

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOVEMBER 2021



From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty

Cherished Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In October, we as a congregation and I as a preacher engaged with the Book of Job for four weeks – too little for sustained engagement with all that is in the text, but enough to be highly provocative! As I acknowledged in worship one of those weeks, it was interesting and enlightening to see how differentially –

from people I deeply respect! – I was interpreting Job this time around the lectionary. I think that had, and has, everything to do with the commitments I am part of: here at OVPC, where we have taken the step of proclaiming ourselves one of the increasing number of Matthew 25 churches; at the level of the Ministerium, where we are conscious of changing, and accelerating, patterns of need; and at the level of the Presbytery, where, working as I do on the IGNITE committee, I see more and more the patterns and history of social exclusion and deprivation, here and elsewhere.

Job is widely, in the interpretative tradition, seen as a fore-runner and pattern of the suffering one, shedding light on how we read Isaiah, the 22nd Psalm, and the life and ministry of Jesus. For this year, anyway, I found myself not going along; instead analyzing less favorable insights into Job's behavior and, perhaps, character. It seemed, and still seems, to me that Job's abundance made him feel entitled – yet did not make him feel obliged. We know that the classic Hebrew understanding of power and wealth is that both come with obligation to watch out for the orphan, the widow, the prisoner, the sojourner; examples of those who suffer most when society moves past without seeing them, of those who can become habitually (on the part of society) invisible. But we also know kings regularly needed prophets to beguile or shame them into appropriate treatment of these groups – and that often enough kings, and society, had no such compunction. We know that corvee labor, along with military service, were often imposed from above, and that they were painfully costly to women and families. We can conclude that biblical admonitions, in the Hebrew Bible and our New Testament, against "adding building to building, adding field to field", were not just admonitory, but treated with real behavior. Those on high, as Mary prophetically observed to Gabriel, sometimes need to be toppled, if others are to survive and thrive.

So, it seems to me, Job felt entitled, but did not feel obliged. Somehow, somewhere, over time, he had lost the reflex of realizing his bounty was not of his own doing, nor the product of his loudly protested righteousness, but was the gift and grace of God realized in his own life. This truth ceased to crack open his heart, because his heart became wrapped in iron bands of self-satisfaction, and self-righteousness, and self-justification. Friends, these are things we all, as blessed people, need to resist.

The apostle Paul teaches us our only true justification, and righteousness (both summed up in the Greek word diakosyne) come from God – and that God gives them for our sake! That Greek word speaks of a correct alignment with God, by which and in which we love, serve, and behave as God does – which is God's will for us; that we fulfill God's image in us. We become loving, caring friends not just to our own, but to all. We recognize, as John Donne had it, that each one's joy is joy to me; each one's sorrow my own.

So, going back to where I started, we deal with this ideal in various ways, both corporate and individual. I have referred many times in this space to our Sharing Pantry; this is another good time to observe all the good it does, and to thank the dedicated members of Women's Circle, and others, who keep it going by shopping and stocking. Those of us privileged to see, and sometimes meet, our clients, know there is a change in who is coming, and that need is growing. Please support this ministry; it is costly, and it is necessary. As well, in the context of the Ministerium, OVPC has committed to our Tuesday program of food for the food insufficient. We will deliver meals every second Tuesday, starting this month and through March of next year, to Frankford Fire Hall, in the late afternoon. We have the method down and the delivery coordinated (we are again working with our friends at Bethany diner); we could use a case of water for each week. Our participation is being funded through my Pastoral Discretion Fund; thank you to all who have, or might, contribute to it. Please hold in prayer, and in your hearts, those we serve. Society might not wish to see them, but they are beloved children of God, just as we ourselves are.

Friends, we are all recipients of grace upon grace. In God's economy – the only fully just economy! – that means that out of the fullness of

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Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

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Marlene Quinn Mike Read Ollie Robling Elaine Smith Marti Sommer Bob Wolf

Judy Reich (Clerk of Session)

Deacons

Gloria Bartholomew
Cindy Benjamin
Earlene DeFazio
Joni Keller
Pam Price
Mike Quinn

Newsletter Editors Lorie and Jim Hartsig our hearts will flow bounty; we will share what was, and is, never truly ours, but a trust from our Lord, for the sharing, for the creation of wider community and wider shalom, for the sake of love and the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. Let us put our hands to the task: the yoke is not heavy, and the burden is light.

