

O Lord, in the silence of computer each day (if I remember

this day that is now beginning, I come to ask you for peace, wisdom and

strength. Today I want to look upon the world with eyes full of love; to be patient, understanding, humble, calm and good. Today I want to see beyond the appearances of your children, to see them as you yourself see them, and so to be able to appreciate the goodness of each person.

Close my ears to all murmuring; guard my tongue from all evil speech; so that only those thoughts that bless may remain to me. Today, I want to be so well-intentioned and just that those who approach me may feel your presence.

Clothe me with your goodness, Lord, and grant that during this day, I may reflect you. AMEN.

Grace and peace, Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

I came across this prayer in Rev. Dr. Cameron Trimble's blog post so long ago I don't remember. It was written by Fr. Ignacio Larranaga, SJ, and translated into English by Fr. Mark Stengel. I close it up inside my work computer each day (if I remember to!) when I am through, so that I will find it each morning when I begin. I am, as many of you know (sometimes to your grief,) a just-in-time person, and any version of morning prayers longer than a couple of seconds does not happen for me until I settle in my chair, behind my desk, at work. Then, I use this one to set myself, before I do any other praying, or any other work.

I tell you all this because Mr. T of Delaware (a.k.a. Bob Turner) shared with me one of his and Nancy's experiences in Florida: the pastor in the Methodist church they attended down there sent out via phone morning prayers for every congregant that cared to participate. I believe that was likely a very delightful experience, and being the too-often shame-based person that I am, I wondered immediately whether Bob might be suggesting I do the same. And <u>that</u> made me think how such an effort by yours truly would land - somewhere between awful and inadequate!

I thought back to my experience of writing and speaking the evening meditations during the coronavirus shutdown (and a grateful shoutout to Don and Bob!). I believed they might help us stay connected, and continue to think they were a good idea. They were also a good experience for me; personally fulfilling and often fun. But I also know they were highly idiosyncratic, and that they often came across more like lessons than like an invitation to share free space. So, I feel a great hesitancy regarding morning prayers: you are all highly motivated, deeply thoughtful and conscious Christians, and there are profound, meaningful differences in how you know God, how you address God, how you converse with God, and how you receive from God. My own prayers cannot accomplish any of that, never mind all of that, for each of you. Corporate worship is different: it doesn't attempt that, but rather leaves silence as the place(s) we pray individually, rather than as a congregation.

Some of you know I am fond of, and believe in the benefits of, the Ignatian prayer of Examen, which can range form a 5 or 10 minute daily practice to a 2-year engagement with an advisor, yet which always stresses the presence of God <u>to</u> our individual life. In a nutshell, it is a daily, deliberate quiet time with the sought and acknowledged presence of God as a partner, in which we:

\*review the day just passed, in remembered detail

\*remember, and pray upon, it's consolations (joys)

\*remember, and pray upon, it's desolations (sorrows)

\*discuss both with God

\*anticipate the coming day

Many versions, and guides, exist! I am by no means a "teacher" of this method, but have been a participant in groups. It does deepen the life of prayer.

Long, long ago we also discussed the benefits of a personal, and personalized, prayer space, and that is also a good practice. So is, by the way, the use of our - or any! - labyrinth. Commitment and deliberation deliver growth in our prayer life, whatever method we choose.

But - and it is a huge <u>but</u> - our prayer life is both shared and intimate; we cannot and should not anticipate, or plan, all the times it will happen; much less the <u>only</u> times it will happen. Our God is the God

# Ocean View Presbyterian Church

67 Central Avenue Ocean View, DE 19970

**Service** Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

**Pastor** Terry Dougherty

**Church Office** 302-539-3455 Diane Brown

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#### Session

Susan Baer Bev Bailey Ray Keeney Marlene Quinn Jake Stavinga Bob Wolf

(Clerk of Session) Ollie Robling

#### Deacons

Gloria Bartholomew Jim Berrie Charlie O'Neill Sue Sigvardson Jan Stavinga Kristina Taylor of spontaneity and surprise, of beauty and delight, just as much as the God of inward contemplation.

So, the luna moth above: I saw it, of all places, clinging to the bay door of a car wash. I tend to be very aware of such things; they give me very great pleasure – enough to interrupt briefly the flow of cars entering, til I could take this picture! Such momentary experiences are as direct a conduit to God as there is, or ever may be. Taking pleasure in what gives God pleasure closes a heart connection that words really cannot. Remember, too, when we shared the Merton Prayer: "But I believe the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope to have that desire in all that I am doing". Loving God doesn't mean keeping an angel on our shoulder as a scold, but as an ally in absorbing the wonder of the life that God provides, from the least speck to the most distant star, out of God's overflowing love of every bit; and of every one of us.

