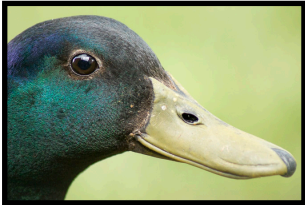


OCEAN VIEWS



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 2024



From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty

Billy Collins; **Note to J. Alfred Prufrock**

I just dared to eat

A really big peach

As ripe as it could be

And I have on

A pair of plaid shorts

And a blue tee shirt with a hole in it

And little rivers of juice

Are now running down my chin and wrist

And dripping onto the pool deck

*What is your **problem**, man?*

Grace and peace, and the pleasures of Summer to you, Sisters and brothers in Christ!

I hope you enjoyed Collins' snappy, silly synecdoche above; his response to the frozen, fear-filled, fustian nature of Prufrock's life as lived in T. S. Eliot's poem, *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock*. Prufrock's fear of just, unashamedly, being himself being human has kept him from being fully human in every compartment of his life, including his (un)romantic life.

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We have all heard some version of “just go for it!” sometime in our life, and loves, together and apart; and there is all too often some bit of elegiac regret associated with what we did not, or believe by now we will not, do. Doesn’t matter if it’s ride a horse, or see the sunset in the arctic, or navigate the world in a single-hand boat; we can often feel like we’ve “missed out”, like we have not “gone for the gusto” (& I know I just aged myself!)! Especially in our current culture, where everything larger than life is celebrated, and where only not enough money or will are held up as the excuses for not “living large”, the temptation is to engage in a shallow way, so as to cast a wide net of activity. Whether flying through our social media, or seeing 6 places in one trip, we have participated in this culture.

Jesus offers us a compelling alternative, especially in the language of John’s Gospel: *Abide*. Stay longer in one place or with one thing; stay purposefully; stay in order to know the place, the thing, the person fully, robustly, and finally, with deep love. Many places, many experiences, many persons – none of these can make up for the depth of doing this. So many of you have the good fortune of a long, sustained marriage; many of us are catching up to that, or have lost the partner we once thought was for life. Your example is inspiring; the life lessons you offer children, grandchildren and others – offered modestly – are deeply meaningful. Jesus meant His disciples not to become permanent residents of the places they would go, but only because the harvest was plentiful and the laborers few. We don’t live in that same circumstance; we enjoy the luxury of deepening for as long as we like, including in the life of our church. That deepening, ideally, offers its own lessons; after all, we are only human, and so, *prone to wander*. Staying calls on other resources inside us, including patience, stability and love. The monks of the long-ago Egyptian desert east of the Nile had a saying: *Go into your cell; it will teach you everything*. Live the life of the congregation, even when it bothers you; the good far outweighs the bad!

Here in Summer, we who live here year-round have the perfect chance to round out our love of this place; first, by sharing it, and then by going deeper, for ourselves or with others. Aldo Leopold, a story has it, returned from a Summer off and told his students he had voyaged and explored every single day – yet had not made it all the way across his own backyard! Let us be lovers of this place, and lovers one of another, and lovers of the strangers who come our way; in all these ways let us live out the love of God in Christ, who never in His life was more than a hundred miles from where He was born.

The peace of Christ be with you all, and given to all you meet!

Pastor Terry

Ocean View Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

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Susan Baer
Bev Bailey
Jen Read
Jake Stavinga
Bob Wolf

(Clerk of Session)

Ollie Robling

Deacons

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, April 8, 2024

Shaped by God We Love and Serve

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

The meeting was opened by moderator Pastor Terry Dougherty at 7:10pm with devotion and prayer.

- Heavenly Luncheon will be done this year for one day on July 24
- The Jumble will happen this year on October 12
- The Nativity Festival will happen this year on December 7

ORDERS OF THE DAY

TREASURER'S REPORT

Elaine reported that we have successfully converted to QuickBooks Online (using an upgraded program) and are currently in the process of rebuilding all reports.

MOTION: That the Sewing Circle and Cemetery will now handle all of their finances independently of the Finance Committee and no further updates will be done in QuickBooks and these accounts will be inactivated. Motion carried.

