

OCEAN VIEWS



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUL/AUG 2024

From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty



This is what the Lord says to me: "I will remain quiet and will look on from my dwelling place, like shimmering heat in the sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of the harvest" Is. 18: 4

Greetings in Christ, Sisters and Brothers!

The above is an egregious piece of proof-texting in one way: it is the foreshadowing of catastrophe for one of Israel's ancient oppressors, Egypt, at the hands of another, Assyria. It is also a foreshadowing of a much more distant event, the Day of the Lord, when all three nations will worship the one God, the God of Judah. But it is also a piece of very good advice for God's people: stay back from the fray, wait and watch and be there (still standing!) when calamity is past. Be present, by all means! Do what is needful, by all means – and that always includes what is merciful, what is loving, what is life affirming. But measure what it is you can do well, so that you do not fall from exhaustion – whether in the heat of battle, at one extreme, or simply in the flurry of activity, at another.

The life of our little church is two lives, in the Summer. One is the life of the good neighbor and the good Samaritan: welcoming the sojourners (in their thousands!) and doing our best to be a welcoming and pleasant oasis in a shimmering desert of traffic and frustration. The other is our continuing life as a family of faith that is taking a time-out from many of our regular activities. This is partly just convenience, but is also the recognition this is traveling season – to other places! – for many of us. The rootedness of a tree, and the wide spread of her seeds, might be a decent analogy.

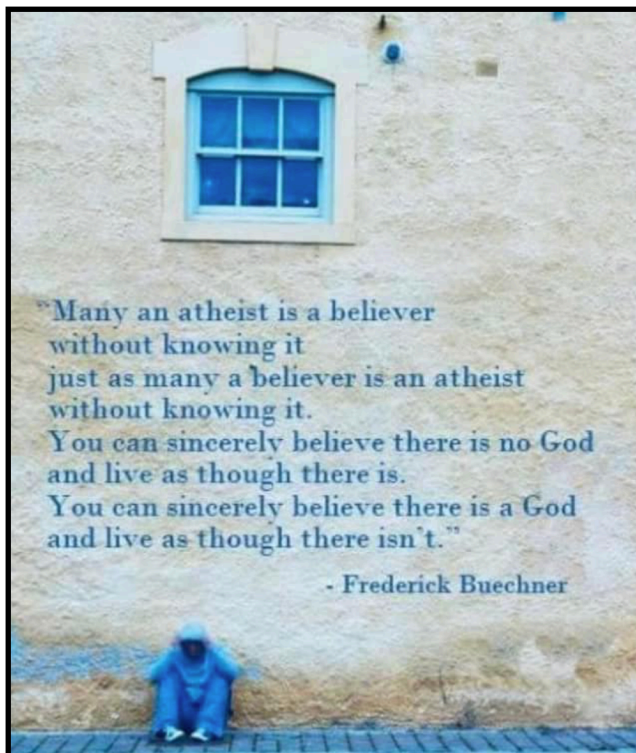
Histories, memories, desires and connections run through the veins of each individual, shaping how they act and move in the world. Like a strong tree whose strong trunk emerges from the earth, erect and symmetrical, beneath the surface of who they are is a much more complicated system of tangled roots that made them grow the way they have, obstacles they've had to grow around, insufficient soil that has given some of their leaves an anemic look, depths of love that make them sturdy in the strongest gale, though they may look delicate. (You Are a Tree, Joy Marie Clarkson, p. 44)

Through the drought and the surfeit of Summer, or through cycles of both, the life of OVPC goes on: worshiping on Sundays, meeting throughout the week, all on a more human scale. We can be here and be away, but we needn't lose touch, nor neglect what needs to be done! Blessed Summer, friends; and let us offer the blessing of Summer to our friends new and old!

