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JERRY EGGER NAMED INTERIM PASTOR

On Sunday, August 24, the OVPC Transition Team led by Jennifer Read, and including Beverly Bailey, Lorie Hartsig, Dick Peoples and Ollie Robling announced the selection of Gerald Egger as its interim pastor. Previously, at a called meeting on Monday, August 18, members of Session unanimously approved the Transition Team's recommendation. Jerry's first Sunday with us will be on September 14, 2014.



Jerry and Marge Egger

Join us for a brunch honoring our new Interim Minister and his family provided by the women of the church on Sunday, September 21, 2014 following worship.

About Gerald Egger

Jerry was born and raised in Indianapolis, the older of two sons. Early on he nurtured an interest in darkroom photography into a profitable hobby. His education was all in public schools, including Indiana University at Bloomington, where he majored in liberal arts. He was president of his fraternity, Beta Theta Pi.

Jerry and his wife of 43 years, Marjorie, met during their freshman year at I.U. Together they attended First Presbyterian Church in town. Marge was a music major earning credits in music therapy and studying organ. They married one year after graduating and settled in Indianapolis. Jerry earned a degree from the Indianapolis Law School of I.U., attending classes at night while working full time in public relations and advertising. They attended Northminster Presbyterian Church.

His career took the family, which by now included a son, to Fort Wayne, Indiana for 12 years. There, Jerry developed a passion for bicycling, honed his picture-taking skills, and acted in community theater productions two or three times a year. After 5 years as advertising manager, he made a career move, joining the training and development department within the same company. In Fort Wayne, Marge was able to practice music therapy between the births of their two daughters. Marge also substituted for church organists around town and eventually became a regular accompanist on Sundays. The family also became involved in Plymouth Congregational Church.

This period in the family's life ended in 18 months of unemployment for Jerry, a time when the family grew closer together. A job offer finally came from a training department in Baltimore, Maryland. The five Eggers moved to Towson, where all three children attended high school. Marge became the music director at Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church; the rest of the family attended Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian Church.

During their fourteen years in Baltimore, Jerry was laid off by three separate companies. By the third layoff, with the youngest child heading for college, Jerry and Marge decided that a complete change from corporate life was in order. They enrolled together in Lancaster Theological Seminary (Lancaster, PA), Jerry full-time and Marge part-time at first. They graduated in 2005 and 2006, respectively.

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A pastoral call for Jerry came from Indiana, ironically - Rensselaer, a farming community close enough to Chicago to be in the Central time zone. Marge quickly took an ordained position as bereavement coordinator and chaplain for the local hospice program. Being "back home again," Jerry and Marge were able to visit frequently with his parents in Indianapolis. This was a special blessing during their final illnesses in 2011. In Rensselaer, Jerry joined a barbershop chorus and was active in the ministerium.

In 2012, their first grandchild, a boy, was born in Baltimore. With less of a tie to Indiana and more of a tug from Maryland, Jerry and Marge resigned their calls and moved to Coastal Delaware. They have been active in New Castle Presbytery. Marge serves on the Committee on Ministry (COM) and preaches regularly at Faith Chapel PCUSA near Berlin. Jerry serves on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) and has filled the pulpit at many of the area churches.

They live in a newish development behind the Super Giant and have hosted their east-coast family members, now grown to two grandsons, many times. On the breakfast table any given day you will find two daily newspapers (Wilmington and Washington), two weekly newsmagazines, a crossword puzzle for Jerry and a Sudoku puzzle for Marge, and publications from Maryland Public Television, Delmarva Public Radio, the Audubon Society, and Consumer Reports. They enjoy forensic mystery shows like NCIS and a weekly meal out. You will find Jerry at World Gym three days a week (usually 4 p.m.) and Marge on the shore at Bethany Beach for her morning walk.



Jerry and Marge with their grandsons.



....From The Editors
Lorie and Jim Hartsig

This summer Jim and I had the pleasure of joining a photo tour to the Palouse in the lower south eastern corner of Washington State. The purpose was to join a group of other photographers to shoot pictures of a beautiful area of rolling, golden fields, purple mountains, old barns, dazzling sunrises and sunsets and John Deere equipment harvesting the wheat. We stayed in Colfax, a small town of 2,800 people, and one evening followed flyers we had seen posted in diner windows for a free fried chicken dinner at a local church. Ten of us made ourselves comfortable at a large round table in the middle of the fellowship hall and were welcomed heartily by the church ladies who had prepared the food and by the regulars who attended. It was obvious that many of these people came from shelters, some from area adult housing for challenged people and some as members of the church. All enjoyed the church fellowship and when asked, one little lady told me that the church holds this dinner monthly, each time with a different menu, always delicious and hearty. WOW! Talk about reaching out to the community! What an idea! The party was held and the people came and our group who travelled to this very small part of our country to photograph God's beauty learned a valuable lesson from the members of a little church. Just wish that I had thought to take another photo that trip....one of happy souls enjoying the company of each other.



