



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 2020



FROM THE PASTOR: TERRY DOUGHERTY

Charism and Shalom, Grace and Peace to you, dear friends in Christ;

I have a request for you: will you please pray for me? We have entered the third, and crucial, year of the Princeton Pastoral Leadership Program, which has already been an enormous blessing to me and to OVPC. As the program seeks to help me grow into the best pastor I can be, invitation to thrive has been paired with evaluation of how I go about my work. I'm not going to offer any false pride, or any false modesty: I do well at a lot of this work; particularly the intangibles of knowing and caring, and the quite tangible design of worship. The stubborn area in which, while I have made progress, I remain weak is organization/administration. I have abundant help right here in our congregation, especially from my Pastoral Support Team, which includes Rev. Dr. Tom Kort, who will have visited a week ago when you receive this. Everybody wants to help me with balance of tasks/balance of time, with an eye toward not "burning out", and toward not simply flailing about.

I'm not entirely certain where that balance is; I have mused about that in a previous letter. I think both being here and being elsewhere are necessary for my growth, as well as being necessary for my engagement with all of you. It is too easy to fall into the trap of thinking of you as the people I care for, rather than challenge, or *vice-versa*. It is also easy to do the same thing week after week; I hope I set a good example of doing no such thing. Finally, it would be easy to see myself as a set of one, as *sui generis* because no-one else can know what it's like to serve at OVPC. No; I need the example and witness of my peers – hard as that has been and will be to find enough of – both to avoid mistakes and to gain wisdom.

In with all that is this: I am my own worst enemy. Long before anyone else will detect fault, I will have done so; I'm already actively doing so. Two elements of monastic life that I have discussed in a couple of areas of church life are *humilitas* and *stabilitas*, the ability to have a clear view of oneself, and the ability to abide and thrive in one place. Their evil twins are self-loathing and the urge to escape. Because I perceive a microscope on me (unfairly, I know, but still true), I am living with wondering how much change leaves me still...*me*. Wondering whether the things I do well might suffer, and under what amount of order that might be true. I earnestly hope these thoughts are phantasms, and will dissipate as I make progress; I earnestly hope my oversharing is part of the solution.

Here's a little bit of the "afterword" of Eugene Peterson's *The Pastor*, his autobiographical reflection on his life in ministry (Peterson is the author of *The Message*):

As I look back on a lifetime in the pastoral vocation what I remember most is a kind of messiness: a lot of stumbling around, fumbling the ball, losing my way, and then finding it again. It is amazing now that anything came of it.

...It amazes me still how much of the time I simply don't know what I'm doing, don't know what to say, don't know what the next move is. The temptation in that state of being is to determine to be competent at something or other. Unfortunately, there are many "ways of escape" in which we can exercise or develop areas of administration or therapeutic or scholarly or programmatic competences in the church, and in so doing avoid the ambiguity of being a pastor.

... "not knowing what I am doing" is more or less what it feels like when I am "trusting in God" and "following Jesus"...this vocation means giving witness to what we don't know much about and can't explain – living into the mystery of salvation and holiness. Eugene Peterson; *The Pastor: A Memoir*. 2011, HarperOne, NY, NY (P. 313).

While I have come to know and like the feeling of being a pastor, and have maybe become good at some of it, I have by no means mastered all it implies. Peterson is clearly exercising a fair amount of false modesty in the above excerpt; he was a master translator, preacher, teacher and communicator, with multiple competencies backing all that up. But as far as "being a pastor", I think there's a lot of truth there. It is a slippery subject. I sit in my office, or in your homes, amazed at how much expertise is available to me just in my acquaintances; if I could be the perfect, most effective possible nexus of all of it, I likely wouldn't need to contribute to the sum of it. But I can't be; I'm human. I can only try to acquaint and re-acquaint all of us, including myself, with ourselves; especially when life throws us a curve. That, in fact, comes from my personality and intuitions, with a trust in God for the amazing parts. I believe that, too, needs nurturance and guidance, all the days of my life.

And it is only on account of that that I've expressed all of the above: I mean always, first and foremost, to be that variety of pastor, God helping me. And I do need your prayers to do it.

May God be in all your goings and comings, before and behind, to your right and your left, above and below, guarding and preserving your life in Christ Jesus.

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SESSION REPORT

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

The **Session of OVPC** met on Monday, January 13, 2020 in Fellowship Center.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer at 7:00 PM. Bob Clark lead us in devotions.

