

# Ocean Views

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2022



## From the Pastor Terry Dougherty

Grace and peace, sisters and brothers in Christ, grace and peace and happy new year!

From a traditional gospel song:

*We've come a long way, Lord,  
A mighty long way;  
We've borne our burdens in the heat of the day;  
But we know the Lord has made the way:  
We've come a long way, Lord,  
A mighty long way.*

2021 felt, for me and I'm sure for you, like a mighty long way, a wilderness way, an endless series of burdens, obstacles and stumbling blocks. The pandemic, political strife, climate change accompanied by horrific storms and droughts and temperature extremes and wildfires and earthquakes and... well, we could go on. As we read apocalypses last month, through Advent, it could feel as though we were also living them. And, if I'm honest, there were times it could just dry up the spirit in me.

But you know what? I had you to turn to; you to be with Sunday to Sunday; you on the phone and the email and in the office and in my prayers – as I know I was in yours. You brought joy in bad days, you created good days, you showed the best in the midst of the worst. Strength to believe the work is not in vain was only as far away as any one of you.

My greatest confidence, though, reflects the greatest strength of this church: I knew with not a gram of doubt that you were doing the same, continually, for each other. I knew no-one needed

to feel there was nowhere to turn, no-one believed they had to go through it alone, no-one's boat was going to swamp for lack of someone to bail. You are all what church is meant to be – and then, you come to church!

Here at church, you made accommodations, you made room for each other, you gave up your own will for the sake of your neighbor, and you waited. As the waiting went on – and on – though your patience wore thin your grace never did. We got through by making room for trial, and yes, error, and by recognizing in the most mundane of circumstances another gospel truth: God makes a way where there is no way!

I feel all that came together, in the most quietly lovely way, in the return of the live Nativity Festival. Not only was it beautiful, but in a quiet way the festival evinced strength, and hope for tomorrow, and the promise of a future. It was so true, and so healing. We are so very blessed...

And so again, happy new year! May the best of the year behind us live on in our hearts! It showed us a lot about those hearts, a lot for us to, like Mary, ponder in our hearts. Last year showed us that a heart of stone can indeed be changed, by our God, into a heart of flesh. All we had to do was be present to it, present to each other, and present to God, who was of course always present to us, working all things to our good, because we love God. I'll close with another hymn, this one by Albert A. Goodson:

*We've Come This Far By Faith:*

*We've come this far by faith:*

*Leaning on the Lord,*

*Trusting in God's holy word,*

*God's never failed us yet.*

*Oh, oh, oh; can't turn around;*

*We've come this far by faith.*

May Christ rule in your hearts this year and always,

Pastor Terry

## Ocean View Presbyterian Church

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Service  
Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

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Joni Keller  
Charlie O'Neill  
Pam Price  
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Lorie and Jim Hartsig

# Session Report

Judy Reich

Session met on December 13, 2021 via zoom.

We are planning for 2022 and several motions were introduced and passed, including:

The 2022 Budget as presented by the Finance Committee.

The 2021 Finance reports for November 2021 were approved.

Mike Read was elected chair of the Nominating Committee and Ollie Robling was elected as a representative.

Session Liaisons were approved as amended.

Communion schedule for 2022 was approved.

Paid Holidays and Office closed dates were approved as amended.

Marlene Quinn was elected Presbytery Commissioner for 2022.

Elaine Wolf was elected Treasurer for 2022.

Judy Reich was elected Clerk of Session for 2022.

Church Officers for 2022 are : President Martha Sommer, Vice President Bob Wolf, Secretary Judy Reich, Treasurer Elaine Wolf.

The Mission Committee was authorized to raise funds for disaster relief for the community of Samburg, TN and the funds will be designated for agencies in Samburg (such as churches, schools, civic groups etc.)

The Facility Job Description was approved.

The Mission Committee reported that a total of \$3820.00 at the Alternate Christmas Gift Giving Market. \$660.00 was raised for Rev. Dr. Karla Koll, which enabled us to surpass our annual goal of \$1,200.00

Opening for public Worship in the Sanctuary is still in the planning stages.

Contribution envelopes for 2022 are currently back-logged at the vendor.

The next Session Meeting will be on January 10, 2022

Respectfully submitted, Judy Reich, Clerk of Session



## Deacons

Pam Price



**T**he office of Deacon, as set forth in Scripture, is one of “sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ”. Deacons are elected by the congregation from among its members, they are under the authority of the Session, and may be designated special tasks. The office of Deacon is as ancient as the Book of Acts, and as new as the love Jesus requires of His disciples, to love freely given to any and all in need.

