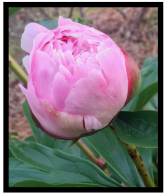




OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MAY 2020



## FROM THE PASTOR: TERRY DOUGHERTY

Beloved in Christ,

I hope this letter finds you well, coping with all the changes that have become routine in this time of social isolation, as well as feeling prepared and capable for whatever may come by surprise. I pray you are spiritually and mentally, as well as physically, sound, and I trust you to reach out to me, or to another trusted friend, before you need to do so.

I do also pray that there has been some good in your life out of all this: a renewed commitment to the niceties and the joys of marriage and friendship, paralleled by a renewed commitment to spiritual and physical practices that enhance wholeness. I hope your stock of books you have been meaning to read is being well and happily depleted (and OK, I will say the same of your video “surfing”, even as I remain largely an outsider to the practice). I hope your stock of gratitude, for sun and wind, earth and sky, friends and acquaintances, has become replete. I pray your “practice of the presence of God”, as Brother Lawrence long ago termed it, has grown as a daily reality.

I also pray for our reunion as the body of Christ in this place; in that light, first things first: We will celebrate! Yours truly missed celebrating God’s great gift of Easter with all of you – missed it very badly. I know you did, too. The twin rebirth of worship together, and coffee hour together, will be so special; it will have the flavor of Easter and Pentecost, and every joyous season of the church, combined! Bring, and share, your creativity!

But... even that, let’s do in light of the following.

This letter may prove to be highly anticipatory; I write in mid-April, looking prospectively to at least May 15<sup>th</sup> (the current extension of the emergency as I write). I know much of this will feel counter-intuitive, but our first responsibility in the wake of coronavirus (and I say this recognizing coronavirus will not be gone), as people who love one another, will be to protect one another. We will all feel differently about re-engaging, more and less certain about what we are willing to do. Some of us will want “normal”; some of us will want to stay home indefinitely. None of us will be “wrong”. But parts of our life together will necessarily be different, and we will need to be mindful.

Prominently different will be the passing of the peace. Here I have to acknowledge that I failed on March 8<sup>th</sup>, and put many folks in a difficult place, by regarding the peace as inter-personally optional. That was unfair to those who wished to not physically engage, while striving not to offend. For the indefinite future, we will need to pass the peace as though we were indeed the “frozen chosen” – verbally, gesturally, but not physically.

Likely, we will be worshipping in Memorial Hall, which is more suited to social distancing than our beautiful sanctuary. If and when we are in the sanctuary, we will social distance! [yes, couples, you may sit together!] We will need to solve whether and how the choir can sing together. The service of communion, when we resume it, will need to be very different; further, there will be no social or doctrinal pressure to receive. I, or any other celebrant, will restrain where we walk, and how close we come while preaching. Masks, gloves and sanitizer will be a fact of life, and must be treated as practical and unremarkable.

We will need to be conscious, at a heightened level, not only of our personal pandemic hygiene, but also of that of our facilities and resources. Everything will require to be wiped down before and after, regardless how clean we think it is.

Finally, we will make every effort to bring everyone alongside as we grow our electronic and technological components of life together. We are not going to abandon live streaming, or Zoom; there will always be people, including members of our own congregation, we will need to reach this way. We are determined not to leave anybody behind, not to have anybody feel left out. Our approach will be instructional and inclusive; it is to be hoped it will be a blessing throughout our lives.

This list can, and should, go on and on; but as Jesus said in His farewell discourse in the gospel of John, “that’s enough for now” (my paraphrase!).

What will not change, but only grow, is the love that continues to bind us together. That is something we can celebrate right now, and forever; the foretaste of our eternal life in God’s renewed world, in God’s great shalom. That same love is the love I feel for each of you, now. I miss you, I think of you, I pray for you. Call whenever; like you, I relish the contact!

In Christ’s love,

Terry

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## SESSION REPORT

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

### OVPC Minute from Session – April 13, 2020

The **Session of OVPC** met on Monday, April 13, 2020 via ZOOM Meeting.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 7:06 PM.

