



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2011

✧ Reflections ✧ Kerry Shull



Photo by Ken Arni

On **Tuesday, November 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.**, the churches of the area will meet at **St. George's United Methodist Church in Clarksville** for the ecumenical **Thanksgiving service**. The Rev. Chris Hobgood, pastor of Bethany Beach Christian Church will be preaching. Thanksgiving has taken on the coloring of a counter-cultural event. On one level, Thanksgiving is an extremely popular holiday with its time off from work, its parades, food, and football. On this level, it is a cultural celebration. On the other hand, Thanksgiving is a time intentionally set aside for thanking God. It is this sense that is counter-cultural. It is not what most people do. It is not how we approach life. What is more natural than to see what we have as the product of our own hard work and sacrifice? Why thank God when we are responsible for our own good-fortune and blessings? This self-sufficient and self-absorbed attitude is not new. In fact, we are warned about this attitude in the book of Deuteronomy. Moses is preparing the people to enter the land of promise.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. If you do forget the LORD your God and follow other gods to serve and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the LORD is destroying before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God. (Deuteronomy 8:11-20)

Reflections (Cont.)

The churches' gathering to worship God, then, goes against the cultural understanding. It is a challenge to the world's delusion of self-sufficiency. It is a defiant affirmation of the God who is the source of all life, of all blessing. In worship we direct the world back to God.

In our Reformed tradition, the essence of our life before God is thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is not a mere duty, but the one appropriate response to God's grace. The Heidelberg Catechism affirmed, "just as Christ has redeemed us with his blood he also renews us through his Holy Spirit according to his own image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves grateful to God for his goodness and that he may be glorified through us," (*Book of Confessions*, 4.086; see 4.002). Because God's goodness is all-encompassing, Paul stretched the notion of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is not a matter of dividing our experience up into two columns: one column which contains those things for which we are definitely not thankful, and another for with things for which we are. Rather, because God's grace is all-encompassing, so is to be our thankfulness. Paul wrote, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you," (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). Thus thanksgiving is not something we do on one day, but is a matter of seeing life and our lives as gifts from a gracious God, gifts for which the only proper response can be thanksgiving.

As we join together with Ministerium churches this Thanksgiving, we provide public testimony to a different way of looking at life. We testify to the God to whom we joyously give thanks.

Deacons' Report

Mike Read

At their October meeting the Deacons set their monthly meeting time to the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This represents a change in time from previous decisions.

Bruce Hobler was appointed Treasurer of the Board of Deacons upon the resignation of Charlotte Wheatley. Edna Ewing will be added to the checking account as a second signature.

Mark your calendars! The annual **Deacon's Dinner** will be held in conjunction with **Movie Night on Friday, November 4**. A potluck dinner will be followed by the movie "The Christmas Choir" in Memorial Hall. The Deacons will highlight the Stop Hunger Now mission project. Liz Hobler and Kathy Sheetz will do a presentation on the upcoming project.

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Service

Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

Pastor

Kerry Shull

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Session

Beverly Bailey
Richard Peoples
Mike Quinn
Herb Sheetz
Elaine Wolf

Deacons

Mike Read
Edna Ewing
Jim Hartsig
Bruce Hobler
Amy Peoples

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Back in Time

Prayer from The Amen Corner: 1998

Dear Lord,

So far today, Lord, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or over-indulgent. I'm very thankful for that.

But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed. And from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

AMEN.

Notes from Session

Earlene DeFazio - Clerk of Session

The Session met October 10, 2011.

Marlene Quinn, Christian Education Committee reported positive feedback from the current Sunday morning class, "What Presbyterians Believe"; a small group study "Made for Goodness" begins this week.

Richard Peoples, Finance Committee, reported that all bills have been paid and that all Mission obligations have been paid. In November work will begin on the Budget for 2012.

Herb Sheetz was selected to complete the term of Grayson Wheatley as President of the Corporation.

An officer training session will be held on October 22nd and November 5th.

The Session received a letter from Princeton Theological Seminary thanking Ocean View Presbyterian Church for the generous contribution to the Library Project.

The November Mission Offering will be collected for the Thank Offering.

Representatives from Presbytery will meet with OVPC representatives on November 2nd to tour/view our facilities in preparation for the 813th Stated meeting of Presbytery on November 15th that OVPC will host. The Pyle Center Emergency Fund was selected to receive the offering of the Presbytery meeting.

