

OCEAN VIEWS



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH

2024

From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty



Greetings and blessings
in Christ, Friends,

I want, this month, to talk
about relationship, and
relationships. You see,
my Star Word IS

“relationship”; so even

though I think about these things every day, I’m
now thinking of them with still more personal
purpose and curiosity.

I want to say first, I am in two relationships
with each and all of you. First and foremost, I
love you. Every individual one of you, as your
precious self, unique in all the world, and all of
you, as a single organism working and loving
together as a local manifestation of the people
of God. Then, and secondly, I love you as a
congregation, a whole, with whom I am in a lot
of relationships because you have called me:
discernment and direction, teaching and
guidance and counseling, administration of
church life, visiting, caring and memorializing.
In that second relationship, I am among you but
not of you; I am instead called to be separate,
neutral, and responsible. The second is much
harder; it is easy to love you!

Second, I want to say you are also called to be
in relationship with me – in both these same
ways. The two ways can look the same,
especially when everything is going well, but
they are not always going well, as we know.
OVPC is facing change, and to a lot of y’all, I
am the one pressing change. When I do press
change (nowhere nearly as often as you might
think!), I do so because my training tells me it is
necessary. That doesn’t mean the way or ways
I choose are the only ones applicable; only that
they are the ones I thought of, through the gift of
study, exposure to other streams of thought,
and a frank dedication to your wellbeing! The
more you are in an active relationship with me
in the second sense above, the less this thought
that I am “the” change agent will rise. I am very
glad we are in the vital congregations program
for this reason; those ten members are learning
to be partners with me in discernment, able to
correct and oppose me when necessary, but not
without discussion and persuasion. It is to be
hoped they are the first of many to wish to step
up in this way; to respond to the call to both
lead and follow, in love, for the sake of OVPC
and our mutual future, which may well not look
like our past.

But all of us have tools to enter this discussion at the level of that second relationship. We have named ourselves a welcoming church, and a Matthew 26 Church; those entail some change, and serious thought in an ongoing way. We are all, also, concerned about decline; about the age and makeup of our congregation; about the absence of a next generation of disciples from this and most churches; about the losses we have suffered personally and congregationally. They are real, and not to be wished away. Bluntly, your creativity is needed a lot more than your criticism. Your partnership is helpful; withdrawal serves no-one (I say these things in that second voice. In the first voice, I mourn any absences just as you do).

That this beautiful, caring, loving place has a bright future is something I do not for a moment doubt. Nor do I doubt we are in fact on the way to it. I do believe it will look different in some ways, and that continuity of our congregational personality will influence all the ways we grow and change. It would be nice if there were never a pitfall, but that is guaranteed to none of us, congregations or individuals. Our discernment is vital in just that space – the one that causes us the most fear. Will we make mis-steps? No doubt. Will we make our way through them together? We must. Will we forgive, receive, and love one another? I have no doubt. Hard as it may sometimes be, that, too, is built into this people of God, this wonderful church, this beautiful congregation; thanks be to God!

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear-minded and self-controlled, so that you can pray. Above all, let your love for one another be constant, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be mutually hospitable without complaining. As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure you have received. The one who speaks should deliver God's message. The one who serves should do so with the strength provided by God, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, who has been given all glory and dominion throughout the ages. Amen.

(1 Peter 4: 7-11)

Dochas, dochas, dochas le Deo,

Sugan Thuirdehearleach

Peace, peace, peace with God,

Pastor Terry

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Amy Donahue
Pam Dougherty
Charlie O'Neill
Kathy Sheetz
Sue Sigvardson
Kristina Taylor

Newsletter Editors

Lorie and Jim Hartsig

Session Report

Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session

Monday, F, 2024

Shaped by God We Love and Serve

Attending: Rev. Terry Dougherty (Moderator), Bob Wolf, Susan Baer, Jacob Stavinga, Bev Bailey, Jen Read, Ollie Robling (Clerk of Session), and Elaine Wolf (Treasurer)

The meeting was opened by moderator Pastor Terry Dougherty at 7:06pm with devotion and prayer.

Session interview with Al and Alicia Tamilio for membership. Al and Alicia began by telling Session about themselves and then we had a very good question and answer exchange. Motion was made and passed to accept them into membership. The actual induction date TBD.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

TREASURER'S REPORT

Elaine submitted her written January Financial and Treasurer's Reports which raised no questions. MOTION passed to accept the January Financial Reports and the Treasurer's Report.