In Christ's abundant love



Session Report

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

Shaped by God, We Love and Serve

The **Session of OVPC** met on Monday, October 11, 2021, via ZOOM.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 5:31 PM.

Orders of the Day:

Note: We started our meeting early to facilitate a discussion on replacing the Clerk of Session. We developed a plan and will begin to execute that plan to identify a new Clerk of Session as soon as possible. Marlene Quinn has volunteered to be temporary clerk.

We welcomed **Beverly Bailey, Christian Education Chair,** to our meeting. Beverly recapped the 2021 education year and gave us a preview of some of the upcoming 2022 opportunities. Session thanks Beverly for her leadership and the committee for all their work in offering a wide variety of Christian Education programs to our congregation and friends.

Marti Sommer, Personnel Chair, gave an update on the Staff reviews in process. Pastor Terry's review will be conducted at the November Session Meeting.

MOTION approved the Session minutes of the September 13, 2021.

MOTION approved the September 2021 Finance Reports.

MOTION approved the Bookkeeper's Job Description.

MOTION approved the funding of the remaining \$13,000.00, needed for the Communication/ Technology project supporting hybrid worship in the Sanctuary. **These monies will come from the General Fund.** The OVPC congregation and friends should be applauded for stepping up during this time of COVID and uncertainty. Through your giving and the Session and Finance committee's efforts to hold down expenses, we can fund our conversion to hybrid worship in the sanctuary through monies from our general fund, not investments. Kudos to you and Thank You! The IGNITE grant of \$7,000.00 completed the funding! Thank You New Castle Presbytery!

MOTION approved the Internal Financial Audit for 2019 and 2020 prepared by Randy Bartholomew and Bob Clark.

Pastor Terry's report was received. In cooperation with SESM, OVPC will be supplying 40 dinners from the Bethany Diner, to Frankford Fire Hall on the 2^{nd} Tuesday of each month, November – March. Monies for this project are available through the Pastor Discretionary Fund.

The Monthly Committee Reports were received.

IGNITE (NCP) has awarded OVPC, through our Mission Committee, \$8,000.00, directed to construction of the Labyrinth.

MOTION approved from the Worship Committee to resume Choir Rehearsal in Memorial Hall. (September 4, 2021)

MOTION approved from Christian Education and Deacons to allow Ms. Faqua, from La Esperanza, speak on behalf of her organization during Christian Education on September 26, 2021.

MOTION approved from Worship to proceed with the Nativity Festival. (September 27, 2021)

COVID-19 discussion focused on the Sanctuary and required changes to hold Worship, including new technology and ventilation. No changes at this time.

Session appreciates all the efforts from members and friends in keeping our facilities and campus sound and all that's involved in preparing for both public and virtual worship. Thank You! Reminder – grounds clean-up the first Saturday of the month.

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

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer @ 9:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Karen B. Colwill, Clerk of Session

This is my final Minute from Session. I am completing seven years as your Clerk, going through the interim years and the first four years of Pastor Terry's ministry. It has been an adventure that I have enjoyed. Thanks to each of you, and Pastor Terry, for your cooperation and support. Ocean View Presbyterian Church and its members are an important part of my life and I look forward to continuing my spiritual journey in community with all of you.

In Christ's Service, Karen

From the Editors

We thank you, Karen, for the years you have been helpful in our editing by faithfully posting the Session minutes monthly and according to our deadline. They have always been an integral part of what we publish and will continue to be.

Our love to you.

Nov. 24th







Joni and Ray Keller

Nov. 6th
Nov. 10th
Nov. 14th
Nov. 14th
Nov. 15th
Nov. 16th
Nov. 16th
Nov. 16th
Nov. 20th
Nov. 20th





YARN meets on Monday, November 1st at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Center.

Deacons

Pam Price

Southern Delaware Education Foundation Deacons' Mission Project for November 2021

The Deacons' Mission Project for November 2021 is to provide financial support to the Southern Delaware Education Foundation.

The purpose of SDEF is to provide scholarships for workforce training and certification to those individuals in Southern Delaware who demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Areas of certification include, but are not limited to environmental, hospitality, business, medical/dental assistants, and early childhood.