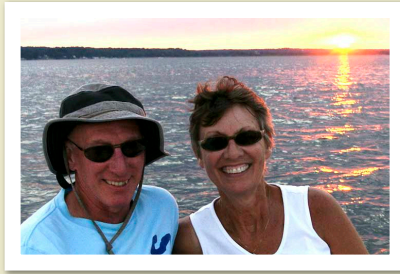
Session will meet November 14, 2011; we are scheduled to do the pastoral review. If you wish to provide input, please submit your comments, in writing, making sure it is signed and give to Earlene DeFazio, Clerk of Session, or one of the Session members.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 9:18 p.m.

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

Being thankful

It is not original using Thanksgiving and giving thanks as our topic this month, but I was “nudged” while sitting in church a few weeks ago to acknowledge those people who on that day made worship meaningful to me. Flora and Lew Beaver greeted us and set the scene with their friendliness. Right



away I noticed the beauty of all the cloths that decorated the altar and narthex. They were from different parts of the world commemorating World Communion Sunday. The banners were striking...I hope they are placed in the sanctuary every time we celebrate the Eucharist. The flowers were brilliant in Fall colors, donated by Bethany Florist and the Turners who were celebrating an anniversary. People who participated in the service that day were Dick Peoples, Elsie Young and Ed Thornton. They led and read with an expressiveness that made the words meaningful.. Kerry

delivered an excellent sermon, and I wondered just how much time it takes during the week to write and put the polish on his message? Bev Bailey played the guitar and helped us sing some of the hymns while those sitting in the congregation got to add percussion to the first hymn. I like the guitar and being asked to lend a hand in the music-making. Always, Marge plays with such flair and expertise that I take it for granted that there is organ music every Sunday to help me meditate and pray. That particular Sunday I decided to tell her that I noticed her playing and that it enriched the morning. The choir also provides worship music and these people take time out during the week to practice and prepare. I always look forward to their offertory. Communion was prepared and served by Deacons Mike Read and Amy Peoples and Elders Bev Bailey and Dick Peoples who all lent a personal touch to the sharing of this sacrament. Like pieces of the complex designs of the donated altar cloths, each person who participates in the worship service I sit and enjoy helps to complete the message I carry home with me each Sunday. And I am thankful for each of these people.

“You say grace before meals. All right.
 But I say grace before the play and the opera,
 And grace before the concert and pantomime,
 And grace before I open a book,
 And grace before sketching, painting,
 Swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing;
 And grace before I dip the pen in the ink.”

G.K. CHESTERTON
 from an early notebook (mid -1890s)

BIRTHDAYS

Dave Sergison	November 10
Karen Colwill	November 14
Bob Clark	November 16



ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Franz	November 1, 2003
Frankie and Christina Timmons	November 15, 2003

Company's Coming!

Betsy Henifin



Presbytery Visits OVPC November 15

Every one of us living in this beautiful beach/bay part of the country enjoys plenty of guests! All summer we are welcoming family and friends into our homes: cooking, cleaning, sprucing up our homes! We know how to make visitors feel welcome.

On Tuesday, November 15, we'll have an opportunity to demonstrate our famous hospitality to members of Presbyterian churches from Delaware and Maryland. And there will be something everyone of us can do to help prepare for our guests. Can you help fix up the church yard and plantings? Can you help serve lunch, make macaroni and cheese, pour coffee, wash windows, help park cars, set up tables? Many hands really do make light work!

Ocean View Church has never welcomed Presbytery in all these years. Let's work together to make this a memorable day for everyone! Watch for your chance to help! Church clean-up day is November 12th.

Plan Ahead

Donations for The Way Home will be collected at the December 2 dinner. Suggestions for these people who are being released from prison with just the clothes they are wearing are: (all sizes should be LARGE or EXTRA LARGE)

Underwear	Sox
Gloves	Knit caps
Jackets	Work boots
Money to go toward DART cards	

Nativity Festival

Worship Committee

At our 2009 Christmas Dinner, many of our congregation brought Nativity scenes to display. This proved to be an interesting, successful experience. So, this year we are planning to repeat, enlarge and open our display to the community.

Our plans are to have the display ready for us to enjoy at our Christmas Dinner, December 2nd, and then to share our spiritual gift December 3rd. More information will follow.