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Malcolm Guite: A Last Beatitude*And blessed are the ones we overlook;**The faithful servers on the coffee rota,**The ones who hold no candle, bell or book, but keep the books and tally
up the quota,**The gentle souls who come to "do the flowers",**The quiet ones who organize the fete,**Church sitters who give up their weekday hours,**Doorkeepers who may open heaven's gate.**God knows the depths that often go unspoken**Amongst the shy, the quiet, and the kind,**Or the slow healing of a heart long broken,**Placing each flower so for a year's mind.**Invisible on earth, without a voice,**In heaven their angels glory and rejoice!*

Peace be with you, as of the Sun and the Moon in their places,
Pastor Terry

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Kathy Sheetz
Sue Sigvardson
Kristina Taylor

Newsletter Editors

Lorie and Jim Hartsig

Session Report

Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session

Monday, June 10, 2024

Shaped by God We Love and Serve

Attending: Rev. Terry Dougherty (Moderator), Bob Wolf, Susan Baer, Jake Stavinga, Bev Bailey, Jen Read, Elaine Wolf (Treasurer)

The meeting was opened by moderator Pastor Terry Dougherty at 7:00pm with devotion and prayer.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

Interview of Frank and Reda Duffy for membership. It was a good discussion and a MOTION passed to approve Frank and Reda for membership.

Jen Read (Worship Committee) presentation of 2023 activity and plans for 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Elaine gave the Treasurer's report for May. Pentecost Offering – 40% stays with OVPC and the Mission Committee needs to decide where it should go.

There was no Finance Report for May since the Committee has not met since the last Session meeting.

MOTION passed to accept the May Treasurers Report.

CLERK'S REPORT

MOTION passed to approve the docket for this meeting.

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

Correspondence received since last meeting: 27 e-mails from Donna Scully, NCP, PC(USA) Store and Cindy Kohlmann.

The AARP Choir concert generated \$151 in donations for the food pantry.

Liturgists for July : Jen Read and Sue Baer with communion on July 7.

Next Vital Congregations meeting July 25, 2024.

Next Session meeting July 8, 2024

Changes to the Roll:

Deaths: none

Funerals: none

Baptisms: none

Marriages: none

Gain/Loss of Members: Frank and Reda Duffy joined 6/10/2024, and Charlotte Wheatley resigned in May

Year to Date Membership: 72

MOTION passed to approve the Clerk's Report.

PASTOR'S REPORT

A written report was received from Pastor Terry and discussed.

MOTION: permit the Ministerium to hold their November 7 meeting in Memorial Hall from 12:00 noon to 3:00pm. MOTION carried.

MOTION: OVPC to host the November 26th Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. MOTION carried.

MOTION passed to approve the Pastor's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Photo Directory – name and address scrub is now done and Bob Wolf needs to work with Diane to get updates into Servant Keeper. Bob

also needs to talk with Jim Hartsig regarding distribution.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a review and discussion regarding the locking of the Sanctuary doors during worship. The feeling seemed to be to leave the doors unlocked and work with the Security Team to explore alternatives. One example was to leave the doors locked but ajar so that they could be closed in the locked position quickly if given an alarm.

MOTION: Session commends the Security Task Force for their diligence in improving safety and security at OVPC and moves to continue security protocols with the doors to the Sanctuary during worship being unlocked effective June 23. This MOTION carried.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special Project - Mission Committee –The Labyrinth – Now totally complete and the dedication ceremony is scheduled for June 30. Also, Bev Bailey would like to do a guided Labyrinth walk the last Sunday of each month during June, July, and August.

Special Project - Com/Tech – no update

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, 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, Jake Stavinga - Liaison

Mission Committee: rotating, Jen Read - Liaison

Nominating Committee: Jen Read

Personnel: Sue Baer

Sewing Circle: Sue Baer

SESM: N/A

Worship Committee: Jane Bonbright, Jen Read - Liaison

Respectfully submitted,

Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session

*Earth's crammed with heaven
& every common bush
afire with God.
♥ Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

Womens Sewing Circle

June 12, 2024

Lorie Hartsig

WOMEN'S SEWING CIRCLE MINUTES

June 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order following the reading of a poem by Terry,
The Purpose was recited.

REPORTS

Secretary's minutes were approved .

Treasurer's report

There are concerns that the money allowed Sharing Pantry will be depleted once the second five thousand dollars which is in a CD has been spent. We discussed ways that the SP can be highlighted during worship service. Kathy Sheetz offered to call Schell Builders for a donation as they are currently building homes in Ocean View. Perhaps a bigger part of our Circle money can be given to SP? No decisions were made.

