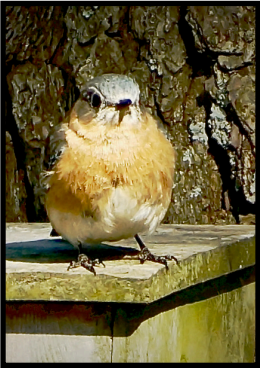




Ocean Views

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MARCH 2022



From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty

So you must also consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.

*Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness,
but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life,*

and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law, but under grace.

Romans 6: 11-14

Grace and peace to you, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Tomorrow Lent begins. Oh dear, we say, how dour, and blanched and bleached of all color and life that sounds! What shall I give up? Chocolate? Alcohol? Cake? I'm going to follow the Foundry Community, in saying it's deeper than that. "We enter the season asking ourselves: What is vying for our allegiance? Where do we search for meaning outside of Christ? Where are we using too much time? Is there an unhealthy habit or practice we would be wise to deal with?... victory is found in learning to notice and address false idols that have taken residence in our hearts... it's not about winning. The next 40 days are about formation, about realizing how powerfully the Holy Spirit works on our behalf when we submit to that work within us". We just may find a gift in discovering individual and collective commitments in and for our life of faith; this road we are always on and which Eugene Peterson tells us is "A long obedience in the same direction".

We don't have a labyrinth – yet! – but a chosen space, time, and perhaps object (lots of us like stones), where and when we can be still and attentive, just might get us started. So might having read, and wrestled with, some of the more personal poetry of our Bibles, in Psalms, Proverbs or Lamentations. God loves us, and every human being; God is dismayed when we are, for whatever reason, not living into the fullness of our status as God's own companions; God therefore will choose to accompany us on our way home. God won't beat us up, so we shouldn't think we are serving God by beating ourselves up (however great the temptation). This time is for

understanding the depth of our alienation, and beginning again.
Always, we begin again.

The Transforming Center grounds our search for the practices we might pursue in questions for us to ask ourselves; I'll just quote the questions, not their recommendations; the questions relate to Matthew 6.

How will I give?

How will I pray?

Who do I need to forgive, and from whom do I need to seek forgiveness?

How will I fast?

What earthly treasures am I attached to, and how can I let go?

Remember the timeless wisdom: the perfect is the enemy of the good. We may not conquer **anything**, least of all ourselves. That is not the point. Rather, the offer of ourselves to God's purposes, and the clearing of our internal, mental and spiritual ground so as to be available for God's purposes, is the work we are doing. It goes on all our life; here in the season adding real intention is what we do differently. Should that help to form us into who we want to be, or even better into whom God always meant us to be, that *is* the victory.

We are following Jesus into the quiet of the wilderness, just as we follow Him everywhere, and all the days of our lives. Listen to the silence, and hear Him; hear the still, small voice of God. And may you enjoy a holy Lent.

In Christ, Pastor Terry



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Session Report

Marlene Quinn

The OVPC Session met on Feb. 14, at 7 PM. The meeting was opened with prayer and a devotion by Bob Wolf.

We met with Ron Moritz and welcomed him into membership at OVPC. Ron joins by transfer of letter from First Presbyterian Church in Ambler, PA.

Gloria Bartholomew, moderator of the Board of Deacons, met with the session and gave the annual review of the activities of the deacons.

We met with Karen Colwill and received and approved the PCUSA 2021 statistical report.

The session approved a motion to accept with extreme regret the resignation of Elaine Smith from the session.

We approved a motion to receive with deepest regret the resignation of Judy Reich as clerk of session due to health considerations.

Session approved a motion from the Mission Committee to designate the third Sunday of each month to receive an offering for the Samburg, Tenn. Tornado Relief. This will run from March 2022 through March 2023.

Work continues in preparation of our return to worship in our sanctuary.

We received a report from the Communications and Technology Committee outlining the communication lines necessary in case OVPC is forced to cancel activities as occurred a couple of Sundays ago.