What we need NOW is for members of the congregation to:

1. *Think about the Nativity scene(s) you will bring to show.*
2. *Write in 100 words or less a story about the scene and give the information to Carol Kratch or Elsie Young. (Carol will type and put into a "frame" to be ready when...)*
3. *Bring the Nativity to Memorial Hall on Wednesday, November 30th.*

This will be our first attempt to provide such a gift to the community. If you have questions, call Elsie Young. 539-8718

"Give me the end of the year an' its fun
When most of the plannin' an' toilin' is done;
Bring all the wanderers home to the nest,
Let me sit down with the ones I love best,
Hear the old voices still ringin' with song,
See the old faces unblemished by wrong,
See the old table with all of its chairs
An' I'll put soul in my Thanksgivin' prayers."

Edgar A. Guest
Thanksgiving

Opinion Poll:

Which local restaurant has the best off-season deal?

Responses:

Perucci's- 1/2 price apps and wine on Thurs.

Salsa Matteo's in Fenwick- Dollar tacos on Tues and Thurs.

Dumser's has daily specials, and yes, they sell more than ice cream!

Fat Tuna- 2 chicken dinners for \$10 on Weds.

Cottage Cafe has daily specials.

Women's World

Betsy Henifin

On Sunday, November 13 the Women will be taking up their annual Thank Offering. The offering this year will go to support 26 projects in the U. S. and 12 international ones. All of these missions enhance the welfare of women, children and families worldwide. Thank you for joining in this important offering.

Nominating Committee

Bev Bailey

The Nominating has been working hard to present to you the following slate of Officers and Committee Chairs and Members for the coming year(s).

Session:	Class of 2014	Karen Colwill Jennifer Read
Deacons:	Class of 2013	Kathy Sheetz (to fill an unexpired term)
	Class of 2014	Mike Read
		Jim Hartsig
Cemetery Committee		Ed Hiner
		Charles Chilton
Chair of Ushers and Greeters		Elaine Wolf
Chair of Buildings and Grounds		Dave Sergison
Nominating Committee:		
	To represent the Congregation	Elsie Young (3),
		Charles Chilton (2),
		Lorie Hartsig (2) ,
	To be elected	Alice Woodruff (1)
	Alternates to be elected	Kathy Sheetz (1)
		Amy Hiner (1)

The Nominating Committee this year consists of:

Session:	Chair, Bev Bailey, Herb Sheetz and Mike Quinn (Alt)
Deacons:	Bruce Hobler and Jim Hartsig (Alt)
Sewing Circle:	Marge Schaefer and Carol Kratch (Alt)
Congregation:	Elsie Young Don Bailey, Charles Chilton, Lorie Hartsig
	Alternates: Jane Sergison, Janet Anderson, Betsy Henifin, Janet Krajewski
Pastor	Kerry Shull (ex officio)

Election of Officers will take place at an Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 13. Nominations are also accepted from the floor if the person nominated has agreed to serve. All Elders and Deacons who have been elected will then be ordained and installed at a separate service held later in the season during worship. Thanks to the members of the committee and all who have agreed to serve this congregation in their service to God.

Nativity Festival

Saturday, December 3, 2011

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Ocean View Presbyterian
Church



The Congregation of Ocean View Presbyterian Church invites you to take time out of this busy holiday season to enjoy with us Nativity scenes collected from around the world.

Come and enjoy Christmas fellowship and music.

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Calling all Greeters and Ushers

Elaine Wolf

It's that time of year again when we are starting to schedule our Greeters and Ushers for the upcoming year. 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 look for a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions at all, please contact Elaine Wolf.

Ginger Snaps

(Cathy Yantz made these for coffee hour)

1 ½ c. Crisco
2 c. sugar
½ c. molasses
2 eggs
4c. flour
4 teasp. baking soda
2 teasp. cinnamon
2 teasp. cloves
2 teasp. Ginger
½ t. salt (optional, I do not use)

Cream Crisco and sugar well. Add eggs and molasses mix well. Add dry ingredients. Shape into small balls. Press down with sugar coated glass or roll balls in sugar and press down with a fork. Bake @ 375 for 10 minutes or so.
Yield: 7 ½ dozen

God so loved the world that he did not send a committee.