Session Update

Reda and Frank Duffy were welcomed as new members.

OLD BUSINESS

Fathers Day Brunch prep was reviewed.
Heavenly Luncheon has its volunteers and food appropriated. Still seeking some one who will handle working with the Coastal Point for publicity.

NEW BUSINESS

Dedication of our birthday money was done.
Bev brought forth the idea of a half-day women's retreat including lunch being offered` on a Saturday in early January in one of our homes ,open to all women of the church. More discussion will follow in September.

Meeting was adjourned so that we could continue with our lovely pot luck luncheon.

"growing more in Grace each day."

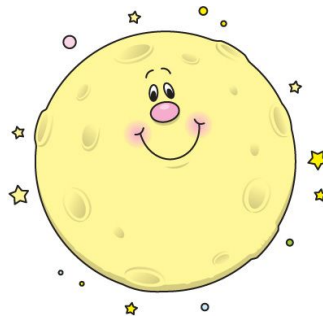


Ray Keller	July 5th
Bob Jackson	July 8th
Cindy Woodruff	July 12th
Bev Bailey	July 14th
Diane Brown	July 22nd
Ed Hiner	July 29th
Nouha Dabaj	July 29th

Beth and Peter Maurer	July 19th
Nouha and Khaled Dabaj	July 23rd
Bev and Don Bailey	July 27th

Liz and Bruce Hobler	Aug. 14th
Joni and Ray Keller	Aug. 21st
Lorraine and Richard Smith	Aug. 25th
Mary Ann and Ollie Robling	Aug. 28th

Judy Reich	Aug. 4th
Marie Waehler	Aug. 6th
Edna Ewing	Aug. 15th
Dave White	Aug. 15th
Kristina Taylor	Aug. 24th
George Shaefer	Aug. 31st



FULL MOONS:

July 21
Buck Moon
August 19
Sturgeon Moon



YARN meets on the first Monday of the month 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.



Deacon Mission

Kristina Taylor

Operation SEAs the Day:

The 11th Annual Warrior Family Beach Week will take place September 3rd through the 8th, 2024, in Bethany Beach Delaware. Each year, Operation Seas the Day relies on the overwhelming support of the local and surrounding community to help make the Warrior Family Beach Week a success. The OVPC Deacons have once again selected this organization to be the July Mission for Ocean View Presbyterian Church. Please prayerfully consider donating to this month's mission.



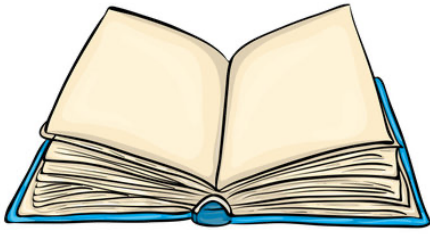
From the Operation Seas the Day website:

Becky Johns and Diane Pohanka's friendship goes back a long way. Their kids grew up together and their families often met up at the beach. There were many times when they'd work together as volunteers for important causes, including helping raise funds for families of victims of 9/11.

So kicking around an idea to help wounded soldiers was not unusual for the friends. The idea evolved into offering a week at the beach for a group of recovering wounded warriors and their families. Diane shared her idea with Richard Katon, a retired physician and in January, 2013, the three set out developing a plan to make this event happen. They each owned homes in the Bethany Beach area, known as the Quiet Resorts, and saw the community as the perfect setting for wounded veterans and their families to relax and enjoy time together.

The goal was to recruit 25 families, selected by the Wounded Warrior Project, the USO and the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes. An integral part of the plan was to show appreciation for the services and sacrifices made by these soldiers and to treat them and their families with the honor they deserve.

To do this, it was essential to involve the local community. As their plan developed, they were assisted by Claudia Thayne at Sea Colony who helped recruit homeowners willing to donate their homes. Restaurants and local businesses came forward when they heard of the plan, now called Operation SEAs the Day (OSTD), to be launched the week of Labor Day.



What Are You Reading?