CLERK'S REPORT

MOTION passed to approve the docket for this meeting.

MOTION passed to accept the Session minutes of the January 8, 2024 meeting.

MOTION passed to approve the 2023 Church Statistical Report to NCP.

Correspondence received since last meeting: 32 e-mails from Donna Scully, NCP, PC(USA) Store and Cindy Kohlmann.

Liturgists for March : Bev Bailey and Bob Wolf with communions on March 3, 24, 28, and 31.

Next Vital Congregations meeting February 29, 2024.

Next Session Meeting: March 11 at 7:00 PM at Fellowship Center

Changes to the Roll:

Deaths: none

Funerals: Dick Peoples on January 6

Baptisms: none

Marriages: none

Gain/Loss of Members: none

Year to Date Membership: 74

We have 3 people signed up for the presbytery beach retreat March 2nd.

MOTION passed to approve the Clerk's Report.

PASTOR'S REPORT

A written report was received from Pastor Terry and discussed.

MOTION passed to approve the Pastor's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

It was confirmed that an Elder will accompany Terry on home communions.

Motion passed to reschedule a Congregational meeting for February 25 to address the 2024 budget and Pastor Terry's Terms of Call.

OLD BUSINESS

We now have a new Rounding Rep from Presbytery who is Len Hedges-Goettl. Sue Baer will communicate with him to set a date for Rounding at OVPC

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special Project - Mission Committee –The Labyrinth – During Lent there will be 4 planned walks of the Labyrinth with instructions /information.

Special Project - Com/Tech – The computer in the Sanctuary that is used for our worship broadcasts died and has to be replaced. Payment for this will come out of remaining funds in the initial Special Project budget. Gloria Bartholomew has joined the broadcast team.

Special Project - Grounds – Paving Parking Lot – nothing new

Campus Safety – Reviewed the Safety & Security Manual. MOTION that the OVPC Safety & Security Manual be adopted for use by Ocean View Presbyterian church passed as modified during the meeting. A manual will be placed in each building and the exit maps will be posted in each building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee – Jen Read reported that 5 people were contacted to be a nominee to Session, and all declined.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Terry at 10:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session



Harriette Tuttle	Mar. 4th
June Goldman	Mar. 5th
Silvia Edmondson	Mar. 8th
Amy Peoples	Mar. 9th
Jan Stavinga	Mar. 10th
Flora Beaver	Mar. 11th
Mary Ann Robling	Mar. 15th
Bruce Hobler	Mar. 19th
Lee Grace	Mar. 26th



Marie and Jim Waehler	Mar. 3rd
Sue and Ken Sigvardson	Mar. 21st
Grace and Ricky Nelson	Mar. 24th
Janice and Jacob Stavinga	Mar. 25th



Daylight Saving Time
SPRING FORWARD

Set your clocks ahead one hour
Sunday, March 10
2024

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YARN **HELP NEEDED!** Our supply of handmade prayer shawls is dwindling. At a YARN meeting you can learn how to knit or crochet these shawls, obtain yarn, needles, written instructions, and lots of encouragement! Come on **March 4th in Fellowship Center at 10 am**, bring your lunch and enjoy our fellowship.



Womens Sewing Circle

February 14, 2024

Lorie Hartsig

Moderator Sue Baer called the meeting to order at 10 am.

Poems were read by Terry and Sue.

Ten women were present

Thank you to hostesses Marti and Ellen.

The PW Purpose was recited and Jen Read's February birthday was recognized.

REPORTS

The secretary's minutes were approved.

The treasurer reports included a closing balance of \$9498.15

Session minutes included a congregational meeting to be continued on February 25, following worship.

OLD BUSINESS

The PW Retreat to be held in Dewey Beach on March 2 and 3 will be attended by four of our members. Work on the Sharing Pantry cupboard for Frankford Presbyterian Church is moving along as Herb Sheetz finalizes the construction plans.

NEW BUSINESS

After the opportunity of speaking with representatives from the DE Food Bank, it was decided to listen to Chad Robinson's talk at a coffee hour Christian Education committee will present on April 21st. There was discussion about the pros and cons of being involved with this group, but any decisions will not be made at this time. Written information is available from Jen Read.

Bev Bailey announced a Simple Supper to be offered to the congregation on March 15. It is sponsored by the Society of St. Andrews whose representative is Jean Siers. Circle voted to support the Mission and Christian Education committees in this activity.