MOTION: Semiannually the deposits and expenses of the Sewing Circle and Cemetery will be reported to Session. Motion carried.

MOTION: That the Finance Committee will remove Bob Clark as signer on all accounts (PNC and Cambridge) and be replaced with Randy Bartholomew. Motion carried.

MOTION passed to accept the April Financial Report and the Treasurers Report.

COMMITTEE PRESENTER:

Sue Baer (Sewing Circle) presentation of plans for 2024 which included:

- Food Pantry is spending over \$1000 per month

CLERK'S REPORT

MOTION passed to approve the docket for this meeting.

MOTION passed to accept the Session minutes of the April meeting.

Correspondence received since last meeting: 28 e-mails from Donna Scully, NCP, PC(USA) Store and Cindy Kohlmann.

Liturgists for June : Bev Bailey and Bob Wolf with communion on June 2.

Next Vital Congregations meeting June 6, 2024.

Next Session meeting June 10, 2024

Changes to the Roll:

Deaths: none

Funerals: none

Baptisms: none

Marriages: none

Gain/Loss of Members: Elaine Smith (resigned 5/1/24) and Rick and Grace Nelson (resigned 4/1/24)

Year to Date Membership: 71

MOTION passed to approve the Clerk's Report.

PASTOR'S REPORT

A written report and letter were received from Pastor Terry and discussed.

MOTION passed to approve the Pastor's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

none

OLD BUSINESS

The Personnel Committee Chair met with Diane Brown to discuss her request to modify her work schedule to 3 days with the same number of work hours. MOTION: That this summer (June, July and August) she would work Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with the same number of work hours. In September she would return to 4 work days and there would be a review of the summer months to determine the schedule going forward. Motion carried.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special Project - Mission Committee –The Labyrinth – Possible date of June 23rd was suggested for the Dedication Ceremony.

Special Project - Com/Tech – MOTION: Use \$90 from the Advertising account to purchase 250 updated rack cards to be distributed to the Chamber of Commerce and possibly included in welcome packages to new homeowners in the area. Motion carried.

Special Project - Grounds – Paving Parking Lot – no update

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings Committee - Don Bailey,
Jake Stavinga, Liaison

Cemetery Committee – Mike Read,
Bob Wolf, Liaison

Christian Education – Bev Bailey,
Sue Baer, Liaison

Communications/Technology - Bob Wolf (report received), open, Liaison

Deacons – Kris Taylor, Bev Bailey, Liaison

Facilities - Jim Waehler, Jen Read, Liaison

Finance Committee - Randy Bartholomew,
Bob Wolf, Liaison

Grounds Committee - Ray Keller (report received), Jake Stavinga, Liaison

Mission Committee – rotating – Bev Bailey stated that the rotating chair position is not working and the Committee needs more active members. Jen Read, Liaison

Nominating Committee – Not needed.
Jen Read

Personnel - Not needed. Sue Baer

Sewing Circle – Not needed. Sue Baer
(reported to Session this evening)

SESM N/A

Worship Committee - Eric Neumann (report received), Jen Read, Liaison

Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session

Womens Sewing Circle

May 8, 2024

Lorie Hartsig

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Susan Baer with thanks to Marlene and Bev for our goodies. Ten members were present. Pastor Terry and Sue offered poems and prayers.

The PW Purpose was recited and we were reminded of Marlene's May birthday.

Next month will be our potluck lunch following our business meeting. Dedication of our birthday money will be done then.

REPORTS

Secretary's minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report is included and states closing balance as \$10,543.52. It was approved as presented.

It was added that Frankford Presbyterian Church donates \$300/month for our Sharing Pantry in return for the help received from OVPC members in their Thrift Shop. They have said they will give as they can.

Approved to give Terry a birthday gift of money.

Sunshine- Amy has been in touch with Bob Jackson and has asked that we keep letters to him going as he is grieving Elaine's recent death. He will have surgery on his nose soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Continued work on the Sharing Pantry for Frankford Presbyterian Church is happening. It is ready for paint.

