

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DECEMBER 2021



From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty

Greetings, Friends, in the name of the One who was, and is, and is to come;

As we enter Advent, and anticipate the joy of Christmas, I find myself so grateful for all of you! Grateful for the acts of love, public and private, that you are so committed to; grateful for your dedication to OVPC and to those whom we seek to help and to uphold; grateful for the love you bear one another, and share to all. I'm also grateful for the forbearance

and support you have evinced as Session, and I, have struggled and sought and prayed for adequate means and solutions for keeping you, individually and corporately, safe. Coronavirus has not been an easy ride for any of us; yet I find myself grateful also that here at OVPC we have not become alienated (as is reported of many a church), but have pulled together to...wait. Christians are the ones who wait.

From Fleming Rutledge, in her devotional, Means of Grace, page 5: The church lives in Advent. That is to say, the church lives between the two advents. Jesus Christ has come; Jesus Christ will come. We do not know the day or the hour. If you find this tension almost unbearable at times, then you understand the Christian life. We live at what the new Testament depicts as the turn of the ages. In Jesus Christ, the kingdom of God is in head-on collision with the powers of darkness. The point of impact is where Christians take their stand. That is why it hurts.

BUT: we live in hope. As Emily Dickinson had it, "'Hope' is the thing with feathers/ that perches in the soul/ and sings the tune without the words/ and never stops at all". Our hope, like our lives, is bound up in Christ, but animates all that we do:

Because we are a people of hope, we can accept the lesser in place of the larger, for as long as need be:

Because there's the least ray of sunshine, we know there is a Sun.

Because there is a drop of rain, we know there are oceans;

Because there is a breath of breeze, we know there is a Spirit, blowing where it will;

Because there is an act of love, we know there is our God.

When we sing a verse, under our masks, we know there will be The Messiah;

When we sit in our folding chairs, we know we will once again pass the peace;

Because we have borne the pain of separation, we know there will be blessed communion.

Because we know Christ came, 2,000 years ago, we know Christ will come again, magnificent in the rainbow clothes of redemption – soon, and very soon.

Friends, whatever betide in our complicated world, with all its dissatisfactions petty or real, let us live out our hope, and the love of Christ, never stopping at all. As we walk the path to Bethlehem, let's bear in mind that it's just as important to walk together now, as it was then. An unaccompanied walk then could be dangerous to life and limb; an unaccompanied walk now, in the age of anomie, is unhealthy for our soul. That's why it has hurt. Let's learn from our time apart, and take the resources we have developed just to cope and turn them into blessings we may share in time together. Let's not, ever again, take one another, and our time together, for granted, but instead love one another as though we might not see each other again for months. And let us see our neighbor, with the new eyes we have developed, as a blessing to us, waiting to be blessed by us.

A most meaningful Advent to you; a most blessed and joyous Christmas to you; and God be with you each day til we are together the next time; may it be often, may it be always!

In the love of Christ Jesus, Pastor Terry



IN EVERY WALK WITH NATURE ONE RECEIVES FAR MORE THAN HE SEEKS.

JOHN MUIR

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<u>Session</u>

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Earlene DeFazio
Joni Keller
Pam Price
Mike Quinn

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Session Report

Marlene Quinn

After a few technical glitzes were worked out, the Session meeting was called to order by the moderator at 7:08 P.M. Terry opened with a time of devotion and prayer.

We then proceeded with the annual pastor's review. One letter was received from the congregation. The personnel committee also gave a report on the staff reviews. Three letters were received from the congregation. Recommendations were approved and sent to the finance committee.

A motion was made and approved to accept the deacons' list of monthly missions.

The theme for the January 2022 officers training event will be congregational revitalization.

The final amount collected for the Peacemaking Offering was \$1385. The OVPC share will be \$348 which is earmarked for our sharing pantry.

Committee budgets for 2022 have been requested.

Terry will be taking vacation time Dec. 5 - 11, and Dec. 26 – Jan. 1.

A limited number of new keys will be issued for the office.