Orders of the Day:

Finance Committee presented the detailed final review of the 2020 budget. **MOTION** made and passed to approve the 2020 OVPC Budget. The 2020 Budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting on February 2, 2020.

MOTION passed to approve the minutes of the **December 9, 2019 Session Meeting**.

MOTION passed to approve the **December 2019 Finance Reports**.

Pastor Terry's report was received.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

Deacons elected Earlene DeFazio, Moderator and Cindy Benjamin, Secretary. The Deacon's 2020 Monthly Missions were presented.

MHDC report was presented. The Ignite Grant has been spent. We have funds available from the Speer Trust and Church Mission Funds.

Facilities Committee MOTION to purchase 2 new covers and 3 new pillows for the 2 church pews in Memorial Hall from Dreamweavers Interiors, LLC.

Building and Grounds MOTION to accept a Snow Removal Contract with McCabe and Son.

The Mission Statement Work Group is meeting each Thursday evening in January to develop a Vision Statement and a Mission Statement. Thanks to Pam Price and Jennifer Read for facilitating this process.

Our new leased copier has been installed !

Marti Sommer is assisting Lori in gathering all reports and preparing the Annual Report for the February 2, 2020 Congregational Meeting.

Session urges all committee chairs to get their Session reports to the office by the Wednesday before the Session Meeting: February 2 Session Meeting - reports are due January 29th.

Rev. Terry Dougherty adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 9:14 PM

PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONER REPORT

BOB WOLF

The 849th stated meeting of the New Castle Presbytery was held on Saturday, January 11 at First Presbyterian Church- Newark. The detailed docket and supporting documentation can be viewed at <https://www.ncpresbytery.org/resources/docket/>

As a new commissioner, I participated in an orientation session prior to the meeting led by Rev. Neta Pringle where I learned the 'ground rules' in a very friendly and informal setting and had the opportunity to talk (brag) about OVPC and some of the new initiatives underway like the new Mission Committee and work being done to author new vision and mission statements for the church.

The day started with the convening of the meeting by outgoing moderator Rev. Dianne Deming and worship led by Rev. Steve Brundage. During worship Ruling Elder Charles Collier (First Newark) was installed as the new Moderator and Rev. Neta Pringle (Honorably Retired) was installed as Vice Moderator.

During the meeting portion of the day highlights include:

- Presbytery welcomed two new pastors:
 - Rev. Kristin Reinhold to West Nottingham Presbyterian
 - Rev. Tim Bostick to Limestone Presbyterian
- The congregation of Port Penn was raised in prayer as the church will be closing
- While searching for a new full-time Connectional Presbyter, the role will be shared by Rev. Sara Holben and Ruling Elder Bob Schminkey. Sara will fill the role of pastoral presbyter, and Bob will continue as Stated Clerk each staffing the related committees in their areas
- Two overtures to the General Assembly were heard. Full descriptions of each can be read from the link above.
 - The first was to concur with an overture raised by the Beaver Butler Presbytery to amend the Book of Order to establish minimum compensation standards for severance payments. We did concur and the overture will be forwarded to the 224th General Assembly for consideration
 - The second was raised by the Session of Westminster Presbyterian of Wilmington titled "A Call for Ending the Siege of Gaza and Collective Punishment of Innocent Palestinian and Israeli Citizens". The overture was accepted and will be forwarded to the other Presbyteries for consideration and concurrence.
- The 2020 Beach Retreat will be held March 6 – 7 at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge – the theme of the retreat is 'Jesus, when did we see you?'. The workshops will focus on many of the topics we have covered in our Christian Education sessions in the past year:
 - Feeding the Hungry – From Charity to Justice
 - Let Justice Roll Down – Dismantling Structural Racism
 - Welcoming the Stranger – The Bible and Immigration

[Find more information and registration materials here.](#)

<https://www.ncpresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/2020-Beach-Retreat-BROCHURE-final.pdf>



Jeannette O'Neill	Feb. 6th
Jen Read	Feb. 6th
Ray Keeney	Feb. 8th
Mary Reed	Feb. 13th
Jim Hartsig	Feb. 17th
Dale Smith	Feb. 26th
Don Bailey	Feb. 27th
Cate Read	Feb. 28th