The Gifts of Women service will be on Mother's Day, May 12th this year. Possible candidates to speak at worship were discussed and Sue agreed to speak to these women.

Marti led us in the next chapter of our Bible study, Sacred Encounters.
The meeting ended with the reciting of the Mitzpah.

Lorie Hartsig

Deacons

A*N*N*O*U*N*C*I*N*G

Deacon's Coffee Hour

March 10, 2024, after worship services, Memorial Hall



Meet and learn how OVPC Deacons: [Care for our Congregation](#)

*Do you need prayers? A visit?
Would you like a ride to an appointment?
Would you like a phone call now and then?
Would a prepared meal be helpful for you at this time?
Have you met your OVPC Deacon Shepherd?*



Look forward to seeing you at our coffee hour.

Deacon Missions

Kristina Taylor



April - Read Aloud Sussex County DE

June - 1. Crisis House Emergency Shelter - *Georgetown, DE*

2. Pyle Center Emergency Fund - Administered by Southeast Sussex Ministerium

This month the donations will be split between the two emergency agencies

July - Operation Seas the Day - Warrior Family beach week. Supporting our veterans!

September - Selbyville Middle School - funds directed by the Guidance Counselor's office

Please prayerfully consider donating to these organizations. Your gift makes a difference in our community and in the lives of our children.

Thank you OVPC Deacons



An Adult Education Opportunity

God's Creation, Post Covid, a 4 week study of Genesis, led by Pastor Terry.

February 18. Overview of Genesis..We have a very narrow view, that God, in Jesus, came to save us. The implications of that view have been disastrous in too many ways to count. Where, and how, do we belong in the Creation.?

March 3, Week 2: What in fact, is Creation? We are not the center or the crown of creation. Along with our God, we are those who love and tend it. What does that mean as we seek to fully understand our context.

March 17, Week 3: What then is our relationship to Creation? Is it awe, recognition and fellowship, love, care, joy?

April 7, Week 4: What, then, do we do? What is our responsibility? What does God say? In the covenants with God?to our fellow creatures and their home(s)....

Fellowship Centre, 10:45=12 noon....after Worship

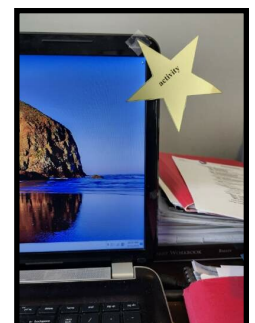
Star Words

Did you get your word for the year??

The congregation and friends of the church have received a "star word" for the year, 2024. It's simply a 3 inch yellow star with a single word printed on it that folks have put in a prominent place in their homes or car where they can see it as they come and go each day. Each person has a different word and it is theirs to use as a reminder or a "push" or for comfort, or.....whatever it might come to mean for them.

If you would like one, the ushers will have them on Sunday mornings. Simply ask one of them for one. Or call Bev Bailey and she will get one to you.

If you'd like to send the Hartsigs a picture of your star, we could put a few in the newsletter each month.



My Star Word Journey

Bob Wolf



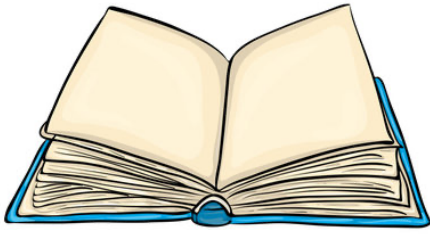
Well, I should have known my word for the year would be a challenge. When I walked into a Christian Ed session after receiving it and asked what it was, my tongue got in the way, and I couldn't even pronounce it.... But the challenge soon turned into so much more. The first couple of days I just tried to figure out how to use it and what it really meant for me.

I try to spend a half hour each morning before work with devotion and prayer time and it struck me one morning when one of my devotionals pointed me to Matthew 11:28-30; *"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* So now, I ask for the burdens and worries cluttering my mind and heart that I wake up with to be lifted from me knowing that I have a partner who will walk through my day with me ready to guide, calm and encourage me. Voila! I head to my office with a heart much lighter and a mood much brighter than when I began my day. So where do I keep my star? Right below my computer monitors so I see it constantly throughout the day; a reminder to breathe and let go, and ask for help when the stressors appear, and I want to be in total control once more.

