



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JUNE 2020



**FROM THE PASTOR:
TERRY DOUGHERTY**

Beloved in Christ,

This may be beginning to feel like *The Perils of Pauline*, but I'll take that risk... When we were last together on this page, I talked about missing all of you, and all the ways we normally connect. I also alluded to ways our being together might change in the future, and for the sake of the future, as the tenuous and circumspect process of "reopening" begins. Now, this is a current reality (though I write before that is so), so I will fill in a bit of what's happened since our last adventure, and how we mean to keep all of us off the railroad track!

New Castle Presbytery met for the 851st time – but the first via Zoom Webinar – on May 19th. The status of the State of Delaware's response to COVID 19 was acknowledged; then Missional Presbyter Tracey Keenan asked us two pertinent questions: 1. "Is it not the case that the majority of our congregations are composed mainly of persons having the precise vulnerabilities that engender 'Safer at Home' cautions?", and 2. "Why be in a hurry?" Those questions, so simple, are compelling. Here at OVPC, leadership has worked all along with the first assumption, and began thinking out the second as we began forming, then filling in, practices for returning.

We believe many of you will feel safer at home for quite some time; maybe until you are satisfied there is real progress in "flattening the curve" nationally, maybe until there is a proven vaccine, maybe for all of the foreseeable future. Your intuition, and your belief, are sacred to us, a denomination that holds firmly "Only Christ is Lord of the Conscience". You are right in your caution, and right in your suppositions about how to conduct your own life; we mean to keep in just as warm and constant, loving contact as we possibly can – and we need your help. You will by now have been called by your Deacon Shepherd, or have received a survey by mail, or you will shortly. That survey will be invaluable to us (and only us; we will maintain your privacy) as we discern how to communicate, minister, and share congregational life in the best and most effective ways.

We will continue to offer live streamed virtual worship, alongside public worship when we resume that (from late May, I anticipate that will still be well in the future as you read this). The

resumption of public worship, when it comes, will be by slow and careful steps.

Our buildings will have been professionally cleaned and sanitized. We will have masks, gloves, and sanitizer freely available (though we will ask you to arrive with masks and gloves as much as you can, so we can provide to guests). This will be a time to be on your game, and show us what you or the creative persons in your lives have come up with as your personal design! Your entrance into worship, or any public function, will be metered by ushers, so as to maintain social distance (this is strongly urged by Delaware, and is common sense as well). Bulletins will contain all you need, including hymns (when and if, on a different time table, we resume singing; singing presents steeply increased risks of spreading infection), and will be disposable in marked containers. Seating will be placed to maximize social distancing; you will be able to identify who is in your “bubble”, normally your spouse, and sit together with them. We will seek to keep wires and equipment out of your pathways, as we maintain our virtual worship component. Worship, and public meetings, will be shorter, to try to maintain a time together as a crowd below one hour. Exit may be by alternative pathways, and will also be metered.

As I mentioned last month, worship for the foreseeable future will be in Memorial Hall, just because its size and airflow recommend it. Our historic sanctuary will need to be viewed as a space for smaller, chapel – style gatherings. It, too, will be marked or roped off for social distancing. Should we need to transition to multiple worship offerings on Sunday, that might invite the use of the sanctuary for smaller (earlier?) offerings.

Just as our worship will be hybridized, both virtual and public, so too our meetings, our Christian Education offerings, etc. All will have a virtual component to the greatest extent possible. Again, we intend to leave nobody behind; be direct with your committee chairs, and all of the leadership, in explaining your needs.

OK. That was exhausting, I’m sure! There will be more to know, and you will know, because OVPC will be direct and complete in keeping you informed. Now, I wish to welcome you back to our home, and the excitement we feel in Summer, as we welcome guests well known, and guests new to us. Our way of loving and

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welcoming needn't change just because the world has changed. I know you will be the kind, welcoming, sharing family others have cherished, and always remember. I remember how you welcomed me, and still do to this day: as members of a warm, closely knit family, under God, who care for stranger and friend alike. Let us look forward to the race we have yet to run, the friends we have yet to meet, and the work God will give us to do. Let us, as well, look forward to the ever-new, and ever-familiar, way we love and care for each other, day by day.

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Terry

A PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC
BY CAMERON BELLM
SUBMITTED BY AMY PEOPLES

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for our
children when their schools close
Remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money in the
tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country,
Let us choose to love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap
our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of
God to our neighbors.
Amen

SESSION REPORT

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

The **Session of OVPC** met on Monday, May 11, 2020 via ZOOM Meeting.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 7:08 PM.