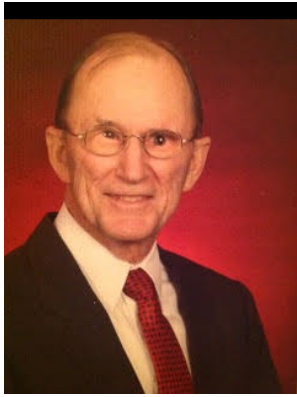
Elaine and Bob Wolf	Feb. 10th
Carole and Jim Trent	Feb. 12
Jen and Mike Read	Feb. 14th



ASH WEDNESDAY
February 26th
soup and supper at 6pm
worship service following



YARN...You Are Ready to Needle...
 Knit or crochet or just watch and learn.
 Join us in Fellowship Center
 the first Monday of the month from 10 am-2
 pm...
 bring your lunch.
See you on February 3rd.



In Honor of a Life So Beautifully Lived

Charlotte Wheatley and the extended Wheatley family thank the congregation of OVPC for their loving concern and outreach. They wish to share this memorial to Grayson with us.

Dr. Grayson H. Wheatley passed away on December 16, 2019, at his home in Bethany Beach, Delaware after a prolonged illness. He was born in Newark, Maryland on February 10, 1934.

Following his graduate work at Columbia University and the University of Delaware, Dr. Wheatley was Professor of Mathematics and Education at Purdue University from 1967 until 1988. He served as the Director of Mathematics Education at Florida State University and had a dual appointment in the Department of Mathematics from 1988 until he retired in 1999 as Professor Emeritus. He was a co-author of numerous textbooks, which were widely used for educating students at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as author of numerous academic research publications. He was an active member of various research and teaching organizations, including the International Group for the Psychology of Mathematics Education, the North American Chapter of PME, and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics throughout his professional career where his publications were widely respected.

Dr. Wheatley treasured his interactions with students across the educational spectrum, including elementary, secondary, undergraduate and graduate-level students, and proudly mentored numerous graduate and post-doctoral students. He also supported and continued to nurture, his doctoral students after they completed their studies and as they developed their own careers in teaching and research focused on improving mathematics learning. His primary professional interest was in investigating how students come to make sense of mathematical concepts, which he explored through clinical interviews of students of different ages as they investigated problematic mathematical tasks.

In addition to his teaching and research at Purdue University and Florida State University, Dr. Wheatley consulted in schools across the United States and Canada. He was an advocate for "problem-centered learning," posing problematic tasks to students, allowing them time to work in like-ability pairs, and then sharing their thinking with their peers. Later in his career, he and his wife Charlotte established Mathematics Learning, a small publishing company that continues to produce a variety of books and other educational resources promoting problem-centered learning.

In addition to his wife, Charlotte, he is survived by his son, Dr. Grayson H. Wheatley III, a Cardiothoracic Surgeon in Nashville, Tennessee, his four nieces: Anne Hoofnagle, Janet Wheatley, Cindy Wheatley, and Nancy Miller of Orlando, Florida, and a first cousin, Martha Jane Barth, of Silver Springs, Maryland.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ELAINE SMITH

During January, the OVPC Visitor/Mission Task Force (from Session and from Deacons) have been meeting to craft an updated Vision Statement. During the CE hour on February 23rd, the task force will present its work to date and seek further input during the discussion.



Bill Colwill explains proposed sign.

**"Someone painted pictures on my
Windowpane last night --
Willow trees with trailing boughs
And flowers, frosty white,

And lovely crystal butterflies;
But when the morning sun
Touched them with its golden beams,
They vanished one by one."**

Helen Bayley Davis, *Jack Frost*

SEWING CIRCLE AMY PEOPLES



Dear Ladies,

Here we are in February already with the beginning of Lent and Valentine's Day to come. The Sewing Circle has a full calendar so be sure to mark your calendars and join in the activities.

Sunday, February 2, 2020 is "Souper Bowl" Sunday at church. The Deacons have asked us to wear our team colors and bring soup and other items for the Pyle Center to church service.

Monday, February 3, 2020 YARN will meet from 10-2pm to do their many projects. They have a good time working together but always welcome new attendees. Anyone who has been ill or down and has received a beautiful Prayer Shawl is thankful for their busy hands. Bring your lunch and join them.

Wednesday, February 5, 10 am, the Executive Committee for the Circle will meet. If you have times you would like brought up at Circle meetings please give Committee (Elaine Smith, Marti Sommer, or Amy Peoples) information at that time so it can be put on agenda.

Sunday, February 9 there will be a Coffee Hour hosted by Cindy Benjamin and Joni Keller following the church service.

