

# OCEAN Views

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## ✧ Reflections ✧ Kerry Shull

Psalm 139, read in worship last Sunday, spoke of love without employing the word. Its theme is found in the first sentence, “O LORD, you have searched me and known me,” (Psalm 139:1). Love is depicted as knowledge.

To us, knowledge has to do with gleaning information. To have knowledge of someone or something is to have power over that person or thing. We seek such control over nature, over others, as well as over God.

Scripture, however, sees knowledge, not as information, but as relationship. In fact, to “know” one’s spouse is the Bible’s way of talking about an intimacy of relationship that is all encompassing: at once emotional, physical, and spiritual. It is such knowledge which is the

essence of or love for others, the essence of the commitment that binds us together.

It is this relational knowledge of which the psalmist spoke: “O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me,” (Psalm 139:1-5). I am fascinated by the notion of God’s knowledge “hemming us in.” That may sound so intrusive to some, violating our “right to privacy.” In every relationship we balance self-disclosure (our need to be known and accepted) with self-concealment (hiding from others those things that we feel would evoke rejection). What the psalmist affirms is that God knows us completely. There is no hiding from God. There is no feeling, thought, or deed of which God is not aware. We are known. Such knowledge would be frightening had not God’s knowledge been an expression of God’s love. God knows us, and yet loves us. It is an acceptance that goes to the depths of our being. God’s “hemming” of us is God’s gracious holding of us in love.

God’s knowledge of us encompasses all space, so that no matter where we go, God is there with us (Psalm 139:7-12). God’s knowledge of us encompasses all time, and so, we have been in God’s awareness from the moment of conception (Psalm 139:13-16a), and will continue to be so even in death (Psalm 139:16b).

To acknowledge that God knows us is to accept relationship with God. We take seriously God’s knowledge and love for us, God’s commitment to us. Yet it is human nature for us to see our lives as self-contained and not needing God. It is human nature to pursue life apart from God. God takes our rejection

**Reflections (Cont.)**

seriously, as well. That is the import of the disturbing end of the psalm (Psalm 139:19-22).

To realize that God knows us is the essence of what we need to know about God. That is why, of the six times knowledge is mentioned, only once does it refer to our knowledge of God. "Wonderful are your works; that I know very well," (Psalm 139:14).

The prayer of the psalmist echoes in us, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting," (Psalm 139:23-24).

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



*To the congregation of Ocean View Presbyterian Church,*

*“We would like to express our gratitude for helping us to honor the life of our father, Charlie Chilton. Everyone at OVPC is warm and welcoming. Your faith, strength, and kindness were helping Dad to feel joy again after the passing of our mother. It is comforting for us to know that he had such caring people looking out for him.*

*Sincerely,*

*Suzanne and Carole Chilton”*

This was the letter that Charlie’s girls asked to be included in the newsletter. He raised them well and it was evident at his memorial service how much they adored their dad. Also obvious from the number of people filling our sanctuary was that Charlie touched many lives.

We got to know Charlie as he helped us transition from his editorship of the newsletter to ours. He served for many years as the editor of Ocean Views and put his unique stamp on it. When the church established a Cemetery Committee he served as its treasurer and in November agreed to go back onto this committee. He loved one-liners and sent them to us by email regularly. Because we love them too, and because we know what an effort Charlie was making to get back into the life of OVPC after his Marcia passed, we include them as our tribute to the Charlie we knew.

CREATIVE HEADSTONES....Ocean Views, Sept.-Oct., 2005

In a Thurmont, MD cemetery:  
 Here lies an atheist,  
 All dressed up and no place to go.

In a London, England cemetery:  
 Here lies Ann Mann  
 Who lived an old maid  
 But died an old Mann

On a grave from the 1880s in Nantucket:  
 Under the sod and under the trees,  
 Lies the body of Jonathon Pease  
 He is not here, there’s only the pod  
 Pease shelled out and went to God

Last, from Boot Hill in Tombstone, Arizona:  
 Here lies Lester Moore  
 One slug from a 44  
 No Les  
 No Moore

## *Building and Grounds*

*Buz Henifin*

The primary effort of B&G has been inviting various contractors for heat, air conditioning (A/C) and insulation. This activity actually started last summer following a briefing by a heat and A/C consultant briefed the B&G committee on methods to reduce the carbon foot print of the church. With a slow receipt of proposals and knowing that the air conditioning distribution system had to be repaired it was decided to wait until the hot weather was over and the church switched over to heat to do anything about the A/C.

Then, because some members of the church said that they smelled gas, Suburban Propane was called to do a sniff test. Yes one floor heater was leaking and a second was found to be exhausting to the crawl space. Both units were placed out of commission and the Sanctuary was shut down and services were moved to Memorial Hall.