At this time there are no changes, but the technology committee and the building committee are working toward a time that we can resume worship in our sanctuary.

On Nov. 6 a load of gravel was delivered for our parking lot. Thank you to those who helped to spread it.

Our meeting was closed with prayer at 10:10 P.M.



Deacons

Joni Keller

DECEMBER MINUTE FOR MISSION – The Christmas Joy Offering

Proverbs 18:16 A person's gift makes room for him and brings him before great people.

The Christmas Joy Offering opens doors of opportunity for the young leaders of our tomorrow who are shaped and supported through our gifts today. These open doors will lead to hopeful futures for young men and women at Presbyterian related schools and colleges. Our gifts, also, open doors that lead to relief for church workers and their families when emergency needs arise.

Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering help Presbyterian related schools and colleges equip multinational communities in preparing young people to become leaders in the church and the world. Many schools and colleges are committed to fostering academic excellence, to providing opportunities for diverse populations, and to maintaining a strong tradition of preparing students for leadership and service. The generous people who give to Christmas Joy provide scholarships and opportunity for children to continue their education in the United States. Many students espouse what a life changing and transformative experience this was for them. Through this offering every student selected receives the gift of hope and of reaching his or her full potential. With our gifts to Christmas Joy, hope turns into dreams, dreams turn into reality and the sky is the limit for these kids.

PC(USA) recognized, long ago, the need to support those folks who served faithfully, ordained or otherwise, beyond their active service and into retirement. Gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering gives hope to individuals through its Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. This program allows for an income supplement to be given to an individual or family to help alleviate their financial burden. Many such folks extoll the benefits of this offering but have reluctance to accept its gift themselves. They have preached of its worthiness, greatness and its ability to transform lives in others; but never thought, one day, they might be the one in need of such a gift. Being able to accept such a joyous gift, has brought the essential peace of mind deserving to our faith leaders.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this December, let us also rejoice in celebration of all God's children. Please give generously. When we all do a little, it can add up to a lot.



NO MATTER WHAT MY FORTUNE MAY BE, OR WHERE I MAY ROAM, IN DECEMBER, I'LL BE GOING HOME.

Dec. 2nd Dec. 4th



Pam Price



Bob Wolf	Dec. 7th	Beverly Stalnaker and Kerry Shull
Karen Rubin Hamilton	Dec. 15th	Peggy and Bill Wivel
Patrick Read	Dec. 18th	
Kathy Sheetz	Dec. 20th	
Eric Neumann	Dec. 20th	
Ruth Schafer	Dec. 25	

Dec. 29th





The members officially received during the October 31 Worship service are Jake Stavinga, Jan Stavinga, Jim Berrie, Amy Donahue, Kris Taylor, Glenn Taylor, Barbara Crowell.

Sewing Circle

Amy Peoples

The Sewing Circle of Ocean View Presbyterian Church met Wednesday, November 10, 2021 by way of Zoom. We met at 12:45 for a short social time before the start of the meeting.

There were 11 members in attendance.

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

Terry joined us and read a hymn by Ephren the Syrian and then led us in prayer.

Elaine read us a Thanksgiving litany from PCUSA.

Purpose

OVPC Vision Statement, Shaped by God, We love and serve

November birthdays, Karen Colwill, 11/14, Marti Sommer 11/16

Marlene made a motion, seconded by Marti that we accept the October 13 2021 minutes as sent electronically. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand, \$3681.45, a portion of this belongs to Food Pantry Fund.

There have been individuals who had stocked the pantry but not submitted bill. People are really using the Pantry and it needs to be restocked quite often. Please remember to sign in when you restock cupboard so they will know what items are needed.

Treasurer's Report filed for audit.

REPORTS

Circle Mission Committee report was given by Marie. They met and the following missions were recommended to the Sewing Circle. They had \$2200.00 to work with thanks to donations from members and friends of the Circle, since we have not been able to have fundraisers during COVID.