The Sewing Circle will meet Wednesday, February 12 at 12 noon. Bring your sandwich or salad and refreshments will be furnished by Susie Baer. Susie needs a co-hostess so I hope someone will volunteer ASAP. Please give her a call. After our business meeting we will have Bible Study led by Marti. We will be studying Chapter 6, "Words of Love: Hold Your Marriage Sacred". Reminder, we pledged that we would read lesson ahead of Bible Study so we are prepared.

February 26, 9:30 we will set up tables for Ash Wednesday Soup/Salad Supper. The Supper will be at 6pm with the service following. Sign-up sheets were passed around at Circle for soup makers.

We always love to have new attendees at the Circle meeting. It would be nice if you make February your first meeting if you have not attended before. The more the better, all welcome! The Circle has many projects going; helping with homeless shelter food, food for children at risk at /Cape Henlopen School, and Circle is mindful of needs in our area. More hands are always needed! Hope to see you!

"One kind word can warm three winter months."

Japanese proverb

CHALKING THE DOORS

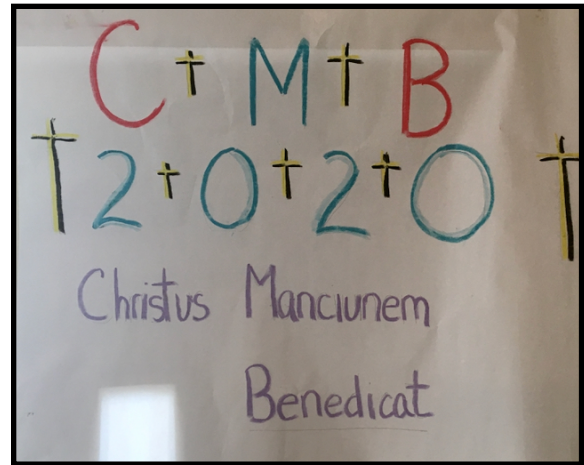
God of doors and homes, bless our church home this year and every year.

Bless all who come and go through these doors, both those who make their home here and those who visit.

May all who enter through these doors come in peace, and bring joy.

May all who come to these doors find welcome love.

May the love and joy in this church home overflow, and spread into our community and into the world; and may Jesus the Christ watch over us all.



Poster created by Elaine Wolf



Lemon Snowflakes (Marlene Quinn)

1 box lemon cake mix
1 8oz Cool Whip
1 large egg
powdered sugar

Line cookie sheets with parchment paper. In a large bowl combine cake mix, Cool Whip, and egg until well blended. Batter will be sticky. Drop 1 inch balls into powdered sugar and roll lightly to coat.

Bake 350 degrees 11 - 12 minutes until lightly browned and tops are cracked. Cool on wire racks.

Makes 4 dozen.

What is Per Capita?



We encourage all members to pay the 2020 fee of \$29.80, per person, using the envelope provided in your giving packet as soon as you can. Your payment will be split as follows:

\$1.15 - Synod of Mid-Atlantic

\$8.95 - General Assembly

\$19.70 - New Castle Presbytery

SCAMS OF THE MONTH

FedEx is warning customers about a new scam in which people receive text messages or emails with a link to set "delivery preferences" that tries to get them to enter their credit card information.



Government related calls - They are all scams.

1. "We're calling to tell you your identity was stolen; you need to buy some gift cards to fix it".
2. "We'll cancel your Social Security number".
3. "This is the Bureau of Tax Enforcement, and we're putting a lien or levy on your assets".
4. "If you don't call us back, you'll be arrested".
5. "Use this Form W-8BEN to give us personal data".
6. "Click here to see some details about your tax refund".
7. "We're from the Taxpayer Advocate Service and we need some information".
8. "Click on this to see your tax transcript".
9. "Take this FBI survey".
10. "You owe the Federal Student Tax".

Remember:

- 1) Never give out your credit card number to anyone who CALLS you.
- 2) Never give out your social security card number to anyone who CALLS you.
- 3) If payment is needed using a gift card - it is a scam.

SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 21ST



Our Jerseys from last year.

Souper Bowl Sunday

February 2nd

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FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



So Sorry --- but there will not be a movie night held in February because of busy lives getting in the way of finding a place to hold it --- hopefully we will be back on track in March --- stay tuned!

If you are interested in hosting movie night, or have a special movie request, please contact Bob Wolf. Remember that you can be a host without having the movie at your home ---