The Southern Delaware Education Foundation started in July 2016. Bruce Hobler, from our congregation, is the Treasurer of the Foundation. To date 28 students have graduated in paraprofessional occupations such as nurse's aide and legal aid. Students must provide 25% of the tuition so they have a personal stake in the program. All students are hired upon graduation.

To apply, student candidates must:

- live in Sussex county,
- fall within poverty standards as set by the federal government,
- get school approval for admission,
- have a reasonable expectation of employment or promotion after taking any class, and
- exhaust other sources for income, such as grants or scholarships, prior to applying to SDEF.

The success of SDEF and its scholarships depends on donations. Please consider a generous donation to this important mission anytime during the month of November. All offerings received in the November Deacon's Mission for SDEF will be help fund the financial assistance for those in need in Sussex county.

Thank you for your generosity.

DEACONS

Pam Price

The Deacons would like to thank the congregation of OVPC for their generous contributions to the Deacon's monthly Minute for Mission. Because of your generosity, we have been able to support the following missions through September. Your support allows us to help our community in need. A heartfelt thank you for sharing your bounty of OVPC!

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God love a cheerful giver."

February	Souper Bowl Sunday	\$550
March	One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1465
April	Crisis House	\$1195
May	Pentecost Offering (DACA \$634.80)	\$1587
June	La Esperanza	\$920
July	VFW Veterans' Relief Fund	\$1170
August	Pyle Center Emergency Fund	\$925
September	Selbyville Middle School Gift Cards	\$1380

The total to date is \$9,192.00

Galatians 6:2 "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

AS LONG AS AUTUMN LASTS, I SHALL NOT HAVE HANDS, CANVAS AND COLORS ENOUGH TO PAINT THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS I SEE.

VINCENT VAN GOGH







Nativity Festival

Saturday, December 11, 2021 10 am - 2 pm Ocean View Presbyterian Church

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More than 125 Creches and their stories







Sewing Circle

Amy Peoples

The Sewing Circle of OVPC met Wednesday, October 13, 2021 by way of Zoom. We met at 12:45 for a short social time before the start of the meeting.

11 members in attendance

Moderator Elaine called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

She opened with a special prayer for our church on" hybrid worship."

I have included prayer**

Prayer for our church in this" hybrid season"

Lord, I lift up our church and ask that you would bring the heart of the church in alignment with Your heart. You would break our hearts for the things that break Yours, and let us desire the things that You desire. Amen

We recited the PW Purpose.

October Birthdays; Elsie Young, 10/9, Lorie Hartsig, 10/20

REPORTS

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Lorie made a motion, seconded by Susie that the minutes of the Wednesday, September 8, 2021 meeting were approved as sent electronically. Motion carried.

TREASURER"S REPORT (including Food Pantry)

Balance on hand including Food Pantry, \$3,379.26

Marti reported that we have had many monetary gifts received from members and friends of the Circle and we will have \$2000.00 to give to Missions this year. It is wonderful to realize that people recognize that we are in need so we can help others and have stepped up to help,

We received a check from Super Giant's Food Blooming4 Good Program because of the Food Pantry. Amy will write a thank you for the check.

CIRCLE MISSION ACTIVITIES

Lorie will have a meeting of the Mission Committee on November 3, 2021 at 2:00 by Zoom to decide how the \$2000.00 will be distributed. They will pick a local need and Presbyterian

Diaster Relief. A number of people signed up to attend the meeting but all are welcome. Zoom information will follow. If anyone has a special group with a need please let Lorie know before the November 3 meeting.

OVPC MISSION COMMITTEE

Marlene reported that \$570.00 has been collected for Karla Koll, Mission co-worker in Costa Rica.

There have been many meetings preparing for the Gift Market to be held in December. We will have an opportunity to buy many gifts for Christmas. It will be in Fellowship Center, December 5, 11, and 12,

SESSION UPDATE

Marlene reported that Worship Committee is in charge of the Nativity Festival. Through necessity it will be different but just as nice as other years.

They are searching for a new Clerk of the Session since Karen Colwill is retiring.