Communication and Technology Committee

Bob Wolf

Have you ever wondered how to pronounce the name of a person or place while reading your scripture? Does this make you shy away from volunteering for reading on Sunday? Well worry no more! A new link has been added to the website (links page) to the Net Ministries site where there is an online pronunciation guide where you can not only see the phonetic representation of the word but can also hear it spoken to you. This facility requires a QuickTime plug-in so if it is not already installed, your browser might ask you for permission to run or install it.

You may have noticed a small device peeking up over a pew near the front of the sanctuary on a couple of occasions. Until we can upgrade our sound system we are trying to record the service using a portable digital recorder – hopefully before long, you will be able to access portions of

the service through the website. The first pieces to be published will be the sermon and the offertory anthem.

As mentioned before, keep an eye out in the bulletin and listen for announcements about validating your email address so we can keep in touch with you electronically!

Because of the Wednesday evening book study, we are changing the regular meeting schedule to the second Tuesday of the month.

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 January 10th at 7 p.m.

Remember to visit often! www.ovpc.org



Did you know?



(From a 1997 newsletter and submitted then by Alice Woodruff)

- That the bench cushions were given as a memorial by Morris Evans in memory of his wife, Florence Evans?
- That the brass flower vases on the altar were given by Cynthia Lewis in memory of her mother?
- That the silver chalice was given by Bertha Young in memory of her husband?
- The shrubbery in front of the church was given by Jeannette Betts, and the shrubbery alongside the church was given by Emma Ball in memory of her husband?
- That the baptismal font was made by Kemp Lang?
- That the clock was repaired by by Marts Holt?
- The two oak tables beside the altar were made by Richard Timmons?
- That the old Bible was rebound and repaired by Dorothy and Abner Hollingsworth?
- (editor's note....though I do not recognize the names, I am intrigued by the sacrifice of time and talent involved in these contributions.)

The RC&D (First State Resource, Conservation and Development Council) Crew worked on a roof this month. Herb Sheetz and his volunteer team of Dave Kratch, Kerry Shull, Jim Hartsig, Bobs Doherty and Wolf and Buzz Henifin coated a roof on a trailer near Lowe's. This work involved men on the roof, another to climb an 8 foot ladder and put coating on the edges of the roof, and another to do the ground work of mixing and completing odds and ends.....check out this month's photo page to watch these men hard at work.

Feed My Sheep

Mariner's Bethel Methodist Church sponsors hot soup and bread on Thursdays from 11 am- 2 pm in the church's Social Hall. A free Thanksgiving dinner will be served on that day to those in need. For more information on this ministry, contact Brian Mushrush at bmushrush57@msn.com

"Oh, feed me , Lord, that I may feed Your hung'ring ones with manna sweet."

Prayer Chain

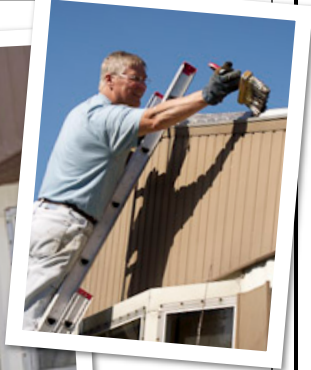
The Church has a Prayer Chain for whoever needs prayer for whatever reason. Call Hilary Smith (302-436-5678) with prayer requests.

Kaye's Korner

Your 2012 envelopes will be coming out in December. By using these envelopes it saves the treasurer time, because we go by the number you were assigned to. Please put your envelopes in a safe place and use them when you are making your contribution. Thank you!