### Orders of the Day:

**Building Committee Annual Report to Session** - Herb Sheetz, Chair, reviewed the current building activity including completion of restoring the wainscoting in the sanctuary and working on the chair rail in Memorial Hall. The project to replace the sanctuary steps is on hold. Session thanked Herb, his committee, and all those that helped with our building's projects.

**Grounds Committee Annual Report to Session** - Ray Keeney, Chair, reports the grounds committee is busy pruning and weeding the areas around the church facilities. Thanks to Ray and Bob Dougherty who replaced 'in-kind' the block sidewalk in front of the office. Session thanked Ray and his committee for keeping our grounds well-kept and beautiful.

**MOTION** passed to approve the minutes of the **March 9, 2020 Session Meeting**.

**MOTION** passed to approve the minutes of the **March 14, 2020 Special Session Meeting**.

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

**Pastor Terry's** report was received.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

**MOTIONS** from the **Finance Committee** were approved:

1. **Limit our expenses** (based on limited projected income) by taking actions **until our income is adequate**:
  - defer monthly payments to The Board of Pensions, 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.
2. **Submit an application** to PNC Bank for a loan under the Federal Payroll Protection Program (PPP) in the amount of \$15,450.00 to be used towards payroll and utility expenses. **(NOTE: We did not receive this loan, funds were exhausted.)**

**MOTION** passed for the Mission Committee to send a letter to Delaware Governor Carney regarding our concern for the homeless during the current COVID-19 pandemic and a plea for assistance for the state's homeless.

**Session** urges all committee chairs to get their Session reports to the office by the Wednesday before the Session Meeting: May 11th Session Meeting - reports are due May 6<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 08:54 PM

Respectfully submitted, Karen B. Colwill, Clerk of Session



Phil Hamilton	May 5th
Tim Smith	May 5th
Marjorie Egger	May 6th
Marlene Quinn	May 13th
Terry Dougherty	May 15th
Bill Wivel	May 21st
Elaine Wolf	May 23rd
Sue Dick	May 26th
Bob Doherty	May 26th



Kathy and Herb Sheetz	May 6th
Karen and Bill Colwill	May 20th
Cindy and Steve Szlasa	May 22nd
Cindy and Don Benjamin	May 26th

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### KATHY SHEETZ



Geraniums (12) will be placed in the Sanctuary to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 31st. If you might be interested in purchasing a plant or two, please tell Lori in the office or Kathy Sheetz. The price would be \$5 or \$6 ; we'll know closer to the date. Thank you from the Worship Committee.

**People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things about us.**  
**Iris Murdoch**

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

### PENTECOST OFFERING

The Deacon's Mission for May is the Pentecost Offering. Each year we celebrate Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Pentecost Offering started in 1998 and unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Your offering supports programs such as:

**The Young Adult Volunteer Experience** – This Presbyterian program trains and equips volunteers to engage in mission at more than 20 sites in the U.S. and around the world. This program receives 25% of the funds collected.

**Youth Ministries** – This program supports ministries with youth ages 12 – 18. “The Senior Project” is a program that allows graduating seniors to explore faith, community and vocation, to provide a grant to the Presbyterian Youth Workers’ Association, a professional association for adult youth workers as well as other youth activities to explore faith, discipleship and justice. This program receives 25% of the funds collected.

**Child Advocacy** – “Educate a Child, Transform the World.” The goal of this initiative is to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to better the lives of one million children by 2020. This program receives 10% of the funds collected.

In addition to these programs, 40% of the Pentecost Offering will remain with our congregation to support initiatives for youth in our local community. In the past these funds have been used to support the Read Aloud program and other programs at Lord Baltimore Elementary School.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to the Pentecost Offering. Thank you.