Set up for the Father's Day brunch (June 16th) will be the day before at 11 am.

Marti reviewed with us designated jobs we had last year for the Heavenly Luncheon and we shared with her what we will be offering this year. It was decided that we designate a second committee whose sole responsibility will be to come at 2 pm and clean up. We are currently looking for a new donor of fruit. It was voted to give 10 per cent of the Heavenly Luncheon proceeds to OVPC.

Kathy Sheetz reports the recent offer of free range eggs to our Sharing Pantry. Bev suggested and it was agreed to share this offer with St. Andrews as after discussion we turned down the offer because of our rule to not accept any food that needed to be refrigerated.

NEW BUSINESS

The date for the **JUMBLE is October 12th**. Still to come will be deciding volunteers to coordinate and man the committees to make this happen. No one has offered to take this on yet.

Bible study was led by Bev Bailey and the reciting of the Mitzvah followed.

"growing more in Grace each day."



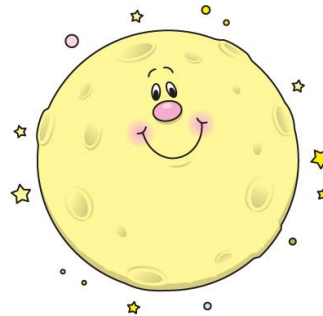
Stephen Szlasa
Liz Hobler
Joni Keller
Jim Waehler
Susan Sigvardson

June 2nd
June 4th
June 17th
June 20th
June 30th

Jane and James Bonbright
Carol and Bill Kester
Marlene and Mike Quinn

June 8th
June 8th
June 27th

NEXT FULL MOON:
June 21st
Strawberry Moon



YARN meets on Monday, June 2nd in Fellowship Center between 10-1 pm. Bring your lunch and any questions you may have about how and why we make prayer shawls. We will teach you how to knit or crochet if you have questions and we have lots of yarn and needles to share. We are a fun group of ladies and invite you to join us! We will not meet in July and August.



Worship Committee

Jen Read

A New Pictorial Directory for OVPC

Your Worship Committee, in partnership with the Deacons and the Communication and Technology Committee is beginning work on an updated pictorial directory. We haven't had a new directory since 2016, and a great deal has changed in our church since then.

Photo shoots are scheduled in June on Sunday, June 2, from 11 am until 1 pm and for Tuesday, June 4, from 5 pm until 7 pm.

All photos will be taken by Jim and Lorie Hartsig in Memorial Hall. Dress is Business Casual.



If you have questions or if you want to choose your ten-minute photo slot, call Jen Read or Jane Bonbright. What?! You don't know our contact info?! We need a new directory! Jen (512) 750-0517 Jane (240) 606-7748.

Building and Grounds

Ray Keller

Needs Your Help!

Ray Keller, chairman of your Grounds Committee is calling for help from the congregation:

- 1) If you are thinning your flower beds this spring, we will come and dig up any perennials you want to donate to OVPC. We have lots of bare spaces to fill in both shady and sunny spots around the church.
- 2) If you are downsizing and want to donate any yard tools, electric leaf blowers, clippers, garden gloves, sprayers, or hand tools to the church, we will come and help you empty your shed.
- 3) If you would like to "adopt a garden spot" around the church, we will help you choose a flower bed in the sun or the shade and just the size you want to work.
- 4) If you would just like to come and work with other "Green Thumbs" a couple times a month while the weather is still pleasant, we will be working up at the church on Saturdays, May 11 and 25 and Saturdays, June 8 and 22 from 9-11 am.

Questions? Call Ray Keller at (732) 245-7264 or Jen Read (512) 750-0517.



Deacon Mission

Sue Sigvardson

This year the Deacons present TWO different local missions to consider for your monetary* donations during the month of June.

Sussex Community Crisis Housing

Sussex Community Crisis Housing is dedicated to providing safe and secure temporary housing to the homeless while facilitating housing independence. Executive Director, Maria Evans, is so appreciative of our help in 2024.

Crisis House is an emergency shelter for homeless men, women and children primarily in Sussex County but they will accept admissions from throughout the state. It is a 30-day emergency program with comprehensive cost-free services.