Orders of the Day:

Sewing Circle Annual Report to Session - Elaine Smith, Moderator, reviewed the report presented to Session highlighting 2020 accomplishments along with the impact on COVID19.

The Friends of the

South Coastal Library's Cottage Tour has been cancelled and thus our Heavenly Luncheon is cancelled. We will be looking for new ways to fundraise to support our mission outreach. The new 'Kitchen Ministry' has been most successful for the students and those who shop, prepare, and deliver the food once a month to Cape Henlopen High School. Session appreciates all the Sewing Circle does for the community, mission outreach and OVPC.

MOTION passed to approve the minutes of the **April 13, 2020 Session Meeting**.

MOTION passed to approve the **April 2020 Finance Reports**.

Pastor Terry's report was received.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

Finance Committee updates:

Continue to limit our expenses (based on limited projected income) by taking actions **until our income is adequate:**

- New Castle Presbytery Per Capita and Undesignated Mission, The PCUSA Theological Fund
- all committee allocation/requests are frozen
- the Finance Committee is reviewing and approving all bills to be paid.

Application to PNC Bank for a loan under the Federal Payroll Protection Program (PPP) in the amount of \$15,400.00 to be used towards payroll and utility expenses was

APPROVED on May 4, 2020. We will immediately allocate these funds as required.

The Board of Pensions has waived the payments for March, April and May, 2020.

This is a great relief to our finances as well !

MOTION passed from **Communications/Technology** to better support our new virtual worship outreach, we are entering into agreement with Mediacom for phone and internet service effectively immediately. We are cancelling service currently provided by Verizon. We look forward to better audio and video performance.

MOTION passed to authorize an 'ad hoc' committee of 7 to review our pandemic response so far and build upon sound practices to create an emergency response protocol for finance and administration including the re-opening after the COVID19 emergency shutdown. This group reports to Session.

Session urges all committee chairs to get their Session reports to the office by the Wednesday before the Session Meeting: June 8th Session Meeting - reports are due June 3rd.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 9:35 PM.



Stephen Szlasa June 2nd
Liz Hobler June 4th
Brooks Goldman June 11th
Joni Keller June 17th
Jim Waehler June 20th
Susan Sigvardson June 30th

Carol and Dave Kratch June 6th
Carol and Bill Kester June 8th
Elsie and George Young June 14th
Marlene and Mike Quinn June 27th



Marie Waehler has finished another prayer shawl.



Anyone need a dishcloth? Kathy Sheetz has been knitting them in a variety of colors. Maybe they'll be a JUMBLE item in October!



SEWING CIRCLE

AMY PEOPLES

The OVPC Sewing Circle met by way of Zoom on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 1pm. There were 14 attendees online plus Pastor Terry. Moderator Elaine called the meeting to order at 1:05. A poem was read by Pastor Terry by Paul Murray. An opening prayer was given by Elaine. Birthdays in May were: Marlene Quinn and Elaine Wolf.
Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand \$2,105.13

Marti has separated the funds for Pathways to Success, \$400 until the schools reopen and the program can reopen.

Update on OVPC Mission Committee: Bev reported that the Committee has met 4 times. They are now set up and will begin to help the congregation know about their plans. The Pastor Support Committee is working with them.

Session:

Karen reported the Sewing Circle met with Session and told them that the Heavenly Luncheon will be cancelled since the Library Cottage House Tour has been cancelled because of the COVID 19 Virus restrictions. The kitchen ministry is postponed until schools reopen. Session appreciates all the Circle does for the church and community.

A payroll and utility loan that the church applied for was granted and funds should soon be available. The Board of Pensions has waived dues for the next few months. An Ad hoc Committee was formed to look into how OVPC has handled the COVID 19 financially and see how we can reopen the church safely.

Correspondence:

The Circle received a letter from Bruce Hobler thanking us for the Prayer Shawl that was given to him when he had knee surgery. We will let him know in November how he can donate to the Circle Missions.

Unfinished Business:

Mother's Day Brunch has been cancelled.

A birthday gift for Pastor Terry was approved

Gifts of Women Sunday was postponed and will be rescheduled. Marti has been in touch with Reverend Tracy Keenan and she is happy to come back at a later time.

The Heavenly Luncheon was cancelled due to official cancellation of Cottage Tour by its sponsor the Friends of the South Coastal Library.

(Sewing Circle cont.)

