



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOVEMBER 2019



From the Pastor Terry Dougherty

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ; Grace and Peace to you!

We have a lot to look forward to in November, including, on a personal note, a vacation for Pam and I. It's been a long time coming, and frankly I need it. It will, on the other hand, be very hard being away from you all. As our relationships and our love have deepened, you have encouraged and brought out my best self, a "me" I am happier with than any previous occupation or self-understanding has allowed. More to the point, I have never known such real, and understanding, and loving people; you inspire me even as I seek to serve you. I take comfort that many of you have urged me not to "burn out", and that you encourage me to take time off for myself, and for Pam's sake; thank you! We will be away November 8th through November 23rd.

I had originally meant to be present for the November 10th Stephen Ministry Service (which takes place on *Caregiver Sunday!*), but the baptism of our newest granddaughter, Stella Grace McQuade, the day before means we will already be in Chicago. I trust you will strongly support Elaine and Dale, our Stephen leaders; and Pam (Price), Jen, Kathy (Sheetz), Betsy, Gloria, Elaine (Wolf), Cindy, Bob (Wolf) and Mike - as well as my own Pam, in her absence! They have all worked hard on the service itself; more to the point, they have dedicated tremendous time and effort to becoming who and what they are - trained Christian Caregivers and Leaders - and they have done so for each and for all of our sakes.

We have entered, as we enter November, the second year of being a Stephen Ministry congregation: I am proud of that, and proud of this team of Stephen Ministers. I am thankful to Dale and Elaine for pulling this ministry together. I am thankful to our donors, and my support team, and my mentor, all in the Princeton First Call Pastoral Leadership program, for encouraging me in seeking to implement this program, and to our Session for approving that implementation. I am proud to be a Stephen Leader myself. I know that this isn't the most visible ministry, and that its results are often - quite deliberately - invisible. Yet I assure you, it has been very meaningful inside and outside OVPC, providing assurance and companionship to

people we know, and don't know, as well as growing and enriching the Christian walks of our ministers. Lasting relationships, emotional health, and mutual love have all been nurtured. Please pray for our Stephen Ministry, and participate as well, whether through referring someone from inside or outside our congregation, sharing with friends that it is one of our missions, considering a Stephen relationship yourself, or encouraging one or more of our Stephen Ministers.

Filling the pulpit for us on November 17th will be Rev. Charles Gilmore, a long-time pastor, caregiver, counselor and hospice chaplain; active member of New Castle Presbytery and dear personal friend. Charles follows the lectionary, so our Bible study groups will not be thrown off their stride! Please support Charles as you would me; make him welcome for that Sunday, and for always.

Finally, we will once again be the host church for the Ecumenical service of the Southeast Sussex Ministerium preceding Thanksgiving, on Tuesday, November 26th. Our guests enjoy the "feel" of our sanctuary and our service, and that of course comes from all of us. Please plan to be there if you can. Also, we will again be offering everyone who attends mini loaves of bread, as we did last year - they were well received! If you would like to bake, please reach out to Kathy Sheetz; and thank you!

Here's a poem by Mary Oliver that feels kind of Fall-ish: **At Blackwater Pond:**

*At Blackwater Pond the tossed waters have settled
after a night of rain.
I dip my cupped hands. I drink
a long time. It tastes
like stone, leaves, fire. It falls cold
into my body, waking the bones. I hear them
deep inside me, whispering
oh what is that beautiful thing
that just happened?*

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Service
Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

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Session Report

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

The Session of OVPC met on Monday, October 14, 2019, in Fellowship Center.

Rev. Terry Dougherty, Moderator, opened with prayer and devotions at 7:00 PM.

Orders of the Day:

The New Sign Group - representative Bill Colwill gave Session an update on the progress made for the new church sign. After a delay with Ocean View Township, the new sign placement has been approved. The group is developing a letter to the congregation with the details of the sign along with a picture. The letter will tell the story of 'how we got here' and how the congregation can participate in the success of the project. The letter is targeted for distribution in December. On January 5, 2020, Christian Education will have a presentation to the congregation on the new sign. Due to the delay in obtaining the approval from the township, **MOTION** made, seconded and approved to extend the final approval date to April 1, 2020.