Rwanda Joy	\$400.00
Presbyterian Disaster Fund	\$500.00
Pledge to PW	\$350.00
Broken Wings	\$400.00
The CHEER Center	\$350.00
Dream	\$200.00
	\$2200.00

Marti made a motion seconded by Nancy that we accept the recommendations of the Mission Committee for our Mission giving. Motion carried.

OVPC Mission Committee

Marlene wanted to remind us that we will have Alternate Gift Market, December 5, after church service, and December 11, at Nativity Festival, and December 12 after church service.

Session Report

Marlene reported the following from the November Session meeting,

- 1. Personal reviews of staff were discussed.
- 2. Gravel put down on parking lot.
- 3. No change in worship service location, working on airflow in Sanctuary.
- 4. Chairs of committees were reminded to get their budget requests for next year to Session.

Sunshine

Marie has her cards ready to send for November. Amy had a phone call from Cookie Woodhouse, a friend of the Circle who moved to NC. She turned 99 years of age. Amy asked Marie to send her a card. Marie has done this. Amy also suggested that Ed Hiner's name be added to Sunshine list.

Correspondence

Amy wrote a thank you to Kimberly Monaco, of Super Giant Headquarters for the check of \$164 we received from the 4 Good Program, (a hunger program). The thank you had to be sent electronically because there was no local address.

OLD BUSINESS

Blessing Bags; Marie just delivered bags to the school. While she was there she learned that the teachers are trying to get baskets together for the needy children as they begin the two week Christmas vacation. They don't get food over holidays. Marie will put a list in the bulletin of the needs, if members would like to help.

Circle Nominating Committee

Karen, Elaine, and Ellen have been working to find the leaders. They were successful in finding a secretary but there is still a need for Moderator. We were asked to prayerfully consider volunteering for this position.

Fellowship Hour

Fellowship Hour will be held this Sunday, November 14, after the church service in the Lobby of Memorial Hall. Elaine, Marti, and Amy will be hosting....outside if weather permits. If it works out well we will need volunteers in 2022 to be hosts of Fellowship Hours in new year.

The Way Home, Christmas Giving

The Way Home needs large underwear and mostly gift cards from Walmart or Wawa. Gift cards and monetary gifts will be put in Wishing Well in Memorial Hall in lock box. We are doing it this way since we usually support them at OVPC Christmas Supper, which will not be held this year.

Christmas for Lord Baltimore Elementary School

Kathy has been working with Lord Baltimore guidance counselor to get names of families for our Christmas giving. We had many volunteers at the meeting to sponsor the families.

If you would like to have a name to sponsor, let Elaine know. When Elaine has received list she will let us know, also when and where we need to drop them off for delivery.

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

We still do not know if we will have this Supper in 2022.

Lenten Ecumenical Luncheon

We will not be hosting this year, all dates taken.

Our next Sewing Circle meeting will be December 8, 2021 and we will be studying Chapter 4," Ruth and Loyal Love".

We then proceeded to our Bible Study, chapter 3, "Rahab" led by Bev Bailey.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM and we closed with the Mitzpah.





OVPC Annual Christmas Mission The Way Home

Ellen Neumann

The Way Home meets individuals who are part of the reentry program at the prison gate and the office door to provide connections with community, meet needs, and foster relationships that prevent return to prison.

Each Christmas season, OVPC collects items to support the Way Home. The Way Home is an organization based in Georgetown, Delaware, serving people recently released from Sussex Correctional Institute.

This year, due to space limitations and specific needs, The Way Home has requested the following items:

- Men's boxer briefs and T-shirts size XL and larger
- Royal Farms or Wawa gift cards
- Monetary donations are welcomed. Please make checks out to The Way Home.

Gift cards and monetary donations can be placed in the Wishing Well located in the foyer of Memorial Hall or dropped off in the OVPC office during office hours. Other items can be placed in the Blessings Bin next to the Wishing Well.

Donations are due by Monday, December 13, 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ellen Neumann at 302-537-1347.

Thank you for your continuing support of this mission.



