

# OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970

September 24, 2023



## ***SILENT MEDITATION***

*Effortlessly, Love flows from God into people,  
like a bird who rivers the air without moving her wings.*

*Thus we move in God's world, one in body and soul, though outwardly  
separate in form.*

*As the source strikes the note, humanity sings –  
the Holy Spirit is our harpist, and all strings which are touched in love  
must sound!*

*Mechtild of Magdeburg*

## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Church Security person(s) for this week is: Gloria & Randy Bartholomew for Sunday and Nancy & Bob Turner for Evenings

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Sept 24</b> Worship Service – 9:30 am (S) Christian Education – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (FC)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Sept 25</b> Missions Com. Mtg. –7:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Sept 26</b> Bible Study – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (FC)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Sept 27</b> Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 – 7:30 pm (S)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Sept 28</b> Circle Jumble Set up – 9:00 – 10:00 am (MH)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Sept 29</b> Circle Jumble Set up – 9:00 – 10:00 am (MH)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Sept 30</b> Circle Jumble – 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (MH) Weekly Work Day – 9:30 – 11:30 am
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Oct 1</b> Worship Service – 9:30 am (S)

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION/PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives,

**C: Refresh us with your mercy!**

L: As a stream flows steadily on, defying the odds of stone and water,

**C: Flow over every boundary and border that separates us from each other.**

L: At the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us,

**C: Renew us now in newness of life and unity of love.**

**ALL: As we worship, hold us in the power and peace of your abiding presence! AMEN.**

### **\*HYMN: 692 Spirit, Open My Heart**

## **GATHERING PRAYER**

## **CONFESSION**

Who we really are is where truth dwells, solely and wholly filling our inner parts, where the world cannot reach. God arises in us there. There, the voice of God, and only that holy sound, can be heard (*Meister Eckhart*). Responding to that voice, let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

**Triune God, we confess that we fail to practice the reality, that the fire of the Spirit descends on everyone, conferring gifts for building up the church for ministry in the world: we give thanks to the prominent, yet neglect those gifts distributed among your people which need to be identified, matured and brought into play. We give thanks for Christian community where gifts are shared, and even the shy have their silence and thoughtfulness made a creative contribution. Save us, we pray, from being a ship laden with fruit, whose crew and passengers starve. Hold before us the Corinthian sign: *Every time you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or its interpretation. Bring everything to bear for building up the church (1 Cor. 14:26). Make us teachable before that word, we pray, in Jesus' name.* (The Iona Community)**

**\*\*\*\*\*Silent Confession\*\*\*\*\***

All the promises of God find their "Yes" in Christ. It is God who has put a seal upon us, and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are redeemed! *(2 Cor. 1: 20-22).*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

Let us now share glad signs of Christ's peace.

## **CENTERING MUSIC: 406 Holy Ground**

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the hymn selected for  
Centering Music.*

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**OT READING** Proverbs 2: 1-5 (P. 560; p. 564)

**EPISTLE READING** 2 Corinthians 3: 16-18 (P. 170; p. 1012)

**ANTHEM: – 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit**  
(Solo by Eric Neumann)

**GOSPEL READING** John 3: 5-12 (P. 89; p. 935)

L: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** In the Unity of the Holy Spirit

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who establishes the holy catholic church. We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. All those who live in union with Christ, whether on earth or with God in heaven, are saints. Our communion with Christ makes us members one of another. As by His death Christ removed our separation from God, so by His Spirit Christ removes all that divides us from each other. Breaking down every wall of hostility, the Spirit makes us, who are many, one body in Christ. God does not will to be God without us, but instead grants to us creatures eternal life. Communion with Jesus is eternal life itself. By the Holy Spirit we are joined to Christ through faith, and adopted**

**as children, the daughters and sons of God. Through Christ we are raised to new life; for Christ we shall live to all eternity. AMEN.**

## **CONCERNS AND JOYS**

Please email, text or call your concerns directly to Pastor Terry at:  
Cell: 862-432-1196, Office: 302-539-3455 or [tdougherty@ovpc.org](mailto:tdougherty@ovpc.org)

