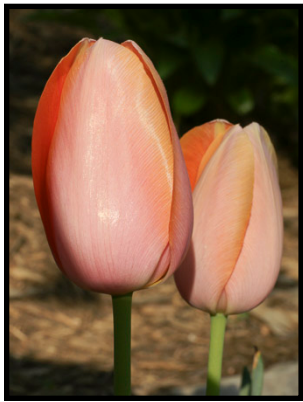




OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MAY 2019



From the Pastor Terry Dougherty

Grace to you, and peace, dear friends in Christ, and happy Spring! Lent, our season of self-examination, is over; Jesus has risen, and has given us purpose; the time of our renewal in the Spirit is in sight. Shall we then relax, saved and unafraid? I'll join Paul in saying *me genoito!!* (let the very idea never have happened!). Quite the contrary, now is the time to creatively connect our hard-won self-understanding to a larger

understanding of why, exactly, God in Christ has chosen, empowered and sent us. In the arc of the Biblical story, it is so that the renewal and restoration of the way God always intended the creation to be, to eternally be, includes us as God's co-creating and co-enjoying companions. We are the ones who, in God's image, conclude with God "It is good; indeed, it is beautiful!" In the Reformed traditions, we say "Humanity's chief and highest end is to glorify God, and fully to enjoy God forever" (Book of Confessions 7.111; answer #1 of the Westminster Catechism). As we move toward Pentecost, this grace is already ours, through the work of Jesus Christ, thanks be to God. Our self-understanding is fully involved in this grateful subsidiarity to God's will in Christ. Bernard of Clairvaux, the 11th century mystic, put it this way:

"for love of neighbor to be entirely right, God must have part in it. It is not possible to love our neighbor as we ought to do, except in God. One who does not love God can't love anything in God. We must begin by loving God. God is the author of our love for God, as of all things. God created - and sustains - nature; it could neither exist nor subsist without God. So that we may thoroughly know this, God made us subject to 'tribulation'. Feeble and needy, we are forced to turn to God; being saved by God, we give glory to God's name. These are God's words: 'Call upon me in this day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will glorify me' (Ps. 50: 15)."

We, with all the faults we are newly aware of, are beloved of God. Jesus has given Himself for us; the Spirit is with us to nourish and guide. It lies upon us now, inside these “guardrails”, to realize fully the person we have always been meant to be; the one God sees.

It was a great privilege and pleasure to be accompanied to a seminar at Princeton Seminary three weekends ago by my wonderful Pastoral Support Team: Karen Colwill, Kathy Sheetz, Pam Price and Mike Read. There we heard two working pastors, Dr. Timothy Sloan and Dr. Thomas Daniel, engage with professors, theologians, ministers, congregational and presbytery officers, and students in dialogue and conversation. Both, at various points, brought up personal weaknesses they had had to address in their ministry. Both talked about how they lived these weaknesses out transparently, in the very context of ministry and preaching. I think it's fair to say all of us from OVPC were very moved by their honesty, and their dedication to working these issues through. There was a variety of opinion in the conference about the “when”s and “how”s and “how much”es of this kind of sharing are appropriate; a lot of it valid. But at the bottom of it all, it brought home an idea and belief I've held for a long time now.

Friends, to be servants of God, and servants of others, we must bring our whole life; not just the parts we are proud of. We cannot know what bit of the mess and confusion, the failure and doubt, might be exactly the road to encouragement for the person God has set before us for ministry; that means we must be unafraid. Our spiritual gifts are so often mixed in with our spiritual debits! Our certainties are so often the bits of us that most deserve to be challenged! Our God writes on our hearts, forming us throughout our ups and downs; our God does not write for us, in manuals, from which we may feel separate. Above all, God gives us others, in whom to glory and before whom to be ourselves, unvarnished and whole.

Let us undertake in this in-between season to be available as both our inward and outward selves; to love and to accept love with deep gratitude. Yes, let's wander God's garden with joy, but let's also notice when sticks have fallen in the paths, and do our part.

