



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH APRIL/MAY 2017



## From the Pastor Gerald Egger

### 2020 VISION

In February the leadership of the church spent a day brainstorming strategically about the future of Ocean View Presbyterian Church. Scores of comments were made about this church's strengths and weakness, as well as the opportunities and threats it faces. It was a heady brew of ideas, sobering and stimulating at the same time.

The Leadership Team also produced a healthy stack of strategic initiatives that will be pushed forward to church teams, boards, and committees for further development. Here are some examples:

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:** Support refugee resettlement more intentionally

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Redesign the chancel area of the sanctuary

**PROGRAM:** Self-fund a mission trip to a U.S. location

**CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES:** Hold spiritual retreats for men and for women

**FINANCE AND ORGANIZATION:** Add a staff position for pastoral care

I participated in the brainstorming and was impressed with the depth and breadth of the ideas. Since then, I've let my subconscious mind further process the "SWOT" analysis. Here I offer some situations that exist in the present and my "2020 Vision" for three years into the future.

#### 1. Mainline Worship

*Situation: We are a relatively small congregation (80-some members) and one of perhaps only five or six denominational Protestant churches in the immediate area. The audience for a mainline mix of open-minded theology and traditional worship is steadily growing as the retiree population increases, but it is strongest in the high-visitor season, May through September, when city-folk flock to the shore. These visitors, and eventually their children, are potential future residents and members.*

My 2020 Vision is a concentrated outreach that brings the tourist population to Sunday worship. Step up advertising, such as visitor guides and in-room information. Offer on-demand shuttle service between boardwalk and church. Provide brunch after worship. Offer referrals to relocation agencies, real estate developments, and healthcare.

## 2. Oasis

*Situation: The church sits on the boundary between established residential areas to the north and newer residential developments that approach the church from the south. The tallest structure on the property, the sanctuary, sits far back from Route 26, relatively obscure. The other two buildings are undistinguished seen from Central Ave. Looking east and west, the church and its cemetery are an oasis of green space on a mile-long corridor of commercial properties.*

In my 2020 Vision the church buys all the adjacent properties, including the commercial building south of the cemetery, so that we control the whole block. Each church structure gains another street access and close-in parking. Upgrades enhance the “curb appeal” of the sanctuary, notably entrances and walkways. Improved landscaping, signage, and lighting help define the campus. A unified physical presence makes the statement that this a place worth checking out.

## 3. Latch-Key

*Situation: For a family raising children, Coastal Delaware is a challenging environment. The entry-cost of housing is steep. Full-time jobs for heads of households are sparse and often 15-20 miles away. The dominant demographic is age 55 and older. There is a growing Hispanic population, especially away from the immediate coastal area. The result of these sociological factors is that many school-age children are left largely to their own resources until parents return home. There’s a daytime population of older adults with spare time and a nighttime population of commuting parents returning from jobs in larger cities.*

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Bruce Hobler  
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Earlene DeFazio  
Betsy Henifin  
Eric Neumann  
Cindy Benjamin  
Ollie Robling  
Sue Baer

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My 2020 Vision is an after-school in-home program that focuses on mentoring, tutoring, developing healthy eating habits, and modeling mature values. Teams of two volunteers from the church (vetted and trained, interviewed and approved by parents) visit the homes of latchkey children to supervise homework, provide companionship, and assure oversight until parents come home. Perhaps some children get picked up at school and taken to their home. On school breaks, the volunteers staff a daytime activity center in a school gym or at a church with recreational space. Call it “Grandparents on Wheels.” This could be an inter-church project.

The church leadership identified many more SWOTs (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats). For example:

#### STRENGTHS

- New visitors nearly every week.
- Good church music.
- No indebtedness.

#### OPPORTUNITIES

- Advocate for improved quantity and quality of personal healthcare.
- Cross-cultural exposure.

#### WEAKNESSES

- Aging congregation is challenged to perform physical upkeep.
- Mission support is largely financial, not hands-on.

#### THREATS

- Rising sea level.
- Mainline church numerical decline.

## *Mission Advocacy Team*

### *Ollie Robling*

On April 30 after worship service the Mission Advocacy Team will be conducting a Mission Forum in Memorial Hall from 11:00 to 12:30. The Forum will start with pizza and drinks for all attending. Bev Bailey will begin with an explanation of the Mission Advocacy Team’s purpose and objectives followed by Jerry Egger discussing the Biblical mandate for mission in the church. Ollie Robling will describe the Deacons’ missions program and a member of Women’s Circle will explain how missions are selected for its giving.

The large group will break into smaller groups to discuss several questions relative to local, national, and international missions of the church. At the conclusion of the Forum it is hoped all attending will have a better understanding of our church’s overall mission program and will have had a good exchange of ideas for going forward. We hope to see as many people attend as possible.