Emergency shelter is provided, as well as daily meals, counseling, referral assistance, workshops and housing and job search assistance. Crisis House is an alcohol and drug-free residence.

“Donations, no matter how large or small, are the backbone of our agency. Through the continual support from social groups, churches, businesses and individuals, we are able to provide the much-needed services. Financial support and donated items allow us to continue to help the residents of Sussex County achieve independence and self-sufficiency while in our programs.”

Monetary Donations & Volunteerism

“Our funding has been drastically decreasing and, with your help, we can continue to meet the growing needs of the many homeless families affected by the struggling economy.”

Please put “Deacon June Mission” on your checks and place in the offertory collection.

To Volunteer, call 302.856.2246 or email us at info@scchsinc.org

Item Donations

Below is a list of NEW items that are accepted for the Crisis House and Transitional Housing Programs:

- Towels and wash cloths
- Twin bed sheets, blankets and pillows (New)
- Toiletries and personal items for men, women and children
- Kitchen supplies, cookware, utensils, bowls, storage containers
- Cleaning supplies and laundry soap
- Paper towels, toilet paper and facial tissues
- Coffee, tea, sugar, powdered drink mix
- Office Supplies

Edward W. Pyle State Service Center

34314 Pyle Center Road
Frankford, DE 19945



The Center was established in 1975.

The Edward W. Pyle State Service Center currently offers **client services** administered by Delaware Health and Social Services (DHSS).

DHSS include Community Resource Assistance Services (CRASP); Division of State Service Centers (DSSC); Diabetes Fund; Emergency Assistance Services (EAS); Emergency Shelter; Needy Family Fund, Food Closet, Kinship Care Program, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program referrals; Teen Voucher; Utility Assistance.

Division of Social Services (DSS) which include Child Care, food benefits, General Assistance, Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for needy families.

Division of Public Health (DPH) which includes Family Planning, HIV counseling and testing, pregnancy testing, WIC supplemental nutrition program for pregnant and nursing women, infants and young children.

Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families (DSCYF)

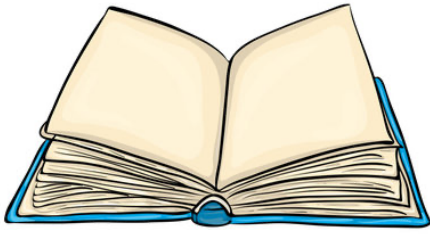
Division of Family Services (DFS)

Other services include Lower Sussex Little League, Mammography Van, Pyle Child Development Center and the Roxanna Cheer Center.

You can see that the offerings by the Pyle Center are very comprehensive.

If you choose to donate to this worthy organization during the month of June, place your check made payable to OVPC in the collection, with "Pyle Center" in the Memo Line.

For any questions on either one of these missions, please contact Deacon Sue Sigvardson on 302-858-1238. Thank you very much for your attention and generosity.



What Are You Reading?

Think before you speak. Read
before you think. – Fran Lebowitz

Marie Waehler

Crow Talk, a novel by Eileen Garvin (author of the National Bestseller *The Music of Bees*). It's slow going here in the beginning, so I'm hoping it picks up. Lots of detailed nature info on the northwest USA which is lovely because I love nature and birds, but.... One reviewer said: Garvin writes with great warmth and pathos about the majesty of the natural world as well as the untamed wilds of the human heart."

Molly on the Range: recipes and stories from an unlikely life on a farm, by Molly Yeh (pronounced Yay). Yeh is an award-winning blogger. I love the stories of how she got from NYC to a farm in the midwest and her family history of being half Chinese and half Jewish. Recipes are interesting and use ingredients I usually have in my pantry. (Got this from the new shelves in the library.)

Runaway, by Alice Munro. Munro recently died, so I thought I'd revisit a book of her short stories. She was the best at writing short stories!

Pam Dougherty

No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister. Fiction. One book. Nine readers. Ten changed lives. A good read.

