

This Is the very reversal of everything the religious person expects of God. Humans are called to share in God's suffering; to suffer with God the godlessness of the world.

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### THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

### Church Security person(s) for this week is: TBD

SUNDAY	Worship Service – 9:30 am (S)		
Oct 20	AA Mtg. 8:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)		
MONDAY	Delaware Hospice Spousal Support Group		
Oct 21	2:00 pm – 3:30 pm (FC)		
TUESDAY	Bible Study – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (FC)		
Oct 22	Seaside Serenity 6:45 – 8:00 pm (FC)		
WEDNESDAY	AARP Choir – 10:00 – 12:00 (FC)		
Oct 23	Choir Rehearsal – 6:30 – 7:30 (S)		
THURSDAY	Shuffles Bridge – 11:00 am – 5:00 pm (FC)		
<b>Oct 24</b>	AA Young – 7:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)		
FRIDAY			
<b>Oct 25</b>			
SATURDAY	Nar. Anonymous – 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm (FC)		
<b>Oct 26</b>			
SUNDAY	Worship Service – 9:30 am (S)		
Oct	Christian Ed Class 10:30 am – 12:00 pm (FC)		
27	AA Mtg. 8:00 – 9:00 pm (FC)		
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(S) Sanctuary (FC) Fellowship Center (MH) Memorial Hall

### **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

#### SILENT MEDITATION

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

#### WELCOME

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

ALL: Loving Lord, we are gathered here today to praise you, to sing to your glory, to come together, your people, to strengthen and support one another. To confirm our steadfast love for you. To bring that love to those we meet in our daily lives; those in our community. In the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, we worship you! AMEN.

#### HYMN: #353: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

#### GATHERING PRAYER

#### CONFESSION

God with us, when we privilege our own agendas, hurt others in the effort to impose our will, or chain ourselves to our fears, tumble us off the throne of our pride, and release us into finding our worth in your love *(Christian Aid)*. Let us confess our sins before God and our neighbor.

Forgiving Lord, we know we do not always act as you would have us act. We know that we are but weak humans, and have faults and prejudices that are against your teachings. You sent your Son to be our Savior; to take our sins upon Himself. Even though we disappoint you, we will do all we can to be better disciples, and to turn your disappointment into joy, and to do our best to always follow in your ways (*Church of Scotland*). AMEN.

#### Silent Confession

Lord Jesus, you know us; you love us; you free us. You call us to follow in your ways, and we bless you!

### Thanks be to God!

Christ meets us with mercy and forgiveness in our everyday lives, even in our confusion; and shares with us His peace. May that peace be with you all!

#### And also with you!

Let us share the peace of Christ.

<b>CENTERING MUSIC</b>	#408	Sweet, Sweet, Spirit		
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION				
OT READING	Isaiah	53: 4-12 (p. 529)		
ANTHEM:	Sho	out to the North		
<b>GOSPEL LESSON</b>	Ма	rk 10: 35-45 (p. 36)		

L. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**SERMON:** What is Righteous?

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

Our calling becomes effective through God's power and grace working in us. God has invited us, and drawn us to Christ, by way of God's Word and Spirit, and in God's time. God enlightens our minds for the sake of salvation, renews and strengthens them in power, such that we become willing and able, in freedom, to answer this call. In answering, we accept and embrace the grace God both offers, and gives, to us. 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 <u>tdougherty@ovpc.org</u>

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORDS PRAYER

### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

### **OFFERTORY:**

# \*DOXOLOGY: 606 Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow \*DEDICATION

### HYMN: #301 Let us Build a House

### CHARGE

Love never gives up! Love cares for others more than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end *(1 Cor. 13, The Message)*.

# We go into the world to love and serve the Lord!

(based on Amos 5: 14-15)

## BLESSING

## **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."

John Burris Mo Gittman (Maureen)	Alex Rhodes Family of Elaine Jackson Ruth Schafer	Dottie Nicholson Peggy Schaffer Family of Elsie Young
Family of Dick Peoples	Jeff Neihammer Norbert Kraich	Pastor Bruce Gillette
The Family of Janice Parris Pat Robinson	Flora Beaver Judy Reich	Francis Carbine Andrea Miller
Sarah & Chelsea, Jeanette Lyons Daughters	Carol Kratch	Family of Charlie O'Neill

**Prayer List** 

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 or email <u>office@ovpc.org</u> 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: Sue Baer

SCRIPTURE READER: Marti Sommer

**GREETERS**: Lene Kuhblank and Marti Sommer

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS** – donated by Rich and Lene Kuhblank in celebration of their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Announcements 10/20/2024

### <u>This Week</u>

- **Pastor Terry's Performance Review-** The Session will be conducting their annual performance review of Pastor Terry in the November 11 Session meeting, and they invite and welcome written input from all who wish to submit comments. The feedback should be submitted to Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session, either in a sealed envelope to the office or by email to <u>orobling@yahoo.com</u>. The feedback must identify the author, as anonymous feedback will not be read or considered. Please get your feedback submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Women's Sewing Circle update On Wednesday, November 6 at 10 AM, the Mission sub-committee of the Sewing Circle will meet to determine which missions to support. Please check your Annual Report to see who we supported last year.