The Ocean View Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons for 2022 are:

Gloria Bartholomew

Joni Keller

Charlie O'Neill

Mike Quinn

Pam Price

Sue Sigvardson

If you would like to speak with one of the Deacons, please call the Church Office at 302-539-3455 and leave your contact information and who you would like to speak with, and your call will be returned.

## Open Letter to Pastor Terry

In this time of turmoil and changes, we have relied on you to lead and guide us through these confusing months. Many churches have seen COVID outbreak and spread among their members. WE HAVE NOT!

I believe the reason is that you have faithfully followed the guidance of the medical establishment to keep us safe. A few have spoken out critically, that we, like most other churches, should relax those rules.....take off the masks.....move into the Sanctuary ... where there is no air circulation and seating apart is almost impossible.

I'm sure you would, if possible, put us all in a neat little bubble of protection. But I, and others, are grateful that you have made the hard decisions, no matter how unpopular, that reflect your love for us and your determination to keep this particular group of mostly elderly members, as safe as possible.

It is not easy to go against the will of those whom you respect and care about. It isn't easy to be the one to say “no....not yet”. It isn't always easy to do what you believe God is guiding you to do.

I know you truly care about **ALL** of us. Thank you for being willing to make the hard decisions.

God bless you and guide you and keep you strong and keep all our members healthy, faithful children of God in 2022 and beyond.

A grateful member of OVPC.





Jane Bonbright	Jan 2nd
Andy Smith	Jan 2nd
Elaine Jackson	Jan 8th
Cindy Szlasa	Jan 8th
Barbara Dietsch	Jan 13th
Ellen Neumann	Jan 19th
David Kratch	Jan 20th

None

**"THEY WHO SING THROUGH THE SUMMER MUST  
DANCE IN THE WINTER."**

**ITALIAN PROVERB**

**YARN** meets on January 3rd in Fellowship Center  
10 am to 2 pm  
Plans are being made to host a crocheting tutorial.  
All are welcome to attend.



# Sewing Circle

## Amy Peoples

The Sewing Circle of Ocean View Presbyterian Church met Wednesday, December 8, 2021 by way of Zoom.

There were seven in attendance.

We met at 12:45 for a social time. Glad to have Flora Beaver with us from PA and Sue Rizer from FL.

Moderator Elaine called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Elaine opened with a prayer for women, "Love by Julia Palmer and then a Christmas prayer.

The PW Purpose was read.

OVPC Vision Statement, Shaped by God, We Love and Serve

December birthdays: Kathy Sheetz 12/20, Pam Price 12/29

### REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report:

Earlene made a motion seconded by Marti that we accept the minutes of the November 10, 2021 as sent electronically. Motion carried.

#### Treasurer's Report:

The closing balance is \$2495.67

All the Mission checks have been sent.

Thank Offering ; \$909.22

Least Coin \$ 95.00

Food Pantry; \$ 790.42

The treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

#### Circle Mission Activity:

Lorie was unable to attend but asked Elaine to announce that all the Mission checks have been sent.

#### OVPC Mission Committee:

Bev reported that the Alternate Christmas Gift Market went very well last Sunday. It will be held again during the Nativity Festival and Sunday, December 13 after church service. They had six charities listed for giving and \$1500.00 was donated on first day for the charities.

Session will meet Monday, December 13, 2021 so no report today.

**Sunshine:**

Marie sent a report to Elaine saying that she has sent Christmas cards to folks on the list and include a special recipe for Bob and Elaine Jackson. She also received a note from Carol Kratch that Dave is doing better after treatments and getting his strength slowly back.

**Correspondence:**

Amy read a note from Sue Rizer thanking us for the check for Rwanda Joy. It was so appreciated. She knows the students and sees the changes in them.

**OLD BUSINESS****Nominating Committee:**

We are glad to announce that the Nominating Committee has found officers for 2022-2023 term of office.

Marti made a motion seconded by Bev that we accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee that Ellen Neumann serve as Moderator for the 2022=2023 term and Lorie Hartsig serve as Secretary for the 2022-2023 term of office. Motion carried. We thank you ladies, for agreeing to serve in this capacity.

**Fellowship Hour:**

Hostesses are needed for the January 9, 2022 Fellowship Hour after church service. It will be held in Lobby of Memorial Hall. Sue Rizer and Bev Bailey volunteered to be hostesses for January.