**A good action is never lost; it  
is a treasure laid up and  
guarded for the doer's need.  
Calderon de la Borca**



# FRAUD

## 6 SCAMS TO DODGE IN 2020

### JOB FRAUD



**THE POSE** Crooks find potential victims using online search tools to look for résumés of job seekers.

**THE PITCH** You're contacted about what sounds like the job of a lifetime and even given a check to cover expenses—just wire money back or send gift cards to cover fees. Only later do you figure out the check is fake.

**THE APPROACH** Usually via email or a professional networking site.

**THE PREVENTION** Real jobs don't come at a cost (actual recruiters are paid by the business.)

### CENSUS SCAMS



**THE POSE** Impostors could pretend to be census takers.

**THE PITCH** You could be asked for your Social Security number or credit card information.

**THE APPROACH** A fake census worker shows up at your door. Or you're contacted by phone, mail or email.

**THE PREVENTION** The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, solicit donations or threaten you with arrest if you don't cooperate. Census takers carry government IDs. For more information, visit [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov).

### ELECTION SCAMS



**THE POSE** Scammers send out fake ads as political action committees or pose as pollsters or campaign volunteers.

**THE PITCH** They pretend to be legitimate fundraisers to trick you into giving them your credit card number or sending a "donation" by gift card or wire transfer.

**THE APPROACH** Phone, email, social media posts—the same ways that candidates contact you.

**THE PREVENTION** Don't donate to a candidate from an unsolicited pitch. Reach out directly to those you support.

### MEDICARE CONS



**THE POSE** A crook will tell you that you can get a free DNA swab test for cancer, or medical devices or services.

**THE PITCH** To get the free health care, you just need to provide your Medicare number.

**THE APPROACH** This offer usually comes via phone or email. Vans drive through neighborhoods, with people knocking on doors offering tests in return for Medicare numbers.

**THE PREVENTION** Never give your Medicare number to anyone but a trusted medical professional.

### PHISHING AMAZON



**THE POSE** Scammers pretend to be Amazon representatives, taking advantage of the fact that the company sent more than 3.5 billion packages last year.

**THE PITCH** You'll be told a package can't be delivered until you "confirm" your credit card number.

**THE APPROACH** Crooks send out millions of random emails. Within the email is a link that, if opened, places malware on your computer to harvest data.

**THE PREVENTION** Don't give information via a link. Go to Amazon's website directly.

### COVID-19 CONS



**THE POSE** You get an email offering a coronavirus vaccine or access to critical medical equipment.

**THE PITCH** Anxiety's high; you are urged to protect yourself.

**THE APPROACH** Some emails ask for credit card information, then bill you for products that never arrive. Others include a link that will install malware to steal your passwords.

**THE PREVENTION** Visit government health agency websites for updates. Be wary of emails during a crisis. There is no COVID-19 vaccine.

The best advice is what you have heard numerous times: Don't answer calls from numbers you don't know. If you do, be sure to hang up the moment that you realize it's a robocall. Don't say anything. Be skeptical of any offer that sounds too good to be true. Never agree to a proposition doing research. If you do happen to fall for a scam, report it to the authorities immediately. But importantly, don't beat yourself up.

"All the victims, to a person, think they are stupid. And all the perpetrators, to a person, think they are really smart," says Chase. "But this is never a story of dumb versus smart. This is always a story of a trusting person, and a person who is willing to violate that trust."



## NEVER

- Give out your Social Security number.
- Give out your bank account number.
- Click on unknown links.

From the AARP Bulletin (April 2020)

*(fraud continued)*

Everyone please be careful. I just received an envelope from FedEx that contained a check for 1300.00, however I had no idea where it came from. When calling the phone number it was a disconnected number. The group that it says the check came from is based out of Toledo. The check says that it's from a Huntington bank. I called Huntington, and the lady said that people will do this in hopes of getting your account information when you deposit the check. Please please pass this along so nobody gets their account info stolen. Always double check anything you get in the mail before cashing anything.

## KEEPING BUSY AT HOME MASK MAKING



I've made cloth masks  
for me to wear when I  
venture out.



Nancy made masks for us. Bob has cool trucks material.  
Both made from quilting leftovers.

