



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OCTOBER 2019



From the Pastor Terry Dougherty

A Dispatch from the Irish Postman

I've a customer on my route, out beyond town in the way-offs, who farms his little piece of land and sells most of the produce in a stand by the road. 'Tis great stuff, I don't mind telling you, and very reasonable as well. His property's really pretty, as well; it backs up on Pleasant Pond Park. Right on it, actually; the pond itself, that is. The rest of the park is on three sides of the pond, and it's lovely, too; but to stay in the park you need to ramble round the pond, then return the way you came - and that can be a longish hike on a hottish day!

Well, old Ralph - the owner - and I got talking one day in the shade of his stand (and it's none of my P.M.'s business - *customer service!*), and he shared the time-honored solution to that little problem. Seems that, for as long as he could remember, or his father before him, there had always been a little informal path - really a bit of a road - that completed a way all the way round the pond. And in season or out, sometimes more and sometimes less, people had always walked it. With their kids, with their dogs, on their bicycles and even on their horses, there had always been an uneven stream of those passing down along the last edge of the property. From when he was a boy, Ralph had always set out water and fruit or radishes or cucumbers on a little stand down there, which people could just take or not as they pleased: no charge, though some did leave money.

Now, Ralph has a son, and when the son was back from not liking school or much of anything else, he took it upon himself (this was years' gone now) to improve the farm, and to make it more profitable. And he confronted Ralph: "why do you allow all that traffic down by the pond?!? It's OUR land, and we could be farming it, too!" Well, Ralph told him the old stories, but none of that would do! Sentimental, wasteful, wrong-headed, and on and on... Ralph gave in, coz he wanted his son home, and he wanted something to work out for his son, and he wanted the farm to stay in the family come the time - you know.

So our young tiger put up barriers, and enforced those barriers, and improved the land, right down to water's edge. And I guess commercially it was grand, but says Ralph, "my heart kind of went out of it"; so he left off doing the work and stuck by the stand. But the stand...well... it had never been a "profit center"; so the son began to sort of starve it. After a while, folks stopped showing up, stopped staying to chat, and Ralph's heart sank again.

However it was, over time, Ralph sort of retired, the son (not happily) perspired, and a load of good will seemingly expired - til the fields caught on fire. It was bad enough, says Ralph, without that the fire wagons could not get to the pond, to draw the water that would have come so in handy. What was left to do, in the end, was to reclaim what had been, and that was a lot of work indeed. As it would turn out, good will in plenty was there; a great many remembered with a will that fine path, and those fine days, and so they worked with a will and a generosity that restored the heart in Ralph's breast that had withered away. The son? The son wanted out, and Ralph let him (he hopes temporarily!). The old road, and the old ways, returned, though now young people and hired hands do the work. Ralph works the stand, and I'm happy to say that means he works the crowds.

But all that just leads me to think "how sad". Does it not you? Bitterness and striving, discontent, isolation, desolation; and none necessary! It's a thing, I don't mind telling you, I cannot understand.

Wisdom is at home in the mind of one who has understanding, but it is not known in the heart of fools. Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Proverbs 14: 33, 34.

"...this was the simple happiness of complete harmony with her surroundings, the happiness that asks for nothing, that just accepts, just breathes, just is."

Countess Von Arnim (1866-1941)... from Marie Waehler

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Cindy Benjamin
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Session Report

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm

The regular September Session Meeting was held on September 10, 2019 in Fellowship Center. Present were Moderator: Rev. Terry Dougherty; Elders: Bob Clark, Marti Sommer, Don Bailey, Cathy Yantz; Excused: Ellen Neumann, Bob Wolf; Clerk: Karen Colwill; Treasurer: Liz Hobler.

Guests:

Dale and Elaine Smith, Stephen Ministry Leaders

Judy Reicht and Kathy Sheetz, Facilities Committee (Marti Sommer)

Moderator opened with devotions and prayer at 7:05 PM

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

1. Stephen Ministry Leaders: Dale and Elaine Smith

Dale and Elaine distributed and explained the Stephen Ministry Assessment - September 2019. It is recommended that the leaders of Stephen Ministry conduct an assessment of the program, preferably annually, to determine what's working, what's not, and to identify areas for improvement. The Session, Pastor Terry and Clerk, Karen Colwill, are asked to complete the assessment questionnaire and be prepared to discuss at the October 2019 Session Meeting. The completed assessments will be given to the leaders for reference.