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORDS PRAYER**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

### **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY: 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

### **\*DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN: 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness**

### **CHARGE**

Holy Spirit who is poured out:

**Come to us as water and fire!**

Holy spirit who is strength and power,

**Fill us with your living water!**

Holy Spirit who is gentleness and love, and is God's gift to each of us,

**Be with us in our walk and way; we trust in you! AMEN!**

## **BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*We kindly request the congregation remain seated and quiet during the postlude.*



We respectfully remind you of the ongoing expenses of our ministry, and of our beautiful campus. Please continue to donate. We can receive your donation by regular mail, online via PayPal or if you would like to drop your donation off, come to the office Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and drop it in the mailbox outside of the office.

“May our gifts be a source of light, in a world that has learned to love darkness.”

**Prayer List**

John Burris	Alex Rhodes	Dottie Nicholson
Khaled & Nouha Dabaj, their Children, and Mother Nohad	Elaine Jackson  Ruth Schafer	Peggy Schaffer  Elsie Young
Charlotte Wheatley	Family of Dick Regester	Robert Poetsch
Mo Gittman (Maureen)	Jeff Neihammer	Pam Price & Family
The Family of Janice Parris	Flora Beaver	Pastor Bruce Gillette
Pat Robinson	Judy Reich	
Dick Peoples	Sarah & Chelsea, Jeanette Lyons Daughters	Ray Keller, Sr.
Jack McMahan	Darrell O’Busek	Francis Carbine

*Prayer requests will be kept on this list in the bulletin for three months unless the office hears otherwise.*

If you need prayer for whatever reason, call Kathy Sheetz (302-539-2827) to initiate a chain of prayers. Please contact the office at 302-539-3455, Sue Sigvardson at 302-858-1238 or email [office@ovpc.org](mailto:office@ovpc.org) to update the prayer list! Thank you!

Our live streaming services will begin at 9:20 with pre-service music with worship beginning at 9:25. If you happen to miss us live, please visit our YouTube page so you can worship with the recorded version.

**LITURGIST** – Bev Bailey

**SCRIPTURE READER** – Carol Kester

**GREETERS** – Nancy & Bob Turner

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** – Donated by Dave Sergison – in memory of his dear wife Jane.

## **Announcements 9/24/2023**

### **This Week**

- **Personnel Committee Reminder** – If you have any comments to share regarding the annual review of either Diane Brown or Shannon Flynn, please respond by 9/25. You may either email me at [mquinnx2@verizon.net](mailto:mquinnx2@verizon.net) or leave a note in the office marked "Personnel Committee. All responses must be signed. Thank you. Marlene Quinn, Chair.
- **Christian Ed Committee** - Today, the CE Committee presents a most interesting and informative speaker. Jean Siers, the Delmarva Regional Director of the Society of St. Andrew will be both joining us in worship, and speaking to us during the Educational Hour after worship in Fellowship Centre. Her subject is "Gleaning", which is a biblical term found in the book of Ruth which means "cleaning the fields after the



reapers have finished their work." Find out more about the Society of St. Andrew and this ancient work in today's world....10:45 am, FC.

- **Jumble: It's Time for Jumble! Be Sure to Mark Your Calendar: Saturday, September 30, 2023 - 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon.**

The Sewing Circle needs your donations of the following items: Glassware, small household items, kitchen miscellaneous, linens, jewelry, pictures, knick-knacks, children's toys, books and any other nearly new items. We also are looking for donations of baked goods.

**PLEASE: NO** CDs, DVDs, cassettes, clothing, shoes, used purses or anything broken or soiled, or computer equipment. Please bring donations to OVPC Memorial Hall beginning Sunday, September 24 and place in center of room. Please contact Diane at the church office to drop off items Monday through Thursday during church office business hours. All donations must be dropped off before 12 Noon on Friday, September 29, 2023.

