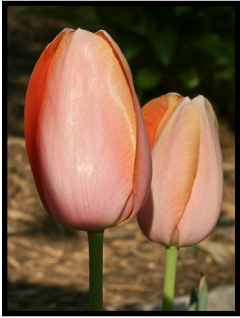




Ocean Views

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MAY 2022



From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty

**Faithful Friends, Grace and Peace to you in the name of
our risen Lord, Jesus Christ!**

I write this in the wake of a particularly joyous celebration of Easter in our sanctuary, one carried forward by the gifts (and giftedness) of many people: our attentive Deacons, who not only celebrated and dedicated our new communion ware, but also through sheer foresight and creativity made certain our few loaves still fed the multitudes! Our *Three Women* (Kathy Sheetz, Elaine Wolf and Jen Read), and their director (Bev Bailey) got us off to a joyous, and very human start – following a very tough act to follow, Kathy Rhodes and Eric Neumann offering a powerful duet on Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*, from *Messiah*. Our choir, directed by Kathy, was magnificent in its latest iteration of members new and long-serving. Our flowers were gorgeous and abundant, our banners and paraments celebratory and beautiful (thank you Worship Committee!), the welcome at the doors gracious and helpful (thank you, Joni and Ellen!). And you, dear friends, were gracious, welcoming and abundant in our home! It was, without exaggeration, a peak moment.

So, I want to both say and remind, It is not over! We Christians are sometimes known as *Easter People*; we are that all the time. Jesus' resurrection and ascension, which bookend the Season of Easter, are the Spirit-filled justification, reframing and reconciliation of human life – all human life! – toward and for God, and the life with God we were and are always meant to live. Set free from sin and death by Jesus' eternally saving, gracious action, we get to live in joyful companionship in the garden (*paradis*) God made for us out of the abundance of love that both *is*, and *characterizes*, God.

Over the course of the next 49 days (a week of weeks, as the Hebrew Bible has it), culminating in the 50th day, Pentecost, we are more alert even than usual for the signs, evidence, and gracious results of Jesus' presence to us and to all of the world. We only have a few stories about those first

50 days, but we know Jesus' character, so we know what Jesus was doing the whole while: healing, loving, teaching, reconciling the lost and the lonely, starting with what I have come to view as the *healing* of Thomas' doubt. As we walk about this beautiful creation, surprised, perhaps, by the loveliness of a flower or bird or pond or hill, it is good to remember that Jesus is there, in the beauty, in the recognition, in the creation, in the celebration of all that is both simple and magnificent. Right in the midst, loving it with us and giving it to us; both saving and savoring it by our side. Be open to His presence, welcoming to His coming, again and again; open the door.

*Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I **will** make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them. (John 17: 24-26)*

Though we Presbyterians rarely recognize it (usually folding it into the 7th Sunday of Easter, which this year is May 29th), the Ascension of Jesus takes place on the 40th day of the Season of Easter (always a Thursday; that's May 26th this year. BTW, those of you mathematically inclined, Easter itself is the 1st Sunday of Easter, don't forget Holy Week! That's why the 40 days since the resurrection and the 49 days aren't lining up for you how they should...). It does NOT mean Jesus is gone! Quite the contrary, it means, as our Creed says, that Jesus operates in the Unity of the Trinity, seated at the right hand of God the Almighty. Everything, everywhere, is infused with the presence of God the Creator, God the Redeemer, and God the Sustainer of us, and of everything. Again, be open to this presence, welcoming to God's coming, again and again. Open the door.

Joyous Easter, people of God!

Pastor Terry

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Session Report

Ollie Robling

SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 11, 2022

Shaped by God We Love and Serve

Attending: Rev. Terry Dougherty, Bob Wolf, Mike Read, Ollie Robling, Marlene Quinn, Treasurer Elaine Wolf. Guests: Don Bailey (Buildings Committee) and Ray Keeney (Grounds Committee).

The meeting was opened by moderator Pastor Terry Dougherty at 7:05 pm with the opening devotion and prayer..

Don Bailey gave his report on the Building Committee's activities and accomplishments for 2021 and his plans for 2022.