Our meeting closed with prayer by Terry at 10:05 PM.

**SPRINGTIME IS THE LAND AWAKENING. THE
MARCH WINDS ARE THE MORNING YAWN.**

LEWIS GRIZZARD



Deacons

Joni Keller

One Great Hour of Sharing

The Deacon's March mission is One Great Hour of Sharing. During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection and connects us with those who have the least and that is what One Great Hour of Sharing is all about. It is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People. These programs work in separate ways to serve individuals and communities.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: Works alongside communities as they recover from a devastating, catastrophic event. PDA provides love, care, and support to help the folks find hope after being adversely affected by crisis. In 2020, PDA not only continued its commitment to immediate and long-term response to natural and human caused disasters and humanitarian response to refugee and asylum seekers, but also developed and supported a global response to COVID 19. Generous donors often look at the big picture rather than just the immediate needs. They know that there will be unforeseen disasters awaiting the world. Because of this foresight, PDA has been able to build a nest egg of \$2.7 million that it was able to pull from to answer the COVID 19 need both here in the USA and globally. Receives 32% of funds raised.

Presbyterian Hunger Program: Takes action to alleviate hunger and to care for creation and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed. In 2020, your donations helped PHP give 131 grants totaling nearly \$1 million, impacting 20 countries including the USA. PHP looks to its partners for their perspectives and solutions on how best to service their population who are directly experiencing the pain and injustice of society. PHP attempts to promote and amplify their campaigns and strategies by involving Presbyterians to support the organizing and movement building needed to coalesce the people power making the systemic change possible. Receives 36% of the funds raised.

Self-Development of People: Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty, and injustice and, also, educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues. The projects selected focus on advocacy, youth led initiatives, skills development, farming, disabilities, and immigration/refugee issues. The goal is to help the communities develop solutions to their own challenges. Receives 32% of funds raised.

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. A pamphlet and donation envelopes are with your bulletin. These will be available every Sunday during the month of March. Please make checks payable to OVPC and mark on the memo line One Great Hour. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Thank you for your generous support.

Deacons

Gloria Bartholomew

Dear OV Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons and Women's Circle: Please accept my profound apology for this delayed Thank You! I found a small pile of misplaced donation letters that I had forgotten to personally respond to. Your generous gifts in 2021 for Meals on Wheels was very much appreciated (Jan 29 \$500 and March 4 \$550). I'm sure Cheer Admin. sent a letter but I wanted to as well.

Thanks again and Best Wishes for a Peaceful, Healthy & Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Yolanda Gallego, OV Cheer



**SUNDAY
MARCH 13TH**

**I BELIEVE THAT I SHALL SEE THE GOODNESS OF
THE LORD IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING.**

WAIT FOR THE LORD;

BE STRONG, AND LET YOUR HEART TAKE COURAGE;

WAIT FOR THE LORD!

PSALM 27:13-14 NRSV



June Goldman	Mar. 5th
Silvia Edmondson	Mar. 8th
Amy Peoples	Mar. 9th
Jan Stavinga	Mar. 10th
Flora Beaver	Mar. 11th
Mary Ann Robling	Mar. 15th
Bruce Hobler	Mar. 19th
Lee Grace	Mar. 26th



Marie and Jim Waehler	Mar. 3rd
Sue and Ken Sigvardson	Mar. 21st
Janice and Jacob Stavinga	Mar. 25th
Barbara and Jim Dietsch	Mar. 28th



Marie patiently teaches Marlene and Lorie beginning crochet stitches during February YARN meeting.

Photo by Sue Sigvardson



YARN meets on March 7th in Fellowship Center.