At press time we have received several proposals for Heat & A/C, from insulation installers and waiting for at least two more which are supposed to be in the mail.

B&G does not have a good idea of how long the job to replace the heating and A/C will take. The present equipment must all be removed, and the new installed.

It doesn't make any sense to install a new heating and A/C system in a building that has no insulation. Therefore installing the insulation, not to interfere with the heat and A/C replacement will be a scheduling process that will depend on the company(s) that are awarded the contract. But we also must be aware of the activities of Lent which begin on Ash Wednesday February 22, 2012.

Bulletin inputs will endeavor to keep you up to date.

***Random Acts of Kindness*** Week is February 13-19.

*To get started on this quest try [randomactsofkindness.org](http://randomactsofkindness.org)*

## BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Read	February 6
Christine Timmons	February 9
Grayson Wheatley	February 10
Jim Hartsig	February 17
Sally Nelson	February 17
Iris Howe	February 21
Ed Thornton	February 22
Don Bailey	February 27



## ANNIVERSARIES

Elaine and Bob Wolf	February 10, 2006	6 years
Ed and Cathy Thornton	February 12, 1985	27 years
Jim and Carol Trent	February 12, 1954	58 years
Jennifer and Mike Read	February 14, 1975	37 years

## Women's World

*Betsy Henifin*

Circle met on January 11, with 11 ladies present. (Not a typo.)  
The 5th lesson of our study was presented.

We are very grateful to Bruce Hobler, who wrote the grant to Presbytery that will enable us to hold STOPHUNGERNOW on June 10 here at our church. Watch for more details.

The business meeting was involved in preparations for the Ash Wednesday supper with Frankford on Feb. 22, and the Ecumenical Supper on March 7 with Millville.

The date of the Fall Jumble has been changed from Oct. 20 to Oct. 13, 2012.

Cathy Pownell will be our guest pastor for Gifts of Women Sunday March 4. She is an associate pastor from Hanover church in Wilmington and has spoken at OVPC before.

Happy New Year to All

## Opinion Poll: *Do you have a favorite winter get-away?*

Bob & Nancy Turner: Yes - sunny and warm Arcadia, Florida 1110 miles South of DE.

**Both Lew and I would return to New Orleans and stay at a great Bed and Breakfast (Ashtons) for about one week!**

FLORA (BUT NOT LEW): WOULD RETURN TO ITALY FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS!  
(ONE WEEK AT A VILLA IN TUSCANY)

DON BENJAMIN: ANYWHERE MY GRANDDAUGHTER HAPPENS TO BE.

Earlene: We visited Aruba for the first time in December. It was very nice and we look forward to going there again. I'm not sure that you would call it a "favorite winter getaway" since this was our first trip there.

Bill and Cathy Yantz: A cruise to the eastern Caribbean

*Marge: Our favorite vacation spot is the beautiful island known as St. Maarten. Joe and I have been going there for the last several years and do love it so. While there we can swim in the ocean or the hotel has a beautiful pool filled with salt water with a swim up bar. The island favorite drink is known as a BBC - it consists of whipping cream, coconut milk, a shot of Boleys and a shot of hot fudge - Mixed in the blender - after drinking this one needs to run up to the gym and get on treadmill for an hour as it must have a million calories. While there we also like to take in the straw markets which are on both the French and Dutch side. We stay on the Dutch side - where people keep their clothes on. As a matter of fact we will be leaving on the 31st of January and staying for two weeks.*

Next Month's Opinion Poll question: For you, what are the first signs of Spring?

## Notes from Session

*Earlene DeFazio -Clerk of Session*

The Session met on January 9, 2012 and would like to thank Grayson Wheatley and Elaine Wolf (Class of 2011) for their service on Session and to welcome Karen Colwill and Jennifer Read (Class of 2014).

The Treasurer's Report for December 2011, was accepted. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to transfer \$5,000 from the general account to the capital improvement fund.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded, and passed to approve the 2012 budget as presented by the Finance Committee. The Session thanked the Finance Committee for all of the work they put in on preparing the 2012 Budget.

The Annual Congregational Meeting to Review Finances will be on Sunday, February 5, 2012, after worship, in the Sanctuary.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded, and passed to approve the 2012 wish list.

The following comes from the Building and Grounds Committee:

Manual projection screen for Memorial Hall	\$500.00
Heating system for the Sanctuary	\$25,000.00
Insulate attic and side-walls in Sanctuary	

Repair ductwork under Sanctuary

The following comes from the Worship Committee:

We need to replace the paraments  
Purple cloth for cross during Lent  
Choir chairs with book holders  
Communion table

A job description for the SESSION had previously been distributed for review. A **MOTION** was made, seconded, and passed to approve the Session job description, with the Session Members as Liturgist document as an addendum.