Christian Education Committee - Karen Rubin-Hamilton, Chair, presented a report on Christian Education for 2019. They have utilized a variety of mediums and will start a four-week series on Racism on Sunday, October 20th. The committee is planning for 2020 and looking to utilize both Memorial Hall and Fellowship Center. Session thanks the Christian Education Committee for their solid commitment to present a variety of quality programs and use of resources.

Facilities and Buildings and Grounds - Judy and Ray presented the color chart for Session's selection for paint for Memorial Hall. The color selected is a light shade of gray with white trim for the large meeting room, foyer and hall. The kitchen and both bathrooms will be painted the existing color. **MOTION** made and passed to paint Memorial Hall with the colors selected. Painting to start Wednesday, October 16 and be completed Monday, October 21, 2019. A deposit of \$2,500.00 will be paid from the Capital Improvement Account along with the balance upon completion. The new carpeting should be installed by late November. **NOTE:** Painting of Memorial Hall was completed on Friday, October 18th.

Session notes that the **Capital Improvement Account** has been utilized in 2019 to replace the sanctuary front doors, the sanctuary side door locking system, new carpeting for Memorial Hall and the painting of Memorial Hall.

Stephen Ministry Assessment - September 2019 Dale and Elaine Smith lead the Session through the assessment, reviewing each section and discussing the results. All the completed assessments were given to the leaders for reference.

MOTION passed to approve the September 2019 Financial Reports.

MOTION passed to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2019 Session Meeting.

Pastor Terry's report was received. **MOTION** passed to approve Pastor Terry's request for vacation, November 10-23, 2019. Coverage is in place. **MOTION** passed authorizing Pastor Dougherty permission to perform the marriage of non-members on December 28, 2019.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

MOTION passed to serve communion at the Leadership Training on October 26, 2019.

MOTION passed to accept the Nominating Committee's report for 2020.

MOTION passed to arrange for the Service of Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons on November 24, 2019.

Pastor Terry's review will be conducted by Session at their November 3, 2019 meeting. Please direct any comments, in confidence, to Karen Colwill, Clerk, by November 1st.

Session urges all committee chairs to get their Session reports to the office by the Wednesday before the Session Meeting: November 3rd Session Meeting - reports are due October 30th.

Rev. Terry Dougherty adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 9:43 PM



**Turn your clocks back at 2am on
Sunday November 3rd.**



You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.
Deut. 10:19 (NrSV)

This year, Delaware State University has enrolled more than 130 highly-qualified “Dreamers” students - DACA beneficiaries or other immigrants with Temporary Protected Status that allows them to live and work in the United States. A few of these students are Delaware residents but most are not. All receive private scholarships - the government-sponsored financial assistance that most students rely on isn’t available to Dreamers. But the aid doesn’t include money for books, academic access codes, and other educational and personal supplies. Beyond their financial needs, the Dreamers face numerous other challenges, including lack of housing during school breaks and dealing with level of anxiety and stress.

The Matthew Action Committee of New Castle Presbytery is sponsoring an informational meeting to spread the word about opportunities to help these young people in their journeys.

Who: Speaker will include Mr. Kevin Noriega, coordinator of the DSU Dreamers program, and Terry and Rev. Lyle Dykstra, who have hosted a DSU Dreamer in their home. In addition, one or two DSU Dreamers students will share their personal stories

When Wednesday, November 6th at 6pm

Where: Wicomico Presbyterian Church
129 Broad Street
Salisbury, MD

The meeting is open to all but we especially encourage pastors, and members of mission and outreach committees to attend. The informational session will last about one and a half hours, and will include light refreshments as well as a question and answer period. Parking will be available in the church lot.

Please RSVP by Friday, November 1st to Matthew Action Committee co-convenor Terry Dykstra,
This is an important mission opportunity. Please attend!

Truly I tell you, just as you did to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. (Mt. 25:40. NRSV) **See Marlene Quinn for more information.**



Sewing Circle

Amy Peoples

The OVPC Sewing Circle has had a busy Fall but as we enter the holiday season we have even more events taking place. You will not want to miss them so as I always say, get out your calendar, mark it down and join us.

On Monday, November 4th, YARN will meet. Bring your lunch and join these active ladies from 10-2 p.m. they need many hands to make the items they give to shut-ins, so all are welcome. Also they are very able to teach you if you are unsure of your abilities.