"Gracious God, I can't do it all alone. Please lift the weight of the worry, pain, and distress that I hold on to from my heart. Together, we can take care of it all in ways that I can't even fathom alone. I will live this day knowing that when I start to feel burdened, all I need to do is reach out and you will take me by the hand and guide me through whatever obstacle is set before me. Amen."

"In three words, I can sum up everything I have
learned about life: it goes on."

Robert Frost



What Are You Reading?

Oh for a book and a shady nook, either in door or out.

John Wilson

Marie Waehler: ***Ultra-Processed PEOPLE: The Science Behind Food That Isn't Food***, by Chris Van Tulleken. Chris has a medical degree from Oxford and a PhD in molecular virology. He is an associate professor at University College London and a practicing infectious diseases doctor. As I mentioned in a previous book list, I had read ***Eat Everything: How to Ditch Additives and Emulsifiers, Heal Your Body, and Reclaim the Joy of Food***, by Dawn Harris Sherling, MD, which was a physical game-changer for me. This new book by Van Tulleken gives us the back story of how, when, and why all these non-food additives and emulsifiers began showing up in our food. The list of medical conditions now linked to ultra-processed food (UPF) is pretty scary: Heart, cancers (especially breast), type 2 diabetes, obesity, inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis), depression, irritable bowel syndrome, DEMENTIA, and others.

I'm also reading a book I found in the "little library" in Rehoboth Beach near my physical therapy facility. It's titled ***The Gratitude Curve: Using the lessons of chronic illness to reach personal empowerment***, by Gregg Kirk, who has suffered for over a decade with chronic Lyme Disease which took a very long time to even diagnose. From the back cover: "The book makes a dramatic departure from the expected focus on physical treatments to the uncharted realms of spirituality and mystical healing and their very real impact on patients of chronic diseases." I'm finding comfort in this book as I continue on my own journey with a rare form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which also includes spirituality and mystical healing.

Lorie Hartsig: ***The Book of Last Letters*** by Kerry Barrett Concerning the WWII Blitz and a nurse who wrote last letters from her patients to their families. Fast forward to the present day and the discovery of this book of last letters hidden away in a small cupboard....

This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub A father daughter story full of humor and heart, love and death, and time travel.

Anna O. by Matthew Blake was a complicated, confusing story, a who done it. Not a read I enjoyed.

The Women by Kristin Hannah This book is a non fiction story that needs to be told; difficult to read, but should be read, especially by people who think the Vietnam war was a man's war with no women involved as combat soldiers or nurses tending to those soldiers.

Marlene Quinn: I am currently reading ***Birnam Wood*** by Eleanor Catton. I picked it because it is set in New Zealand which is one of my favorite places we've visited. It's described as "a brilliantly constructed study of intentions, actions, and consequences..." It is a good read. Also on my stack is ***The Women***, the latest by Kristin Hannah.

Pam Dougherty: ***Madness-Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum*** by Antonia Hilton

The Bee Sting by Paul Murray

(What Are You Reading? continued)

The Women by Kristin Hannah

Terry Dougherty: **How It Went** by Wendell Berry
Stony The Road by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

Mission Committee

Amy Donahue

One Great Hour of Sharing March 2024

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), received during the season of Lent, is the first of the four **Special Offerings** from Presbyterian Church (USA) that the Mission Committee will present this year. OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three (3) impactful programs:

- 1) **Presbyterian Hunger Program** - this program takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so that all may be fed. Receives **36%** of every dollar donated.
- 2) **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** – the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (USA)- works alongside communities affected by the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters as they recover and find hope. Receives **32%** of every dollar donated.
- 3) **Self-Development of People** – this program invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues. Receives **32%** of every dollar donated.

100% of our One Great Hour of Sharing is formed by the belief that the church is not an institution, but an action. For the Church to be the Church it must be in relationship with those in need.

When each of us donates a little.....our gifts will add up to a lot!



March 6th: St. Matthews by the Sea
(Fenwick Island)

March 13: Bethany Beach Christian church
(in the conference Center)

March 20: St. Ann's

New Members



Alicia and Al Tamilio

Mission, CE, and Women's Sewing Circle Committee

Simple Supper!

Friday, March 15 at 6 pm in Memorial Hall.

Have you ever been to a "Simple Supper"? Well, a Simple Supper is a great way to:

- 1) Promote awareness and action for those who struggle with hunger and food insecurity.
- 2) Raise awareness of the need for nutritious diets for people in our communities.
- 3) Support the work of the Society of St. Andrew, and 4) gather together at OVPC with our friends and neighbors for a meal and fellowship.