## *Session Report*

### *Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session*

The Session of OVPC met on Monday, March 13, 2017 in Fellowship Center.

The Rev. Jerry Egger opened with prayer and devotions at 7:00 P.M.

Orders of the Day:

Session met with Ollie Robling, Deacon Moderator, who presented the Deacon's 2017 activities, Mission Projects, and Communion Schedule.

Session met with the Worship Committee to review the actions since the last meeting with Session in March 2016 and Planned Actions and Changes for 2017.

The Monthly Committee Reports were received.

Approved MOTION to accept the docket for the meeting.

Approved MOTION to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2017 Session Meeting. Approved MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2017.

Personnel Committee received the resignation of Karen Mitchell, Church Secretary/Finance Secretary, effective March 17, 2017. Karen is taking a Church Secretary position in a larger church closer to her home in Lewes. We thank her for her service and wish her well.

The Personnel Committee had 9 MOTIONS approved.

1. We are splitting the current dual role of Church Secretary/Finance Secretary into two distinct and separate positions and recruiting accordingly.
  2. We created the position of Bookkeeper to replace that of Financial Secretary. We defined the job description directing a limited number of functions to the Church Secretary and the Finance Committee to insure all functions of Financial Secretary are covered.
  3. We will update the Church Secretary job description accordingly.
  4. We will update the Finance Committee job description accordingly.
  5. We will contract with a Bookkeeper.
  6. We will advertise for the position of Church Secretary in local papers.
  7. We will advertise the position of Church Secretary on the OVPC website.
  8. Requested an external audit be performed to audit practices and transactions from 2016 to current.
  9. Requested monies for a departing gift for Karen Mitchell.
- The New Castle Presbytery Speer Trust has granted OVPC monies requested for the Pyle Center Emergency Fund of \$2,000.00. We are preparing an additional request for the Milford Housing Development Corporation, Emergency Services Grants, for emergency repairs. Thank you Mike Quinn and Bruce Hobler.

The Rev. Jerry Egger adjourned the meeting with prayer at 9:07 P.M.

## *Christian Education*

### *Bev Bailey*

### OVPC: Called, Challenged, Changing

Lenten Study underway—"Looking at Lent/Holy Week through the Lens of Art", has begun and the first class, "Lent and Art", led by Harriette Tuttle was a lovely way to begin to look at this liturgical season. Harriette brought in some of her own art work, had several quotes about art, talked about left/right brain learning, and likened the process of creating art to the process of devotional time with God. Eighteen hardy souls had a quiet time of coloring and learning together.

The rest of the classes will be:

March 26--Lent and Music, led by Kathy Rhodes, our organist/choirmaster (FC)

April 2--Lent and Drama/Poetry, led by Jerry Egger and Bev Bailey. This class will include short dramas about the season, reader's theatre, poetry, and other aspects of making the season come alive. (FC)

April 9--A Lenten Spirituality Centre. Come to Memorial Hall for fellowship and refreshments and linger to explore the Spirituality Centre--7-8 different centers which will exercise both your left and right brain as you take what you have learned in the class and do some individual experiences to deepen your relationship with God.

Prayer Time, an opportunity to explore new ways to deepen your own prayer life, will return for the spring/summer months. This time together, facilitated by Bev Bailey, will meet the third Sunday of May(20), June(18), July(16), and August(20), in the Sanctuary after worship.

Lemonade on the Porch and "Ted Talks", a summer experience which proved to be most successful last year, will be repeated this summer season. Come to the portico between Memorial Hall and Fellowship Centre after worship for fresh Lemonade and cookies on the 2nd Sundays in June, July, and August....and then join Bob Wolf in Fellowship Centre for a Ted Talk and conversation. Ted Talks will also be offered on three Sundays in September after worship.

Enjoy the Spring and Summer and learn a bit right here at OVPC....



## National Day of Prayer

### Thursday, May 4



Susan Baer April 4th  
 Jim Dietsch April 6th  
 Sandy White April 10th  
 Cindy Benjamin April 15th  
 Bill Colwill April 23rd  
 Amy Hiner April 25th  
 George Price April 27th  
 Marge Schaefer April 28th

Amy and Ed Hiner May 2nd  
 Kathy and Herb Sheetz May 6th  
 Karen and Bill Colwill May 20th  
 Cindy and Stephen Szlasa May 22nd  
 Cindy and Don Benjamin May 26th

Phil Hamilton May 5th  
 Marlene Quinn May 13th  
 Eunice Rollings May 19th  
 Elaine Wolf May 23rd

Please note that this is a combined April/May newsletter. There will be no May newsletter.



Have an **E A S T E R** bonnet?