On Tuesday, November 5th, the Mission Committee will meet to decide the missions for the Circle for 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend and bring your information if you have a mission you would like the Circle to support.

Wednesday, November 6th, 10 a.m. the Sewing Circle Executive Committee will meet to plan the upcoming Circle meetings.

Thank Offering Sunday is November 10. Bring your thank offering that day. This is a tangible way to say thanks for our many blessings. Please turn your coins into cash or checks. Following the church service, Coffee Hour will be held. The hosts are to be announced. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the sanctuary so that anyone can sign up to host this social event.

The Sewing Circle will meet Wednesday, November 13th, 12 noon. Bring your salad or sandwich and join us. Refreshments will be provided by Lorie and Marie. Bible Study will be led by Cathy Yantz, Lesson 3, "Words of Love: Keep the Sabbath". At our business meeting following lunch, we will vote on the recommendations of the Mission Committee and discuss the many Circle events coming up for the holidays.

It was decided at the October meeting the we will support the family we have been helping at Christmas and also add another family. We will open this up to the congregation. More information will be available later.

Friday December 6th, 6 p.m., the OVPC Christmas Potluck Supper will be held. The AARP Choir will be joining us that evening. We will be bringing gifts for The Way Home. Lists of their needs will be in the church bulletin nearer the date. Set up for the Supper will be at 9 a.m. Friday morning.

The Nativity Festival will be held Saturday, December 14th, 10-2 p.m. Set up will be Thursday and Friday, December 12-13th, all day. The Sewing Circle will again be providing hot cider and cookies.

Hope to see you at the various events!



**Presbyterian Women
Please help us raise
A Mile of Pennies
For:
A Shared Mission Project
With The
Presbyterian Women of the Mid-Atlantic Synod
October 15th to November 30th, 2019
Checks may be made out to PWMAS
And
Sent to: Ocean View Presbyterian Church
C/O Cathy Yantz PWNCP Moderator
67 Central Ave.
Ocean View, DE 19970**





Dave Sergison
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Kerry Shull
Sandra Gayle
Bob Clark
Charles O'Neill
Marti Sommer
Tom Bentz
Bill Kester

Nov. 10th
Nov. 14th
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Nov. 20th



Joni and Ray Keller

Nov. 24th

CIRCLE NEWS....

Circle Mission committee meeting
Tuesday, November 5
3:30 p.m.
Fellowship Center.



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 November 4th.

Christian Education

Karen Rubin Hamilton

Join us in Memorial Hall after worship this month as we continue to explore the topic of "Racism: How Should Christians Respond?"

Bev Bailey and a guest speaker will provide leadership for our final two classes that will address the following questions. 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.

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

November 17: Guest Speaker from Sussex County

**There is more to life than
increasing its speed.**

Mahatma Ghandi

Facilities Committee



The walls in Memorial Hall have a fresh coat of paint. It is very important that you do not lean tables or chairs up against the walls. Please store chairs in the rack found in the closet to the right of the front of the hall. Store any tables in the rack found in the closet to the left. If the rack is full, lean the tables near the rack inside the closet. This will help to keep the walls clean and looking fresh. The installation of the carpet is planned for mid-November. More information about this will come in the next newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Your Facility Use Team

THOUGHTS ON stewardship

A Giving Way to Save Money on Your Federal Taxes *by Ed Crispin*

For those who: (1) Have a Traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA), and are: (2) 70½ years of age or over (*to include planning information for those approaching 70½ years of age*), we know that each year a minimum distribution must be taken from our IRA. And each year we are subject to pay Federal Tax on that distribution. But we may not be aware that a provision in the law provides that if we directly transfer a part or all of that distribution from our IRA to a Qualified Charitable Organization(s), e.g., the Church, we are not required to pay Federal taxes on that donated distribution. This provides a means by which we can obtain significant savings on our IRS tax bill.

If you are eligible (to include those who are moving in the direction of eligibility), but are currently not aware of this provision in the Federal Tax Law, I encourage you to investigate this significant opportunity for giving and for saving. There is a wealth of information on the web concerning it and the directives for its use. You can start by Googling "*The Rules for Making IRS Tax-Free Donations from an IRA.*" Also, I anticipate that most professional tax preparers are aware of this opportunity and would be very willing to discuss who can and how one can take advantage of its provision.