The Mission Committee, the CE Committee, and the Women's Sewing Circle would like to invite you to a Simple Supper to be held on Friday, March 15 at 6 pm in Memorial Hall. We will have a simple meal together and hear from Jean Siers of the Society of St. Andrew as she speaks to us about food insecurity here on the Eastern Shore. A free will donation will be taken to support the work of the Society. **Reservations will be required** so that we know how many meals to make. Call the church office or speak to Bev Bailey or Ellen Neumann with questions and to make a reservation by Wednesday, March 13.

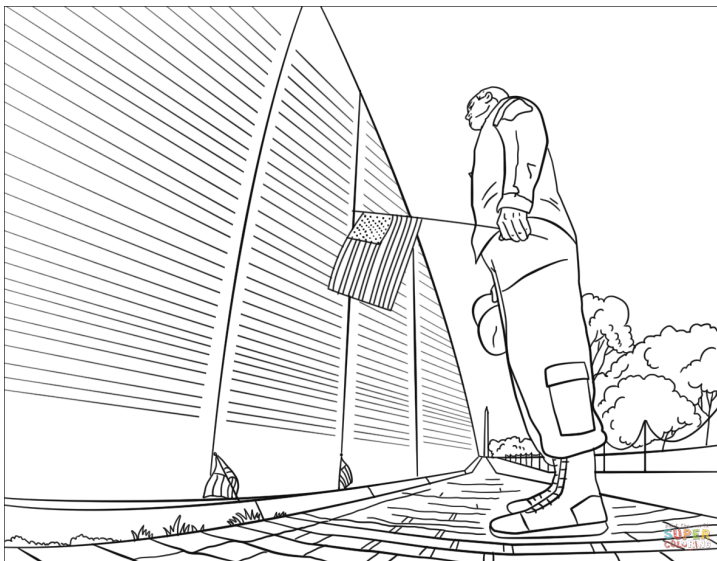
National Vietnam War Veterans Day March 29th

March 29, 1973, is the day U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, was established, and the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam; 51 years ago.

I am a member of the Women's American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Post 17, Lewes, DE; Jim is also a member of Post 17.

If you see a Vietnam vet on March 29th (or any other day), please thank them for their service.

Marie Waehler



You Don't Meet Anyone By Accident

By Donna Ashworth

You don't meet anyone in this life
by accident

some are sent to teach you
what love is
some are sent to teach you
what love most certainly isn't

some are sent to support you
without falter
and those you must hold
very dear indeed

others are sent to challenge your self-
worth
never let them win

some people are taken
far too soon
and the lesson there is to live life fully
here and now
and love deeply
with every moment you have

you don't meet anyone in this life
by accident
each person brings with them
a joy
a love
or a lesson
pay attention