Wear it to church on Easter Sunday!

*Q: How do bunnies stay healthy?  
 A: Egg-xercise!  
 ~Author Unknown*



## *Sewing Circle*

### *Amy Peoples*

Lovely to have Spring so near, I hope you have participated in the various Lenten activities leading up to Easter. As always the Sewing Circle has a busy schedule for April. Again I ask you to get out your pencils and calendars so you won't be left out.

Monday, April 3, YARN will meet. At the last Circle the members were given mini- prayer shawls as a thank you from the group for their support by donating yarn etc. The following is the message attached to the mini shawl.

“This mini Prayer Shawl is a symbol of God’s grace, peace, and love. Keep it in your pocket, reach and touch it when you are lonely or need comfort. Let it remind you of God’s presence. You are never alone.”

I am sure that if you did not receive this gift, someone from the Prayer Shawl Ministry will give you one. We thank you ladies for this gift and the work you do.

Wednesday, April 12, the Sewing Circle will meet at 12 noon. Bring your lunch and refreshments will be provided by Betsy Henifin and Amy Peoples. After our business meeting we will have our Bible Study. We will do Chapter 7, “According to the Non-canonical Gospels” that were unable to study at March Circle meeting. Come and join us, all welcome!

Palm Sunday after the church service, we will have a Coffee Hour hosted by Ellen Neumann and Sandy White. Stop by and visit.

April 21-23, many of our members will be attending the Presbyterian Women’s Retreat at the Dunes Hotel in Ocean City. I am sure they will bring back much information from the Retreat that they will share with us.

At the March Sewing Circle we were glad to welcome Mr. David Szumski from Beebe Healthcare Medical Foundation. He came to thank us for our donation to the Tunnell Cancer Center. He joined us for lunch, brought delicious cookies, and told us of future plans for the Tunnell Cancer Center near us.

Don’t forget that the Session has asked us to universally pray for the Pastor’s Nominating Committee as they meet to do the work of calling a Pastor to Ocean View Presbyterian Church.

Hope that you were able to attend the Chili Cook-Off. Seven able chefs made many delicious recipes. The monies received from the voting for the “Best Chili” will go to the Circle’s Mission Project, Rwanda Joy.

Hope to see you at the Sewing Circle events. You are needed and welcomed.



*David Szumski and Circle members.*

## *CROP Walk*

### *Bob Doherty*



This year is the 28th annual SE Sussex County CROP Walk and will be held on Sunday May 7th starting at the band stand in Bethany Beach. Registration will be from 2-3pm and the walk will start at 3:00 pm. The walk is about 1-1/2 miles and will take about 35-45 min. to complete. Last year we walked in the rain and it was fun.

Last year's walk raised \$19,516 and of that OVPC raised \$5,585. Twenty five percent of the grand total \$4,800 stayed in Sussex County. Six churches

that were part of the walk that have food pantries each received \$800 from the Christian Community of Churches (CCC). The remaining 75% went to Church World Services (CWS) and it is used to support their missions both here at home and around the world helping those who are in need.

This year I'm asking those who are walking to invite their sponsors' families and friends to walk with you.

Tee shirts are \$10. Last year OVPC had 17 adults and 2 children that walked.

See you on **Sunday, May 7th, 3 pm**

CROP = Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty



Please mark your calendars!

## **Spring Cleanup Day**

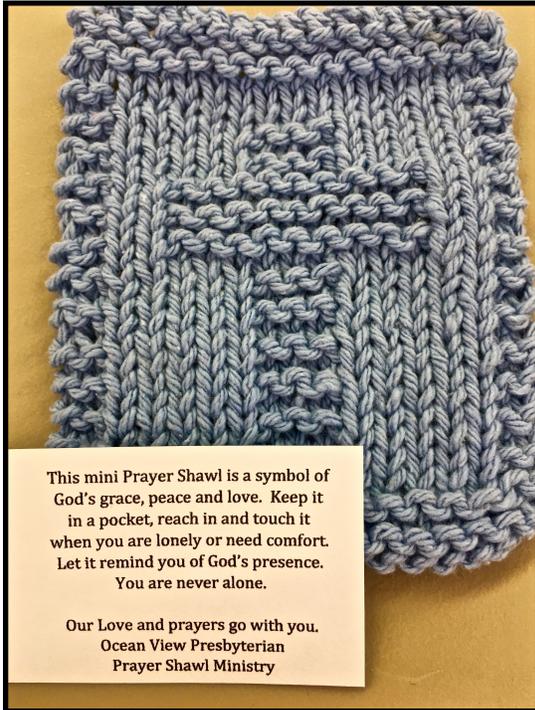
Saturday, May 6, 2017

## Prayer Shawls

### Lorie Hartsig

The prayer shawl ministry has been a blessing to those who have been recipients of the beautifully knitted, crocheted, and woven shawls. Typically a prayer shawl is delivered by one or more members of Women's Circle to those who are members of the OVPC family or a friend of the church, who are ill, recovering from surgery, or just in need of the comfort of knowing they are being prayed for. Members of YARN meet monthly to create the shawls, and, in itself, this time together is a blessing to those who meet. We have made new friends and have even learned new skills or refreshed ones we learned long ago.