2. Facilities Use Committee: Judy Reich - Chair, Kathy Sheetz, Marti Sommer, Liaison

Judy and Kathy presented a detailed proposal to replace all the carpet in Memorial Hall. The committee presented two bids along with their recommendation. The committee is recommending HomeWorks - Carpet One located on route One in Bethany Beach. The Shaw carpet pattern and color is Stars and Stripes. A sample of the carpet was available. The installation will be completed over a three day period. All renters will receive prior notified as to when the building will not available.

MOTION from the Facilities Committee to accept the proposal submitted by Carpet One for \$10,400.00 for installation of carpet in Memorial Hall with the selection of the color - Stars and Stripes. The amount of \$5,200.00 (50%) is due at the signing of the contract. All monies will come from the Capital Improvements Account. **MOTION** made and passed.

Session is requesting that Buildings and Grounds, with the support of the Facilities Committee, obtain bids to paint Memorial Hall prior to the carpet installation. The bids, once received, will be presented to Session for approval. We are targeting to complete the painting and carpet installation prior to the holiday season.

3. Treasurer's Report: Liz Hobler, Treasurer

Session reviewed the Financial Reports for August 2019. **MOTION** made, seconded and passed to approve the August 2019 Financial Reports.

4. Monthly Committee Reports

Received as reported.

CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE:

1. **MOTION** passed to approve the docket of this meeting.
2. **MOTION** passed to approve the AUGUST 12, 2019 Session Minutes.
3. **Consent Agenda MOTION:** N/A
4. **Document** the email **MOTION** approved to change the September Session Meeting from September 9, 2019 to September 10, 2019 per Pastor Terry's request.
5. **Clerk requests MOTION** made, seconded and approved to change the November Session Meeting from November 4, 2019 to November 3, 2019.
4. **Correspondence:**

Request received from Bob Doherty for OVPC to make a donation to the Crop Walk. This request will be forwarded to the Board of Deacons.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - 2019 as of 9/10/2019

	Female	Male	Total	Households
ACTIVE MEMBERS - 1/1/2019	52	40	92	63
Sara Philips Fitzgerald died 4/4/2019	-1		-1	
Jane Bonbright 5/13/2019	+1			
John Bonbright 5/13/2019	+1	+1		
Gloria Bartholomew 6/3/2019	+1			
Randy Bartholomew 6/3/2019	+1	+1		
Joann Griffin died 8/3/2019	-1		-1	
Janet Anderson died 8/17/2019	-1		-1	
ACTIVE MEMBERS - 9/10/2019	51	42	93	62
Members Baptized - 1/1/2019	10	5	15	9
Members Baptized - 9/10/2018	10	5	15	9
INACTIVE MEMBERS - 1/1/2019	23	14	37	29
INACTIVE MEMBERS - 9/10/2019	23	14	37	29
AFFILIATE MEMBERS - 1/1/2019	4	1	5	5
AFFILIATE MEMBERS -9/10/2019	4	1	5	5

A **MOTION** was made, seconded and carried to approve the Clerk's Report.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Report received.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Disaster Plan - (Don Bailey)** Scheduled the replacement of the front sanctuary doors with new vendor and newly approved budget. Waiting on delivery notification.
2. **Facilities Use Committee** replacement of the carpet in Memorial Hall. See **MOTION** under Orders of the Day on first page.
3. **Leadership Training - (Pastor Terry)** scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2019. Jennifer Read, Pam Price and Rev. Dr. Thomas Kort, Princeton Theological Seminary, will facilitate with Pastor Terry.
4. **Church Street Lot Purchase - (Don Bailey)** deed is outstanding. Survey will be conducted and corners staked. Closing cost refund, due to non-profit status, is outstanding.
5. **Nominating Committee update - (Cathy Yantz)** Chair is asking to revise the Mission Committee Job Description to allow for a co-chair structure. **MOTION** made and passed to revise the Mission Committee Job Description to accommodate a chair or co-chair structure. Nominating Committee will discuss and vote as to the structure they support.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Administration - (Don Bailey)** received a notice from the town of Ocean Review regarding a variance request for 36 single family condominium. Don will write a letter indicating our concern regarding the traffic on Church Street and West Avenue.
2. **Communication and Technology - (Bob Wolf)** **MOTION** made and passed to continue advertising OVPC on the Bethany Diner Placemat.