### **Future Events**

- **CROP Walk** – This year's CROP Walk is Sunday, October 15 starting at 2:30 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe RC Church on Rt. 17 in Roxanna. Please contact Bob Doherty if you are interested in joining Team OVPC by being a walker or cheer leader.
- **Request from Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session** - In November the Session will be having our annual performance review with Pastor Terry Dougherty. If you have any comments you would like to share with us for consideration please email them to me at [orobling@yahoo.com](mailto:orobling@yahoo.com) or leave them in a sealed envelope in the office with my name on it. Any comments regarding Terry would need to be signed to be considered. We would like to hear from you no later than

Friday October 20. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with the Session.

### **Ongoing Events**

- **Food Pantry** – Non Perishable Items Request:

Spaghetti Noodles	Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Vegetables	Canned Soup
Canned Tuna	Peanut Butter
Jelly	Cereal/Oatmeal
Canned Fruit	Mac & Cheese
- **New Choir Members Needed** – The choir can use a few more members. Please contact Shannon Flynn at 443-405-5799 if you are interested.
- **Weekly Work Day, Saturdays, 9:30 – 11:30 am.** To work in Grounds, contact Ray Keller; Buildings, Don Bailey; Cemetery, Mike Read and Frankford Thrift Shop, Elaine Wolf.
- While masking and social distancing is no longer mandatory, please respect those who wish to continue to do so. OVPC will continue to supply a mask if needed.
- **Announcements:** All announcements are due to the office by Monday prior to the date you want it published.
- **Volunteers Needed:**

**Security** - Couples can work together. Can you donate a half hour in the evening for one week to do church security? Training is available, contact Jim Hartsig at 301-247-1747. Diane, our church Administrative Assistant issues an email every other month requesting people to sign up for a week of doing security. Once signed up you can check the church calendar, on the church's website at [OVPC.org](http://OVPC.org) to see what time the last user of the facility is done so you can start security. Email Diane at [office@ovpc.org](mailto:office@ovpc.org) to get your name on the email scheduling list.

**Greeters** - If you are interested in volunteering, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the church or call Pam Dougherty. Thank you!

**Looking Ahead** – The Lectionary for Sunday October 1, 2023 is:

- Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32
- Matthew 21: 23-32

## **New Initiatives**

### **Deacon's Monthly Mission for October – Peace and Global Witness** Sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Today, a Season of Peace begins. In its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PCUSA's commitment to Peacemaking, this month-long pilgrimage is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, households and individuals. Participants are invited to define and deepen their calling as peacemakers.

*In our living, in our giving, we are there.*

This year our Congregational collection (25%) will be directed to the Young Filmmakers. Please watch the following example of a young filmmaker in action. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EveR01ZwrRI>

More information and special envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please write "OVPC Oct. Mission" on your check and place in the collection plate.

For further information, please contact Deacon Sue Sigvardson at [suesig77@gmail.com](mailto:suesig77@gmail.com).

## **BLESSING BAGS**

### **Marie Cook Waehler**

School is back in session! Donations are now being accepted for students at Selbyville Middle School. This ongoing ministry provides personal and food items for students. Your donations are greatly appreciated! For more information, or to arrange pick up of donations, call Marie Waehler at 302-228-5258.

During the school year, I make a monthly trip to SMS to deliver all donations. The staff sorts the items into bins to be used as needed. I continue to shop at Dollar Tree for personal items and buy the largest sizes of body wash and shampoo. Food items are purchased at BJ's to get the most for my money.

#### **Needed items include:**

1. Combs
2. Toothpaste, toothbrush & holder
3. Body wash (not bar soap)
4. Shampoo
5. Deodorant
6. Socks
7. Granola bars or fruit bars, peanut butter or cheese crackers, peanut butter and jelly, fruit roll-ups, individual applesauce cups, macaroni and cheese cups, Ramen cup of noodles (chicken), cereal (Cheerios and the small-box assortment are favorites), popcorn and other healthy snacks, and small bottles of water or juice (apple juice without added sugar is a favorite)
8. Tampons or pantliners

Donations may be placed in the Blessing Bags bin which will be outside the church office door (next to the Sharing Cupboard bin) between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon, Monday-Thursday when the church office is open. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

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