Ray Keeney gave his report on the Grounds Committee's activities and accomplishments for 2021 and his plans for 2022. After Ray Keeney's Grounds Report he introduced a letter he had sent to all Session members on April 11 regarding the construction of a Labyrinth. The letter was discussed and after Ray left the meeting the Session decided to hold an "Informational meeting" @ 7:00 pm on April 25th in Fellowship Center to answer any questions anyone might have regarding this Matthew 25 initiative.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Elaine Wolf reported that everything looks good and the church is in good shape financially.

A question arose regarding where the returned money from MHDC (about \$9200) should go. Elaine said she would research the financial history of our contributions.

CLERK'S REPORT

A MOTION was made, seconded, and passed to approve the docket for this meeting.

A MOTION was made seconded and passed to accept Plitko LLC's proposal for \$3600 to perform a "Site Feasibility Study" which would include preparing a preliminary site plan and a topographical map of the OVPC parking lot. This would then be submitted to the Town of Ocean View for approval.

Since, for some reason, the March Session minutes did not get to the Session members in time for this meeting they will have to be approved in the May Session meeting.

A MOTION was made, seconded and passed to approve Ollie Robling as the Clerk of Session/Church Secretary.

A MOTION was made, seconded and passed to fill the open Session position created by Ollie Robling's departure from Session. This person will serve as a Session member for the duration of 2022, but will not be eligible for another 3 year term in 2023.

A MOTION was made, seconded and passed to have the Connectional Presbyterian/Stated Clerk Cindy Kohlmann as Pulpit Supply on May 15 rather than May 8.

We have been notified by Donna Scully, NCP Administrator/Assistant Stated Clerk that our 2021 Session Minutes Review will be conducted on May 22 in Milford, DE. Ollie Robling and Karen Colwill will attend.

Next Session Meeting: May 9, 2022, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Changes to the Roll:

Deaths: Peggy Wivel, David Kratch and Carole Trent in March

Funerals: Peggy Wivel

Baptisms: none

Marriages: none

Gain/Loss of Members: 0

Year to Date Membership: 93

PASTOR'S REPORT Moderator Terry Dougherty

Discussion held regarding the need to have an annual Lenten calendar each year.

Terry will place a request into the Newsletter for someone from the Congregation to step forward and become involved in the Ministerium.

A MOTION was made, seconded and passed to have Terry take up to 8 days between April 24 and May 1 to finish his report to the Princeton First Call Pastoral Leadership Program.

NEW BUSINESS

Welcome of Bev Bailey to the Session. She will be liaison to Christian Ed and the Deacons.

For future communions the Worship Committee and Deacons want to serve grape juice only – no wine. To change this it would take a MOTION approved by Session, which at this point Session does not want to do. Terry will report back to Deacons and the Worship Committee that Session is not in favor of this change.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special Project #4-2021 Com/Tech – Bob Wolf said that there are still some questions regarding software and they are doing some debugging.

Mission Committee – A MOTION was made, seconded and passed to show the video of the Gaza water project from Westminster Wilmington with the possibility of helping to fund the project.

Mission Committee – A MOTION was made, seconded and passed to send a letter to Westminster Presbyterian Church in support for the grant request by Westminster Presbyterian Church for the solar-powered water desalinization units to provide safe drinking water for school students in Gaza.

MOTION made, seconded and passed to adjourn, and the meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Terry at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session

OVPC Quarterly Financial Report

Bob Clark

January 01, 2022 to 03/31/2022

Below is the year to date income and expenses for OVPC. Contact Bob Clark if you have any comments or questions.

Income:	\$55,135
Salaries and expenses paid:	\$52,860
Deficit or Surplus:	\$2,275
Money on hand at the end of the period:	\$36,345

**YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE STRENGTH, THE
PATIENCE, AND THE PASSION TO REACH FOR
THE STARS, TO CHANGE THE WORLD.**

HARRIET TUBMAN

Deacons

Joni Keller

PENTECOST – THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit is still within us, guiding and connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to teach and inspire the church of today, and leading us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which is nurturing the faith of those who are going to lead the church to come. Our gifts allow us to fulfill God's hope and future for his children, by supporting ministries that help children, youth and young adults build a life of faith.