May the peace of Christ dwell in you richly,

Pastor Terry



# **Quarterly Financial Report**

Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 2023

### Bob Clark

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

Income:	\$76,589
Salaries and expenses paid:	\$53,168
Deficit or Surplus:	\$23,451
Money on hand at the end of the period:	\$31,523

REMINDER: First quarter Income & balance on hand are over stated because of annual contributions by several members. The Finance Committee feels early indications are we will still be short about \$30,000 at the end of the year.

### **Session Report**

#### Shaped by God We Love and Serve

Monday, April 10, 2023

Attending: Rev. Terry Dougherty (Moderator), Jacob Stavinga, Susan Baer, Bob Wolf, Ray Keeney, Bev Bailey, Marlene Quinn, Ollie Robling (Clerk of Session), Elaine Wolf (Treasurer), Don Bailey (Chairman of Building Committee), and Ray Keller(Chairman of Grounds Committee).

The meeting was opened by moderator Pastor Terry Dougherty at 7:03pm with devotion and prayer.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY

Ray Keller presented the Grounds Committee job description which was discussed and some corrections/modifications suggested. **Motion** to accept the job description as revised passed. Ray then discussed plans for improving the grounds appearance for the cemetery for the May 21<sup>st</sup> celebration. Ray mentioned that they met with the neighbor (Rickards) about clearing brush on their property, but they refused.

Don Bailey presented a written report that listed what the Building Committee accomplished in 2022 and what their plans are for 2023.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Elaine Wolf reported that all accounts have been reconciled for March. Many people are now making their offerings on line. She suggested the offering envelope plan be modified to adjust for those who do not use the envelopes.

A donation was received from Ted and Pam Henifin in memory of Buzz and Betsy Henifin. This donation for the Labyrinth is being moved from the pastoral discretionary fund to the Labyrinth sub account.

The internal audit report for 2021 and 2022 was presented and discussed. **Motion** to accept this internal audit report was passed.

#### CLERK'S REPORT

**MOTION** passed to approve the docket for this meeting as revised.

**MOTION** passed to approve the Session minutes of the March 13, 2023 meeting.

**MOTION** passed via e-mail vote on March 22, 2023 to approve Sposato Landscaping to maintain the grounds in and around the Labyrinth for a price Of \$16.96 per month. This will be handled by the Cemetery Committee under their contract with Sposato.

Liturgists for May : Ray Keeney and Jake Stavinga, with communion to be served on May 7 and May 28 (Pentecost)

Changes to the Roll in March:

Deaths: none Funerals: none Baptisms: none Marriages: none

Gain/Loss of Members: eight losses removed from roll by Session on March 13, 2023

Year to Date Membership: 81

#### PASTOR'S REPORT

A written report was received from Pastor Terry and he had a verbal addition which he read to the Session. From this written and verbal report two issues were brought up and discussed:

1. The congregational culture at OVPC and the need to participate in the Vital Congregations initiative sponsored by the new Castle Presbytery. **Motion** passed to sign up to participate in this initiative.

2. Having OVPC host the 2023 Crop Walk. **Motion** passed to explore options with the Ministerium about hosting the Crop Walk at OVPC in 2023.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The list of things that need to be reviewed by Session was discussed. It was agreed that this was a good list and Bob Wolf would get it distributed to all Committee Chairs.

There was a discussion regarding the locking of the Sanctuary doors during worship service. The prevailing feeling was that the doors should not be locked, but if there were volunteers available to be a third Greeter and position themselves outside the doors during service that would be acceptable. Jim Waehler is currently developing a Security Report which will be presented to Session.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The Worship Committee's updated job description was discussed and a **Motion** passed to approve it.

Bev Bailey informed Session that the Lion's Club has donated a bench for the Labyrinth that they had. Also, she said that from donations made specifically for Labyrinth benches, the remaining desired 3 benches could be purchased. Therefore, fund raising will no longer be required.

The subject of approval of facility rental to "for profit" organizations was again discussed. It was agreed that if the Facilities Committee came up with a written "criteria list for rentals" that was approved by Session, then Facilities could enter into rental contracts without further Session approval.

Marlene Quinn stated that as of 4/5/2023 the Mission Committee had raised \$7045 for the Samburg hurricane mission.

#### SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special Project - Mission -The Labyrinth - the bench issue has been resolved.

Special Project - Com/Tech - a resolution has been found to the recurring video problem they have been having.

Special Project - Grounds - Paving Parking Lot - Paving Parking Lot - Ray Keller, Ray Keeney and Bill Colwill met with Ken Cimino of the Town of Ocean View to submit our Concept Plan. OVPC can determine what areas get paved. Storm Water Mgmt. would not be required. A review fee of \$100 would be required.

Next Session Meeting: 5/8/23 @ 7:00pm in Fellowship Center Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 10:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session



Phil Hamilton	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
Jim Berrie	May 23rd
Ruth Shafer	May 25th
Elaine Wolf	May 23rd
Sue Dick	May 26th
Bob Doherty	May 26th



Kathy and Herb SheetzMay 6thKaren and Bill ColwillMay 20thCindy and Steve SzlasaMay 22ndCindy and Don BenjaminMay 26th





**YARN** Marlene Quinn holds a basketful of small Cross Pocket Prayer Cloths which were given out on Easter morning.

Join us on Monday May 1st from 10 to 1 in Fellowship Center. We have yarn to share. Bring your lunch.

# WOMEN'S SEWING CIRCLE

### April 12, 2023

### SHAPED BY GOD, We LOVE and SERVE

Following a poem and prayer by Pastor Terry, Moderator Ellen Neumann began our meeting with prayer and thanks to Marlene, Sue Sigvardson and Marie for being hostesses. The PW purpose was recited and April birthdays were remembered.

#### REPORTS

Secretary's minutes were approved with corrections as noted in the meeting.

**Treasurer's report** states the balance on hand is \$1412.16. The amount of \$855 was given to the Sharing Pantry from the Deacons' February mission.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Sharing Pantry- Again it was discussed as to ownership of the Sharing Pantry. And again it was agreed that it is "housed" by Circle and maintained with appreciation to the entire congregation.Gifts of Women will be held on May 14th. Greeters will be Sue S. and Marti, reader will be Marie, and one of the women Elders will be liturgist. Marge Egger is our speaker.

Kathy Sheetz is Circle representative to the OVPC nominating committee. An alternate from Circle is needed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made, seconded and carried that the OVPC operating fund will become the recipient of a ten per cent tithe made by the Circle Mission Committee when it determines how our mission money is designated in November.

Heavenly Luncheon After a productive discussion, a motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously : The Heavenly Luncheon will be held on ONE day, July 26th, in combination with the Library's Beach and Bay Cottage Tour IF we can procure donated chicken and fruit needed to prepare ingredients for the luncheon. A motion was made, seconded and carried to buy a quarter page ad in the Tour booklet advertising the Luncheon if we have the luncheon. The ad will cost \$150.

Bible study followed the close of the meeting. Hostesses for our May 10th meeting will be Marti and Ellen. Reciting our Mitzvah closed the meeting.

Lorie Hartsig, secretary

# **Deacon's Monthly Missions**

Kristina Taylor

Save the Date - returning after 3 years! DEACON DINNER FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. OVPC Memorial Hall



The Ocean View Presbyterian Deacons want to thank you for your support of the church's monthly Missions! Main dishes and beverages will be provided, please bring a side dish to share.

# 2023 Deacon Missions

Time and Talent Southeast Rural Community Assistance Program One Great Hour of Sharing Crisis House Pentecost Special Oering La Esperanza Operation Seas the Day Pyle Center Emergency Fund Selbyville Middle School Peacemaking & Global Witness Southern Delaware Education Foundation Christmas Joy Offering

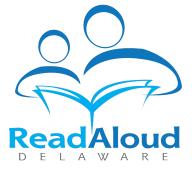
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#### Pentecost CHILDREN AT RISK \* YOUTH \* YOUNG ADULTS OVPC Deacon Monthly Mission - May 2023

The Pentecost Special Offering is the second of the four **Special Offerings** from Presbyterian Church (USA). The Deacons are supporting this Special Offering for May 2023. This special offering supports young people in Christ, with prayers that the opportunities from these offerings will inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

40% of the Pentecost Special Offering is kept by Ocean View Presbyterian to support a local program or organization that serves at-risk children and their families: the Deacons prayed and discussed and have agreed to donate the 40% of the Pentecost Special Offering to Read a Loud - Sussex County.