**Christmas Donations; The Way Home**

The donations for the Way Home are to be in by December 13 2021. They are to be placed either in (if gift cards and checks) or beside Wishing Well in Lobby of Memorial Hall.

Christmas Gifts to Lord Baltimore Elementary School.

The gifts have been collected and will be delivered tomorrow. We did not have as many names this year because other organizations have become involved.

**Blessing Bags:**

Marie thanked all who have helped with the Blessing Bags for the Selbyville Middle School. Marti has made scarves and Bob Dougherty brought bags of "Easy to Heat" meals to add. It is appreciated by all. Marie would like to suggest adding complete cake mixes etc to Sharing Pantry especially at this season.

“Souper Bowl “ Sunday” is Sunday, February 13, 2022.

Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022.

Our next meeting will be January 12, 2022.

The meeting adjourned and we went on to Bible Study, Lesson 4, Ruth led by Marti.

We ended our meeting at 2;50 PM with the saying of the MIzpah.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Peoples



## Minute for Mission

### SURVEY OF TIME AND TALENTS

#### JANUARY 2022

Each January the Deacon's Minute for Mission is the "Survey of Time and Talents". What is this survey and what is it used for? The form lists many of the activities and committees at OVPC. We are a small church with a small staff, and we depend on our members to aid with the functions in the life of the church. Please carefully review and prayerfully consider the items listed and indicate those areas you would be interested in helping or serving. You may also write-in items not listed on the form. This survey is an excellent way to indicate your interests, willingness to serve, and share your experience and strengths. This information is summarized and used by committee chairs, the church office, and the nominating committee. We hope to increase our responses over last year.

On behalf of the Deacons, we'd like to thank everyone who makes the life of our church at OVPC possible!

Copies of the survey will be included in the bulletin during the month of January and will be available in the church office and on our website. Please complete the survey and return to the church office in person or via email at [office@ovpc.org](mailto:office@ovpc.org).

If you have questions, please contact a member of the Board of Deacons.

Thank you.

The Board of Deacons

## OVPC - 2022 Survey of Time and Talents

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to be contacted about serving in the following areas:

### **CARING**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Board           | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter / Usher              | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank Assistance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Healing Service Assistance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications/Tech   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Meals             | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Scripture            | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities Committee  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Visitation        | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing in Choir             | <input type="checkbox"/> Jumble Volunteer      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Visitation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Solo Singing/Playing         | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavenly Luncheon Vol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting Coffee Hour    | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Committee            |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OVPC Mission Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a Lay Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerium           |

### **GROWING**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Chain Ministry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study         | <input type="checkbox"/> Nativity Festival Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Shawl Ministry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Work Volunteer       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Securing Church Property  | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing Craft / Hobby       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Ministry          | <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching ESL                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Circle            | <input type="checkbox"/> Officer Nominating  | <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor Contact / Follow-up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Ministry/Pathways | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing Pantry            | <input type="checkbox"/> Session             | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                       |

### **WORSHIP**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Changing Banners           | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafting Banners / Artwork | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Giving Children's Talk     | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

### **OTHER**

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### **REACHING OUT**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Committee |
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Print this page, fill it in, and drop it off at church.



## Taste and Travel: A Guatemalan Experience

Thursday, February 10 from 7:00 – 8:15 pm (ET)

Enjoy the sights, sounds and flavors of Guatemala without leaving your home! This 75-minute virtual event will combine an interactive chocolate tasting with a special travelogue update about our January trip to Guatemala. Your registration fee (\$58) includes four artisanal Guatemalan chocolate bars delivered to your front door and a \$25 tax-deductible donation. Payment information will be provided in your registration confirmation. See you there!

Copy this url to your web browser: [ncpguatemala.com](https://ncpguatemala.com) Then click on Donate





## OVPC Alternative Christmas Market

### The Alternative Christmas Gift Market Committee

A big thank you to all who supported OVPC's first Alternative Christmas Market. We raised \$3820 in total for the six charities that were featured. The donations will be sent to each charity by the end of the year.

Food Bank of Delaware: \$720

Karla Koll: \$660

LaEsperanza: \$325

OVPC Labyrinth: \$430

Rwanda Joy: \$510

Syrian Livelihood: \$1175

Again, thank you.