40% of the Pentecost Offering remains with our congregation to support local ministries with children, youth, and young adults. Some examples are: 1. Addressing systemic issues such as poverty, food, health, and clothing. 2. After school and summer programs. 3. Helping to end child sex trafficking. 4. Providing school supplies. 5. Support programs for children with disabilities.

25% goes to Young Adult Volunteer experience. YAV serve in communities around the world and grow as leaders through transformative Christian service.

25% supports ministries with youth ages 12-18, and those called to accompany them.

10% supports the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" national initiative. These are children at risk. These funds support and improve education and supply safe havens.

With our gifts, we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan. The gifts we share will help young people learn important lessons about life and faith. And children, youth, and young adults can teach us new things and help us shape our faith too.

Jeremiah 29:11. I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord... to give you a future with **HOPE**.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot





Phil Hamilton	May 5th
Tim Smith	May 5th
Marjorie Egger	May 6th
Jake Stavinga	May 7th
Marlene Quinn	May 13th
Terry Dougherty	May 15th
June Moran	May 18th
Bill Wivel	May 21st
Elaine Wolf	May 23rd
Sue Dick	May 26th
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



**YARN meets Monday, May 2nd
at 10 am in Fellowship Center.
All are welcome.**

Womens Sewing Circle

Lorie Hartsig

SHAPED BY GOD, WE LOVE and SERVE

The Women's Sewing Circle of OVPC met on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 with six members attending in person and Flora Beaver by Zoom. Birthdays noted were Sue Baer's, Sue Rizer's, Sandy White's, Cindy Benjamin's and Pam Dougherty's. Ellen opened with a prayer taken from Sunday's Silent Meditation; Terry recited a poem entitled "Kindness" and prayed with us. The PW Purpose was said together.

REPORTS

Secretary's Minutes- were approved as sent electronically.

Treasurer's Report- shows a closing balance of \$2619.16.

OVPC Mission Report- was given by Marlene Quinn. On April 24, during CE time, a video about the Gaza Water Project will be shown. This involves solar-powered de-salinization.

Session Report- was given by Marlene and included the news that Ollie Robling will be the new clerk of Session. A site feasibility study will be done as a prerequisite to making any changes on our parking area.

OLD BUSINESS

Sign ups for **JUMBLE** and Bake Sale guidelines and sign up were available.

Information about the **Alliance Stamp Ministry** was available. A jar for the placement of stamps will be at each meeting.

Terry's birthday money will be given to him at the next meeting. He will be 68 years old on May 15th.

Coffee Hour - Marti and Kathy Sheetz will provide for Mother's Day. At the Gifts of Women service on May 15th, guest speaker, Cindy Kohlmann will offer a CE class afterwards. Light refreshments will be provided.

NEW BUSINESS

Heavenly Luncheon- Liz Hobler was present to review plans for this year's event. Since a source of donated boneless chicken breasts was available, it was decided to go ahead with plans for this year on July 27th to coincide with the first day of the Cottage Tour. The Luncheon will be only held on one day this year. As in past years, the Monday and Tuesday before the event will be

preparation of food. The menu will be the same. A partial page of advertising for the Heavenly Luncheon will be purchased in the Cottage Tour booklet. Liz will be calling new members since 2020 to explain and recruit for this event.

The meeting continued with our continuing Bible Study led by Ellen followed by the closing of the meeting with the reciting of the Mitzvah. Our next meeting will be held in Memorial Hall at 12:45 on May 11th for a brief fellowship before the business meeting. In June we will have a pot luck lunch before the meeting with officers providing dessert.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorie Hartsig



Welcome
Glad you're here!

Grace and Ric Nelson

While on their honeymoon to Rehoboth Beach in 2012, Ric and Grace purchased a vacation spot in Ocean View. A year later they made the move permanent from central PA. Ric is a native of Middletown, PA and has been coming to Ocean View since childhood. Now semi-retired, he works part time during the summer season. A bass player, he has performed with a variety of bands since age 13. Grace grew up in Cherry Hill, NJ and raised her family in Shippensburg, PA where she worked in her local PCUSA church as well as for Presbyterian Senior Living. She never visited the Delaware beaches until she met Ric! She is an administrator for a real estate brokerage in Fenwick Island and enjoys volunteering at James Farm. Between them, they have two adult daughters Ashley and Victoria, and three young adult grandchildren, all of whom live in PA.