The Manual of Operations had been drafted and previously distributed for review. A

**MOTION** was made, seconded, and passed to approve the Manual of Operations as amended.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:00 p.m.

"February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March."

Dr. J. R. Stockton

# *Stop Hunger Now*

*Sunday, June 10, 2012*

**Stop Hunger Now (SHN)**  
[www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org)

Stop Hunger Now is a meal-packaging program started in 2005 that has perfected an assembly process that combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring packet with 21 essential vitamins into small meal packets. (6 meals per packet that usually feeds 8) Each meal costs 25 cents, stores easily, transports quickly and has a shelf life of 5 years.

Its vision is a “World without Hunger”

Because it is based upon volunteers coming together to package the meals and provide the cost (simply stated) 97% of SHN’s income goes directly to program expenses with only 3% spent on administrative and fundraising.

These packaged meals have been used primarily to support school feeding programs in developing countries.

**GROWTH:** In 2006 (first) year 1.7 million meals

In 2010 16.4 million meals were distributed to 17 countries, the greatest percentage going to Haiti.

In addition to school feeding programs, SHN also provides meals in response to crisis relief. Ex: 8 million meals to Haiti after the Jan 2010 earthquake.

The school feeding programs not only provide lunches (many times the only food a child gets in a day) but also promote education, encourage school attendance, improve health and nutrition and combat child labor.

## HOW THE EVENT WORKS

A team from the Philadelphia office with a truck of supplies comes to OVPC. They set up stations for the volunteers to package the meals.

Four workers per funnel measure the ingredients into plastic bags.

Bags are passed to weigh stations where workers add or take away rice to meet the proper weight.

Bags are passed to workers to seal.

Bags are tossed to the next station to count out 36 bags.

The bags are passed to be boxed (36 bags per box) for shipment.

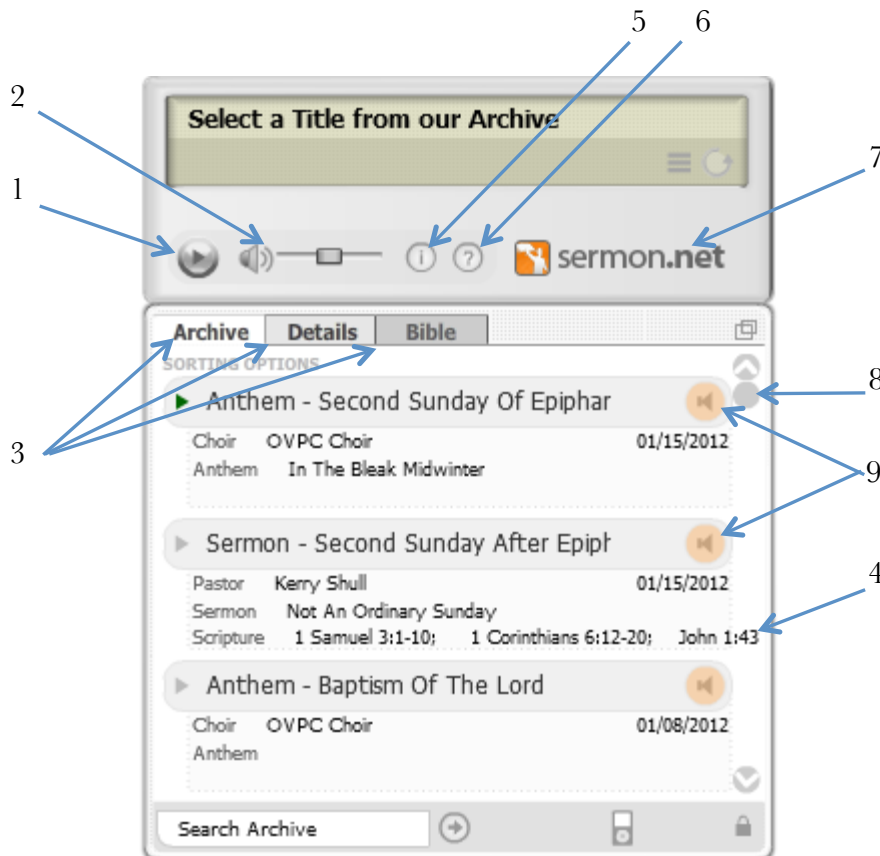
SHN staff explain the process and “strike the GONG” for every 1000 meals packaged. They also explain where the food goes, how it helps the children, etc.

We will be notified after the event with the name of the country that will receive the meals we packaged.