From Elsie Young

Nativity Festival

Our Annual OVPC Nativity Festival is being held on Saturday, December 11 from 10 AM to 2 PM in Memorial Hall. We are inviting each family to display up to three creches this year. If you would like to display your creche(s), please get the written description of your creche to Jen Read or Pam Price no later than Wednesday, December 1 by 7 PM.

All creches will need to arrive in Memorial Hall from 7 PM – 9 PM on Thursday, December 9 or from 10 AM - 2 PM on Friday, December 10. Additionally, creches will also need to be removed immediately after the festival on Saturday, December 11 to allow for worship on Sunday morning. Please contact Jen Read at 512-750-0517 or Pam Price at 717-503-5385 if you have any questions. Thank you!







Nativity Festival

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

> 67 Central Avenue Ocean View, DE 302-539-3455



More than 125 Creches and their stories

Masks required





Alternative Christmas Gift Market

December 11 -10 am-2 pm
December 5 and 12 after worship
Fellowship Center

Mark your Calendars: The CE and Mission Committees have joined forces to present an **Alternative Christmas Gift Market** on **December 5 and 12**, after worship in Fellowship Hall. You will have an opportunity to purchase Christmas cards featuring 6 different charities that OVPC has supported in the past. These charities are:

- OVPC Labyrinth Project
- Food Bank of Delaware
- Rwanda Joy
- La Esperanza
- The Syrian Livelihood Revival Project (in partnership with Westminster presbyterian in Wilmington)
- The Rev. Dr. Karla Koll, PCUSA mission co-worker in San Juan, Costa Rica

For a minimum donation of \$20.00, you can purchase a card for one of these charities in honor of a loved one. All monies collected will go directly to each charity. If you have questions about this new project, ask Sue Baer, Bev Bailey, Marlene Quinn, or Jennifer Read; and come shop for a great cause.

"Tell Me a Story of Christmas"
with Don Benjamin
December 19
10:30 am
Fellowship Center



Alternative Christmas Gift Market

Purchase cards to give to loved ones for Christmas

Minimum Donation per card-\$20.00

SIX CHARITIES PARTICIPATING

The Rev. Dr. Karla Koll

OVPC Labyrinth Project Food Bank of Delaware Rwanda Joy

La Esperanza

Syrian Livelihood Revival Project

Ocean View Presbyterian Church

December 5 and 12 after worship, 10:30 December 11, 10-2 pm

The Cattle are Lowing...in Guatemala



Join our cattle drive! That's right, this holiday season you can give a woman the gift of a cow or bull so she can provide her family with extra income and nutrition. This cattle project is part of the Revolving Funds program spearheaded by our partner in Guatemala, the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development.

Here's how it works:

- A woman applies for a \$300 grant to purchase a cow or bull
- She receives guidance, training, and support from an agricultural/livestock expert
- Cows are raised to produce milk and calves
- Bulls are fattened for a year then sold for a handsome profit
- Cattle manure and urine can be used or sold for fertilizer for their family gardens
- Many women also receive a subsidy to build or improve their cattle shelter
- The recipient family pays for vitamins and deworming medicine
- The \$300 is paid back in full and can be given to the next woman in line
- Extra profits put food on the table and send kids to school

This means that your gift is 100% sustainable and will continue to work year after year! A cow or bull costs \$300. Shares are available and gifts of any size are welcome. We have beautiful gift cards too. Please contact ncpguatemala@gmail.com if you need a few. You can also make a gift online. Thank you!

To learn more about this project, <u>watch our new video</u> and please join us for a live presentation and conversation with our friends in Guatemala as they share details about this project on **Tuesday**, **December 7 at 6:00 pm**. <u>Register here!</u>

Grounds Committee

Ray Keeney

The first Saturday in November (Work Day) one ton of crusher run stone was spread along the sidewalk from the Church Office to the HP ramp leading to the front entrance to the Sanctuary. This should help reduce the trip hazard between the sidewalk and the parking lot.