In Memory of

Peggy Wivel

August 4, 1939 - March 17, 2022

Carole Trent

October 7, 1933 - March 20, 2022

Dave Kratch

January 20, 1935 - March 10, 2022

"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, we have commended to almighty God these siblings in the faith, our friends from the journey, and the family who walk with us here no more. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors and their works follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of all those who have kept the faith, finished their race, and who now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name here and in our hearts who you have now received into your presence. Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with all your saints, where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing, but life everlasting.

Help us to believe where we have not seen, trusting you to lead us through our years. Bring us at last with all your saints into the joy of your home, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Cindy Kohlmann

Building Congregational Vitality

Mike Quinn



After returning from our first trip to Mississippi for Katrina relief rebuild, and sharing with the congregation what our first trip was like the interest grew so we planned a second trip but totally made up by OVPC. We contacted PDA and they set us up for a work camp in the Gulfport Mississippi area. The following people decided to go: Kerry Shull, Bob Dougherty, Dr. Bruce Hobler, Liz Hobler, Don Bailey, Bev Bailey, Dave Kratch, Carol Kratch, Herb Sheetz, Dr. Patricia McGinnis (daughter of Mike and Marlene Quinn), Mike Quinn, Marlene Quinn, Beryl DeJarnette. What a motley crew. We had a group of Ameri Core kids in the same camp but they worked in a different area than we were assigned.

We were housed in corrugated huts with the heat and air conditioning running down the middle between the huts. Of course, the heat was generated by a gas-powered electrical generator which had a small fuel tank so someone had to get up in the middle of the night to refill the gas tank to keep the heat going as it was actually cold at night in Mississippi. Of course, you guessed it, I got elected to do that job, lucky me.

We were working hard and sweating during the day and the showers were just very small single person showers which had very little ventilation so you showered and couldn't get dry with the high humidity of Mississippi. Thus, your clothes were wet and sticking to you, but our spirits were high and we were working to help others.

One night we were awakened by the PDA advisor and told there was a tornado in the area and we had to move to the Walmart Store in the next town. We grumbled but we went and gathered in the lobby of the store where they had sofas and chairs set up for us. Beryl came out of the women's rest room snickering and approached our group to tell us of her experience in the bathroom with the Ameri Core girls. She shared that all she heard was how the girls were talking about the electronic equipment they had brought with them in case the tornado hit and all she could think of was what the rest of us gathered up when we went to Walmart, yes, we all grabbed our pills! What age does for the thought process.

Well enough of this trip. Stay tuned next month for the next trip.

Respectively submitted by,

Mike Quinn Chair of OVPC Mission Committee

Labyrinth Update

Bev Bailey

There is news on the OVPC Labyrinth which has been in planning stages for almost two years.

On Monday evening, April 25, the Mission Committee held an informational meeting on the status of the labyrinth. Twenty-Seven people attended, and there was much good discussion and explanation. The Task Force--Bev Bailey, Don Bailey, Dale Smith, (Jen Read, Mike Read in absentia)--along with Pastor Terry Dougherty, reported that supplies have been ordered and would soon be delivered to the plot of ground across from Memorial Hall. Mike Quinn, chair of the Mission Committee (where the labyrinth task force is situated), and Marlene Quinn, Session Liaison to the Mission participated in leading

An interesting story: morning at Beebe tests. The nurse I was how I was feeling, and I tired because of an had the night before. meeting was about and I labyrinth at our church. more questions and then little girl she went to a and that when one of the doing something they doing, the child had the

corner of the classroom, or going outside and walking the church labyrinth for 10 minutes. She said that almost every child chose the labyrinth because it was outside and because in the those 10 minutes the child would calm down and breathe and enjoy the walk—and be ready to participate in class again...I hope that we might all be able to use the labyrinth at OVPC to calm down, breathe, and enjoy.....and that our neighborhood and community might do the same.



Prayer Labyrinth

Committee also the discussion.