SUNSHINE

Marie had hoped we could all sign cards this month if we had met in person service, but since we are meeting by Zoom she signed and explained to those who receive her nice notes each month. A thank you was given to Marie from the Circle for her doing this worthwhile mission.

CORRESPONDENCE

A note was received from Lord Baltimore School thanking us for the head phones we purchased for them. The children were grateful.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SESSION

The Nominating Committee has a full slate of officers except for Chairman of Education and Chairman of Missions Committee. The slate will be presented to the church on November 7, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS

Blessing Bags

Marie set up a display for the Blessings Bags at the well in Memorial Hall and it has made quite a difference. The bin was quite full of articles for the bags and bags that were already filled.

SPRING JUMBLE

The Spring Jumble is on the master calendar for May 14, 2022.

OVPC CHRISTMAS SUPPER

After much discussion of whether to have dinner or not, Marti made a motion seconded by Lorie that we forgo the dinner for this year and hopefully resume in December 2022. Motion carried with one dissent.

The Circle Nominating Committee will meet when Ellen returns home. The Committee is Ellen Neumann, Elaine Smith, and Karen Colwill. Please think prayerfully about volunteering to be Moderator, or Secretary for next term, you are needed.

VIRTUAL/IN PERSON Coffee Hour

After much discussion about how to have Coffee Hour, it was decided that Marti and Amy will host the Sunday, November 14, 2021 Coffee Hour, outside Fellowship Center if weather permits or in Center after the church service.

NEW BUSINESS

THANK OFFERING

Thank Offering will be described by Susie on Sunday, November 7, 2021 and monies will be collected Sunday November 14, 2021.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Elaine will check with Ellen when she comes home about The Way Home and their needs. We think that they would like large underwear and gift card to WAWA and Walmart.

Elaine will also check with Kathy Sheetz about helping a family at Christmas from Lord Baltimore School as in past years.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Still to be decided, date and whether we will have the Lenten Ecumenical Luncheon.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

We adjourned our meeting and went on to Bible Study, Chapter 2, of :"What My Grandmothers Taught Me" taught by Marti.

After Bible Study we closed with the Mitzpah.

Opening Meditation and Prayer Womens Sewing Circle

Elaine Smith, Moderator

These days it seems to be all about 'hybrid'. You're no doubt familiar with the term 'hybrid worship' - two ways to worship - in person and virtual.

It occurred to me that the pandemic has forced us all into a kind of 'hybrid' life. Two ways of living...vaccinated/not vaccinated, mask/no mask, indoor dining/outdoor dining...you get the picture.

Our church is right in the middle of this hybrid world we find ourselves in...Fall Jumble/Spring Jumble, cookies/no cookies, Christmas dinner/no Christmas dinner, in person meeting/Zoom meeting.

I thought it might be helpful to begin today's meeting with a prayer for our church I found online.

Prayer for Our Church

Lord, I lift up our church to you and ask that you would bring the heart of the church in alignment with Your heart. I pray that You would break our hearts for the things that break Yours, and let us desire the things that You desire.



Welcome Glad you're here!



I'm Amy Donahue. We (husband Bob Passman) have lived in Millville for 3 years. I'm happy to be joining the OVPC community.

Prior to our move to Millville, we lived in Silver Spring, MD for 25 years. For many of our working years we would come to different parts of the Eastern Shore for weekend get-aways, enjoying bicycling and the relaxed way of life. This is primarily how we found our way here after retirement.

I was born and raised in East Tennessee, and am a sixth generation presbyterian who grew up attending Washington Presbyterian Church, a small East TN church which celebrated its bicentennial in 2002. In my adult years, as I moved for career choices, I joined other Presbyterian congregations. I return to TN often to see family.

I married Robert Passman in 1995. Bob was born and raised in Washington, DC, and is now retired from the Federal Aviation Administration, and is of the Catholic faith. Our hobbies include hiking, bicycling and travel. Travel has always been second nature to me for growth, perspective, and worldview. We still enjoy outdoor activities and travel, and hope to continue doing so.

I retired in 2017 after a career in audiology and hearing sciences. After receiving a Master's Degree in audiology, I worked as a clinical audiologist in Dublin, Ireland. Following receipt of a PhD in hearing science, I worked in various aspects of public health and hearing loss/hearing science, including both research and administration. I retired from the National Institutes of Health.