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OVPC Minute from Session - April 8, 2019

The **Session of OVPC** met on Monday, April 8, 2019, in Fellowship Center.

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

Orders of the Day:

The Buildings and Grounds Committee - Ray Keeney, Chair, and Don Bailey, Liaison, presented their 2019 Annual Committee Report to Session. The committee is working to finalize the 'Comprehensive Maintenance Manual' and is also working to develop a plan to redesign the kitchen and bathroom areas of Fellowship Center. Thank you for replacing/repairing the railing around the sanctuary front door. Session thanked the committee and the OVPC members who support the Buildings and Grounds Committee and their projects. 'Spring Clean-Up Day' is April 27th starting at 8:30 am.

MOTION passed to approve the March 2019 Financial Reports.

MOTION passed to approve Session Minutes of March 11, 2019.

The Monthly Committee Reports were received.

MOTION approved the revised Job Description for the Facilities Coordinator and Committee. This replaces the Facilities Coordinator Job Description.

MOTION approved the revised OVPC Facilities and Service brochure which directs all contact to the church office.

MOTION approved for OVPC to host the World Vision 6K for Water, on May 4, 2019 at 9:00 am. The committee is hard at work and looks for your support.

MOTION approved request from Pastor Terry to be out of the office, Thursday, April 11th to attend a seminar, with the Pastor Support Team, at Princeton Theological Seminary.

MOTION approved request for Pastor Terry to be out of the office April 29th -May 2nd. Rev. Peter Maurer will be the emergency contact.

The appraisal of the church property is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10th at 9 am.

Session urges all committee chairs to get their Session reports to the office by the Wednesday before the Session Meeting. May Session reports are due May 8th.

Rev. Terry Dougherty adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 9:15 P.M.

Christian Education

Karen Rubin Hamilton

Join us in Memorial Hall after worship this month for three very different educational opportunities. We are excited to have two guest speakers on May 19 & 26, and of course to have Jen Read lead us in discussion on May 5th.

May 5: St. Francis meets Stephen Covey

Jen Read will lead us in discussion as we explore the meaning of two perspectives on “understanding”.

*O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.
Francis of Assisi 1220*

Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

The essence of this perspective is a temperament that favors curiosity, open-mindedness, empathy, and patience—all rolled into one. In order to really seek to understand, you cannot have already judged a person or situation. You need to develop a desire to understand—meaning a desire to see things from others’ point of view, to see their reasons, and feel what they feel.

Stephen Covey 1989

May 19th: The Importance of Correctional Education

As a follow up to Bruce Hobler’s presentation on “Prison Education,” our guest speaker, Stephen Steurer, Ph. D., will present an overview of recent research on correctional education and general trends in prison reform.”

May 26th: Civil Discourse

Rev. Jessie MacMillan, Connectional Presbyter of New Castle Presbytery, will lead a discussion on Christian perspectives on civil discourse in our communities. Together we will look at scripture, explore tools for civil discourse, and discuss ways in which our witness to the peace of Christ can extend beyond our church doors. All are welcome to come and share their perspective... with civility of course.



Phil Hamilton	May 5th
Tim Smith	May 5th
Marjorie Egger	May 6th
Marlene Quinn	May 13th
Terry Dougherty	May 15th
Eunice Rollings	May 19th
Elaine Wolf	May 23rd
Bob Doherty	May 26th



Kathy and Herb Sheetz	May 6th
Karen and Bill Colwill	May 20th
Cindy and Steve Szlasa	May 22nd
Cindy and Don Benjamin	May 26th



Attention Men of the Church!

Mother's Day is coming up (May 12) and as is our tradition, we will be providing a brunch after church. Please contact Bob Wolf to volunteer your cooking, baking, chopping, or shopping skills so we can show our appreciation for the ladies of our church.

Deacon's Report *Eric Neumann*

The Deacon's Mission for the month of May is Pentecost. Your offerings support Presbyterian programs which nurture the faith of those who are the church to come - children, youth and young adults. 40% of the Pentecost Offering remains with our congregation to support children and youth in our local communities. Thank you for your continued support.