New Business:

The Birthday Offering is usually dedicated in June. We are asked if we have not given funds in our Birthday month or celebrate a birthday in summer to please send a donation to Marti before June 10, 2020. Write check to OVPC and in memo line put Circle and birthday and send it to church. We decided to have our June meeting via Zoom or telephone. If you are not able to Zoom remember you can join the meeting with ease.

Study books are being ordered. If you need one, please let Marti know ASAP. The lesson is called "Into the Light" Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament", rather apropos for the times we are going through now. The study books are \$10.

Since we cannot have our Heavenly Luncheon, it is very important that we have an enhanced Jumble. The date will be Saturday, October 10, 2020 if restrictions are lifted. Many good ideas were suggested on what we should do but it was felt best to form a Jumble Committee to plan and get back to members at the June meeting. The Committee members are: Bev Bailey, Gloria Barthomew, Sue Baer, Karen Colwill and Marti Sommer.

Earlene wanted us to know the Deacon's Dinner that was to be held on June 5th has been cancelled because of the virus. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

We thank Bev for finding online access to our Bible Study. It is presented in You Tube videos. To stay up to date we are on chapter 9.

Our next meeting will be June 10, 2020 at 1pm via Zoom or telephone.

We closed with saying the Mitzpah all together.

It is with great sadness that we are informing you of the death of Jim Trent. Jim died peacefully at Delaware Hospice with Carole at his side. Their children will be coming in to be with Carole. Please keep Carole and all of their family in your prayers.

Blessings, Pastor Terry



DEACON'S REPORT

CINDY WOODRUFF

The Deacon's Mission Project for June is a local nonprofit organization called La Esperanza. They are located in Georgetown. Cindy and Earlene visited there last fall.

"Founded in 1996 to stand as a beacon of hope for the increasing number of immigrants in Sussex County, La Esperanza has evolved into the only multi service nonprofit focused on building family empowerment among Latinos."

The bilingual and bicultural staff guides individuals and families to effectively integrate into the fabric of life in Sussex County, DE. Some of their services include:

Immigration

Personalized help with citizenship process

Citizenship documentation processing

Community information sessions

Victim services

Support services and therapy to treat traumatic situations aimed at victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

Support services and psychological therapy

Personal and family development

Alcohol and Toxic Substance Abuse Prevention Program (PASA)

Personalized financial advice

**Their new director, Dr. Jennifer Fuqua, has agreed to be our guest speaker at the annual Deacon's Dinner. Stay tuned for more information!



PRINCETON SUPPORT TEAM UPDATE

The Princeton Support Team (PST) members continue to meet weekly for brief check – in times for discussion and solutions. On May 6th, we had a ZOOM meeting with Rev. Tom Kort, Terry’s mentor from Princeton Seminary. There was a lot of discussion of finding and continuing innovative ways to enhance the Virtual Worship service we currently have at OVPC. Terry is contacting each member by phone. He is also having a mid – week Wednesday vesper service with ZOOM, which provides spiritual comfort. Tuesday night Bible Study has also begun with ZOOM and all members are invited to “ tune in.” Pastor Terry continues to view Webinars to learn about constructive and effective ways for expanding worship times.

Rev. Kort suggested questions we ask about when and how to return to group worship again: (1) How to worship? (2) Use of facilities (3) Structure of committee meetings (4) General fellowship modes. An ad – hoc committee has been formed to plan these.

The PST is currently meeting with the Mission Committee of OVPC to coordinate and identify a worthwhile, local project, or to partner with an existing plan to use the funds of the First Pastoral Call Leadership Program, that Terry has access to from the Princeton discretionary funds. Since this is the final year of the program, our goals are to use the money wisely in our “ neighborhood. “

We ask all of our members to continually pray for God's direction for Terry and our congregation.

Committee Members

Karen Colwill, Pam Price, Mike Read, Kathy Sheetz and Pastor Terry

SONG FOR THE MONTH

LIZ HOBLER



“I Ain’t Been Nowhere”, The official Song of Quarantine by Chuck Mead

Copy the link below and paste it into your web browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIQvaBOuvAs>



Using Zoom video conferencing, our Stephen Ministers have continued to meet on the first and third Monday evenings, In addition to the peer supervision activities, we have also been studying “Don’t Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart”, a guide book on how to relate to those who are suffering.

These weeks of physical isolation are difficult for many of us. Our Stephen Ministers have been trained on how to conduct confidential caring visits over the phone or via video conference. If you or someone you know is have a difficult time with being disconnected from family, friends, or other church members, speak with Elaine Smith (908.319.4858) about getting matched up with one of our Stephen Ministers.



