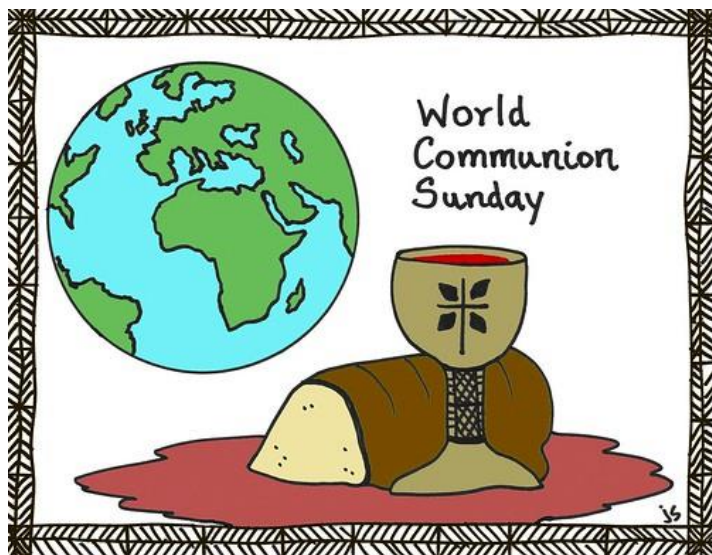


OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

67 Central Ave., Ocean View DE 19970

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SILENT MEDITATION

Notice this: love is not one of we humans' powers. People cannot achieve love, generate love, wield love, as we do our powers of destruction and creation. When we love someone, it is not something we have achieved, but something that is happening through us, something that is happening to us, as well as to them. To use the old soap-opera cliché seriously, it is something bigger than both of us, infinitely bigger, because wherever love enters this world, God enters.

Frederick Buechner (pluralized)

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY	Oct 1 Worship Service – 9:30 am (S)
MONDAY	Oct 2 YARN – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm (FC) Session - 7:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)
TUESDAY	Oct 3 Bible Study – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (FC)
WEDNESDAY	Oct 4 Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 – 7:30 pm (S)
THURSDAY	Oct 5
FRIDAY	Oct 6
SATURDAY	Oct 7 Weekly Work Day – 9:30 – 11:30 am Graveside Service for Louisa Mankin
SUNDAY	Oct 8 Worship Service – 9:30 am (S)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC / SILENT MEDITATION/PRELUDE

WELCOME

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** *Claudio Carvalhaes; Liturgies from Below*

L: God, you are our refuge.

**C: You are the shore in sight, you are hands that reach out,
you are the ground on which to rest.**

L: God, you are our strength.

**C: You are the life we long for, you are the refusal to give up,
you are the keys of home we carry with us.**

L: God, you are our help in time of trouble.

**C: We call on you from the ruins and the rubble, from the
wildness and the deep -**

ALL: We call on you to meet us in this place!

***HYMN: 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

GATHERING PRAYER

CONFESSION *based on Paul Simon, **Some Folks Lives***

“Some folks’ lives roll easy as a breeze drifting through a Summer night, heading for a sunny day. But most folks lives, oh, they stumble; Lord, they fall. Through no fault of their own, most folks never catch their stars”. Let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

“And here I am, Lord, knockin’ at your place of business: I know I ain’t got no business here. But you said if I ever got so low I was busted ... you could be trusted...” Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O Lord! AMEN. (Ps. 25: 4-7).

*******Silent Confession*******

“Some folks’ lives roll easy; some folks’ lives never roll at all; oh, they just fall. They just fall, some folks’ lives...” Our Lord Jesus is there for those folks – us folks – the lost sheep, the lost soul, the hurting heart, those awake in the dark. For all of us, he has won acceptance, and the endless love of God!

Thanks be to God!

The peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

Let us exchange glad signs of Christ’s peace.

CENTERING MUSIC: 450 Be Thou My Vision, vs. 1

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OT READING

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32 (P. 743; p. 746)

ANTHEM: Jesus, Messiah

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21: 23-32 (P. 22; p. 872)

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

SERMON UNFAIR!!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited. Rather, He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant; being born in human likeness. And, being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient – even to the point of death. Even death on a cross.

Upon this, God highly exalted Him, and gave to Him the name above every name. So, at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend – in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.

And every tongue should confess, to the glory of God, that Jesus Christ is Lord. 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Our element of bread include gluten-free wafers (in a plastic sleeve).

Our cup is grape juice, except for pale wine in the center.

It seems to me that our three basic needs, for food and security and love, are so mixed and entangled and entwined that we cannot straightly think of one without the others. So it happens that when I write of hunger, I am really writing about love and the hunger for it, and warmth and the love of it and the hunger for it...and then the warmth and richness and fine reality of hunger satisfied...and it is all one. *(M. F. K. Fisher)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All you big things, bless the Lord: Mount Kilimanjaro and Lake Victoria, the Rift Valley and the Serengeti Plain, fat baobabs and shady mango trees, all eucalyptus and tamarind trees – bless the Lord and extol God forever and ever. All you tiny things, bless the Lord: busy black ants and hopping fleas, wriggling tadpoles and mosquito larvae, flying locusts and water drops, pollen dust and tse tse flies, millet seed and dried dagaa – bless the Lord and extol God forever and ever!

(African Canticle)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are filled with your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest.

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness; leave the gloomy haunts of sadness; come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render unto Him, whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded: High o'er all the heavens He reigns, yet, to dwell with thee, He deigns. *(Johann Franck)*

Friends, on the night of His arrest Jesus sat to supper with His friends. There, as host, He took bread and broke it, sharing it to them all and saying "this bread is my body, which is broken for you. Eat it, all of you, and do so remembering me". Similarly, when supper was through, He took up and blessed the wine, then shared it to His friends, saying "this cup is the cup of my blood, shed for many for the forgiveness of sin. Every time you drink it, do so remembering me". Friends, every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we declare the Lord's death, until He comes again. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again!

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here. Fall, we pray, upon these elements, that we may truly share in Christ's gift of His very self, and live. Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER

*{we will partake of the elements together; first the bread, and then
the cup}*

The body of Christ, given for you.

Thanks be to God.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Thanks be to God!

Let us pray:

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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

*DEDICATION

***HYMN: 363 The Lord is King**

CHARGE

Not only bread, but all things necessary for sustenance in
this life are given on loan to us:

**With others; for others; because of others, and to others
through us. (Meister Eckhart)**

We go, refreshed, to love and serve the Lord! 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 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 – Marlene Quinn

SCRIPTURE READER – Bev Bailey

GREETERS – Carol Kester & Sue Sigvardson

SANCTUARY FLOWERS – Donated by Ellen & Eric Neumann – celebrating the day they met.

Announcements 10/01/2023

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. To learn more about Church World Services (crop) visit their website www.cwsglobal.org
- **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 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 to see what time the last user of the facility is done so you can start security. Email Diane at 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 8, 2023 is:

- Isaiah 5: 1-7
- Psalm 80: 7-15
- Matthew 21: 33-46

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 40th 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=EveRO1ZwrRI>

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.

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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