Meet our new Member

Ron Moritz

Sharon and Ron Moritz came to Delaware in November 2018, moving from Skippack, PA, located in Montgomery County. We live in Seagrass Plantation at 34053 Beaufort Lane. We married in April 1974, bringing together 2 families: Sharon's 4 daughters and Ron's 2 sons, and our family has added 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Both Sharon and Ron grew up in Bucks County PA, where Sharon attended Hatboro Horsham HS and Ron attended Central Bucks HS.

While in Pa, Ron was active at First Presbyterian Church of Ambler for over 20 years, singing in the choir and serving on several boards. Prior to FPCA, Ron attended Deep Run Presbyterian Church in Dublin, PA, for over 15 years, also singing in the choir and serving on various boards.

We enjoy boating on the Indian River Bay and the slower life style in southern Delaware.



Sewing Circle

Lorie Hartsig

SHAPED BY GOD, WE LOVE and SERVE

The Women's Sewing Circle of Ocean View Presbyterian Church met on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 by way of ZOOM. The nine members present spent a brief time of fellowship. Moderator Ellen Neumann opened with a prayer she found in some old records after Pastor Terry shared with us his prayer. A line from Ellen's prayer, "I want to always do His Will."

Jen Read and her daughter Cate share February birthdays.

REPORTS

Secretary's report of January minutes was approved as sent electronically.

Treasurer's Report

Marti reported \$2,328.44 in our treasury. Reminder to pay \$2 dues to Marti. Report is filed for audit.

CIRCLE Mission Committee reports no activity this month.

OVPC Mission Committee- Marlene reports an informative program to be held on February 17th at 7 pm in conjunction with Westminster PC in Wilmington regarding the provision of potable water to schools in Gaza.

There was no **Session report** as Session has not yet met this month.

Sunshine- Marie has sent out Valentines this month. So noted is that Dick Regester has moved. Amy reminds us that Dottie Nicholzen requests prayers that she may find a church in her new home.

OLD BUSINESS

Souper Bowl Sunday of Caring is this Sunday and donation of soups will be given to the Pyle Center. Please give hearty soups in your donations.

Love Soup will be delivered to those requesting delivery to their home or left at the church for pick up. Those assembling the ingredients in the jars and those delivering the soup know who they are. The soup will be shared on Ash Wednesday.

Please save cancelled postage stamps as we will again be collecting for this ministry.

JUMBLE is still scheduled for May 14th. Keep saving your donations!

Coffee Hour- Weather permitting, Bev Bailey is hoping to provide for this after this week's worship service. Marie and Pam will provide for March and Ellen for April.

Blessing Bags- Marie gave us an update on this ministry. Because of a lack of donations since mid-December, it was decided to pause the program until the end of the school year and begin again then. Marie will continue taking donations to SMS and continue this giving on her own for now.

Many thanks to Marie for the work she has put into the Blessing Bags program. Ellen reported that the Women's Circle received \$500 from the NCPW 2022 service grant that she applied for. The money will be applied to the Sharing Pantry.

NEW BUSINESS

Gifts of Women Service- Possibly on May 8th if speaker is available. Cindy Kohlmann, New Castle Presbytery will be asked to speak.

Mother's Day- Eric Neumann will help whoever heads up the committee to plan Mother's day treats after the service.

Many thanks to Marti for leading us in today's Bible study, Lesson 5: Bathsheba.
The meeting ended with the reciting of the Mitzvah.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorie Hartsig

**"I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold your people in my heart."**



THIS IS A
WONDERFUL DAY.
I'VE NEVER SEEN
THIS ONE BEFORE.
MAYA ANGELOU

Mission Committee

Mike Quinn

Mission Committee Learning Event.

Come and join us in Fellowship Center after Church March 6, to learn more about poverty in Sussex County. Nikki Gonzalez will be the presenter and she has a lot to share with us. She has been leading the Code Purple Sussex County winter sheltering effort and has founded a new non-profit, RedemptionCityDE.org, to provide transitional housing in western Sussex. As a Matthew 25 church we need to learn more about poverty and what we at OVPC can do to help eliminate poverty. Come join us with a desire to learn. This event will be available on zoom.