Submitted by Marie Waehler

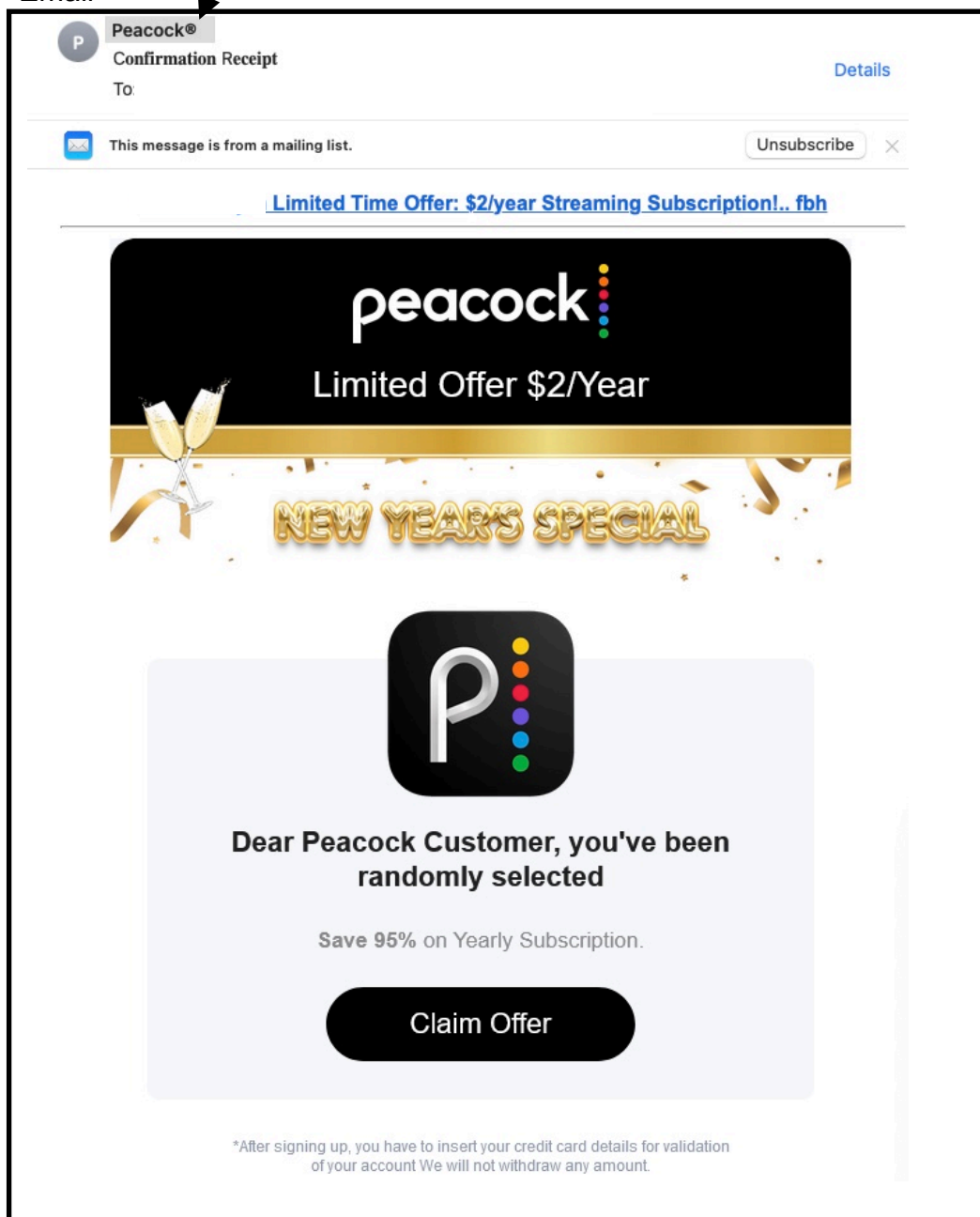
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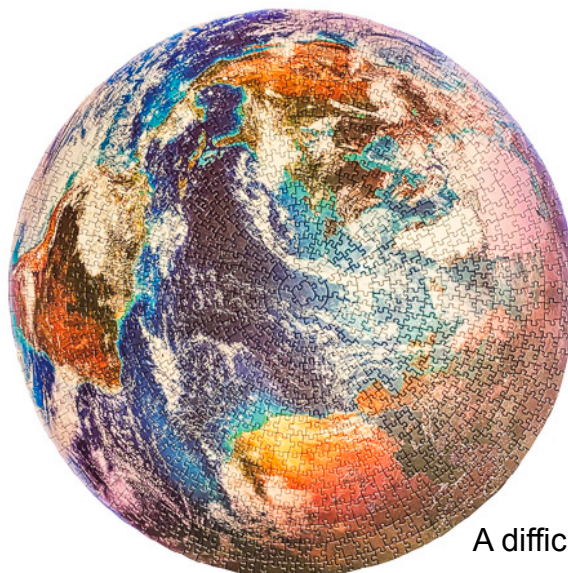
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Souper Bowl Sunday



Sunrise



A difficult puzzle.



Fire and Ice sculpture.



Stay Warm With An Evening of Fellowship and a Movie!

Join us for dinner and a movie on Friday, **March 1st** at the Wolf's house. We will enjoy fellowship and a potluck meal at 5:30 and will get the movie going around 7:00.! If you would like to bring something to share that's great but don't worry if you can't – you are still more than welcome! This month our main course will be fried chicken provided by Marti Sommer. If you would like to volunteer to provide a main course for a month, please let Elaine know.

Baseball season is here! To celebrate we are going to show **The Hill**, the inspirational true story of Rickey Hill starring Dennis Quaid, Colin Ford and Joelle Carter. Born to poverty with a degenerative spine disorder Rickey only dreamed of playing in the major league – a dream not shared by his father, a Baptist preacher.

[SEE A CLIP OF THE MOVIE HERE](#)

If you have any suggestions for a movie you would like to see for movie night, please let Bob or Elaine know and we'll do our best to make it happen!

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