Yesterday, I spent the Hospital having a set of working with asked me explained that I was informational meeting I She asked me what the said it was about a She asked me a few said, that when she was a Lutheran pre-school, children “got caught” shouldn’t have been choice of sitting in the

MAY YOUR *troubles* BE LESS,
your blessings be more,
 & NOTHING BUT *happiness*
 COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR.

Our Lacy of Good Counsel



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.

**Please leave your donation in Memorial Hall from
Sunday May 16-Friday, May 20 BEFORE NOON.**

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

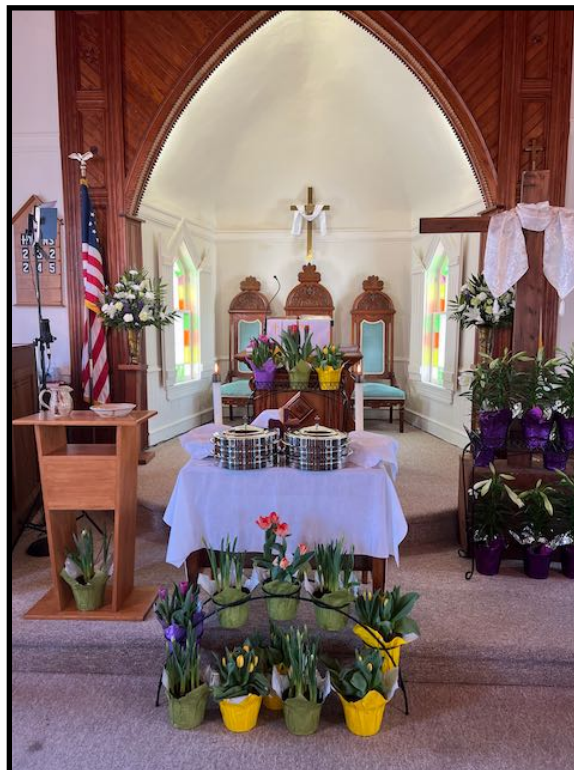
From The Desk of Tom Bentz

I just read in the Post that two-thirds of the counties in this country lost population last year, and all counties in four states saw more people die than be born: Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Delaware.
Glad you are still here.

Here today and
Tom Tomorrow



Astronomer Fred Espenak got this timelapse moonshot as it set over the Chiricahua Mountains in Portal, Arizona.



Easter morning 2022

Empower a woman in Guatemala!

Empowered women build strong families and communities.

Our partners in Guatemala have been working together to provide opportunities for women to gain self-confidence, build self-esteem, and improve their emotional well-being. With your financial support, they will be able to touch the lives of even more women. A gift of \$50 will cover the cost for one woman to attend a six-session empowerment training course.

Facilitators from CEDEPCA's Women's Ministry team travel out to rural communities in Guatemala to offer a variety of faith-based workshops that are grounded in feminist perspectives. In recent years, many members of the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development have participated in these activities. The most popular training has been Resilience in the Face of Crisis. This six-session course teaches women how to prepare for natural disasters, cope with domestic and sexual abuse, and understand their rights as women under Guatemalan law. Additional trainings include Being a Woman is Marvelous and Tamar: Stop Violence Against Teenage Girls. Women are also encouraged to take leadership roles in their churches and communities, and to continue - or even just begin - their formal education.

Each gift of \$50 will enable one woman or teenage girl to receive this uplifting and life-changing experience. Your donation will pay for CEDEPCA's time and travel expenses, materials and supplies, and a hot lunch each day for participants.

You can make a donation online at <https://donorbox.org/guatemala-empowerment>. To learn more about our Guatemalan partners and this initiative, please visit www.ncpguatemala.com.