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

Marie Waehler

The best moments in reading are when you come across something—a thought, a feeling, a way of looking at things—which you had thought special and particular to you. Now here it is, set down by someone else, a person you have never met, someone even who is long dead. And it is as if a hand has come out and taken yours. — Alan Bennett

That's how I feel about the two books I'm currently reading. I'm at a difficult place in my life, a difficult place in my 12-plus-year non-Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer journey. I'm on a chemo drug that is debilitating at best with extreme fatigue and many other side effects and restrictions. I have decisions to make regarding continuing on the drug or accepting the consequences of stopping it. In the most recent Presbyterian Outlook Magazine, one of the book reviewers talked about two books by Christian Wiman, who is the author, editor, or translator of more than a dozen books of poetry and prose. The reviewer had read his memoir, **My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer**, and **Zero at the Bone: Fifty Entries Against Despair**. I ordered both from the library and *Zero at the Bone* arrived this week. God works in mysterious ways. Mr. Wiman had/has cancer and the quote above by Alan Bennett spoke to me in the very first of his 50 entries. I highly recommend **this** book. The author had me laughing with his (and my) despair with cancer complications and wrestling with asking God to help and not getting the response we need. I laughed and cried. I look forward to the next 49 entries.

The second book I'm reading is **Good Energy; The Surprising Connection Between Metabolism and Limitless Health**, by Dr. Casey Means and her son, Calley Means. Dr. Means was on the fast track to make a six-figure income right out of her residency, but realized that the healthcare system is focusing on treating the illnesses and not on finding the root of the illnesses to prevent them. She resigned after her residency and is now in private practice to work on preventing illnesses instead of the big business of medicating everyone. It may be too late for me to implement all of her recommendations, but I'm learning so much about the choices I can make going forward. Again, I recommend this book.

Pam Dougherty

The Ride of Her Life by Elizabeth Letts. Memoir. Cross-Country trip in 1954 with 2 horses, a dog, no money & great deal of faith! I loved this book!

The London Seance Society by Sarah Penner. Fiction. London's fascination with seances in the Victorian Era. A murder mystery

Everyone Brave Is Forgiven by Chris Cleave. A Novel. London and Malta during the Second World War...inspired by his grandparents.

I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou. Memoir. Excellent read. I can't believe I never read it!!!

Jim Hartsig

Table for Two by Amor Towles. Six short stories and one longer one. A great read.

Broken by Will Trent. A riveting story. It will keep you up at night waiting for the ending.

Lorie Hartsig

The Littlest Library by Poppy Alexander.... what a delightful book! Set in the UK, it is about a young woman who turns an ordinary red phone booth into a little library for the community which struggles as she does with past memories and sadness.

Vineyard Seasons, a cookbook by Susan Branch....this is an oldie and the recipes are fun to remember and try again.

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters...A harrowing tale of Indigenous family separation and the consequences caused during the lives of the family members.

Kitchen Gardens by Mary Mason Campbell (1972) A year-round guide to growing and using herbs and vegetables, including interesting and helpful recipes.

We Are All Welcome Here by Elizabeth Berg The year is 1964 and Diana is trying to grow up in her ramshackle home in Tupelo, Mississippi. Her mother, a quadriplegic as a result of polio, needs constant care which Diana must be part of. Peacie is the primary care giver. 1964 Mississippi presents its share of racial tension which Diana questions.....and even Elvis is involved. Great character studies.



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.

Photogenic



The AARP Presented a concert in Memorial Hall on June 9th. Musical selections included selections from The Sound of Music, George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Riversong, Beyond the Rain and Rivers and Wade in the Water.



Father's Day Singers.



Frankford Presbyterian Church's Food Pantry installed.



Let's Celebrate our Nation's Birthday Together with Dinner and a Movie!

Join us for dinner and a movie on Friday, **July 5th** 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.

This month we will be showing **Ordinary Angels** another film based on true events starring Hilary Swank and Alan Ritchson.

"Based on a remarkable true story, ORDINARY ANGELS centers on Sharon Stevens (Hilary Swank), a fierce but struggling hairdresser in small-town Kentucky who discovers a renewed sense of purpose when she meets Ed Schmitt (Alan Ritchson), a widower working hard to make ends meet for his two daughters. With his youngest daughter waiting for a liver transplant, Sharon sets her mind to helping the family and will move mountains to do it. What unfolds is the inspiring tale of faith, everyday miracles, and ordinary angels.—[Lionsgate](#)"

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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