

Ocean Views



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH APRIL 2022



Simon Peter answered Him:

*“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God”.*

John 6: 68-69

Grace and peace to you, sisters and brothers in Christ,

Happy Spring; I hope your Lent thus far has indeed been a holy and a meaningful one; that whatever practice you may have chosen (or unchosen) has borne fruit in your life, and that you do indeed feel the soil of your soul turned over and reaching toward the sun of our Lord for new life. Because that's so --- I'm going to talk about death a bit! Sorry...

Our world is – and remains – a world of *immanence*. God is in the world, and the truth is the world consents to God because *it is God's!* God is in all the world's beauty and might, all its subtlety and grandeur, all its revelatory power. It is we – humans, the “crown of creation”, as we style ourselves – it is we who, deliberately, or out of shame, or out of ignorance, or out of habit, or out of selfishness, we who of all creation *turn away*. That makes it we, as we learn to our horror in Eden, who invite death into the world, the death whose prevalence has overwhelmed our understanding of how God made all things in the first place. As a result,

“Death is one of the main characters in the Biblical drama. Death stalks around everywhere, threatening to destroy everything...Death was a visible, smellable fact of life for Biblical people and, indeed, for all people everywhere until about a hundred years ago, when we started calling in the morticians to hustle the bodies out of sight...Death survives all other powers, apart from God, in this world...It is the presumption of sovereignty over *all* of life that marks the power of death, and that makes the employment of the name of the Devil, as unusual or archaic as it may nowadays seem, wholly apt and, so to speak, respectful of such an exceeding great power”.

(Fleming Rutledge, The Undoing of Death, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI, 2002; pp. 271-275, selected by me).

I spoke of our turning away, but this season of Lent has been the season of *turning toward*: toward our complicity in the workings of death, with sadness, shock, grief and confession. But, all of that prepares us to turn, at last, toward triumph, because all of this, both sides of the question of death, is tied up in the person of Christ, of whom we will say, in sixteen days, *He is risen! He is risen indeed!* Jesus, who is the Christ, made and makes it possible for us to look up, to look around, and beyond all “common sense” to look *forward*, for He has cleared the Way, then shown it to us. Like the disciples, we didn’t know it til it was finished. On Easter day this year, as every year, it will be finished.

This is my guy Augustine, from *Sermon 267*:

“Our spirit, by means of which each individual lives, is called the soul. And look what the soul does in the body. It gives life to all the limbs. It sees with the eyes, hears with the ears, smells with the nose, speaks with the tongue, works with the hands, walks with the feet. It is present at one and the same time in all the limbs to make them live. It gives life to all the limbs and to each limb its function. It is not the eye that hears, not the ear that sees, nor the eye or the ear that speaks. Yet they are nonetheless alive. The ear is alive, the tongue is alive. Their functions are different, the life is the same.

The Church of God is like that.

What the soul is to the body of a human being, the Holy Spirit is to the body of Christ, the Church. The Holy Spirit does for the whole church what the soul does for the body of the individual.

It is like that with Christians. They are alive only while they are in the Body (of Christ).”

What a glorious Easter it is going to be, friends, when we, in the freedom of the Spirit, commune together in our sanctuary, celebrating the risen life of Christ, which has raised, and raises, all of us to eternal life; Thanks be to god!

In Christ’s love, Pastor Terry

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Session Report

Ollie Robling

The OVPC Session met on March 13 at 7:00 pm. The meeting was opened with prayer and devotion by Marlene Quinn

We met with Grace and Rick Nelson and welcomed them to membership at OVPC. Grace and Rick will join by re-affirmation of faith.

Ray Keeney gave an update on the paving of the parking lot.

Eric Neumann, moderator of the Worship Committee gave the annual report to the Session.

Motion made, seconded and passed to have Bob Clark become a counter.

Bob Wolf will be generating financial documents for the Deacons and Worship Committee to help them track expenditures.

The OVPC year to date membership is now at 94.