NEXT MEETING The next regular stated meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. in Fellowship Center.

CLOSED WITH PRAYER: The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:50PM.

SESSION MEMBERS

Following the election of Sunday, November 4, 2018 (ordination/installation on November 18, 2018), the members of the 2019 Session are as follows:

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Donald Bailey (2)	Ellen Neumann (1)	Marti Sommer (1)
Catherine Yantz (1)	Robert Clark (1)	Bob Wolf (1)

CHURCH OFFICERS (12/10/2018)

President	Donald Bailey
Vice-President	Bob Clark
Secretary	Karen Colwill
Treasurer	Elizabeth Hobler
Finance Secretary	n/a
Presbytery Commissioner	Mike Quinn 2019
Nominating Committee	Cathy Yantz (chairperson)



Nok Schwartz	Oct. 2nd
Bob Turner	Oct. 27th
Karen White	Oct. 4th
Carole Trent	Oct. 7th
Elsie Young	Oct. 9th
Carol Kratch	Oct. 12th
Charlotte Wheatley	Oct. 14th
Evelyn Clark	Oct. 16th
Lorie Hartsig	Oct. 20th
Ollie Robling	Oct. 25th
Ray Keller	Oct. 30th



Sandy and David White	Oct. 3rd
Mary Reed and Tim Smith	Oct. 7th
Nancy and Bob Turner	Oct. 7th
Elaine and Bob Jackson	Oct. 8th
Pam and Terry Dougherty	Oct. 9th
Earlene and Al Defazio	Oct. 23rd



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 October 7th



Beware of offers for a free cancer screening.

Crooks may be fishing for your data so they can commit Medicare fraud. DO NOT respond to a phone call asking if you would like a free DNA test to check for a disease. The scammer is fishing for your Medicare and personal information so they can submit fraudulent Medicare claims. Fraudulent Medicare claims cost the taxpayer an estimated \$60 billion each year.

Paraphrased from the July/August 2019 AARP newsletter

Christian Education

Karen Rubin Hamilton

Join us in Memorial Hall after worship this month as Pastor Terry, Marlene Quinn and Bev Bailey will lead us in 4 class sessions on “Racism: How Should Christians Respond?”

Bible Study combined with current events and magazine articles will give us much to think about on a subject many of us would rather not discuss. Decades after the Civil Rights Movement, America is still dealing with racism. Recognizing the centuries-old mistreatment of minority groups, how should we as Christians respond to racism? Is it possible to respond in ways that actually make a difference? How should our faith inform and transform the way we think about race?

You will be encouraged to read a specific article prior to each session.

October 20: “Lessons from Martin Luther King, Jr.” Pastor Terry

October 27: “The Big Picture of Racism” Marlene Quinn

November 3: “How Should Christians Navigate White Privilege?” Bev Bailey

November 17: Guest Speaker from Sussex County

**October, tuck tiny candy bars in my pockets and carve my smile into
a thousand pumpkins.... Merry October**

Rainbow Rowell

International Peacemaking Coming to OVPC

What is an International Peacemaker? The Presbyterian Mission Agency has a Peacemaking Program at the National Office in Louisville, KY. Since 1984 they have been bringing leaders from partner denominations and organizations around the world to visit PC(USA) presbyteries and individual churches to interpret issues of peace and justice. Over 300 International Peacemakers from 60 countries have been hosted by Presbyterians. By sharing stories of their work and witness, the peacemakers help us understand concerns and provide insights that inspire us to greater faithfulness.