Here is a video link on how to make your own face mask. It's easy...sort of.  
Just paste this link into your web browser.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4c5eo\\_3-y0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U4c5eo_3-y0)



## FROM GRAYSON WHEATLEY'S TRIBUTE BOOK

March 21, 2020

Grayson's Celebration of Life was held at 11:00 a.m., as family and friends joined from their homes in a moment of silence. Per Gray's request, Charlotte and Janet prepared the food planned for the celebration and delivered to the local Wheatley families who had planned to attend the service. Janet and I prepared 19 individual meals beginning our day at 5 AM thru 6 PM. The family loved it. I even prepared 6 special kid's meals. Let me know if you would like to have them. . . . Charlotte



Photo by: Lorie Hartsig

**The sun shines bright on their skin.  
The birds chatter above. The buds  
bloom on the trees around them.**

**As if to say,  
We can't be contained.  
~Allison Glock**



## WHERE WERE THE ALLEUIAS?

BOB WOLF

Yes, Easter Sunday certainly was different this year – we weren't all together in our Sanctuary --- *or were we?* And we didn't all get dressed up – *or did we?* And we all didn't ring our bells with joy every time we reached the Alleluia as Kathy played and we sang along to 'Christ the Lord Has Risen Today' ..... *OR DID WE?*

I have to tell you, as one who has been able to see everyone who joins our virtual services on Facebook and see everyone welcome the others; watch the comments, thumbs up's and strings of hearts floating over the video the Sanctuary at OVPC was filled with Joy and the Alleluias rang loud as we proclaimed 'He Is Risen'!

Indeed, since we have been forced into this virtual world, we have all had our challenges but the inability to gather within four walls can not and will not separate us from God or from the spirit reaching deep inside us as we worship together... I would venture to guess that there wasn't a dry eye in the house(s) as Eric sang 'Were You There' during our Good Friday service or as we ended the Easter gathering with the 'Halleluiahs Chorus' as has become our tradition. And our Lenten Times of Prayer proved to be a great success allowing us to hear scripture, consider the Great Commandment and join in corporate and personal prayer – all from our own homes – what a gift!

Pastor Terry, Kathy Rhodes, Eric Neumann and Bill Colwill worked extremely hard and with great imagination to adapt our traditional Holy Week celebrations to this new reality. This continues to be a real challenge and, in many ways, takes more time and planning than a normal service and I am so grateful for the efforts of everyone who participates in bringing our worship to us each Sunday.

If you haven't experienced our virtual services yet, I encourage you to do so - we are live on [Facebook](#) every Sunday at 9:30 and if you would rather watch later, a recording is available on [Facebook](#) and on our [YouTube](#) page. There are also links to all of our worship options on the homepage of our [website](#).

Please be sure that while we do have people in our Sanctuary bringing you these services, we do practice all social distancing guidelines and other safety protocols to protect those participating.



## WELCOME TO VIRTUAL OVPC

Now that we have been forced into a new way of life by way of physical isolation many of us are now faced with the challenges of continuing to be connected using new tools and technologies that we are not familiar with. We realize that some of our congregation are not comfortable with using the computer or smartphone for much more than email and Facebook but be assured that we are here to help if you need it. The Communications and Technology team here at OVPC consists of Don Bailey, Jim Hartsig, and Bob Wolf. Please reach out to any of us if you need assistance and we will do our best to help you out. Of course, your grandkids are also a great source for tech support! If anyone would like to join our C&T team, please let us know – we are venturing into a new brave world for sure and can use your talents and ideas.

As we are now conducting our committee meetings, Bible study, and other online offerings (for example - Terry led the Great Easter Vigil) using the ZOOM platform we are also aware of the reports of security concerns over the product. While there always seems to be someone that is one step ahead of security measures, we are aware of those concerns and are taking the following precautions to make sure we are as protected as possible.