MOTION made, seconded, and passed to have Rev. Dr. Tracy Keenan as pulpit supply on March 20, 2022.

MOTION made, seconded and passed to begin renting Memorial Hall and Fellowship Center to non-profit organizations only.

MOTION made, seconded and passed to open up kitchen privileges to renters of Memorial Hall.

MOTION made, seconded and passed to install a REME Halo air purifier in Fellowship Center

MOTION made, seconded and passed to fund an additional \$3220 to come from the Memorial Fund for construction of the Labyrinth. This project will then be fully funded and work can begin in either May or June. The Labyrinth will be dedicated to Native Americans who were the original owners of the land.

Bob Wolf gave a status update on the completion of some final details regarding the Sanctuary setup and at this time everything is pretty much "set".

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Pastor Terry Dougherty at 9:45 pm.



Deacons



What Is Your Voice?

What is Your Voice, Inc. provides Sussex County with fully trained and skilled Domestic Violence Peer Support Advocates. Peer Support Advocates use a structured and therapeutic model to empower the individuals and children using the program as they work to break free from domestic violence in Sussex County.

What Is Your Voice aims for zero waste operations and works with partners to provide the best assistance for their clients. Please visit their website and open your hearts to donate to this worthwhile cause during the month of April.

Donate: on website at whatyourvoice.com

Mail: 30428 East Barrier Reef Blvd
Lewes DE. 19958

Hotline or text: [3024673310](tel:3024673310)

Great News

Our local Cheer Meals on Wheels program has been given April 3 as their return to the Cedar Neck Road, Ocean View location. Workers are finishing up the kitchen remodel after a flood from a burst pipe. I know all the delivery folks, as well as their staff, will be happy to return.

And, if you've not yet volunteered to deliver meals - you are missing out on helping seniors or those with disabilities in our communities. You can volunteer for as little as once a month, or even be a substitute. The grateful smiles and happiness are a great reward for such little work on our part. Call (302) 539-2671 to apply today!

The Deacons received a note from Carol Kratch that we wanted to share with you. No doubt our sister, Judy Reich, got it in the mail to her. Please note that this was sent prior to the recent passing of her beloved husband, Dave. It reads:

Dear Deacons - The lovely card and caring message meant a lot. I feel God is with us in so many ways, including a new neighbor in our retirement community who worked in Hospice at the Veteran's Admin. Hospital here in Richmond. Dave is at home, but under wonderful Hospice care and our family support is also wonderful. Carol

Womens Sewing Circle

Lorie Hartsig

SHAPED BY GOD, WE LOVE and SERVE

The Women's Sewing Circle of Ocean View Presbyterian Church met on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 by ZOOM. During our fellowship time we talked with Flora Beaver who celebrates her 95th birthday this week. It is always so good to see her when we gather virtually! Other March birthdays noted: June Goldman, Silvia Edmondson, Amy Peoples, Jan Stavinga, and Lee Grace.

Pastor Terry recited from Emily Dickinson's "A Life Exists in Spring" and offered a prayer. Ellen opened the meeting with prayer, "It is always Spring in the heart that loves God." The PW Purpose was recited.

REPORTS

Secretary's Minutes were approved as corrected and sent electronically.

Treasurer's Report- Marti reported a closing balance of \$2713.44.

OVPC Mission Report- The League of Women's Voters' virtual program on poverty locally will be presented tomorrow evening.

Session- needed: Recommendations for a Clerk to Session. The position is open.

Correspondence- Marie continues this ministry and discussed her conversations with Bob Jackson through the mail. Liz thanked us for the Ash Wednesday Love Soup which was an effort to include church members in a virtual meal we shared.

OLD BUSINESS

JUMBLE will be held on May 21, with set up on May 20th. There will be no electronics or furniture accepted and there will be a bake sale.