A Little Life by Hanya Yanagihara. Fiction. Four college roommates move through life...addictions, success, unspeakable childhood trauma, and pride coloring their paths as they lean on one another.

Stunning. Was a Booker Prize Finalist!. *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor. She encourages seeking and discernment as regards faith. Powerful.

Jim Hartsig

The #1 Lawyer by James Patterson. It's said a lawyer who represents himself has a fool for a client. But the #1 Lawyer must find a way to triumph.

Marlene Quinn

No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister This is fiction and tells how different people are affected by reading the same story. It's really a story about connections.

Dead Wake by Erik Larson. It is about the sinking of the Lusitania. His books are always very well researched. It is told from the perspective of passengers, and the captains of the Lusitania and the German U boat.

Lorie Hartsig

After Annie by Anna Quidlen tells the touching story of the year of grief and recovery following the sudden death of a wife, mother and best friend. I loved it!

The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware is one of the author's early psychological thrillers set on a beautiful yacht. Lots of twists and turns is what Ruth Ware is known for.

Secrets of the Octopus by Sy Montgomery-“Octopuses are having a moment”, so writes the author as he celebrates them in all their colors, shapes and astounding capabilities.

North Woods by Daniel Mason is the story of a house alone amidst the seasonal changes of a New England landscape and the tales of the people who inhabit it across the centuries. An invitation for the imagination to roam.



Food Pantry Stories

I went by the office this morning to pick up donations and/or bills for the Food Pantry. There was an envelope in my box with a \$20 bill in it. What made it so special was the note that accompanied the donation. It said the money was from someone who had had to use our Food Pantry. Diane also told me that someone else had come by, not a member of OVPC, with food to donate as he had had to get some items from the pantry earlier. I just felt that those OVPC folks who donate food or money to the pantry need to know how much people appreciate being able to get items from the pantry. So thank you to all who donate time and money to our pantry. It's important. Do you have a Sharing Pantry story to tell?

For several weeks now someone who uses the pantry has been regularly contributing \$1.00 each week. Don't know who they are but just think it is so touching. Marlene

When we were filling the Pantry one time, a person drove up to collect some of the items. There were only two cans of fruit left and we offered them as we were refilling with more. The person said, "No, let's leave them for someone else." Lorie and Jim

Heavenly Luncheon

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Central Avenue and Church Avenue
(near Route 26 Intersection)**

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

from

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**California Chicken Salad - Caesar and Pasta Salads, Array of
Fresh Fruit & Rolls, Fresh Brewed Ice Tea, and Brownies &
Blondies**

**\$20.00 Donation - All Proceeds Benefit Local,
National, & International Missions**

This event offers opportunities for everyone to participate. Please call Marti Sommer to lend your support.

A church is a gift from God. Assembly required.

(Seen on a church sign)



Herb Sheetz is leading Jim Hartsig and Bob Doherty in the making of a sharing pantry for Frankford Presbyterian Church and Thrift Store.

I sometimes forget
that I was created for Joy.
My mind is too busy.
My heart is too heavy
for me to remember
that I have been
Called to dance
the sacred dance of life.
I was created to smile.
To Love.
To be lifted up
and lift up others.
O' Sacred One
untangle my feet
from all that ensnares.
Free my soul
that we might
Dance
And that our dancing
might be contagious.

by Hafiz



Check Cooking

Thieves steal paper checks from mailboxes, wash the ink off with chemicals (leaving the signature), then fill in new amount and payee. Learn how to pay bills and send money to loved or trusted ones with electronic transfers from your bank.

Voiceprinting

Thieves can capture a recording of your voice and then use a software program to generate an imitation “deepfake” version that lets them impersonate you. Accept that the days of phone conversations with anyone other than family or close friends are coming to an end.

Celebrity Impersonation

A celebrity calls you and after some chit chat says their fortune is tied up in a lawsuit and he/she could use a loan. If you get a direct message from someone claiming to be a performer or superstar athlete or their agent, be extremely skeptical. It’s almost certain to be a scam.

Multistage Grandparent Scams

This is a new version of the classic grandparent scam, in which an impostor pretends to be a grandchild in trouble who needs instant money for bail, a car repair or something else. Hang up. Check with a family member to see if the grandchild is really in trouble.