Pam and Kathy deliver for Meals on Wheels

**"DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN
AT ALL THE TIMES THAT YOU CAN
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN"**

Submitted by Elsie Young

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

KATHY SHEETZ

" Geranium Generosity "



We celebrated Pentecost yesterday during our worship service and you probably noticed the pretty red geraniums in the church. Through the combined efforts of Lord's Landscaping and the FFA of Indian River School District, the geraniums were donated to our church. Thank you to the folks who purchased the plants because that money now will be included in the Pentecost Offering taken during May. God is Good!



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A new stimulus package is in the works – arriving October 10th – an expanded Jumble Sale alongside the ever-popular Heavenly Luncheon at Ocean View Presbyterian Church.

To boost your spirit the Women's Circle is asking for crafters of all kinds to donate their speciality items to a great craft sale in the Fellowship Center. They are looking for:

- Wood and metal workers
- Knitters or crocheters
- Sewers and quilters and needleworkers
- Ornament makers and ceramicists
- Photographers and painters and artists
- Family recipes (with a paragraph about its history)
- Cooks and bakers and candlestick makers

Well, you get the drift...

Of course, the Jumble Sale is still on, so as you're cleaning out keep a box or two to donate too!

Finally and perhaps the best part, is our new carry out Heavenly Luncheon. Sooooo many people will love that they can have our famous chicken salad as a delicious take away lunch.

More details are coming but for more info contact Sue Baer, Bev Bailey, Karen Colwill, Marty Sommer, or Gloria Bartholomew.

EMERGENCY FOOD KITS FOR GUATEMALA

(A joint effort by New Castle Presbytery, CEDEPCA and The Association of Mam Christian Women for Development)

As in our local community, food scarcity due to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a big issue for our partners and friends in Guatemala. In response, the Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery needs your help to provide Emergency Food Kits to the most vulnerable communities. With your \$70 contribution, you can help feed a family of five for one month. Learn more and give today at: <http://ncpguatemala.com/covid>

**Feed a
family of 5
for 1 month**

These food kits contain:

- The basics such as rice, beans, oil, sugar, flour, salt, oatmeal, powdered milk, and eggs,
- Will help feed a family of five for a month.
- Will reach the most vulnerable women of the Association first.
- Are sourced from local businesses and distributed by CEDEPCA.



Please make checks payable to New Castle Presbytery. Be sure to mark *Guatemala Food Kit* in the memo line. New Castle Presbytery is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization; your gift may be tax-deductible as allowed by law. Thank you for your support and helping to make a difference in the lives of our sisters and brothers in Guatemala during this crisis!

CINDY WOODRUFF

Stillness In The Storm
by Deborah Ann

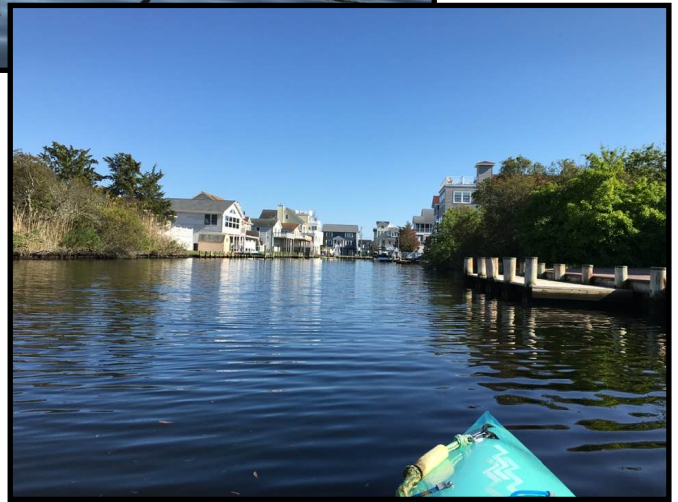
The Lord wants us,
in the storm to be still
He wants us to know
for us, this is His will.

He wants us to remain,
quiet on the inside
when everything else
is troubled on the outside.

He wants us to know,
the battle is His to fight
He wants us to seek
the refuge of His might.

He wants us to have,
peace and tranquility
when all else around us
is full of anxiety.

The Lord wants us,
to have a calm soul
He wants us to know
He's the One in control!



<https://poetrybydeborahann.wordpress.com/tag/calmness/>



Recently I took an evening walk on the sand and snapped a few photos along the way. My last photo was this one. It felt like God was there all along watching over me. I am grateful.