Thank you for the welcoming spirit found at OVPC!



Connecting with the Guatemalan community… right here at home!

Did you know there is a vibrant and expanding Guatemalan community a stones throw from the New Castle Presbytery office? Just over the Delaware line in Southern Chester County, Pennsylvania, the Guatemalan population has been steadily growing during the past two years. This sudden influx has been prompted, in part, by employment opportunities in the region's mushroom industry. Kennett Square (aka *The Mushroom Capital of the World*) and surrounding towns produce more than half of the nation's mushroom crops.

These towns are welcoming their new neighbors and embracing cultural diversity. In doing so, they are facing unique challenges. Aside from cultural differences, language is often a barrier. Although Spanish is the official language of Guatemala, there are also 23 indigenous languages spoken. It is not uncommon to now hear Mam, K'iche, and Kaqchikel



being spoken in Southern Chester County schools, stores and workplaces.

Over the past year, the <u>Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery</u> has been partnering with the <u>Building Bridges Coalition</u>, a Chester County group working to equip local non-profits, social service agencies, and school districts with the resources they need to better serve newly-arrived Guatemalans. Right now, we are co-sponsoring an educational speaker series for local providers. One of the most exciting developments is that we have connected local agencies with the outstanding resources of <u>CEDEPCA</u>, our partner organization in Guatemala. Not only is CEDEPCA participating in the speaker series, presenting on the women's experience in Guatemala and the current context of migration, but they are also exploring ways to offer more in-depth trainings in the near future.

We can't wait to see how these new partnerships blossom. What a gift to be able to support our Guatemalan sisters and brothers, both near and far!



Crop Walk Bob Doherty

Team OVPC walked in the annual Crop Walk on Sunday October 17th.











Team Turner's crew walked in Myrtle Beach, SC





SPOT FAKE TEXTS

Some fake text messages may contain the following:

- 1. The text or email suggests a relationship that doesn't"t exist.
- 2. Spelling mistakes or poor grammar.
- 3. The sender uses emojis.
- 4. The message has a website link not associated with the company.
- 5. The email or text is directed to multiple phone numbers and people.
- 6. The sender uses ALL CAPITAL LETTERS in the text message.
- 7. A "sent" time on a personalized email or text that is very early or very late suggests it originated in a foreign country.
- 8. A request for you to text your phone number or other personal information. Legitimate companies don't seek information this way.
- 9. Language that creates an unnecessary urgency.

Another scam in the form of an email goes like this:

RE: (your email id) Congrats! You've received a Moderna Vaccine Survey reward You have been accepted!

The same scam email is used form Pfizer and J&J.

Extracted fro the AARP Bulletin, September 2021.

Coming in December—ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET!! DECEMBER 5, 11, 12

The first ever Alternative Christmas Market will be held at OVPC in December after worship services on the 5th and 12th of the month, in Fellowship Center. The Session has also given permission for the Market to be open during the Nativity Festival, on December 11. However, the Market will be in Fellowship Center and the Nativity Festival will be in Memorial Hall. At the Christmas Market you will have the opportunity to donate a minimum of \$15.00 to any of 6 different charities. In return you will receive a card giving information about that charity, which you then can give to a loved one. The charities participating are:

(Local) (International)

OVPC Labyrinth Syria Lebanon Partnership Network

La Esperanza Rwanda Joy

Delaware Food Bank Rev. Dr. Karla Koll's ministry in Costa Rica

All of these charities are somehow connected to OVPC, and we hope you'll attend the Alternative Christmas Market. All donations gathered will go to the charities we will support. It is hoped that with each year, the opportunities to give will grow. Questions about this new Christmas market can be directed to Sue Baer, Bev Bailey, Marlene Quinn, or Jennifer Read, a sub group of the Mission Committee.

Christian Education Bev Bailey

Christian Education is Looking for a few good Members

If you enjoy the classes offered by the CE Committee on Sundays after worship, please consider joining us. This committee is charged with selecting the subjects to be presented, as well as offering special speakers from the community. The CE Committee meets monthly 11 times during the year, and if you have ideas about what you would enjoy discussing and/or would be willing to join the group, please let one of the committee members know of your interest. Members are Bruce Hobler, Ellen Neumann, Elaine Smith (Session Liaison), Bev Bailey and Bob Wolf. Pastor Terry attends the meetings also.