**"Our Father, fill our hearts, we pray,
With gratitude Thanksgiving Day;
For food and raiment Thou dost give,
That we in comfort here may live."
- Luther Cross, Thanksgiving Day**



COLD WEATHER SHELTER

The Southeast Sussex Ministerium is partnering with LoveInc of MidDelMarVa to open a Cold Weather Shelter at the Stone House Building on the Bethany Christian Church campus in Bethany Beach. The shelter will be open, every night, regardless of temperature, from December 1st to March 15th.

There are many volunteers needed to support this effort. Both men and women can assist, but men are required for the overnights at this “men only” shelter. Kathy Sheetz is coordinating the efforts from OVPC for the “every Friday night” meals.

Click to <https://signup.com/go/aupzdxS> (case sensitive). Under each date, you will see the roles needing coverage. Any questions, call Dale Smith at 908.209.9113

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Last October, we commissioned our Stephen Ministers upon completion of their 50 hours of training. On November 10th, we will acknowledge that anniversary by having the Stephen Ministers lead worship that Sunday. We look forward to seeing you there!

A FRANCISCAN BLESSING

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. (Sr. Ruth Fox OSB – 1986)

Presbytery Commissioner's Report

Mike Quinn

On September 17, 2019 the 847th meeting of New Castle Presbytery was held in the church in Easton, Maryland.

The meeting was opened with prayer, declaration of a quorum, and a welcome to Easton.

Bob Schminkey was elected to stated clerk beginning Sept.1, 2019 and ending Jan.31, 2020 to replace Jessie MacMillan who left the Presbytery.

The consent agenda was passed with approval of Per Capita of \$29.80 per member for 2020. We followed with worship with communion and Peace and Global witness offering.

Next was Congo Partnership committee report followed by Committee on Ministers and congregations report. We welcomed Rev. Kathryn Morgan as interim pastor at Church of the Covenant, welcomed Mariam Foltz as pastor at New Castle Church, welcomed Rev. Carol Fisher as pastor of New Covenant Church, welcomed Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke as designated Associate Pastor at Red Clay Church, welcomed Rev. James Mehler as honorably retired, Recognition of Debra Latture, member at large as honorably retired, and a Memorial Moment for Rev. Patricia McClurg New Castle Executive Presbyter from 1991-2001 by co-moderator of COMC Marlene Quinn.

Next came committee on Preparation for Missional Ministry who presented Alex Sprague to be certified ready to receive a call as Minister of Word and Sacraments in PC (USA). This was followed by greetings from the Synod Executive/Stated Clerk and a prayer for dinner.

After dinner the committee on representation and Nominations presented the slate of people for 2020 followed by the Trustees first reading of the 2020 budget.

Next was the report from Ignite which included the General Assembly for 2020 as June 20-27 in Baltimore, Md. Ignite also covered becoming a Matthew 25 congregation.



Buildings and Grounds

Ray Keeney



The **Saturday November 2 Fall Clean-up** 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 other 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

Photogenic

Jim Hartsig



Erlinda Marie Quesada Angulo, an International Peacemaker, advocate for environmental justice and human rights from Costa Rica and Rev. Dr. Karla Koll, a co-worker with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a professor at the Latin American Biblical University joined our service on October 6th.



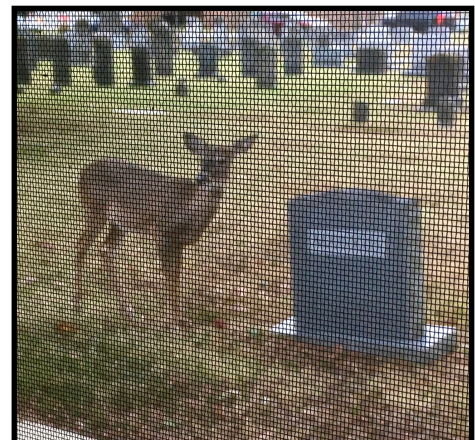
2019 Jumble



New exterior Sanctuary doors.



Beautiful cloths from around the world displayed October 6th.



New lawn cutting service.

Friday Night At The Movies



Please join us for a pot luck supper at the Wolf's home at 5:30 p.m. on **Friday November 1st**. The 2019 film '**Breakthrough**' 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.

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 ---