I love to kayak! It brings me to a place of calmness with time to tune in to the sounds, smells, textures and beautiful images around me.

If you ever want to join me, I have two kayaks ready to launch in the South Bethany canal!

**The end is nothing, the road is all.
Willa Cather**

BILL COLWILL

"As with many of you, getting outside has been a lifesaver in the past two months. This week, heading out in two different cars, the Hamiltons and Colwills headed North to hike on the Lewes-Georgetown trail. Before we left our driveway I was impressed by a consistent and beautiful whistling call from a bird near the top of our largest oak. It was only after seeing the photo that I realized that Robins are not as common looking as I thought. They too are majestic.

We parked at the Lewes Library (Rest rooms still not open!) and headed west on this black-topped trail. This was a delightful walk, past backyards, across a few streets, enjoying flowers, trees and good company. (Social distancing!) There are a number of bikes and other walkers, but not too many. We turned around at a fantastic, heavily wooded wet-land. Phil maintained his considerable reputation as a bird spotter, providing this picture of a cardinal in sun/shade.

After our hike we called in for pick-up lunch at Agave's in Lewes (Great Mexican food), and had a delightful picnic on benches along the canal.

A great day!"



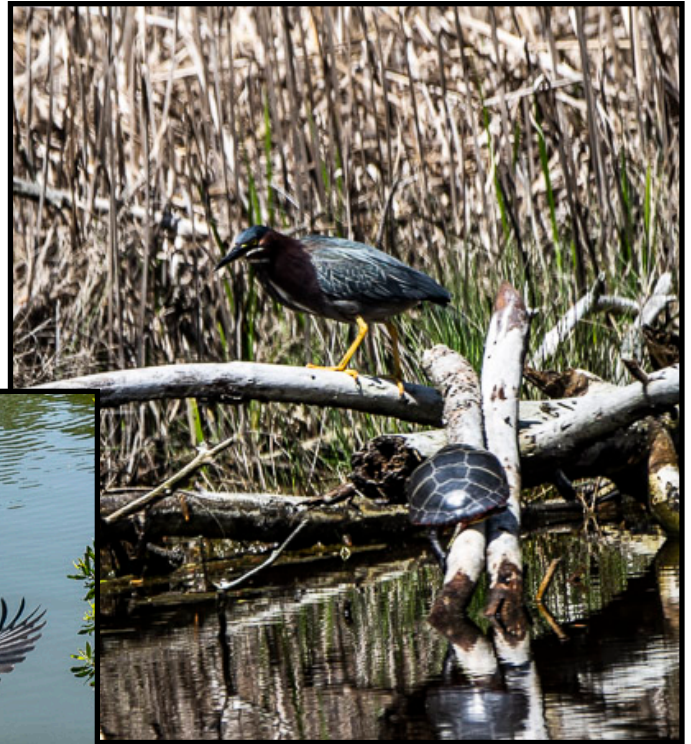
"Simple Gifts:"

**When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend, we will not be ashamed,
To turn, turn, will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come round right**