Photogenic

Photos by Jim Hartsig and Herb Sheetz



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November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>30</u> 10:30a -11:00a Service of Wholeness (Prayers for Healing) 10:30a -12:00p CE STUDY (FC) "What Presbyterians Believe" 7:00p -9:30p Acoholics Anonymous(FC)	<u>31</u> Halloween	<u>1</u> 9:00a -9:30p Bridge Club(MH) 10:00a -11:00a Bible Study(FC) 1:00p -3:00p Christian Education Meeting (FC) 7:00p -8:30p Al-Anon(FC)	<u>2</u> 10:30a -12:00p Presbytery Prep meeting (FC) 4:00p -5:00p DEACONS (FC) 5:30p -9:00p Lord Baltimore Lioness (MH)	<u>3</u> 10:30a -4:00p Bridge (MH) 5:30p -7:00p Weight Watchers (MH) 7:00p -8:30p F.A.R.A. (FC)	<u>4</u> 6:00p -9:00p DEACONS Annual Pot Luck/Mission 7:00p -9:00p Movie Night (MH)	<u>5</u> 8:30a -11:00a F.A.R.A. (FC or MH)
<u>6</u> End Daylight Saving Time 10:30a -12:00p CE STUDY (FC) "What Presbyterians Believe" 7:00p -9:30p Acoholics Anonymous(FC)	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Election Day 9:00a -9:30p Bridge Club(MH) 10:00a -11:00a Bible Study(FC) 7:00p -8:30p Al-Anon(FC) 7:00p -8:30p Comm & Tech (O)	<u>9</u> 12:00p -2:00p Sewing Circle(MH)	<u>10</u> 10:30a -4:00p Bridge (MH) 5:30p -7:00p Weight Watchers (MH) 7:00p -8:30p F.A.R.A. (FC)	<u>11</u> Veterans Day (Fed) 12:30p -4:00p Gardners By The Sea(MH)	<u>12</u> 8:30a -11:00a F.A.R.A. (FC or MH) 8:30a -1:00p CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY 1:00p -3:00p Sandy Cove (FC) 4:00p -8:00p AA Dinner (MH)
<u>13</u> 10:30a -11:30a Coffee Hour (MH) 10:30a -12:00p CE STUDY (FC) "What Presbyterians Believe" 7:00p -9:30p Acoholics Anonymous(FC)	<u>14</u> 9:00a -9:00p SET-UP PRESBYTERY MEETING (MH) 7:00p -9:00p Session Meeting (MH)	<u>15</u> 8:00a -2:00p Presbytery Meeting (MH) 9:00a -9:30p Bridge Club(MH) 10:00a -11:00a Bible Study(FC) 5:30p -6:30p Cub Comm (FC) 7:00p -8:30p Al-Anon(FC) NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY NO BRIDGE TODAY	<u>16</u> 2:30p -5:00p Worship Committee (office)	<u>17</u> 10:30a -4:00p Bridge (MH) 5:30p -7:00p Weight Watchers (MH) 7:00p -8:30p F.A.R.A. (FC)	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 8:30a -11:00a F.A.R.A. (FC or MH)
<u>20</u> 12:00p -10:30p BRIDGE SPECIAL GAMES (MH) (AA aware of parking crunch) 7:00p -9:30p Acoholics Anonymous(FC)	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> 9:00a -9:30p Bridge Club(MH) 10:00a -11:00a Bible Study(FC) 7:00p -8:30p Al-Anon(FC)	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> Thanksgiving (Fed) 10:30a -4:00p Bridge (MH) 5:30p -7:00p Weight Watchers (MH) 7:00p -8:30p F.A.R.A. (FC)	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> 8:30a -11:00a F.A.R.A. (FC or MH)
<u>27</u> 10:30a -11:00a Service of Wholeness (Prayers for Healing) 7:00p -9:30p Acoholics Anonymous(FC)	<u>28</u> 5:30p -8:30p CUB PACK MEETING (MH)	<u>29</u> 9:00a -9:30p Bridge Club(MH) 10:00a -11:00a Bible Study(FC) 7:00p -8:30p Al-Anon(FC)	<u>30</u> Creche Display set-up (MH)	<u>1</u> 9:00a -5:00p Creche Display(MH) set-up. Br idge & WW cancelled 10:30a -4:00p Bridge (MH) 5:30p -7:00p Weight Watchers (MH)	<u>2</u> 9:00a -8:00p Creche Display (MH) 6:00p -8:00p Christmas Party (MH) 7:00p -9:00p Movie Night (MH)	<u>3</u> 8:30a -11:00a F.A.R.A. (FC or MH) 9:00a -5:00p Creche Display (MH)

Friday Night At The Movies



A VERY SPECIAL EDITION OF FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!

On Friday November 4th, we will all be gathering for the annual Deacons Dinner which will be followed by a showing of the movie 'THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR'.

Based on a true story, a workaholic accountant unexpectedly finds himself involved with a homeless shelter and drawing on his long forgotten love of music, works with the men of the shelter to form a choir as he re-evaluates his own life.

If you would like to see a particular movie, please let Bob or Elaine Wolf know.

Please note that the movie for December will be moved to the second Friday (12/9) due to the Christmas Dinner.