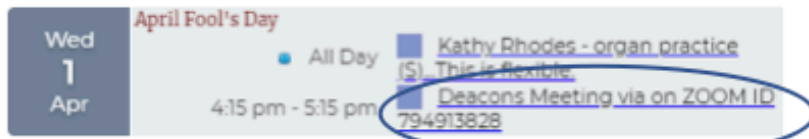
- All meetings are password protected
- All meetings require the leader to admit participants from the 'waiting room'.
- We do not provide meeting credentials over social media. You will be notified via email with the meeting credentials; or if an open meeting the information will be available on the church calendar.
- We will keep the church account software up to date so we have all the latest security updates released by the vendor.

A little ZOOM etiquette and some tips:

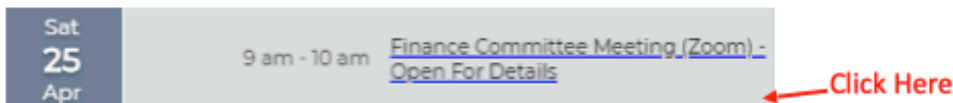
- If you are setting up a meeting, please be sure Lori has the information so she can put it on the church calendar
- When joining the meeting always join with audio and video when (if) prompted
- If you are not actively speaking please mute yourself
- If you want to say something while muted raise your hand (yes, like in school) and the moderator will recognize you
- If we are joining in corporate prayer (ie; Lords Prayer) please be sure you are muted as we all pray at a different pace
- If you are using a tablet, once connected please try to find a stable place to prop it up and don't touch it again (except to mute/un-mute) – tablet screens are very sensitive and you can start changing things (or knocking yourself out of the meeting) without even trying to.
- Please participate! This really is a great platform to stay connected with our church family and bring worship into your home.

And something you might not know about our online calendar:

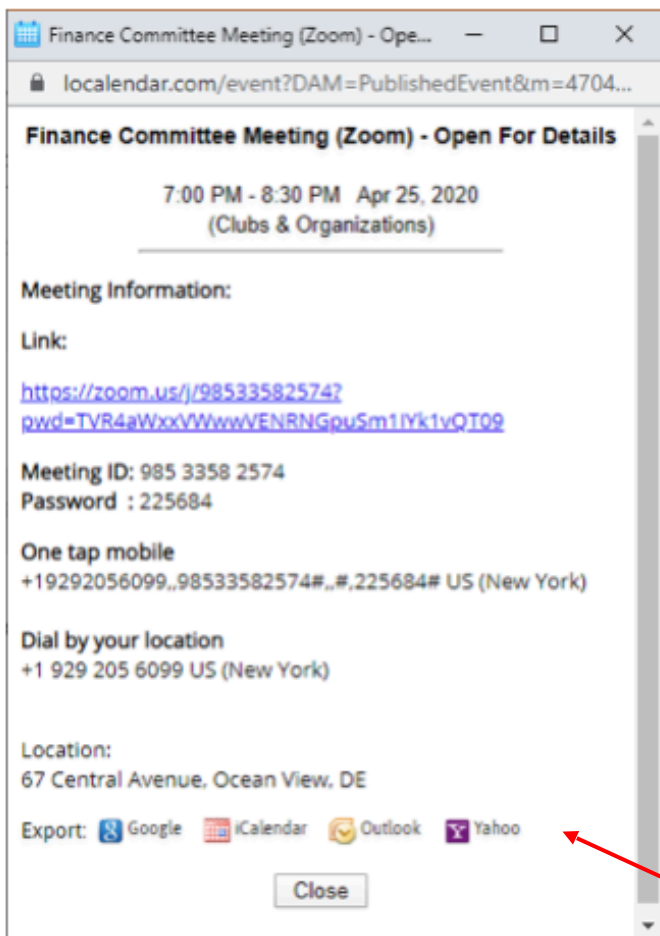
If you see an entry on the calendar for a ZOOM meeting and you don't see the information to join with the meeting title like this:



It may be inside! Just click on the meeting and look what happens!



Here is all the information you need plus you can even add it to your personal calendar.