Mission Samburg Tennessee

Samburg, Tennessee, is a small town with a population of 210 located in Obion County in the Northwest corner of Tennessee. On December 10, 2021 the town was destroyed by a tornado. A member of OVPC (Bill Colwill) has relatives in the area near Samburg that reported there was a great need for monetary support for the survivors for food and housing. OVPC responded with donations of \$2100 immediately and a check was sent to the Assembly of God church in Samburg for distribution to families in need. An additional \$700 has been donated and also sent to Samburg.

At the February Session meeting a motion was made, seconded, and passed to set aside the third Sunday each month for one year starting in March of 2022 for those who want to support the relief mission to donate by writing checks to Ocean View Presbyterian Church and on the memo line indicate this offering is for **Samburg tornado relief**.

This is not to take the place of your regular monthly giving but is an offering to help our brothers and sisters in Samburg during their time of clean up and rebuilding of their lives.

The Mission committee thanks you for your support. This is part of living out our OVPC VISION: Shaped by God, we love and serve.



Blessing Bags Ministry

Marie Waehler



I want to thank one and all for your generosity for the Blessing Bags ministry. Because of a lack of donations since mid-December, we are going to pause this ministry until just before Selbyville Middle School dismisses for the summer break.

At that time, I'll put a notice in the bulletin listing the items requested to help the children while they are out of school – especially food items like Cup of Soup, energy bars, Lance crackers, fruit cups, macaroni and cheese cups, and other microwavable items to help keep our children fed.

In the meantime, I will continue my monthly Blessing Bags ministry and if you have something you'd like to donate, please call me at 302-541-5002 or on my cell, 302-228-5258, and I will be happy to pick up your donations.

Again, thank you so much for the support you have provided for our middle school children and their families.

Christian Education

Bill Colwill

Christian Education during Lent

Please join us for Sunday School during Lent. Pastor Terry will direct a Lenten Sharing Forum based on the book, 40 Days, 40 Prayers, 40 Words, authored by Bruce Reyes-Chow.

CE needs your concepts and imagination! During our monthly meetings we are melding the Great Ends of the Presbyterian Church with our own ideas to determine: "In what ways might the CE committee serve our OVPC community?" All are invited to join us in our March meeting (currently scheduled for the third Monday).

Look for more details in OVPC's Weekly Insights and in our Sunday Bulletins, or text/call Bill Colwill at 717 870 5186.



These quail were pecking around in the Red Rock area where we were hiking a few weeks ago. Bill Colwill

**IS NOT THIS THE FAST THAT I CHOOSE:
TO LOOSE THE BONDS OF INJUSTICE,
TO UNDO THE THONGS OF THE YOKE,
TO LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE,
AND TO BREAK EVERY YOKE?**

ISAIAH 58:6

Grounds Committee

Ray Keeney

January: Little was done on our Grounds Maintenance at Church in January. I had driven to Raleigh NC, before Christmas, then on to Atlanta for Christmas and then to Knoxville for New Years. I headed home from Knoxville on the 3rd just behind the snow storm that was preceding me and followed it up I-81. It turned out to be a 10 hour drive.

Work Day (second Saturday of the month the 8th) was cancelled due to the weather. The following week two of my friends in Maryland passed away one on the 14th and the other the very next day on the 15th. The following week I made a number of trips back and forth to LaPlata, MD for funerals and memorial services. There was another snow storm on the 29th & 30th. It took me two days to shovel my driveway so I could get my car out of the garage & driveway. I apologize for my absence in January.

February: When I finally got over to Church I found the Town had plowed the paved portion of Church Ave along with about 6 feet of gravel roadway on our side of the road making a berm of snow and stone along the entire frontage of our parking lot. When I called the Town to see if they could do anything about the berm I was informed that plowing Church Ave was a mistake that Church Ave was not a public road and the Town should not have plowed it and would not be doing any plowing in the future or any other paving or maintenance on Church Ave.