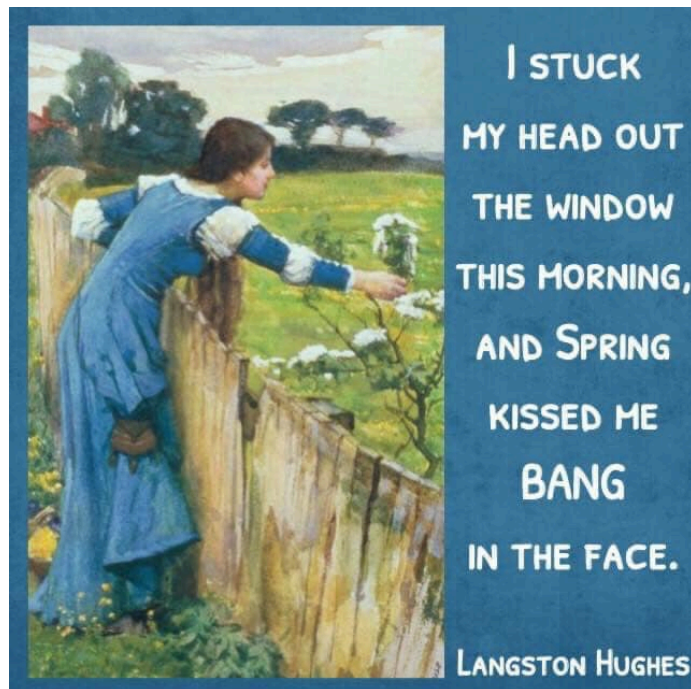
Thank you for your ongoing support,
The Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery



PAINTER WANTED



Painter needed to repaint the background of the OVPC Cemetery sign. Contact Jim Hartsig at beach830.jim@gmail.com or 301-247-1747





The Bitdefender team is constantly on the lookout for cyberthreats that may impact you. Researchers at Bitdefender Labs have recently [seen waves of fraudulent and malicious emails](#) exploiting the humanitarian crisis and charitable spirit of people across the globe.

Unfortunately, the war in Ukraine is a gold mine for scammers and criminal groups who are using fraudulent emails and Short Message Service (SMS) messages asking recipients to donate money.

Scammers are impersonating the Ukrainian government and international humanitarian agencies.

To stay safe from these malicious attacks and others, here are some recommendations from the Bitdefender team.

#1 Don't open emails or attachments from untrusted senders, especially if they try to induce a sense of urgency, no matter how 'official' they seem.

#2 Look out for emails asking for donations, even ones using trusted names of organizations.

If you want to donate, go directly to the charity organization website to make a donation.

#3 Beware of text messages from unknown senders.

If you don't know the sender, don't click links arriving via instant messaging apps or SMS and block the caller.

#4 Be aware of misinformation campaigns.

The use of "deepfakes" and other methods to spread misinformation is on the rise. A red flag is a message that urges you to share that information further. Before you send along the message, be sure it's from a trusted source.

#5 Use strong passwords for your online accounts.

Passwords that are unique, long (at least 12 characters), and feature multiple characteristics and combinations are the most secure. Make sure you use a different password for each account. A [password manager](#) can help simplify management and keep you safe.

#6 Use a virtual private network (VPN) on all public WiFi connections.

[VPNs like Bitdefender](#) add an additional layer of protection between your devices and the internet. Most public hotspots offer little privacy protection.