In addition to your 40% donation supporting our local community's children, your gift will keep on giving with: 25% going toward Guiding Youth (Youth Ministries), 25% Serving Communities (Youth Adult Volunteers), 10% Child Advocacy. Each of these programs supports youth ministries, training and equipping volunteers to engage in missions at 13 sites in the United States, and provides the program: "Educate a Child, Transform the World."

Please prayerfully consider giving to the Pentecost offering. Envelopes are available and if you write a check, please write Pentecost on the memo line.

## **Mission Committee**

Mike Quinn

### **Mission Project Samburg, Tennessee**

As this Mission project ends, the Mission committee wants you the congregation of OVPC to know that we have donated a total of \$7045 to help the people of Samburg recover from the tornado of December 2021. We can

be proud that we are able to help our brothers and sisters in Christ. Lest we rest on our laurels, it is time to find another Mission project to invest our time and talents in.

### Tornado Destroys Homes From Bridgeville to Ellendale Delaware

If you care to donate to the recovery effort in these areas the United Way of Delaware has set up <u>https://uwde.org/sussex</u> where you can go to make your donation on line. I write this

as a member of OVPC knowing we have many other missions we support but felt it might be something you have a passion for. Mike Quinn



# **OVPC** Security

### Jim Waehler

Volunteers needed, not gender specific, couples can work together. Can you donate a half hour in the evening for one week to do church security? Training is available, contact Jim Hartsig at 301-247-1747. Diane, our church secretary issues an email every other month requesting people to sign up for a week of doing security. Once signed up you can check the church calendar on the church's website at OVPC.org to see what time the last user of the facility is done so you can start security. Email Diane at office@ovpc.org to get your name on the email scheduling list.

### **Lions Club Donates Bench**

Bev Bailey





The Lions have been collecting recyclable plastic and after so many pounds are collected they are sent a bench just like we are looking at. They delivered it on April 5th

### **Corn Flake Cookies**

#### Ingredients:

- 5 cups corn flakes
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 pound milk chocolate
- 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate

In a big bowl, mix corn flakes and pecans.

In a double boiler, melt all chocolate. Pour over the corn flakes and pecans, mixing well. Drop mixture by spoonfuls onto two large cookie sheets. Put the cookie sheets into the refrigerator for a couple hours. Once they firm up, they do not need refrigeration. Depending on the size spoon you use, this makes about 4 dozen.

Marlene Quinn

# God's Will

Marie Cook Waehler

Me and my will Thee and Thine I separate the two.

Is there an easy way? A simple trick? A formula or key?

I think about it, Pray about it, Cry about it, too.

l meditate, communicate, But nothing seems to do.

I feel inadequate, uncertain And wonder, do YOU know?

Do YOU care if I obey? Do YOU want to see me grow?

I'm such a little person, Lord;

Does it really matter so?

More rights than wrongs? No wrongs at all? Crossroads every turn. Which road to take, which path to tread.

It isn't easy, Lord.

If One as YOU should care for me And apparently you do, I'll keep at it, Lord Day by day, giving it my all.

I may trip and I may fall, and rocks may line my path.

But I am strong and I believe that God has plans for me.

So, I will pray....





Bob and Elaine Jackson would like to thank the OVPC church community for their cards and notes. They appreciate hearing news of the church family and being remembered.

# **Gaza Water Project**

Mike Quinn

We want to update Ocean View regarding our Gaza Water Project.

We are excited to report that all four installations have been completed and are functioning perfectly (one UNRWA school and 3 community Kindergartens). Collectively, they provide clean water to more than 3500 children with further outreach into surrounding communities, touching an additional 5000 Gazans!

We are attaching the final report from Middle East Children's Alliance and including a link to Westminster's monthly news letter,

Chimes, in which the Gaza Water project is highlighted.

https://view.publitas.com/westminster/ chimes-mar2023/page/18-19

We sincerely thank Ocean View for their funding and support for this project. Mark and Carol Mosher Westminster Middle East Task Force



### Task Force Updates Jennifer Read

On Saturday, March 5, your Elders, Deacons, and Committee Chairs met all day to measure our progress on some of the goals we set for OVPC at previous Leadership Retreats. In doing so, we prioritized several goals which hadn't been met and divided them up among church leaders who were assigned as "point people". The five "Task Forces" are: 1) Task Force to Organize and Simplify Mission Giving at OVPC under Pastor Terry; 2) Task Force to Conduct an Appreciative Inquiry survey of the OVPC congregation members under Beverly Bailey; 3) Task Force to Review and Implement Security Plans under Jim Waehler; 4) Task Force to maximize committee impact under Jen Read; and 5) Task Force to Optimize Communications among OVPC groups, individuals, and the community will be led by Bob Wolf. The group set a second meeting for Wednesday, April 12 to review the work done on the Task Forces and decide the best ways to continue moving forward.