Carol Kester introduced us to the mini-square (left picture) and we made enough to give one to each person attending our last Circle meeting and to include with prayer shawls we deliver. Please ask if you would like one. I carry mine in my purse.



## YARN...You Are Ready to Needle...

Knit or crochet or just watch and learn.

Join us in Fellowship Center  
the first Monday of the month from 10 am-2 pm...  
bring your lunch.

**See you on April 3rd and May 1st**

# CHILI COOK-OFF

The Chili Cook-off of 2017 was the successful cooperative effort of Women's Circle, our church family and the community. Many thanks to the chili cooks and all those who tasted their chili and donated to their baskets. **\$580 was collected for Rwanda Joy!**

And the **WINNER IS:** Harriette Tuttle's "White Chicken Chili a la Harriette"

**SECOND PLACE:** June Goldman's "Silver Plate Vegetarian by June"

Chefs in attendance: Harriette Tuttle, June Goldman, Jen Read and her "Irish Chili go brag", Karen Hamilton's "Darn Good Turkey Chili by Karen", Pam Price's "Chili's Clarion Call A La Pam", Ollie Robling 's "Ollie O Le" and Elaine Wolf's "Chili Con Carne A La Elaine"



## Ollie's Chile O Le'

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 3 Cups or (1) BJ's rotisserie chicken shredded by hand
- salt & pepper to taste
- 2 onions chopped
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 1/2 C (1 package) frozen corn
- 4 Cups chicken broth
- 4-5 cloves minced
- 1/2 C chopped cilantro, plus more
- 1 small can chopped green chilies
- hot sauce, optional
- juice 1 -2 limes
- shredded Jack Cheese
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- lime wedges
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- tortilla chips, Avocado & Sour Cream

Cook chicken breasts or use a rotisserie chicken, cool & shred by hand. Chop onions, sauté in heavy pan with chopped green chilies until soft. Add garlic, sauté a few minutes. Add dry spices, stirring until distributed evenly. Add chicken broth, beans, corn, lime juice, cilantro and chicken. Add hot sauce if your chili powder spices aren't kicky enough. I use a few dashes of cayenne.

Simmer gently for a few hours. Toss in a handful of shredded Jack cheese, that no one should know is there. Add a bit of cilantro and more lime juice right before serving.

Serve with jack cheese, lime wedges, cilantro, avocado and tortilla chips. (You can thicken the chili by making a roux and/or you can also toss in some chopped roasted red peppers)



## White Chicken Chili by Harriette Tuttle

(Recipe developed by the *Gourmet Cooking Arts Center* under the direction of Exec Chef, Sara Moulton)

- 1 cup chopped onion
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon + 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin\*
- 6 teaspoons cayenne\*
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 cups chicken broth, heated
- 3 lbs skinless chicken breast, cubed
- 1 lb 3 oz cans cannellini beans, rinsed & drained
- 1 cup organic low-fat plain yogurt
- Garnish: grated sharp cheddar cheese & diced avocado



Cook onion in butter in a large saucepan, low heat until softened, add garlic and cook 2 minutes.

Add chili powder, cumin, cayenne and flour-cook, stirring for 5 minutes.

Turn heat up moderately high and add chicken broth in a stream, whisking. bring to boil and simmer 5 minutes.

Add chicken and simmer until just cooked through, about 5 minutes.

Add beans and yogurt and cook until just heated through.

Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with garnish.

(\*PS. I only use 5-% of spices called for).

# Photogenic

*Credits: Jen Read, Harriette and Paul Tuttle, and Liz Hobler*



Will Symer's baptism. He is Bill and Cathy Yantz's grandson.

## *Friday Night At The Movies*



Join us at the Wolf's house on Friday April 7 at 5:30 for a potluck supper followed by our monthly movie. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share or just come and enjoy the fellowship.

As we journey through Lent we turn our attention to the times of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection by viewing the 2016 film 'Risen' starring Joseph Fiennes and Tom Felton. This film follows the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius, a powerful Roman Military Tribune, and his aide Lucius, are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

Keep your eye on the bulletin and email to see what we will come up for our May presentation.

If you are interested in hosting movie night, or have a special movie request, please contact Bob Wolf. Remember that you can be a host without having the movie at your home ---

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