## 4 Steps to Online Security

- 1) Schedule a password-change session. It is recommended to change your passwords at least once a year.
- 2) Upgrade the quality of your passwords. Use a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers and special characters.
- 3) Prune your accounts. Delete accounts that have not been used for at least a year or more.
- 4) If you write down your passwords store them in a secure or hidden place. Consider giving a copy to a trusted friend or relative.

**TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF A SNOWFLAKE IT  
IS NECESSARY TO STAND OUT IN THE COLD.**

**ARISTOTLE**

## Thank you

Bob Wolf



A special thank you to all of those who contributed to the 2021 Ocean View Presbyterian Advent devotional. Every year we say 'this is the best one yet' but this year in particular, your writings, photographs, and prayers have truly inspired my personal meditation and prayer time. I recently read a quote from Sister Ilia Delio who said "I think Advent is a coming to a new consciousness of God, you know, already loving us into something new, into something more whole, that we're not in a sense waiting for what's not there; we're in a sense to be attending to what's already there."; and I believe that the sharing of your thoughts, experiences, memories and faith allowed me to experience this wondrous season just a little bit differently and allowed me to become even closer to my God.

Kindness is like  
snow—it beautifies  
everything it covers.

KAHLIL GIBRAN





*Rev. Dr. Karla Ann Koll  
Serving in San Jose, Costa Rica  
Latin American Biblical University  
Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Co-worker*

Dear companions in mission,

I began this season with every intention of keeping Advent. I had my Advent calendar, prepared by a friend from seminary, with a Bible passage for each day. I tried to start each day with a space for reflection. Soon I realized that in the midst of writing year-end reports and grading papers for our courses at the Latin American Biblical University (UBL), I had turned keeping Advent into yet another task.

Advent requires a different logic. I do not want to keep Advent; I want to be captured by and held by expectant hope. This is not a hope I can create. I can only open myself and allow it to flow in and through me.

Advent is about making room. Just before Advent began, we learned that a friend in Nicaragua was being threatened by the police and parapolice groups. Miguel is a theologian connected with the Interchurch Center for Theological and Social Studies (CIEETS), the institution where I worked in Nicaragua (1988-1994). Rather than join the more than 100 political prisoners being held by the Ortega-Murillo regime, Miguel chose exile as thousands of others have done. After a few days in a safe house, he made contact with those who spirited him across the border. Once he was in Costa Rica territory, Miguel registered for an appointment to claim refugee status. Then he made his way to San Jose, where we received him in our home. Here there is room and safety. Miguel was also able to get a Covid vaccination once he was here. Back in Nicaragua, there is a four-year-old autistic boy named Lucas who does not understand why his father is not there. Lucas and his mother, Gabriela, are currently living with Gabriela's mother. Miguel and Gabriela ask for your prayers that their family might be together soon.

As Advent comes to a close, I want to thank you for making room in your lives to accompany me, my students and my colleagues with your prayers and support. Because of you, Javier and I are here to offer room to Miguel. Because of you, I have been able to keep teaching throughout the pandemic, encouraging women and men throughout Latin America as they serve their communities and share messages of hope.

Thus, Jesus' birth finds us this year, longing to see changes. We join our own songs to that of Mary, who dreamed of the powerful being thrown from their thrones and the hungry being filled with good things (Luke 1: 52-53). God keeps coming to us in the midst of the many ways human beings have constructed to oppress one another. The Babe in the manger says to us another way of life is possible. May we encounter one another in the stable in Bethlehem and there find the renew strength to dream together with God of a world transformed.

Christmas blessings,  
Karla

## Grounds Committee

Ray Keeney

In the month of December 2021 the following was accomplished:

- The Nativity scene was set up in front of the Sanctuary, to include a spot light timed to go on with the security lights at dusk.
- On December 11 (second Saturday Work Day) the cleanup of leaves along the parking lot side of the Office and MH that had been planned to be done prior to the Nativity Festival was completed. The leaves were raked into tarps and carried around to the rear of the Memorial Hall and placed around the 8 crape myrtles to serve as mulch. The sidewalks were blown clean with a leaf blower just in time for the arrival of the first guests to the festival.
- The wire flower stands for Christmas were moved from the garage to Memorial Hall.
- The hose bibs outside the Fellowship Center and Memorial Hall were winterized

Future:

On January 8, 2022 and continuing through all of 2022, the Work Day has being changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month so that the plans for the Work Day can be included in the Newsletter just prior to the Work Day rather than after.

One day a month, with 4 or 5 volunteers, is not enough to accomplish all that needs to be done.