Click on the calendar you use to add

Remember all of the ways you can be connected to us in Worship. All of these links are available on our Homepage at [www.ovpc.org](http://www.ovpc.org).



Listen to the most recent audio only version of Pastor Terry's message. Depending on the length of the service, the entire service may be provided.



Join us on Facebook – Visit our Facebook page for live worship and more at [www.facebook.com/oceanviewpc](https://www.facebook.com/oceanviewpc). Be sure if you have a Facebook account to follow us so you get all the most recent information right on your newsfeed.



See all of our video worship services on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoENEUvG5LPZV2UaR2v6cRQ>



Listen to audio of past services – Sermons and Anthems and also selections from Voices of the Word at [www.ovpc.org/audio.html](http://www.ovpc.org/audio.html)



Joining our live worship on Facebook Sunday morning? Be sure you download the current worship bulletin so you can fully participate as well as see any important announcements

And be on the lookout in your inbox for new offerings coming in the future! We want to do everything we can to stay connected with you all and perhaps make a few new friends along the way. If you have any suggestions please feel free to contact Pastor Terry or any member of the Communications Team.





# NONPRESBYTERIAN RHAPSODY

## BY A NOT-YET-PAST BENTZ

### SUBMITTED BY TOM BENTZ

#### Lent Went (2020)

Lent  
went  
when  
we traded the body  
or the shroud  
of a done-in  
son of man  
or God,  
messiah  
or pariah  
for an Easter bunny,  
hopping  
for our family fun  
over a not good  
disaster Friday  
like a smooth stone  
skipping  
over surf, surfaces and  
tombstones,  
sticks and bones,  
sickness and suffering,  
death and revival,  
hoping  
in medication  
for our preservation  
and survival,  
while a wild virus  
among us  
vents us.

#### Haiku

A vulture hovers  
over us  
as a pent virus

#### As Clouds Pass Over By Thomas Bentz

Light clouds pass over  
us  
at sunset  
as angels of breath,  
yet dark invisible  
viruses pass  
around  
or among  
and in us  
as silent shrouds  
over our borders  
and shoulders.

#### Gloria in Excelsis Deo & Boléro for now & tomorrow

To  
Jehovah,  
Jesus,  
& us,  
not in viral  
and ill  
but in phil  
harmony:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3UW218\\_zPo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3UW218_zPo)

The Lone Saxophone

#### Bohemian Bentz

I'm just a poor boy from a poor family  
in Sheboygan  
(where she, o boy, the first love of my life left me,  
and left me beggin' again and again for more,  
so I left the wurst city in the world on the great  
lakeshore,  
and set off to see if I could be big in the Big Apple,  
but ended up  
or down,  
Biden my time here  
on the Delaware shore,  
guess you didn't know  
where Delaware is  
or that it has a shore,  
but I digress)  
inviting you to join in the chorus  
to ward off the virus;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Eo9M4-BrJA>

## CREATIVE QUARANTINE

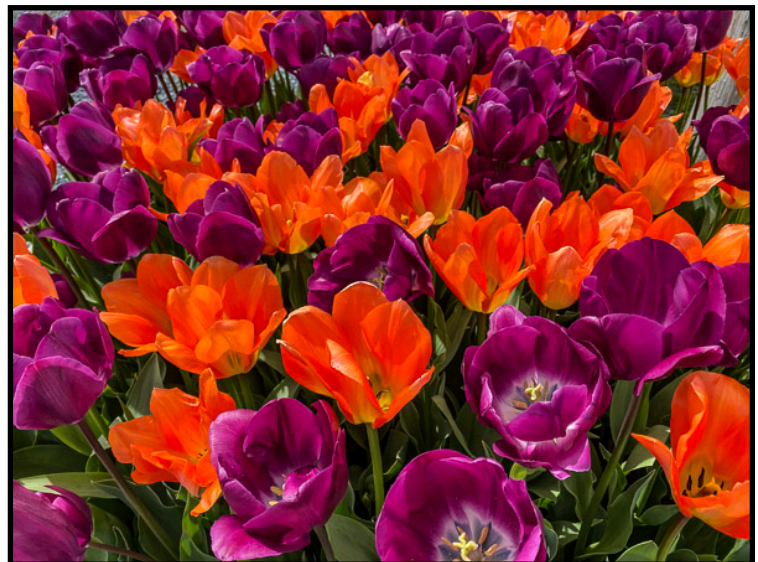
### CINDY WOODRUFF AND GLORIA BARTHOLOMEW