One of the two park benches that were in front of the Church Office has been refurbished with new wood boards that have been stained & varnished. That bench has been placed in the breezeway between MH and FC. Work on the second bench is underway.

Beginning on December 11, 2021 and continuing through all of 2022, the Work Day is being changed to the 2nd Saturday of the month so that the plans for the Work Day can be included in the Newsletter just prior to the Work Day rather then after.

On December 11 we will be doing a brief clean up of leaves along the parking lot side of the Office, MH, FC and Sanctuary. The leaves will be raked into tarps and carried around to the rear of the Memorial Hall and placed around the 8 crape myrtles as mulch.



From The Desk of

Tom Bentz

Louis Daguerre, born outside of Paris (1789), started out designing theater sets, using hand-painted translucent screens and elaborate lighting effects to create the illusion of a sunrise or a sudden storm onstage. In 1829, he learned a new technology that made it possible to use light to capture an image on a metal plate, though the quality of the image was poor. Daguerre set out to improve the process with a combination of copper plate coated with silver salts that could be developed with the application of mercury vapor and table salt.

He first used this process to capture a series of images of Paris, including pictures of the Louvre and Notre Dame. The camera needed about 15 minutes exposure time to capture an image, so most of Daguerre's early pictures don't show any people. The one exception is a picture of a boulevard that shows a man in the foreground who has stopped to shine his shoes. He was the first human being ever caught on film. Daguerre announced his invention in 1839, and the images he produced became known as Daguerreotypes.

Daguerre said, "I have seized the light. I have arrested its flight."



Broccoli Salad

4 c. fresh broccoli

8 slices of bacon fried and crumbled

1/2 c. raisins

4 scallions

1/2 c. nuts (optional)

Dressing

3/4c.mayonnaise

1/4c. Sugar

2tbsp. Vinegar

Mix together broccoli, bacon and other ingredients with dressing . Enjoy!

Nancy Turner

Advent Times of Prayer — "Faith" Bill Colwill

Sharing and praying in our OVPC Sanctuary

Thursdays

December 2nd

December 9th

December 16th

December 23rd

6:00 to 6:20 pm

Mark 5 verse 34 - He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Advent Times of Prayer provide a unique opportunity to engage with the Advent season: to embrace the concerns of our church family while providing a space for each of us to listen for God's guidance.

Please join us.

(Bill Colwill for any questions – 717 870 5186)



2021 Crop Walk

Bob Doherty

The annual S/E Sussex Crop Walk was on Sunday Oct. 17th at 3:00pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe RC Church. After a brief opening with prayer, we had a casual walk around the church property.

There were about eighty people from eleven churches. Of that OVPC had nineteen people walking behind its banner: thirteen members, six guest and three puppies. While we were walking at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bob and Nancy Turner and family were walking on the beach in Myrtle Beach.

Again this year we were entertained by St. Ann's contemporary choir. This year for the first time after the walk there was a drawing for door prizes. Everyone in attendance was given a ticket. A few of OVPC people did not wait for the drawing and gave me their tickets. I don't know whose ticket was drawn but it won two ten dollar gift cards from Harris Teeter. I gave the cards to OVPC to be used for the Sharing Pantry.

This year we raised \$1,310 online, \$1,535 in checks and \$228 cash for a total of \$3,073. This is down \$1,472 from last year's total of \$4,545. The grand total for this year's walk is \$15,179, up \$519 from last's year grand total \$14,660.

Seventy five percent of the grand total will be given to Church World Service {CWS} to be used to support their missions both here at home and around the world. The remaining twenty five percent will stay local and be divided equally between the member churches that have a food pantries.

I want to thank all of our members and friends who supported the walk to make it a success . and a special Thank You to Sandy Pierce and Rev. Eloise Henry-Gordy for all of their planning and hard work.

CROP= Community Responding to Overcome Poverty

THANK YOU Bob Doherty



Team OVPC.

ZERO WASTE FOOD RESCUE

Have you ever wondered about what happens to those "past their sell by date" items in the grocery story? Are they all tossed into a dumpster?