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 May 6th

A Prayer Shawl
Knitted or crocheted.
57 stitches wide
57 inches long
To be wrapped in.
Prayers felt
of the knitters and
crocheters who
Lovingly and prayerfully
Created God's touch.
For you.

Kairos Prison Ministry *Dale Smith*

Following a several year hiatus, Kairos Prison Ministry is planning a weekend event at the Sussex Correctional Institute in Georgetown, Thursday through Sunday, 6/13-16. (See KairosPrisonMinistry.org).

Members of participating congregations are invited to attend the closing ceremonies on Sunday afternoon at SCI. Please see me if you are interested in attending.

Training for the volunteer participants has begun. Prayers for the participants and the residents would be appreciated. To further support this event (training materials and the like, for the residents), donations can be made at KairosOfDE.org or via check to OVPC, indicating Kairos Prison Ministry SCI#8 in the memo line.

Fraud Alert

AARP has a Fraud Watch Network webpage. Please, please, please check it out. Here is a list of some of the scams out there today. Remember NEVER give out you Social Security number, credit card number or bank account number to anyone who calls you.

<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/>

Celebrity Impostor Scams
Charity Scams
Cruise Scams
Cryptocurrency Fraud
Debt Collection Scams
Debt Relief Scams
Dietary Supplement Scams
Funeral Scams
Gift Card Scams
Government Grant Scams
Grandparent Scam
Health Insurance Scams
Holiday Scams
Home Improvement Scams
Identity Theft
Impostor Scams
Investment Fraud
IRS Impostor Scam
Medical Identity Theft
New Medicare Card Scam

Nigerian Scams
Online Pharmacy Scams
Online Shopping Scams
Phishing
Phone Scams
Public Wi-Fi Scams
Robocalls
Romance Scams
Social Security Scams
Sweepstakes and Lottery Scams
Tax ID Theft
Tech Support Scams
Time-Share Resale Scam
Travel Scams
Utility Scams
Vacation Scams
Veterans Charity Scam
Veterans Scams
Weight-Loss Scams
Work-at-Home Scams

Smart phone users: Tired of robocall? Here is one, of many.

Put everyone you know that you receive calls from in your “contacts” list. Then when a call is received look at the screen to see who it is from. It will list the name of the caller if the caller is in your “contact” list. If it just lists a phone number DO NOT ANSWER it. If it is an important call the caller will leave a voice mail.



WHAT KIND OF MAN WOULD SEEK OUT THE CARE OF A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Elaine and Dale Smith

A man like **Adam**, who was cut off from all that gave meaning to life and needed someone to remind him of God's promise.

A man like **Noah**, who witnessed the destruction of everything around him and needed someone to wait with him for a new day.

A man like **Abraham**, who have to leave everything he knew and loved behind him and needed someone to journey with him to a new life.

A man like **Moses**, who faced great opposition and needed a companion to support him and speak on his behalf.

A man like **David**, who grieved the death of a wayward child and needed a shepherd's care.

A man like **Elijah**, who thought he was all alone and needed a still small voice to encourage him.

A man like **Job**, who lost everything and needed someone to silently endure his pain with him.

A man like **Peter**, who found himself in over his head and needed the strong hand of a faithful friend.

A man like **Paul**, who knew the unending distress of a thorn in the flesh and needed someone to rejoice when he rejoiced and to weep when he wept.

A man like **Jesus**, who knew intense disappointment, sorrow, grief, rejection, and loneliness and need an angel of God to minister to him

A man like **you**.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, speak with Pastor Terry or Elaine Smith (the Referrals Coordinator). Elaine can be reached at 908.859.2901 (home) or 908.319.4858 (cell).

Princeton Support Team

Karen Colwill, Pam Price, Mike Read, Kathy Sheetz and Terry Dougherty

As a reminder of the team's purpose, here's a review of the original intent. The First Call Pastoral Leadership Program is a pilot program designed to mentor new pastors into ministry in a healthy congregation. This 3 year program involves a partnership between Princeton Theological Seminary and Ocean View Presbyterian Church. So, our team has been meeting weekly with Pastor Terry for check-ins and discussion. Also, we have monthly meetings which include Dr. Rev. Tom Kort of Princeton via a conference call.