## CREATIVE QUARANTINE - 2

Little projects keeping us busy: Maintaining a book box located behind the BB Nature Center, painting rocks with Easter eggs and placing them around our neighborhood. As always, photographing God's beauty around us makes us happy. Lorie and Jim



*Flowers always make people better, happier and more hopeful; they are sunshine, food and medicine to the soul. . . Luther Burbank*

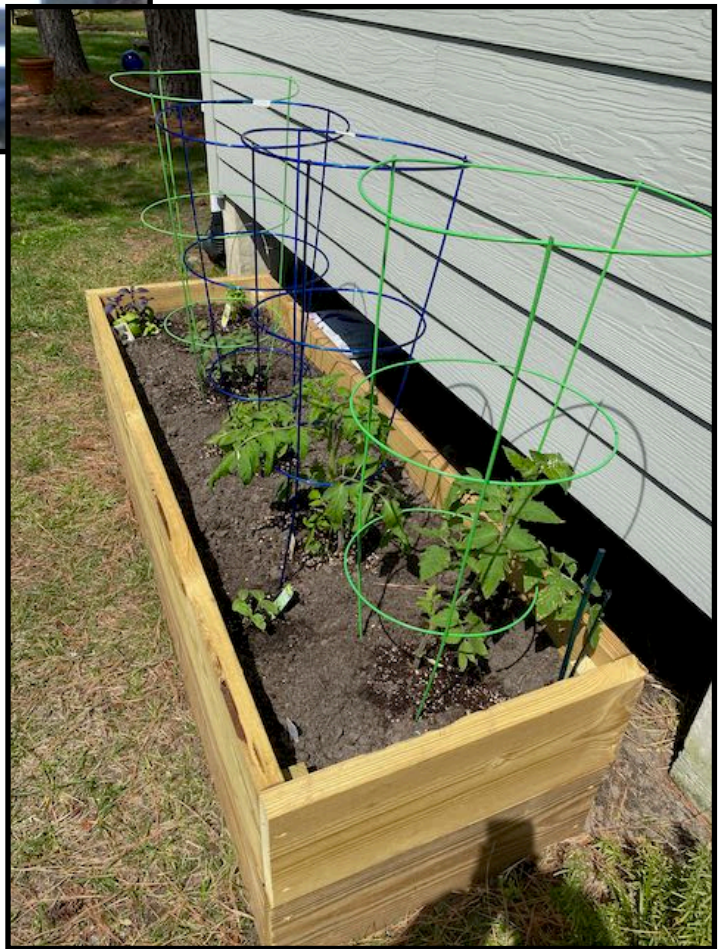


## CREATIVE QUARANTINE - 3



Cindy and Gloria's planter box.

**Do stuff that will  
make you reflect  
on this time  
fondly. DJH**

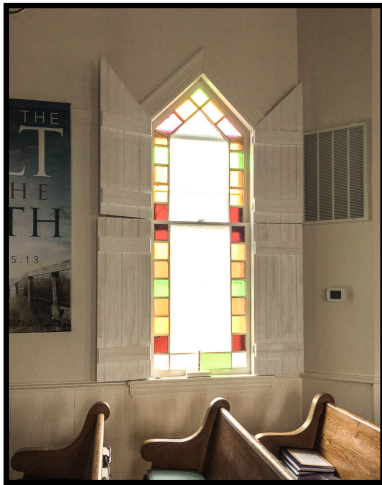


Lorie and Jim's planter box.