Delayed-Action Sweepstakes

You won. Scammers will ask for personal information so they can “validate” you and set up a payout. They will ask for your bank account number so they can deposit the money but they drain it instead. There are extremely few legitimate sweepstakes with large cash prizes. hang up and never ever provide any personal information.

Paris Olympics Scam

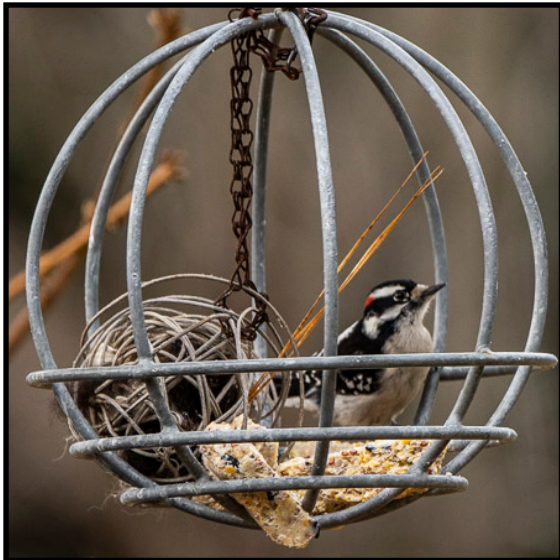
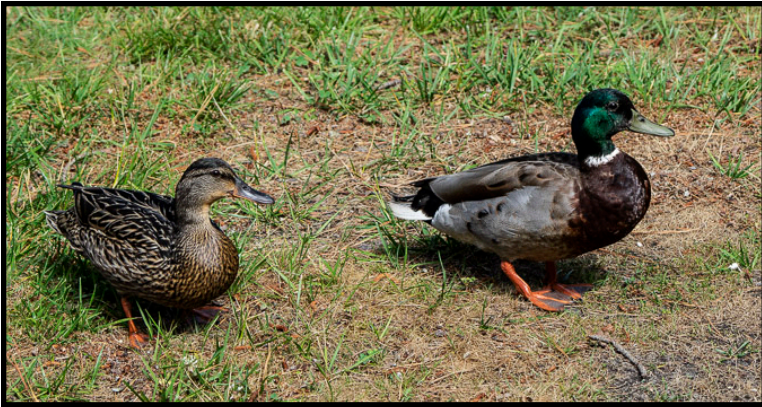
“Hey guys, I’m over in Paris, and my wallet got stolen! Can anyone please help me out by sending a gift cards or a Venmo deposit” Most likely it is a scam.



On June 23rd, after worship, the monument stone in front of our Labyrinth will be dedicated. Please join us for light refreshments while we gather again in appreciation of what the Labyrinth means to so many.

Photogenic

Jim Hartsig



Nature is the best medicine for serenity. Peace,
calmness. stillness. It's good for the heart."

Karen Madewell



Let's Welcome Summer Together with Dinner and a Movie!

Join us for dinner and a movie on Friday, **June 7th** 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! We are not sure of our main course yet but if you would like to volunteer to provide one, please let Elaine know.

In the last few months, we have had our share of meteor showers, an exciting eclipse, even solar storms that allowed us to see the northern lights right here in Delaware so what better theme for a movie than space! Our movie this month is the 2023 film '**A Million Miles Away**' starring Michael Pena, Rosa Salazar and Julio Cesar Cedillo and is the true story of Jose Hernandez, a young boy with a dream that took him from the fields as a migrant worker to an astronaut at NASA.

A great quote from the film:

"Everything looks so pretty from up there. It's as though the whole place is sacred. The atmosphere looks like ribbons of different colors hugging the Earth. And it looks so fragile. Such a small planet with so much going on. We think we control everything. Our lives, our dreams. We get exhausted. We make sacrifices. We think it's about wanting it hard enough. But life is mysterious, you know? Here's the thing, though. Once that ignition sequence starts, we only have each other. That matters. What you learned today matters."

[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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