This year OVPC is blessed to spend a week of the month that they are here with Peacemaker Erlinda Maria Quesada Angulo from Costa Rica. Erlinda has been an activist since her early 20's. In 2000, she and other activists became alarmed by the negative impacts of the expanding pineapple plantations in the Caribbean region of Costa Rica. In 2004, she helped establish the National Front of Sectors Impacted by Pineapple Productions (FRENASAPP). She is the coordinator and community promotor for this organization in the Caribbean region of Costa Rica. She has served 20 years on her city council and is currently president of the Environmental Council for the Tortuguero Conservation Area.

Erlinda will be accompanied by Dr. Karla Koll, who will serve as her interpreter while she is here. Dr. Koll is a PC(USA) mission co-worker, serving as Professor of history, mission and religions at the Latin American Biblical University in San Jose, Costa Rica. Karla visited OVPC a few years ago to tell us about her work, and is supported by our church. Thirteen members of this church spent a week in San Jose in February, 2018, to learn about her work and life in Costa Rica. We look forward to visiting with her.

On **Friday, October 4**, OVPC will host a pot-luck dinner at 6:00 PM in Memorial Hall for the congregation to meet Erlinda and Karla. After dinner Erlinda will make a short presentation to tell about her work.

Saturday, October 5, 9:30-12 noon, OVPC will host a "Morning With Erlinda Quesada" and how her work has impacted life in her community and country. It will also expand our knowledge of Matthew 25—"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.....I was sick and you took care of me...". We have invited all the churches both in our local ministerium and New Castle Presbytery. All are invited....bring a friend who is interested in our own community. Continental Breakfast and light snacks will be served.

Sunday, October 6, 9:30 Worship—World Communion Sunday. Erlinda will preach during worship. After worship, there will be a reception to thank Erlinda Quesada and Karla Koll for all we have experienced and to wish them well as they prepare to return to Costa Rica. The International Peacemakers spend one month here in the United States and visit different Presbyteries around the country. Erlinda begins and ends her journey here in Louisville, KY at the Presbyterian Center and will visit four Presbyteries on the East Coast. We are her last stop. Please come to this important weekend in the life of your faith community. Welcome the stranger and make a new friend...



Receptivity to Care

Most people are much more open to giving care than to receiving it. When a person is giving care, they are in a position of strength, stability, even authority. When a person is receiving care, they are

acknowledging weakness, insecurity, and vulnerability.

As a result, there are countless people today who, though they really could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care, instead, tough it out on their own. They remain the strong silent type or wear a smile across their face that is holding back a flood of tears. Society encourages this...especially for men. To show weakness is to admit inferiority.

But God did not create us to be independent. God's Word is clear on this all the way back in Genesis: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." (Gen. 2:18). The New Testament underscores this theme with more than 50 verses that contain the word "another", verses such as "love one another", "encourage one another", "build up one another", and "pray for one another."

What these verses don't say is that we alone are to love, encourage, build up and pray for one another. The "one another" wording gives them reciprocal meaning. So, it also says that we are to allow others to love, encourage, build up, and pray for us.

It is most difficult for people to ask for help. Whether it is due to guilt, shame, inadequacy, pride, or fear of rejection, many would much prefer to suffer alone than ask for help. But, suffering alone is not God's intent for us. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28). We can receive this promised rest when we turn to one another for comfort and help.

Our Stephen Ministers know all about receiving care. Many of them have been on the receiving end of care at an earlier point in their lives – something that has motivated them to give care now. They know how difficult it is to ask for help, but they also know the great personal and spiritual growth and healing that follows. They know how to respond in a loving, caring, and nonjudgmental manner. They are equipped, ready, and waiting to provide the comfort and care God very much desires you to have.

If you find yourself facing difficulties in life, don't succumb to society's norm of remaining strong and suffering alone. Take the courageous step of seeking help. Open your heart to receiving God's love and grace through another person. Our Stephen Ministers offer the opportunity for a very confidential relationship with someone who will listen to you and provide you with the care and encouragement you need, while Christ works inside to bring rest to your weary burdened heart.

To learn more about having a Stephen Minister, for yourself or another, speak with Elaine Smith, the Referrals Coordinator.