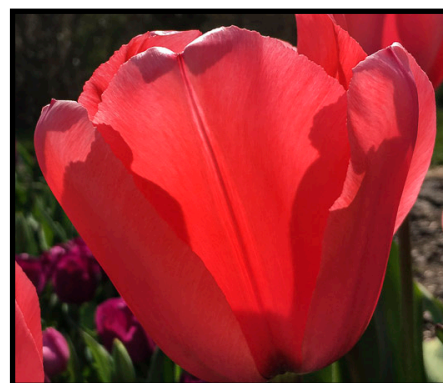
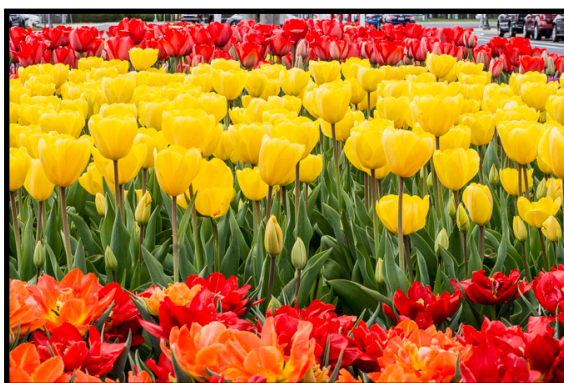
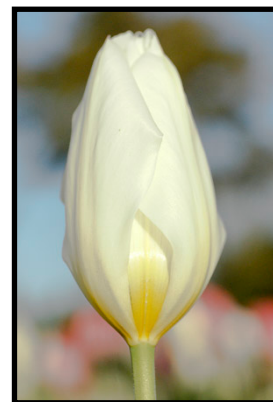
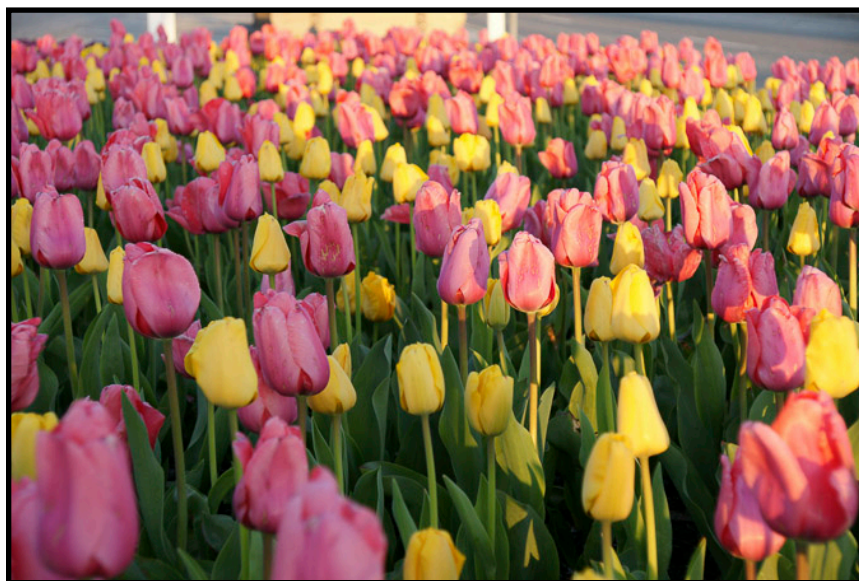
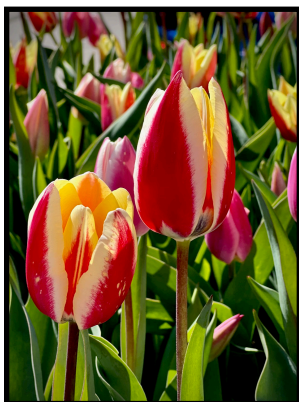
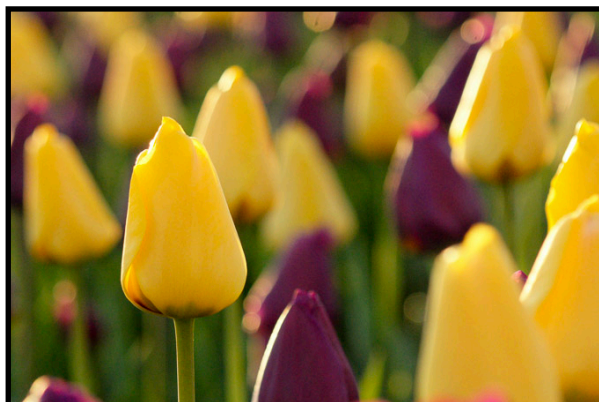
#7 Advise your family and friends to install a security solution on all devices.

Modern security solutions prevent users from accessing malicious links, block malware before installation, and notify users when they receive malicious content. This is particularly important now, as some ransomware operators [have pledged to help Russia](#) execute cyberattacks against rival nations.

#8 Stay up to date on cybersecurity news, alerts, and tips.



Photogenic Lorie and Jim Hartsig tulips





Join us for dinner and a movie on Friday May 13 at the Wolf's house – 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 2017 film 'Victoria & Abdul' starring Dame Judi Dench. This is the little known but true story of the close alliance

formed between Queen Victoria and Abdul Karim, a clerk from India selected to participate in the Queen's golden jubilee.

Please note that we are gathering on the second Friday this month due to the trip to the Harriet Tubman museum on May 6.

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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