**"There comes a time when autumn asks,
"What have you been doing all summer?"
Unknown**

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Happy
Anniversary

Mickie Stamp	Sept. 2	Mike Quinn	Sept. 19	Jane and Bob Clark	Sept. 2nd
Nancy Turner	Sept. 3	Jane Sergison	Sept. 21	Lorie and Jim Hartsig	Sept. 10th
Herb Sheetz	Sept. 6	Cathy Yantz	Sept. 22		
Mike Read	Sept. 8	Betsy Henifin	Sept. 25		
Ralph Nelson	Sept. 11	Earlene DeFazio	Sept. 29		



autumnal equinox

Advent Devotional

Elsie Young

It's September!!!! Have you noticed the Lectionary Reading lists for our Advent Devotional are in the Narthex? Please take one of the lists, choose a day, write your name on the master sheet designating your choice and then write and submit your writing by October 12. Bob, our new artist in residence, Kaye and I will take it from there.

Session Notes

Earlene DeFazio

The Session met on August 11, 2014, Gary Baer was Moderator.

Session met with Liz Hobler, Coordinator of the Facilities Use Committee. Liz reported that the Facilities and Services Brochure had been updated in April 2014, and was requesting one additional, minor change be approved; Session approved this additional change. She brought up a concern - the designated "Handicapped Parking" area is included in the parking area "Reserved for Church Members", which makes it look like the Handicapped Parking area is only for church members. This matter was referred to Building and Grounds to research and resolve. Session authorized Liz to prepare a checklist for an event facilitator. The committee is looking to have an individual from the committee present for events to make sure our facilities are used properly.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved; the financial statements for July were reviewed and accepted.

Jennifer Read, chairman of the Transition Team reported that they are waiting on Presbytery to interview candidates for the interim position.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:10 p.m.

Deacon's Report

Mike Read

At their last meeting the Deacons voted to donate \$500 to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Inc., in honor of Amy Hiner.

The Deacons are organizing volunteers to prepare and deliver gluten-free meals to Alice and Woody Woodruff on week-day evenings through September. Please contact Jim Hartsig or Mike Read for available dates.

Renaissance Center Hymn Sings

Recent research has shown that Alzheimer's patients respond very favorably to music which has been part of their lives. Many of us have experienced wonderful patient response through participation in Renaissance Center Hymn Sings. Rather than performing for these patients, we sit with them and we sing with them.

If you feel a need to reach out, we urge you to join us. OVPC participates on the fourth Sunday of every month. The Hymn Sing starts at 2 pm. We carpool from the church, leaving at 1:15 pm. (For more information, call Bill Colwill 717 870 5186.)

You will be touched by this experience.



Women's Sewing Circle

Amy Peoples

Welcome to the first signs of fall. Schools opening, leaves turning, and September events beginning for the OVPC Sewing Circle. Put your beach chairs away and get your calendars out so you won't miss anything.

During the summer we have had many changes, Kerry's retirement and the fun retirement party, the Heavenly Luncheon where we served more than 350 people in the two days and made over \$4000.00 for our Missions, and looking forward to our Interim minister.

Our Circle will meet Wednesday, September 10 at noon. Bring your sandwich or salad and refreshments and dessert will be provided. We will have the first lesson "The Promise and Problem of Paul" in our new Bible Study book, "Reconciling Paul". Bev Bailey will once again be our leader. Don't forget to purchase your books from Marlene before September 10. Come and join us for an interesting time.

Sunday, September 14, the ladies of the Salt Pond will host us at the Coffee Hour right after church. Be sure to invite visitors to join you at the Coffee Hour.

We will be selecting a new Nomination Committee in September to get the officers for the 2015-2016 term. We will also be naming a Bylaws Committee to go over and revise the Sewing Circle Bylaws.

In the last few months, Bill Colwill has gotten many from OVPC to go with him to the Renaissance Center on the fourth Sunday of the month for an informal hymn sing. It has been a real blessing to those who have attended. Think about joining the group; a lovely singing voice is not necessary, just a welcome smile and you will be glad you came.