Recently, the whole team along with Pastor Terry attended a 3 day conference at Princeton Seminary entitled: Biblical Formation for Witness: Missional Meaning of Scripture in Context. It was a meaningful, rich theological discussion with several guest scholars, pastors, and administrative personnel. Four themes were generated from these days: (1) Integration of evangelism and social justice, (2) The role of the Holy Spirit, (3) Practices for preaching from a missional prospective, and (4) Guiding a community to read Scripture with a missional goal.

Another project we've begun is to read and study the book, Canoeing the Mountains by Tod Bolsinger, which contains information of Christian leadership in an exciting new time for the Church. Our challenge is to connect, grow, and serve Jesus Christ as His disciples.

**“Spring shows what God can
do with a drab and dirty
world.”**

Virgil A. Kraft

Sara P. 'Sal' Fitzgerald, 93

Sara P. "Sal" Fitzgerald, 93, left this world peacefully, surrounded by her loved ones, on April 4, 2019. She was raised in Philadelphia, Pa., where she was born Aug. 13, 1925.

Fitzgerald attended Girls High School in Philadelphia before moving to Clarksville, Del., with her parents. It was later that year in Bethany Beach that Fitzgerald met her future husband, Bob, who was stationed at Fort Maggie during World War II. They married shortly thereafter, on Dec. 22, 1943.

The couple eventually settled and raised their five children in Media, Pa. Fitzgerald was very involved in her children's schools and PTA. She was also quite involved with the Media Presbyterian Church, where she was a deacon, an elder and choir singer. One of her proudest

accomplishments was working with others for the creation of the Media-Upper Providence Library. Through coordinated fundraising, she helped with the expansion of the physical library and its collections, as well as the addition of Upper Providence.

Once she retired with her husband to Ocean View, Del., in 1977, she joined the Ocean View Presbyterian Church choir, which led to her joining the church circle and a long-tenured involvement there.

Through her life, Fitzgerald thoroughly enjoyed time with her family and her summers on the beach. She was an avid golfer and bridge player. She lived a long, full life.

Fitzgerald was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Robert H. Fitzgerald II, and son, Robert H. Fitzgerald III. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara Churchville, Faith Fitzgerald, Sue Williamson and her husband, Doug, and Hope Orhelein and her husband, Michael; her grandchildren, Colleen Fitzgerald, Dylan Fitzgerald, Bridget Fitzgerald, Garan Fitzgerald, Sara Luciano, Rachel Catrambone, Ryan Orhelein, McKenzie Orhelein and Keegan Orhelein; and many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of Fitzgerald's life will be held at 1 p.m., with visitation starting at noon, on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at Ocean View Presbyterian Church, 67 Central Avenue, Ocean View, Del. Interment will follow in the adjoining church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested memorial contributions to the Ocean View Presbyterian Church; 67 Central Ave.; Ocean View, DE 19970, or to Media-Upper Providence Library; 1 East Front St.; Media, PA 19063, or to Delaware Hospice; 100 Patriots Way; Milford, DE 19963 (or www.DelawareHospice.org). Condolences may be sent online at www.melsonfuneralservices.com.



Photogenic
Jim Hartsig

Railing by sanctuary being repaired / replaced.



Friday Night At The Movies



Join us Friday May 3rd at 5:30 at Bob & Elaine Wolf's home to share a potluck meal and enjoy a movie together.

This month back by popular demand and in recognition of Kentucky Derby weekend we will be showing the 2010 film 'Secretariat' starring Diane Lane and John Malkovich. Housewife and mother Penny Chenery agrees to take over her ailing father's Virginia-based Meadow Stables, despite her lack of horse-racing knowledge. Against all odds, Chenery -- with the help of veteran trainer Lucien Laurin -- manages to navigate the male-dominated business, ultimately fostering the first Triple Crown winner in twenty-five years.

(Rated PG for brief mild language)

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 ---