KITCHEN USAGE- With worship returning to the Sanctuary this Sunday, Memorial Hall will be available for use now (coffee hour, JUMBLE, and HEAVENLY LUNCHEON if it is decided that it is feasible to have it this year.) Kathy Sheetz explained her conversation with a representative from the Delaware Board of Health and explained permission to host 52 dinners/year in Memorial Hall using the kitchen. Our annual kitchen inspection will be needed this year. Kathy will discuss

with Jim Waehler, Facilities Chair, what needs to be done to get the kitchen back in order for use. Throughout the Pandemic it was cleaned weekly by our cleaning people. Safe/Serve guidelines will continue to be followed.

GIFTS of WOMEN SERVICE-It was OK'd by unanimous vote to change the date for this service to May 15th as Cindy Kohlmann is available to speak that day. A coffee hour will be included after worship.

NEW BUSINESS

Heavenly Luncheon-Liz, Marlene and Ellen will comprise a feasibility team to decide if we should host a Heavenly Luncheon this year. Donation of chicken will be a deciding factor. It will be held on one day only: Wednesday (the first day of the cottage tour which will be a hybrid event this year offering only 500 tickets/day.) Further discussion will take place at the April meeting.

Following the meeting Bev lead us in "Mary", Lesson Seven of our Bible Study.
The meeting was adjourned following the reciting of the Mitzvah.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorie Hartsig



Screenshot of our Zoom meeting celebrating Flora's 95 birthday.

Odds and Ends

The April 13th Women's Circle meeting will be held in Memorial Hall at 12:45 pm. Come, all women, to enjoy the fellowship of one another's company! There will be a Circle meeting and Bible Study following it, continuing our study of women of the Bible with MARY.

Please call Ellen Neumann for more information about the meeting and Bev Bailey for Bible study info.



Our choir singing Amazing Grace during worship on February 27th.



Enjoying the pancake dinner at Hope Center.

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE BUNNY; IT'S ABOUT THE LAMB.

UNKNOWN

Lenten Times of Prayer - 2022

Bill Colwill

*Our Sanctuary will be open for **Lenten Times of Prayer** Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week (April 11 through 13). These 20-minute Times for your Prayers will start at 8:00 am, noon, and 5:00 pm. We hope you will join us for one, three or all of these special Times to personally reach out to the living Christ.*

*The custom of worship at fixed times through the day, every day, known as the **Liturgy of the Hours**, or the **Divine Office**, was followed by the Apostles, and has been adopted by devoted Christians throughout our history.*

*In our Times of Prayer, we use an unadorned **Liturgy of the Hours** consisting of a prayer from **Psalms**, a passage from **scripture** and **personal prayer**. Our theme this year is **Grace**.*



APRIL HATH PUT A SPIRIT OF YOUTH IN EVERYTHING.

WM SHAKESPEARE

Guatemala

Dale Smith

Travel to Guatemala in Minutes!

We invite you to sit back, relax, and travel to Guatemala with us! Our new travelogue video (NCPGuatemala.com/Trip) from our recent trip in January will take you on a journey filled with bumpy roads, glorious scenery, and welcoming hospitality. It also highlights many of our most recent projects - such as stoves, chickens, and cows - that so many of you have supported over the years. This is a chance to see your gifts working in real-time!

As always, we are truly grateful for your continued support and generosity. The progress and success of our partners in Guatemala is evident and would not be happening without you. We can take this "show on the road" and are more than happy to present to your congregation, mission committee or group. Please contact us at ncpguatemala@gmail.com to learn more, travel with us in the future, or schedule a presentation.

Peace and hope,
The Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery



Ospreys Return

Jodi McLaughlin



We moved the platform that was in the woods at the National Guard out onto the marsh. Now it is visible from Eighth St in Bethany, or from a kayak paddle out into the Salt Pond.



The Sandy Cove pair who always arrive the third week of Feb. He arrived on the 19th. She followed on the 20th. They are amazing!

Photo credits: Rick Hoover, Jodi Mc Laughlin, Dennis Bartow.
Team Osprey lead by Jodi, and CIB volunteers.