Our next event will be the Jumble on Saturday, October 11 with setting up Friday, October 10. Take this time to look for things you no longer use but could be a treasure to someone else and set them aside for the October date. More information will be given to you at Circle meeting.

The Presbyterian Women of New Castle Presbytery will have its' Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 18, at the First Presbyterian Church of Smyrna. Save that date and hopefully we will have a full carload heading for Smyrna.

Elsie has been asking members and friends of OVPC to create meditations for the Advent Devotional Booklet. If you would like to participate, be sure to contact her and sign up for the day you would like to write a devotional. We certainly do appreciate Elsie's efforts for this worthwhile project.

Don't forget that the Water4 Well Project is a continuing one. Contribute as you are able. Just think, we have been able to build two wells so far and are on our third. Also don't forget other Missions of the Circle, Nickels for Nets and The Least Coin.

prophets of a future not our own . . .
Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador (1917-1980)

It helps now and then to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a small fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. NO set of goals and objectives include everything.

This is what we are about: We plant the seeds that will one day grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effect far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it well. It may be incomplete but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; minister, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

This was contributed during our August 24th Sunday School lesson on REVIVAL, led by Mike Quinn.

**Thank you to our readers for their
contributions to the newsletter.**



Contributed by Elsie Young.

HEAVENLY LUNCH MAKES TV NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS! The Heavenly Lunch team consisting of members of the Women's Circle as well as members and friends of the church once again provided the "Best Lunch in Town" on July 23 & 24 of 2014. We served approximately 370 people and netted over \$3900 that all will be donated to Women's Circle missions.

Kathy Rhodes brought us special treats this year with her piano music during lunch both days and granddaughters Marley and Lexi. Marley and Lexi not only helped the hostesses clear and set tables but also provided warm welcomes and chatter to our customers.

On Wednesday morning, the first day of the luncheon, at approximately 10:30 am while in the usual dither to get everything started, I heard an urgent holler, "Liz there is someone on the phone wanting to talk to you about the Heavenly Lunch"!! I half heartedly tried to listen to someone chatting away with questions about the lunch and think I said in probably a not so friendly tone, "Who is this? You've caught me kind of unaware". Turns out it was reporter, Peter Neill, from WRDE COASTTV, Delmarva's own NBC station. Peter asked if he could come to the lunch and do some interviews. Peter did come and spent the day with us taking pictures and interviewing myself about the origin of the luncheon and the Mission Committee about their Water 4 project. The interviews were broadcast on the WRDE 6 pm and 11pm news segments. Be sure to go to our website, www.ovpc.org and view the video.

A first in my ten years plus working on the luncheon was the unfortunate fall taken by our veteran kitchen worker and "energizer bunny", Kathy Sheetz. Kathy was bustling about a bit too energetically, slipped, fell and broke her wrist. Fortunately Kathy is healing well and supporting a pink cast that we all should autograph. Thanks to B&G for its quick response with an additional rubber mat that will help avoid any further slipping mishaps.

As always we thank Mr. Harry Dukes from Eastern Shore Poultry for his generous donation of 200 pounds of boneless chicken breasts, Ocean View Produce for the fruit and Giant and Harris Teeter for their gift certificates.

The Heavenly Lunch team with the help of the Ocean View Presbyterian Church Congregation working together continues to make this event a success every year.

The Women's Circle thanks you. Our many missions thank you.

Liz Hobler

Buildings and Grounds

Buzz Henifin

The summer months have been a little relaxing. B&G has done the routine maintenance from week to week. Little things, like changing light bulbs, fixing soap dispensers, ensuring that the sewer lines are open, etc. are accomplished behind the scenes to keep the facilities working properly.

The security team has continued to inspect the church daily. No big problems were discovered, however security finds a light left on or a door left unlocked from time. Thanks for all your efforts security team.

Earlier this year many volunteers signed up to take care of a section of the church's gardens. Thanks to Bill Colwill, this has turned out to be a most successful project. Each gardener deserves a hearty "WELL DONE". Bill sent the following message this month to the gardeners,

"It is great to see all our gardens in good shape! While weed killing on our parking lots yesterday I also shot weeds in our gardens. I use Round-Up. If the weed is too close to the flower or shrub, I don't shoot it. You should see weeds dying in about three days.

I'm sure that Tuesday's rain will perk things up! I did notice that something seems to be eating the Hostas near the columbarium. We may want to consider spraying small plants for rabbits?"