Grounds Committee Ray Keeney

The first Saturday in October only one volunteer showed up (Sue Sigvardson). She and I worked on refurbishing the two benches that were sitting in front of the Church Office.

During October we made another trip to the Frankford Presbyterian Church and Thrift Center and removed 4 trees along the right side of the Church and trimmed the shrubs that were between the trees that were removed. We also trimmed back a large shrub on the left front corner of the Church and removed the stump in front of the Church that was left from the tree we removed last month. We then took a trailer load of trimmings to the Recycle Center.





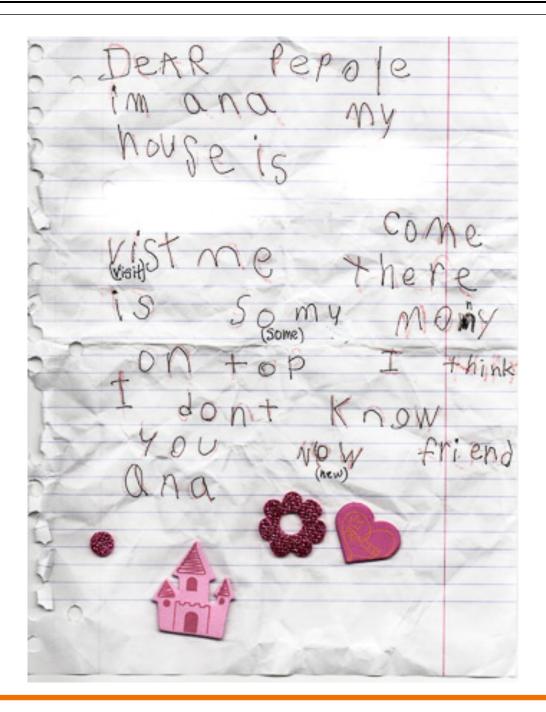




Frankford Church before and after trimming.







THIS LETTER WAS LEFT IN THE SHARING PANTRY BY
A CHILD NAMED ANA.

From The Desk of

Tom Bentz

<u>Pope Gregory XIII</u> declared that the day after October 4 would be October 15, 1582. Skipping the 10 days the old Julian calendar was out of sync with the seasons, our Gregorian calendar was born.

Time flies.
Days disappear,
by degree
or decree.

Dinosaurs died. Descendants fly over trees and seas.

We try
to recall dates
and mates,
pages
and scenes
from discarded
calendars.





Packed up to deliver Blessing Bags



These are some of the "Ladies and Gentlemen who Lunch" on Taco Tuesdays at The Salted Rim.

The restaurant is at **35553 Atlantic Ave**, Millville, DE **19967**. We invite OVPC to join us at 12:30 every Tuesday!

A FALLEN LEAF IS NOTHING MORE THAN A SUMMER'S WAVE GOODBYE. UNKNOWN



Photogenic Lorie and Jim Hartsig

Finding Color





WE GATHER TOGETHER
TO ASK THE LORD'S BLESSING;
HE CHASTENS AND HASTENS
HIS WILL TO MAKE KNOWN.
THE WICKED OPPRESSING
NOW CEASE FROM DISTRESSING.
SING PRAISES TO HIS NAME,
HE FORGETS NOT HIS OWN.

MUSIC: 16TH CENT. DUTCH MELODY; ARR. BY EDWARD KREMSER (1838-1914)



We're back!

If you feel comfortable being back in a group, we invite you to the Wolf's new home (95 Woodland Ave. Ocean View) as we have our first movie night since the pandemic hit.

When? Friday November 5^{th} -- we will begin with a meal at 6:30pm - if you wish to bring something to share you are welcome to - and we will start the movie around 7:30 or so

.... This month we will watch the 2019 film 'Full Count':

An unfortunate chain of events forces Milton Young to give up his dream of playing professional baseball and return home to the town he fought hard to escape. Once home, Milton faces insurmountable economic and personal hardships, only to be faced with an even greater challenge: defending himself against a tragic crime that could send him to prison for life. What emerges is a heart-warming story about perseverance, faith, triumph, and the struggle to never let go of a dream.

-Robert Eagar