Mission Committee

Mike Quinn



BUILDING CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY

As a Mathew 25 church one of our aims is to fulfill the item mentioned in the title of this script. This started me, the Chair of the Mission Committee, thinking of past efforts in this area and I would like to share some of my thoughts with you. Between the years of 2007 thru 2009 or so there were three trips to Mississippi and Louisiana to do Katrina rebuild. First, George and Elsie Young, Mike and Marlene Quinn, Kerry Shull and Beverly Stalnaker went to Gautier Mississippi (pronounced Go Shay) with a group from Limestone Presbyterian Church in Wilmington to do Katrina Hurricane rebuild work under the direction of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) a mission of the Presbyterian Church USA. We spent a week in Gautier Mississippi working on homes, George and Elsie, and Mike and Marlene on one home and Kerry and Beverly on another, and we all experienced many blessings in return. We had a PDA sign on the van door and people knew what that was and came forward to thank us for coming to help them. One afternoon while working we heard a knock at the front door and when we answered it a lady handed us some ice cream saying it is hot and I thought you need something cool to combat the heat and humidity. The next person to knock was the mailman who just thanked us for being thoughtful enough to come down to help them recover. One funny happening while working was when Elsie and Marlene went to get some lumber that we needed. As the men were loading the lumber into the van, Elsie said, "That piece of lumber is not OK. My husband would not accept it so you have to replace it with a better piece" After that when Elsie and Marlene went for more lumber the men loading the van remembered to get the best lumber for this lady that knew what her husband would accept.

Kerry and Beverly worked with the Limestone people on Miss Ruby's home in Gulfport, Mississippi. At first, they wondered if they could do the jobs that needed to be done but the Limestone crew had a person (Barry Fulton) who was a licensed electrician and knew a lot about building so they relied on him when they had questions.

Beverly belonged to the Community Lutheran Church at the time and her quilting crew had given her six quilts to give to people in need. Beverly decided to use the quilts at Miss Ruby's since there were enough beds that needed quilts except for one and that she hung on the wall in the dining room which really made the room look nice.

On Wednesday night we all went to a local church in Gautier for a vespers service. The church was beautiful – with wooden shingles hung on the altar wall and an odd shaped stained-glass window, The laid-back pastor played a guitar and sang wonderful songs. We all enjoyed the experience. It seems this is sort of a tradition each week for the groups that come to work here.

Well, this is a start so I ask you to tune in next month for additional stories about how we began to grow as we built congregation vitality.



Saturday, May 21

The much-anticipated Women's Sewing Circle Jumble is back!

When: Jumble Set-Up on Friday, May 20, 2022 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Jumble Sale on Saturday, May 21, 2022 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Where: OVPC Memorial Hall

We need **YOU** to make this fundraiser a success!

We will be seeking volunteers to help us:

- > Donate items
- > Bake goodies
- > Set up tables on Friday morning
- > Be present at display tables to answer questions and reorganize items during the Jumble
- > Take down tables on Saturday afternoon.

Now is the time to clean out your closets and attics!

Please donate the following items:

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| > Books | > Costume jewelry |
| > Christmas/Holiday | > Linens in good condition |
| > Toys/Children's items | > Attic treasures |
| > Baked goods | |

Please: NO CDs/DVDs, furniture or electronics
Everything will be priced at \$5.00 and under.

If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Neumann at elleneu86@gmail.com
or 973-214-8738

Grounds Committee

Ray Keeney

In preparation for Palm Sunday & Easter please note:

Palm Sunday April 10

Easter April 17

Our next **Work Day is April 9th** (Day before Palm Sunday)