If anyone is interested we still have a couple of garden sections that could use some tender loving care. Call Buzz at 539 5657 for more details.

If you remember, B&G recently reported that Herb was on his knees repairing loose pews. This time he has sanded the Narthex floor and put on two coats of high quality varnish. Take a look and give Herb a thank you for a job well done.

Kerry's office shelves of books were cleaned out and sent to be recycled thanks to Betsy and Carol K.

It is almost Fall, which means all of us are busy with so many things, but B&G Committee needs to have a committee meeting. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for time and place. Everyone, members and friends, are considered members. So if there is anything that you would like to have considered by B&G for accomplishment in the next year please attend the meeting and/or call Buzz.

A job that was left over from the Spring Cleanup has been worked. Dave S. and Bob D. installed several new fence posts and railing along the property lines

Filling the pot holes along the parking lot has been put off until the work on Route 26 is completed or at least the work on Central Ave. is wrapped up.

- several umbrellas, long and short ones
- base ball cap
- more than 18 hot/cold cups with tops
- sun glasses
- 2 sweaters
- 1 light weight hoodie



Items are destined for the trash bin if left after Labor Day

Ovarian Cancer Awareness

As some of you may know, my mom, Amy Hiner, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer right before Thanksgiving. It is time for me to make a difference! I am proud to be the Team Captain of Team teAMY! at the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition Central Maryland Chapter's Run/Walk to Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer being held on September 21, 2014.

Proceeds from this event support the NOCC's mission to save lives by fighting tirelessly to prevent and cure ovarian cancer, and to improve the quality of life for survivors.

I would like to personally invite you to join me. Team teAMY's goal is to raise \$2,000 dollars, and we can do it with the help of supporters like you.

If you cannot attend the event, please consider making a secure, tax-deductible donation online.

Please be sure to indicate that your registration or donation is directed to Team teAMY.

I hope you can join us!

[Please click here to donate if you can! Love and thanks!](#)

Many thanks for your love and support! Laura Jednorski



**"The breezes taste
Of apple peel.
The air is full
Of smells to feel-
Ripe fruit, old footballs,
Burning brush,
New books, erasers,
Chalk, and such.**

**The bee, his hive,
Well-honeyed hum,
And Mother cuts
Chrysanthemums.
Like plates washed clean
With suds, the days
Are polished with
A morning haze."**

- John Updike, September

Service as Discipleship

Jennifer Read

John 13:34-35

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

As our church moves through the grief of losing our pastor of the past 39 years, Kerry Shull, we are entering a time of new challenges, looking inward at our church community and our individual selves to discern our strengths, our needs, our goals, and our opportunities to glorify God through to His church and His people. In the next year we will be writing a study of our congregation to prepare us for a new period in the life of our church. Our leaders will have the wise guidance of Rev. Gerald Egger as we go through this exciting and scary time. And we will need the participation of every member if we are to truly realize our vision.

In the next few months, your Church Officer Nominating Committee will be looking for those who can take a role in this search for our vision. The Book of Order tells us that “Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission. A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church.”

We ask you to consider the gifts that God has given you and how you can use them to bear witness to His love and grace to all of us.

Matthew 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Christian Education

Mike Quinn will lead an Adult Sunday School class on Sunday, September 7 in Fellowship Center on Perseverance.

Learn by examples how to stay the race that is set before us.

We will study Hebrews 12: 1-2.

In October of 2014, CE will offer a series of programs related to death and dying that will be held each Sunday after church. Presentations will be scheduled as follows:

- October 5 - EMT Services (Are you Ready?).
- October 12 - Beebe Hospital, Presentation on Advanced Directives.
- October 19 - Delaware Hospice, End of Life Services.
- October 26 - Melson Funeral Home, Preparation and Memorial Services.

Photogenic

Photos by Jim Hartsig



Friday Night At The Movies



Karen and Phil Hamilton will be hosting our next movie and invite you to bring a favorite dessert to share on September 5th at 6:30 p.m. For more information please call (301) 641-3748.

At 7 p.m. we will be showing 'Dead Poets Society' starring Robin Williams, Robert Sean Leonard, and Ethan Hawke. Set in 1959, this is the story of a teacher returning to the private school from which he graduated and through some unorthodox methods both teaches a love of poetry and inspires his students to live life to its fullest. This movie was filmed in Middletown Delaware (and surrounding areas)

highlighting St. Andrew's School, and the Everett Theater.

If you are unable to join us for dessert, please feel free to come for the movie.

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

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