We had a contract for plowing snow with McCabe Contracting that was signed back in December of 2019 but we never had any snow significant enough to warrant plowing. The contact name we had at McCabe no longer worked there and it would be weeks before they could get to us. Every other contractor in the vicinity was busy by the time we called them.

In an effort to at least be able to get into our three buildings Bob Doherty, Bill Colwell, and I got our snow blower out of the garage & cleared the walks to the buildings and out to the road. Bill checked to make sure the heat was working in all the buildings, the food cabinet could be accessed and anyone else who might need to get into the buildings could access them from the road.

Should we get any more snow storms this winter the Wolfs found a contractor who agreed to come over and dig us out without tearing up our gravel parking lot.

The best solution for snow removal is to pave a portion of the parking lot so the blade on a plow would not tear up the gravel surface. I have met with two Engineers/Surveyors to request proposals to begin the process of obtaining a permit from the Town of Ocean View to pave the

portion of our parking lot from the paved HP area at the entrance to the Sanctuary down to the entrance to the Church Office. This will involve preparing a topographic map and a Concept Plan to be submitted to the Town to see what other work may be required. This could include storm drainage work and/or Storm Water Management.

On to our site maintenance:

We did have our scheduled Work Day (2nd Saturday of the month) on Feb 12 with 4 volunteers.

- The grass bushes that are behind the fence along West Ave were cut down to allow new growth.
- All of the dead plants between MH and the sidewalk were cut down
- The bush by the steps leading up to the breezeway between MH and the Sanctuary was trimmed.
- The 5 Rose bushes along the Sanctuary and sidewalk were trimmed back, as well as the 2 Rose bushes by the backdoor of FC leading out of the old kitchen to the cemetery
- All the trimmings were loaded on Bob Doherty's trailer and taken to the recycle center the next day. (Recycle center is closed on Saturdays)

In addition to the above:

- The following week Bob and I returned to the Church Grounds where we trimmed the two Crepe Myrtles at the corner of West Ave & Church Ave back to where they were trimmed to last year. The trimmings were placed by the garage to be transported to the recycle site later.
- Bob donated a trailer load of pine needles which we placed around the Leland Cyprus trees between the columbarium and the fence adjacent to our neighbor's parking lot. These trees were beginning to die about two years ago and an Arborist recommended that mulch be added to the area to hold the moisture in the ground. Cleaning up all the leaves was leaving the area bare to be baked by the sun and not allowing water to get into the ground. He said leaves could be used as that is what trees are accustomed to in the forest. (Pine needles are even better and they keep; the weeds down).
- 7 Crepe Myrtles behind Memorial Hall were trimmed along with additional trees along the fence between the cemetery and adjacent parking lot.

- With Spring around the corner everything, good & bad, has begun to sprout:.
- Bamboo shoots have begun to come up along the fence between our neighbors lot, (where there is a mature stand of bamboo), and the old well site/flower bed. New shoots seem to appear almost overnight and need to be cut off at least weekly starting in March and continuing through most of the summer. We will need a volunteer to spend ½ hour a week cutting these shoots off as they appear.
- There are also numerous flower beds around our grounds which should be weeded biweekly.
- The Cemetery Committee has a contract for cutting grass in the Cemetery and around the rest of the Church property. This does not include any landscape maintenance.

We may want to develop a detailed maintenance plan and put it out it out for bids. We find it difficult to find volunteers to take on some of these tasks.

I will begin pulling together some details of the areas that need to be included in a request for proposal and then decide if we want to find volunteers to take on these tasks or hire someone.



Photogenic Marie Waehler and Jim Hartsig



Souper Bowl Sunday

PURPLE IS MY FAVORITE COLOR.
IT MAKES ME THINK OF SPRING
AND SUMMER. A PURPLE DRESS,
EATING GRAPES, LILACS - I LOVE
PURPLE.