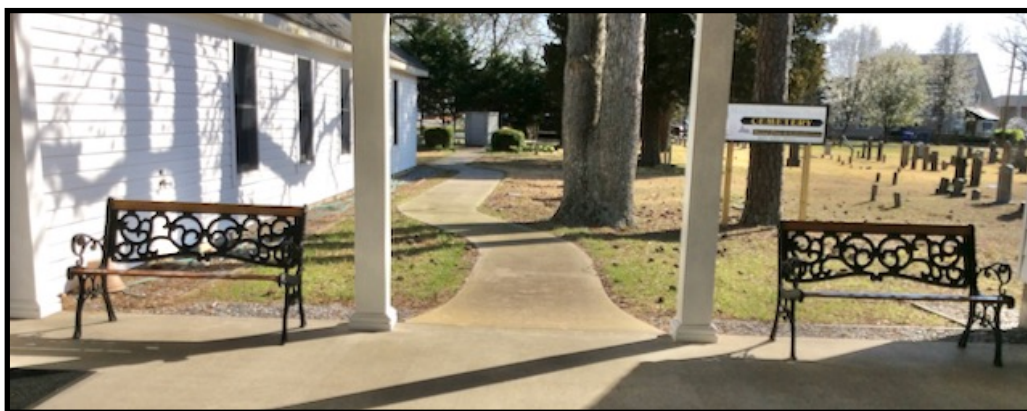
We want to make sure the Grounds are looking great for both!

From now through the summer we will need some help from individuals to take on specific areas to keep them weeded and trimmed throughout the Summer. This will need to be done on a weekly or bi weekly basis.

Areas that will need weekly attention are:

- Front of Church Office
- Corner of Church & West Ave
- Under and along all of the split rail fence (Including the bamboo shoot that come up weekly)
- In front of and behind Memorial Hall
- Planting area around the old well
- Front of Fellowship Center
- Parking Lot side of Church
- Around the Flag pole and historical sign in front of the Church

If you would like to assume responsibility for any of these areas let me know before someone else picks them.



New location for benches.

From The Desk of Tom Bentz

Dream On
with Thomas Bentz

The Aboriginal African Anglican Aryan Asian Arabian
American Human Dream
seems to come down to the sum
or the dust of us
on the summit
or in the pit
of our ascent
or descent
in complement
or discontent
on this continent.

Mocking God and Taking Stock of Ourselves

Happy Easter
only comes as it is cast from
Horrific Execution.
We are only made good
by Good Friday.

One professed faithful "friend" once sent me an horrific email during Holy Week that began "God is not mocked," then ticked off and celebrated the deaths of celebrities who had "mocked God," beginning with John Lennon for claiming he was more popular than Jesus, and Marilyn Monroe, who, after being visited by Billy Graham, told him, "I don't need your Jesus," then was found dead the next week, and ending with another nonbelieving star, who got into a car, and was then killed, along with the other passengers, in a crash.

Well, John Lennon *was* right: he *was* more popular than Jesus, at least in England.

But that doesn't mean that the Jesus, or God, I believe in, is out to kill off everyone who does not bow to "Billy Graham's" or "our" Jesus, or to Osama Bin Laden's Mohammed.

Our Jesus said, and understood: "God sent the Son into the world *not to condemn* the world, but that the world might be *saved* through him."

And to all who are not saved (or are not saved in the way we feel saved) still:
"God so *loved* the world that he gave his Son," who said, this Good Friday, as he did on the first,

to the nonbelievers and even to his damners and killers, in the ultimate zap by God, as he dies on the cross: "Father, *forgive* them." – and forgive my "saved" so-called "disciples," one of whom turned me in, and every one of whom, except John, ran from the cross, saving themselves).

I don't know about you, but I sure as hell would be running too from Jesus' cross and death, and go weep with Peter, and hope I got another chance for a comeback for confession and salvation.

The warning in Galatians 6:7, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sow, that shall he also reap," is about *our* own accountability for what *we* sow," not to let us know that *those* who say anything against, or doubting, God or Jesus will be immediately zapped by God (along with any unlucky passengers with them).

A vigilante call to go get (or rejoice that God is going to get) the infidels, is no better or more faithful than the infidel Islamists who are out to knock off all they see as "infidels."

Instead, Paul *begins* Galatians 6 with this: "If someone is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should *restore him* in a spirit of gentleness." And he ends that knock on those who mock God paragraph with this point: "So then, as we have the opportunity, let us *do good to all* [not just to those who do and are saved like us], and especially [but not exclusively] to those of the household of faith."