Building and Grounds

Ray Keeney



The Session has approved splitting the Building & Grounds Committee into two separate Committees.

The Nominating Committee is presently working on filling all the positions for next year to include the new Building Committee and the Grounds Committee.

Until the new committees take office at the end of the year the B&G will continue functioning as usual. The only change will be that the **Fall Clean Up** scheduled for Saturday **November 2** will only be for work on our buildings.

Some members of the B&G Committee are working on a weekly basis Monday mornings to get caught up on some things that need to be addressed. If any one would like to

join us from 9 to 11 AM on Mondays give Ray a call at 410-409-3324 or email at rek5bison@gmail.com

Worship Committee

Cathy Yantz

World Wide Communion

Please help us decorate the Sanctuary for World Wide Communion.

Bring in your fabrics from around the world to the office by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd.

Thank you from the Worship Committee.

Remembering Lost Love Ones

The Worship Committee would like to remember your **immediate** family members who have died since November 1, 2018. (Grand parents, Parents, Spouse, or Siblings). Please send their names to Pastor Terry, or Cathy Yantz by Sunday, October, 20th so your loved ones can be remembered Sunday, October 27, 2019 during the worship service.

Fall Jumble

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CENTRAL AVE JUST NORTH OF RT 26

Saturday, October 12, 2019
9 AM to 12 PM



Books

Bake Sale



Plants

Linens



WHITE ELEPHANT



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL MISSIONS



CROP WALK 2019!

Sunday, October 20, 2019

THE OVPC TEAM SITE IS UP!

The 31th annual S/E. Sussex crop walk will be held on Sun. October 20, 2019 rain or shine. It will start and end at the bandstand on the boardwalk in Bethany Beach.

Sign in and entertainment is between one and two PM . Step off at 2:15. The walk is about 2 miles and should take about 45 min. to complete. After the walk everyone is invited to the Bethany Beach Christian Church for a hot dog and drink. For those who don't care to walk you can still come to the bandstand cheer us on and enjoy a hot dog .

The walk is sponsored by Church World Service (CWS) the money raised will be used both here at home and abroad. 25% of the walks grand total stays in Sussex Co. Last years 25% was \$5,880 and was equally shared between five member churches that have a food pantry. Each received \$1,175.

This is a worthwhile cause helping many people who are in need and remember that over 85% of the money raised is used to support CWS. Mission.

Crop = **C**ommunities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty

Our online team site is up and running for the 2019 Crop Walk. From the link below you can do several things.

- Join the online team and collect online donations just as if you were walking
- Donate to the team
- Donate to a specific walker

Please visit the site and encourage all of your friends to do the same! You can access our site by clicking the link below or from the church home page. Our initial online goal is \$1,500 but let's try to exceed that for those who suffer from hunger. If you would like to walk, please see Bob Doherty or contact the church office.

[Visit the OVPC Crop Walk Team Page Here!](#)

Note: I'm sorry to say that I won't be able to participate in this year's walk because my granddaughter is getting married that weekend and she refused to change the date. Bob Doherty.

Photogenic

Jim Hartsig



On September 15th the Shofar Trumpet was presented by guest speaker Brett Buchler. He shared with us the ancient history and spiritual significance of the Shofar (ram's horn) Trumpet. And two willing OVPC volunteers showed us how it's done!

Advent Devotional Reminder

Elsie Young



The writings for the Advent Devotional are to be submitted to Bob Wolf or Elsie by October 27 (2019).

**“Every leaf speaks bliss to me,
Fluttering from the autumn tree.”**

Emily Bronte



Friday Night At The Movies

**November
1st**

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY

That's what OVPC is in the month of October ---- first we will have a full weekend with International Peacemaker Erlinda Quesada and then the Fall Jumble will happen the very next weekend... as a result, we won't be scheduling a movie night for October. But we will be getting together once again on **November 1st** to watch the 2019 film '**Breakthrough**' which tells the true story of Missouri teenager John Smith. In 2015, John was submerged underwater for 15 minutes following a lake accident. John made a full recovery after his mother, Joyce, said a prayer over him at the hospital. Stay tuned for more details....

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 ---

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