## Website - Our Audio Player

As promised in last month's newsletter, here is a quick overview of the audio player available on our website. Please click on the Help Button (#5) for more detailed information. We hope that you enjoy sharing in our worship online. Remember to refer to the Sermon Text section of the website for a more in-depth presentation of the Sermon presented here.



Future: Download to your IPOD!

1. Play/Pause Button. Leaves archive view open.
2. Mute Button / Volume Slider.
3. Click to switch between Archive View, Detailed Record View, or the Searchable Online Bible.
4. Click to find all archived records that reference that book of the Bible. (In the detailed view, clicking on this link would take you directly to that chapter/verse).
5. Click for detailed player information.
6. Click for detailed player help.
7. Click to go to the Sermon.Net website. Our channel is <http://sermon.net/ovpc> but you can also search for and listen to entries from thousands of other churches throughout the world.
8. Scroll Bar to move up and down in the Archive List.
9. Play Button. Opens detailed record view. The detailed record view offers much of the same information as seen in the archive view but includes a short description of the entry if available, and in the case of a Sermon a direct link to the Scripture in the Online Bible.

\*\* As always, if you have any questions or need assistance please contact Bob Wolf or email [webmaster@ovpc.org](mailto:webmaster@ovpc.org)

## Communication and Technology Committee

*Bob Wolf*

We are pleased to now present audio selections on the website from our Sunday service. Currently, we offer recordings of the Sermon and Offertory Anthem from each Sunday. We hope that you will visit this page whether you just want to have another listen to what was offered or maybe you just simply were unable to attend. This is also a great way to stay connected while traveling! Scripture readings for each Sunday are included on the Sermon record and can be read online by simply clicking on them. A brief overview of the player is included in this newsletter to get you started.

With the recent failure of our heating system, we again found a need to communicate news to the entire congregation and we hope that everyone was informed of the change in venue for Sunday services. We continue to work on making the communications chain better and towards that end the Deacons will be contacting those on their shepherds list to make sure we have current contact information for everyone. Not only will you be asked for current email addresses but you will also

be asked for a preferred method of notification – email only or email plus a phone call. If you do not have access to email, you will receive a phone call from a Deacon.

Please remember to check the website often as we will also put notifications of important information on our homepage. Committee Chairs – please remember that we need input from you about upcoming events and other information that you want to let everyone know about. Our website is a great way to let not only our own congregation know about the terrific work that we do but also the public at large.

As always, we welcome any input into the content or design of our website and encourage everyone to join us at one of our monthly meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.

**Remember to visit often!** [www.ovpc.org](http://www.ovpc.org)

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."*

— Leo Buscaglia

## February 2011 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>29</u> Jan	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> Feb	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
10:30a -11:00a <a href="#">Service of Wholeness (Prayers for Healing)</a> 7:00p -9:30p <a href="#">Acoholics Anonymous(FC)</a>		9:00a -9:30p <a href="#">Bridge Club(MH)</a> 10:00a -11:00a <a href="#">Bible Study(FC)</a> 7:00p -8:30p <a href="#">Al-Anon(FC)</a>	4:00p -5:00p <a href="#">DEACONS (FC)</a> 5:30p -9:00p <a href="#">Lord Baltimore Lioness (MH)</a>	10:30a -4:00p <a href="#">Bridge (MH)</a> 11:00a -1:00p Southeast Sussex Ministerium Meeting(FC) 5:30p -7:00p <a href="#">Weight Watchers (MH)</a> 6:30p -8:00p Choir Practice (S) 7:00p -8:30p <a href="#">F.A.R.A.(FC)</a> Groundhog Day	7:00p -9:00p <a href="#">Movie Night (MH)</a>	8:30a -11:00a <a href="#">F.A.R.A.(FC or MH)</a>
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## *Friday Night At The Movies*



Join us on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall when we watch 'The Visitor' starring Richard Jenkins. Walter Vale is a lonely widower who wanders through life having lost any passion for his career as a university professor. Although he tries to keep a connection to his deceased wife, a pianist, through trying to learn to play himself, he soon realizes that he lacks the necessary talent. On a business trip to New York he finds Syrian drummer Tarek Khalil, and his girlfriend, native Senegalese jewelry maker Zainab living in the apartment that he keeps. What follows is an unlikely friendship and a reawakening in Walter through his shared love of music with Tarek and his attempts to protect them from deportation after

Tarek is arrested and confesses to Walter that they are in the country illegally.

Mark your calendars now for our showing of 'The Kings Speech' on March 2<sup>nd</sup>! If you have a special request for a movie, please let Bob Wolf know and we will do our best to obtain it.

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