With love in Christ, and love for the world,
in a "household" faith that our house cannot hold,
but, by God, and thank God,
with Jesus, from the Last Supper on,
in an everlasting open house,
sometimes doubting
but redoubtable,

Thomas Bentz

*As the world is engaged - or at least outraged - by
an outrageous raging war,*

*I hear now again Auden's fast life lines on
"September 1, 1939,"*

*cast in and from a barstool in "neutral" Manhattan
after Hitler invaded Poland:*

<https://youtu.be/Esrr6zv4gxU>

*as we flash out in the night
in a world in stupor
our ironic points of light . . .*

*for the
Tom
Being*

Cemetery Restoration Project

Jim Hartsig

The Cemetery Committee is pleased to announce that The Delaware Cemetery Board has awarded matching funds from the Distressed Cemetery Fund for restoration work in our cemetery.

The Ocean View Presbyterian Church Cemetery Committee requested matching funds to level, clean and fix broken head stones. A detailed list of the work to be done was attachment to our application. There are 373 stones/markers that need restoration. The application included:

- A brief history of the cemetery
- A description of what stones needed what type of work:
 - fixing broken stones -5 stones
 - leveling stones - 33 stones
 - cleaning stones - approx. 373 stones
- Pictures of the stones that need work - 140 numbered pictures
- A spreadsheet with a key to the numbered pictures showing which stoned need what type of work
 - An overhead photo of the cemetery
 - An overhead photo of the cemetery with numbers showing the approximate location of the stone (keyed to the spreadsheet)
- Bids from three cemetery restoration contractors. Bids were requested from eight contractors
- The account balances of the cemetery accounts

The low bid and the one that was accepted was from Pippin Mausoleums & Monuments, LLC. Their bid was for \$5940. Half this amount will be from the cemetery account and the other half from The Delaware Cemetery Board. Restoration work is expected to begin in May.





Photos by Marie Wachler

Back in the Sanctuary

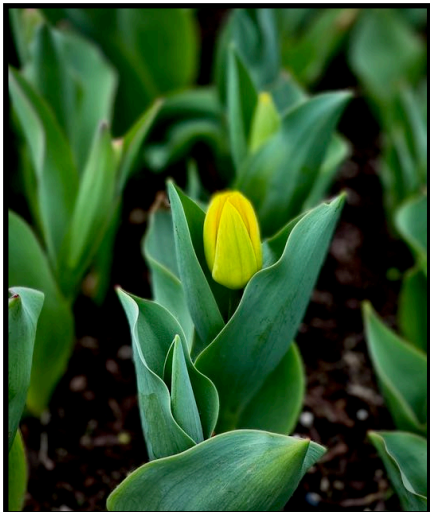
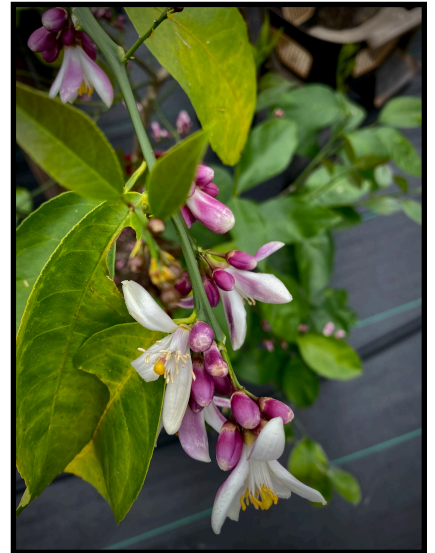
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Photos by Marie Waehler



Photogenic

Bob Turner and Lorie and Jim Hartsig



The local Sandhill Crane and Florida sky. Bob Turner



Join us for dinner and a movie on Friday, April 1st at the Wolf's house (no fooling). We will enjoy fellowship and a potluck 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 we will be watching the 2021 adaptation of *West Side Story*, the story of the rivalry between two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds in New York and the forbidden romance that sparks a war between the two.

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!

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