## PHOTOGENIC

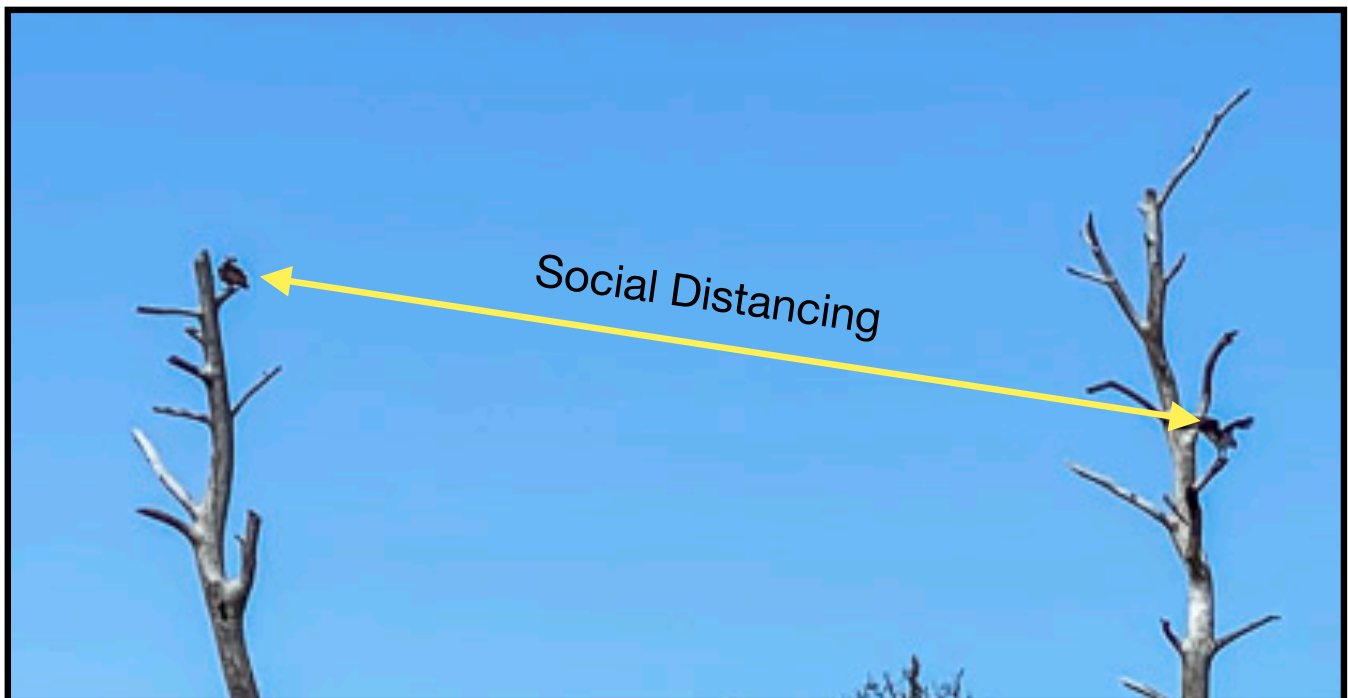
Jim Hartsig and Herb Sheetz



Sanctuary window gets new shutters.



Sidewalk extended. Nice work, Ray Keeney, Bob Doherty and Kerry Shull.



Even these ospreys are obeying the rules.

## ANY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Try these favorite picks at home on your TV



<u>Network</u>	<u>Show</u>	<u>Movies/Series</u>
Netflix	Last Tango in Halifax	Series
Netflix	After Life	Series
Netflix	800 Words	Series
Netflix	Ken's Convenience	Series
Netflix	Unorthodox	Series
Netflix	Space Force	Series (May)
	The Greatest Showman	Movie
	Ground Hog Day	Movie
	La La Land	Movie

The Roku Channel has some free movies in May.

There are also plenty of cooking shows on Netflix, Hulu, Roku and PBS to to whet your appetite.

