00p Session Meeting (MH)	10 9:00a -9:30p Brid Club(MH) 10:00a -11:00a B Study(FC) 7:00p -8:30p Al- Anon(FC) 7:00p -8:30p Cor Tech (O)	ible	12:00p -2:00p Sewing Circle(MH)		13 12:30p -4:00p Gardners By The Sea(MH) 7:00p -9:30p Movie Night 'Faith Like Potatoes' (MH)	14 8:30a -11:00a <u>F.A.R.A.</u> (FC or MH)
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Earth Day 9:30a -11:00a Sunday Worship (S) 7:00p -9:30p Acoholics Anonymous(FC)		9:00a -9:30p Brid Club(MH) 10:00a -11:00a B Study(FC) 5:30p -6:30p Cub Committee (FC 7:00p -8:30p Al- Anon(FC)	ible C)		26  10:30a -4:00p Bridge (MH) 5:30p -7:00p Weight Watchers (MH) 6:30p -8:00p Choir Practice (S) 6:30p -8:00p FARA (FC)		28 8:30a -11:00a F.A.R.A. (FC or MH) 8:30a -1:00p CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY FARA IN SANCTUARY TODA
9:30a -11:00a Sunday Worship (S) 10:30a -11:00a Service of Wholeness (Prayers for Healing) 7:00p -9:30p Acoholics Anonymous(FC)	30	9:00a -9:30p Brid Club(MH) 10:00a -11:00a B Study(FC) 7:00p -8:30p Al- Anon(FC)	dge ible	4:00p -5:00p DEACONS (FC) 5:30p -9:00p Lord Baltimore Lioness (MH)	10:30a -4:00p Bridge (MH)	Night (MH)	5 8:30a -11:00a <u>F.A.R.A.</u> ( <u>FC or MH</u> ) 9:00a -12:00p <u>Middlesex</u> beach ( <u>MH</u> )

Sponsored by the Coalition for Justice; the Latino Initiative on Restorative Justice; Shauna Rose Kaufman Foundation and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.



# Free Movie time: 9500 Liberty!

Join us to watch a documentary about a town that adopts a law requiring the police to question people who appear to be undocumented immigrants.

### Sunday, April 22th at 5:00 pm

The documentary will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Pine and Academy Streets Georgetown, DE 19947-0602 Phone: 302-858-2584

- Dinner with rice and beans will be served so, please, RSVP to 302-249-1750
  - Information related to driver licenses will be provided.
- Free babysitting services for children of all ages will be provided in the same church for them to play and do some art.



We are a group of concerned citizens whose only wish is to reach out and embrace the Latino community.

We will also be providing information on individuals who may be able to assist in times of need.

The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring. ~Bern Williams

## Friday Night At The Movies



## (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE SWITCHING TO THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH IN APRIL)

Join us on <u>April 13</u> at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall when we watch "Faith Like Potatoes" starring Frank Rautenbach, Jeanne Neilson and Hamilton Dlamini.

This inspiring true story of a rugged South African farmer, Angus Buchan, is set in the turbulent hills of the KZN Midlands. Angus' manic quest for material success is slowly transformed into a wild love for God and people, as he wrestles with faith,

hope, natural disasters and tragic personal loss. (summary from imdb.com)

Feel free to bring your own comfortable chair (and anything else you like when watching movies --- blanket and pillow?).... Popcorn and drinks provided.

If you have a special request for a movie, please let Bob Wolf know and we will do our best to obtain it.