Since all the congregation helped to "raise" these donations at the Heavenly Luncheon, we are asking if you have any pet projects. Please give information regarding the project to Marti Sommer and the group will consider it. Thank you for your support in all of our activities.

• OVPC Choir rehearsal has resumed and will continue weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Returning choir members and new voices alike are welcome to attend. If you are planning to be part of the Choir for the 2024-2025 season, please let Shannon know via email (<u>ShanFlynnMusic221@gmail.com</u>) or text (443-405-5799). Looking forward to a great year of making music together!

### Future Events

- Food Pantry Have your grocery shopping list ready? Our Pantry could use some donations (monetary or food items), so we've put together a *take-along* list for you (copies in the foyer). This way you won't have to search for your bulletin or make a special trip when the summer people crowd the stores. Just conveniently drop off your donations in the basket during Sunday Service or in the tub outside the office door during the week. We so appreciate every effort to help our hungry neighbors!
- **New Bibles** Ocean View Presbyterian Church has purchased 50 Bibles for the congregation to use. They will be put in pew racks throughout the sanctuary.

These Bibles are available for dedication in memory or honor of a loved one. For a donation, you can have your loved one's name on a book plate that will be placed inside the front cover of the Bible along with your name as the donor.

Please speak to Al in the office or any member of the worship committee to make these arrangements.

Eric Neumann, Susie Baer, Kathy Sheetz & Jane Bonbright

### New Initiatives

- **OVPC's ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** As has been OVPC's tradition for a number of years, we are again asking the congregation and friends to contribute meditations to help guide us in the celebration of Advent. Please let your meditation reflect your own thinking, struggling, and experiences with God's promises in Christ. You can choose from one of these areas to write about:
  - First, as you probably remember, are the weekly Advent themes that celebrate each Sunday during the season: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

- Second, each day of the week lists passages from the Daily Lectionary (in the Book of Common Worship or Revised Common Lectionary--each listing four Scriptures).
- And new this year, you can write about your *Star Word* as it relates to the readings for the day you selected or season.

Sign up with Gloria Bartholomew asap (as the "first come first chosen dates" rule applies). All are <u>due by Sunday,</u> <u>November 3<sup>rd</sup></u>, so we have time to get the book published.

#### • Deacons' October Mission - Peace and Global Witness

The Peace and Global Witness Offering is a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that supports the church's efforts to promote peace and reconciliation. Funds from this offering enable the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice locally and across the world. Peacemaking is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church. Peace is possible, and it begins with us sowing the seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make. Twenty-five percent of this offering will stay with our church to promote peace through our own ministries, and 25% is retained by our presbytery for peace and justice ministries in our region. The remaining 50% will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support peacemaking efforts around the globe. For more information, please visit our home page (ovpc.org) to view an enlightening video about this mission. Please give generously, for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

- Lawsons Tree Trimming reschedule to November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Ministerium Thanksgiving Service** November 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p. m. in the Sanctuary.

### **Ongoing Events**

- To work in Frankford Thrift Shop, contact Elaine Wolf.
- **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? Email the office at <u>office@ovpc.org</u> if you are interested.
- **Greeters** If you are interested in volunteering, please use the signup sheet in the back of the church or call Pam Dougherty. Thank you!
- **Scripture Readers -** If you are interested in volunteering to read, please the office at office@ovpc.org.

### THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE CONGREGATON - 2024 As Of September 30, 2024

The Finance Committee reviewed the year-to-date results as of September 30, 2024, and compared them to the approved annual budget. The actual <u>Net Loss</u> for the 9-month period is \$25,461. This is primarily due to lower giving when compared to the approved budget.

The approved budget anticipated a net loss of \$23,896, and the trend for the remaining 3 months of the year will increase that net loss.

For the past 3 years (2021-2023), the Net Losses from operations total \$62,712.

Also note that the funds available for the church's on-going operations, including the Checking and Investment Fund, are \$160,103 as of September 30, 2024.

Respectfully summitted, Randy Bartholomew Finance Committee Chair

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