The Zero Waste Food Rescue ministry at the Epworth Methodist Church on Holland Glade Road in Rehoboth operates a very creative solution.

Several days each week, volunteers arrive at cooperating grocery stores to pick up boxes and boxes of "day old" produce, groceries, prepared meals, and bakery items.

These foodstuffs are delivered to Epworth, where the boxes are weighed and triaged. Triage involves double-checking each item for usability. Some of the useable items are slotted for pick-up by various support agencies. Other items, including fresh produce, are set aside for the mobile food pantry that operates out of Epworth on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Should any items be deemed inedible, they are placed in plastic tubs that are delivered to the livestock farm down Holland Glade Road. Very little is put out in dumpsters, hence "zero waste".

Besides groceries, WaWa, Panera Bread, Chick-fil-A and other fast food places serve as sources for prepared meals.

A core group of about 40 people operate this ministry. They tap into many other volunteers who fill in scheduled spots. For example, the grocery pickup and the food triage activities are scheduled on SignUp Genius three months at a time.

How might you help? One of the pickup groceries is the Giant in Millville. Pick-up days there are on Sunday and Thursday at noon. It takes about 20 minutes to load up. Once you arrive at Epworth, the triage team there unloads your vehicle. Then, you're done!

If you'd like to know more, give me a call.

Dale Smith











Here are some things the government does and doesn't do.

- The federal government will not call you unsolicited and ask for personal information. The agencies already have details like our Medicare and Social Security numbers.
- Any important communications from the federal government usually come via U.S. Postal Service.
- No federal government agency will initiate a serious contact with you through social media, text, or email.
- The government won't reach out to offer you a federal grant. Grants require an application, and they are always for a specific purpose.
- No government office will ask you for an upfront payment before sending you a benefit, grant or refund.
- The government won't suspend benefits from Social Security or Medicare because someone else misused your identification. Federal law enforcement agents also won't bully you into revealing personal information such as your bank account numbers.
- Agencies won't take payments in prepaid gift cards, wire transfers or cryptocurrency.

From: AARP Bulletin, October 2021.



IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER, FROSTY WIND MADE MOAN, EARTH STOOD HARD AS IRON, WATER LIKE A STONE; SNOW HAD FALLEN, SNOW ON SNOW, SNOW ON SNOW, IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER, LONG AGO.

WORDS BY CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

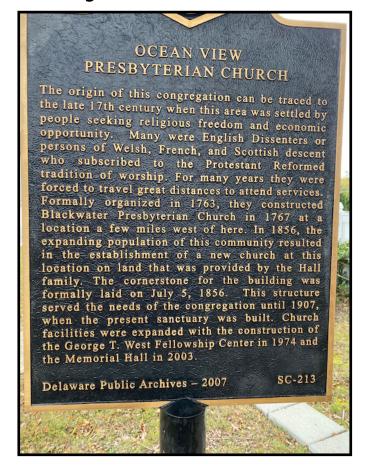
OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Photogenic Lorie and Jim Hartsig





Thank you, Bob Turner for placing flags on Veterans graves in honor of Veterans Day.







Join us for dinner and a movie on Friday December 3rd at the Wolf's house – We will enjoy fellowship and a meal starting at 5:30... and we'll get the movie going around 7:00. If you would like to bring something to share that's great but don't worry if you can't – you are still more than welcome! This month you have a choice of two movies to see.

• The 2006 film 'Gridiron Gang' starring Dwayne Johnson – the true story of the football team started in a Los Angeles juvenile detention center by Sean Porter in an attempt to slow the 75% recidivism rate for teens caught up in gang life.

More info: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0421206/?ref = fn al tt 1

• The 2008 film 'Marley and Me' based on the autobiographical book by John Grogan about the 13 years he and his family spent with their Labrador retriever and the lessons learned and relationships formed during that time. More info: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0822832/?ref = fn al tt 1

If you have any suggestions for a movie you would like to see for movie night, please let Bob or Elaine know and we'll do our best to make it happen!