ANGELA YEE



When you pass through the waters
Deep the waves may be and cold,
But Jehovah is our refuge,
And His promise is our hold;
For the Lord Himself has said it,
He, the faithful God and true:
When you come to the waters
You will not go down, **BUT THROUGH.**
Seas of sorrow, seas of trial,
Bitter anguish, fiercest pain,
Rolling surges of temptation
Sweeping over heart and brain,
They will never overflow us
For we know His word is true;
All His waves and all His billows
He will lead us safely **THROUGH.**
Threatening breakers of destruction,
Doubt's insidious undertow;
Will not sink us, will not drag us
Out to ocean depths of woe;
For His promise will sustain us,
Praise the Lord, whose Word is true!
We will not go down, or under,
For He says, "You will pass **THROUGH**".

Isaiah 43:2 When you pass through the waters.....they will
not sweep over you. Poem by Annie Johnson Flint

Submitted by Judy Reich



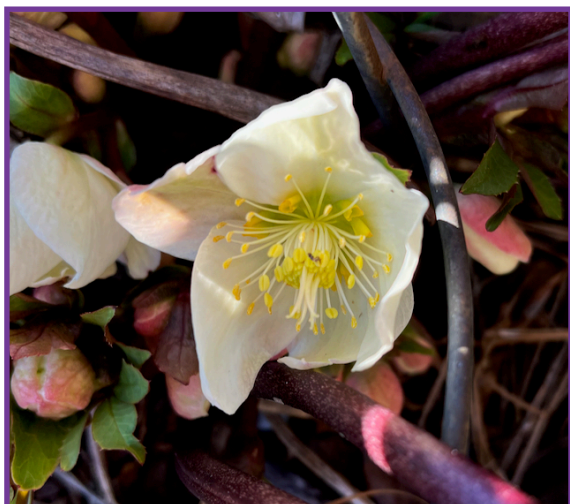
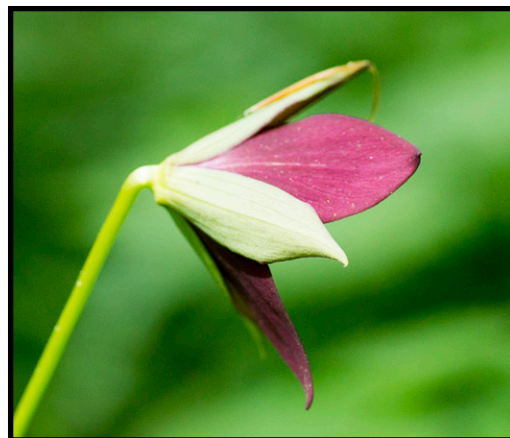
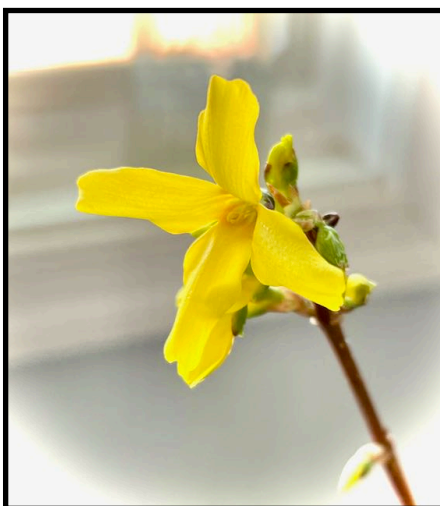
Signs of Spring

Lorie and Jim Hartsig



A FLOWER BLOSSOMS FOR
ITS OWN JOY.

OSCAR WILDE





Join us for a potluck dinner and a movie on Friday March 4 at 5:30 at the Wolf's home. At 7pm we will be showing the 2021 film 'American Underdog' - the inspirational story of the challenges overcome by Kurt Warner to become a Hall of Fame NFL quarterback.

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