Over the past two years one day a week is closer to what is needed. If a Saturday is not a good day for you, and another day or additional day would work better, we would be willing to meet you any day of the week from 9 AM until noon.

During the winter months of January, February and March all of the trees, shrubs and bushes need to be trimmed back before they begin to bud in March this includes:

Crepe Myrtles:

- Corner of Church Ave & West Ave
- Behind Memorial Hall
- Corner in front of the new sign at the corner of Central Ave and the adjacent parking lot
- Along the fence between the Cemetery and the adjacent parking lot

Rose bushes:

- Along parking lot side of the Sanctuary (5)
- Next to the rear entrance to the Fellowship Center (2)

Grass shrubs along West Ave and Garage need to be cut to the ground..(7)

Yew bushes in front of the windows next to the front porch of the Sanctuary need to be pruned (5)

Church Office:

- Ornamental Grass along sidewalk to office door (cut to ground)

Weeding:

- Area behind HP ramp to Sanctuary main entrance
- Historic sign in front of Sanctuary
- Flag pole
- Planting area along Fellowship Center
- Area around well
- Corner of Church Ave & West Ave
- Breezeway between Sanctuary and Fellowship Center

Nativity scene needs to be disassembled and stored in the garage

Wire flower stands need to be returned to the garage from MH



## Vases, Please

Cindy Benjamin and Gloria Bartholomew

Cindy Benjamin and Gloria Bartholomew continue to deliver altar flowers to those who could use a bright blessing. We are in need of small vases only - those that are 6-7" tall and they can be in any shape (round, square, etc.) or material (glass, ceramic, etc.). This is to accommodate some of the shorter flowers in the beautiful arrangements donated. Just drop them off in the Hall's kitchen and we'll replenish our inventory.





# Christian Education

Bev Bailey

January, 2022

## A Study of the Life of Harriet Tubman and Racial Justice Today

Don't miss these incredible opportunities to explore, learn about, and discuss racial justice at OVPC

- Friday, January 7 Watch the movie, "Harriet" at First Friday Movie Night at Bob/Elaine Wolf home. Dinner 5:30 pm, Movie 7:15 pm (2:05 hours).
- Sunday, January 9 Watch the movie "Harriet" again after Gospel Hour at Fellowship Center (you may also watch the movie on Amazon Prime by renting or purchasing it)
- Sunday, January 16 CE Class (10:30 am at Fellowship Centre) "Discussion of "Harriet" facilitated by Bruce and Pastor Terry.
- Sunday, January 30 CE Class (10:30 am in FC or Memorial Hall). Guest Lecturer Syl Poolford an expert on Harriet Tubman will present, and lead discussion.

Follow up bus trip to the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Park near Cambridge, MD will be scheduled for April or May, 2022. Details will be forthcoming. OVPC may be joined by members of other congregations in the ministerium.





**SCAM  
ALERT**

## Fraud-Buster Checklist

- ☑ Do your research! Check consumer reviews sites and search the company name with the word “scam” or “fraud.”
- ☑ Understand the value of the product you wish to buy. Look at multiple sites to compare. A low ball price is a red flag.
- ☑ Buy with credit cards. Credit cards offer the most protection. Never use peer-to-peer apps to pay an online vendor.
- ☑ Read the fine print. They call it fine print because they don't want you to read it. Zoom in on your smartphone or computer screen to make sure you understand all terms and conditions.
- ☑ Be extra cautious when making a purchase via social media. Scammers are using platforms like Facebook and Instagram more than ever.
- ☑ Double-check the URL to ensure you are on the intended site when making a purchase.

*Extracted from the AARP/Bulletin, December, 2021, Vol. 62, No. 10*



Dick and Pam sporting their Christmas plaid

## Giving to Others



OVPC is responsible for the delivery of meals to Frankford on the second Tuesday of the month.

**"THERE IS NO EXERCISE BETTER FOR THE HEART  
THAN REACHING DOWN AND LIFTING PEOPLE UP."**

**JOHN HOLMES**



Members of OVPC volunteer their time for the Enrichment of Hope After School Program.

A truck load of 50 meals, donated by G&E Supermarket, is headed to Selbyville Middle School.





# Nativity Festival

## Bob Turner and Jim Hartsig







**EVERY GREAT DREAM BEGINS WITH A DREAMER. ALWAYS  
REMEMBER, YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE STRENGTH, THE  
PATIENCE, AND THE PASSION TO  
REACH FOR THE STARS TO CHANGE  
THE WORLD.**



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