THANK YOU FOR THE BIRDS

LORIE HARTSIG

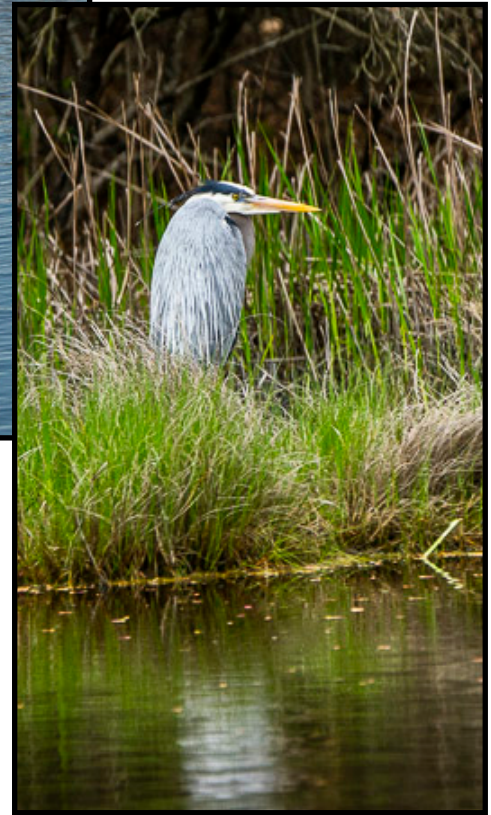
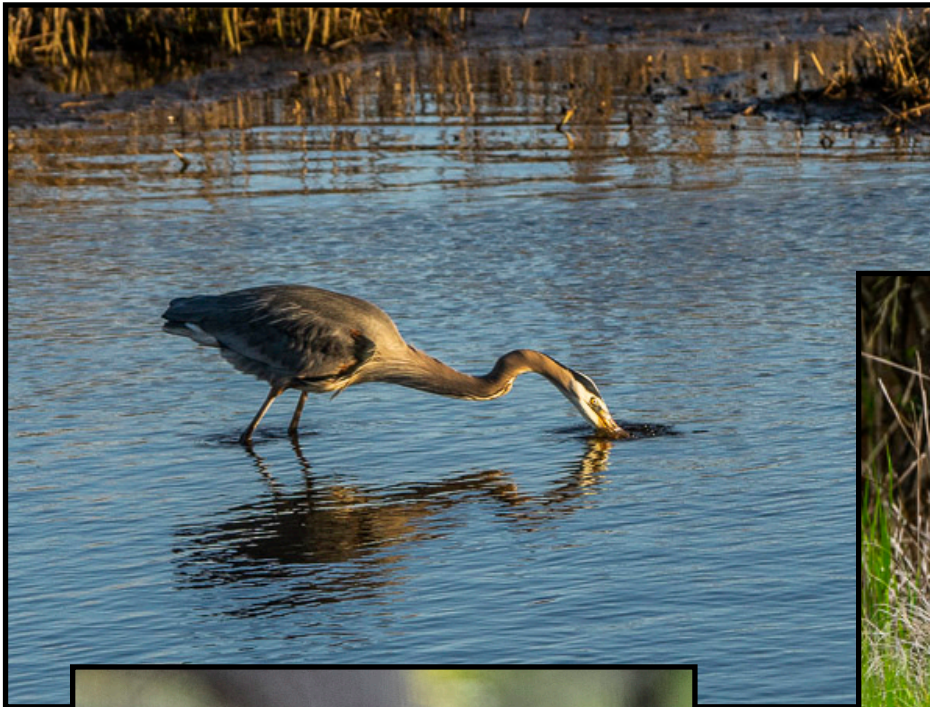
We have been strict about our quarantine the past few months, but one walk outside the house we have allowed ourselves is the short journey to the boardwalk behind the Bethany Beach Nature Center. In mid-March we met a returning osprey pair to the nest they inhabited last year...old friends we knew. But then more osprey came and more nests got settled until now we are watching FOUR pairs each in a nest they have settled for the business of laying eggs and starting a family. As we watched these new friends we have not only learned many interesting things about their habits, but we have also begun identifying more birds! So far we have seen a pileated wood pecker, lesser yellow leg (yep, he is appropriately named!), snowy egrets, terns who dive bomb the marsh waters, an eagle who pestered the osprey one day as they were building a nest, a red-tailed hawk, a green heron and great blue herons who frequent the marsh. We had the amazing opportunity of watching a chickadee mama (she built in the bluebird house near the trail) coercing her little one out of his home for flying lessons. She was bribing him with seeds. The next day the birds were gone so her efforts were successful! We have marveled over and over again at how much we have missed by being too busy to observe! This new quieting of the spirit has given us the blessed opportunity to be thankful for what we are now seeing of God's world!





Osprey at the
Bethany Beach
Nature Center.

**Photograph the world as it is.
Nothing's more interesting
than reality.
Mary Ellen Mark**



Photos by Jim Hartsig

PHOTOGENIC

Marie Waehler and Jim Hartsig



Jim is ready for his wicked serve.
"Duck , Marie!"



Jim's new home office.



Sidewalk remodel continues.



Installation of chair rail
in Memorial Hall

OBSERVING MEMORIAL DAY AT OVPC



“It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived.”

George S. Patton



Photos by Bob Turner and Jim hartsig



WORSHIP
— THROUGH —
GIVING

EVEN THOUGH WE CANNOT WORSHIP TOGETHER, THE CHURCH CONTINUES TO OPERATE, TO PROVIDE FOR OTHERS, AND TO REACH OUT THROUGH MISSION. WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO CARRY ON. THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS IN WHICH TO SHARE YOUR GIFTS.

- DROP OFF AT CHURCH OFFICE
- MAIL TO CHURCH OFFICE
- THROUGH YOUR BANK'S BILL PAY SERVICE

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