Each Task Force will meet until their task is completed. At that time a new task can be added so that there will be always be five tasks going....until all the goals that OVPC leadership has set for themselves is accomplished for the good of our church.

The first meeting of Task Force #1 was held on March 27. Working in that group with Pastor Terry are Mike Quinn (Mission), Kris Taylor (Deacons), Bob Clark, Randy Bartholomew, and Jim Waehler (Finance), and Lorie Hartsig

and/or Ellen Neumann (Sewing Circle). The second meeting of Task Force #1 was held on April 10. So far Task Force #1 encouraged the Deacons to cut back their missions, choosing the missions that they want to give to the Mission Committee, so that the Deacons can concentrate more on congregational care. The Mission Committee said that they would take any mission that Deacons wanted to transfer to them. Task Force #1 decided that Sewing Circle should continue with the Thank Offering. All other PCUSA missions will be dropped except Thank Offering and Christmas and Easter offerings which Deacons will give to the Mission Committee. The total number of missions that Deacons and Mission Committee do will be cut back to 12 or fewer to include CROP. The Mission Committee will continue holding an annual Mission Fair, keeping the Mission Matrix, and raising awareness (without collecting for) worthwhile missions about which they learn. A motion to this effect will be sent to Session in May.

Task Force #2 under Bev Bailey is recruiting members and planning for their first meeting.

Task Force #3 is the Safety Task Force under Jim Waehler. He has been in touch with representatives following guidelines from the Ocean View Police Department and other Ocean View churches. They all report that OVPC is the only church in Ocean View without an assertive security plan. Jim is recruiting members to work with him and draft

a motion to Session. Their first meeting will be Wednesday, April 19 in FC at 3 pm. The Safety Task Force was seeking to obtain permission from Session to allow the front doors to the sanctuary to be closed and locked during worship services and to have an observer outside who could see both doors and report on any suspicious activity to one of the ushers inside the church, and contact the police if the possibility of violence appeared to be imminent. A detailed request setting forth the reasons why this was necessary was submitted to the members of Session, and it was also requested in the written request that a vote of the congregation should be allowed if the request were to be denied. No formal response from Session to his report and what he requested was received. Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session, did provide Jim with some brief summary of the minutes during which his my request was considered. It appeared that there was no formal vote on what was requested on behalf of the Safety Task Force and the Facilities Committee, but only a vague statement that it was the "prevailing feeling" that the doors should not be locked. There was a statement that an observer could be stationed in the parking lot. Jim met on Tuesday, following the Session meeting with the Ocean View Chief of Police. He was very pleased that something about safety was finally being done at OVPC, and that he looked forward to working with our safety

committee. Jim will now have to tell him that nothing of significance was accomplished by Session, but the Task Force will be meeting to discuss how we might go forward at this point.

Task Force #4 under Jen Read had two meetings in March to decide which aspects of inter-committee communication be most effective to the committees and the congregation. That group has finished their work and decided that: Not every committee needs a treasurer because Bob Wolf has designed a simpler, more-functional reimbursement form; The online calendar will be simplified to encourage everyone to use it for posting and reference; Committee heads will meet annually, probably in February; and Each committee will send a synopsis of their minutes to the office so that they can be shared with every other committee head. Task Force #4 has disbanded. Good Work, Guys!

Force #5's point person, Bob Wolf, will convene a team from each church group to determine the needs and work toward better communication within and among church groups and between OVPC and the community. Emphasis will be on using existing technology.

If you are interested in serving on any of these Task Forces, contact the point person for that group. The more points of view and ideas we share, the greater benefit it will be to OVPC.







Coming soon! Start saving your Jumble items. No electronics, clothes or furniture. Volunteers and bakers needed!

### **Cemetery Committee Comments**

Mike Read

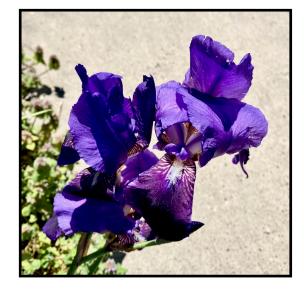
On March 23, the Cemetery Committee met to discuss maintenance of the grounds and refurbishing their sign. They also planned updating their brochures to reflect the price increases on plots and columbarium niches that will be in effect on April 1. Sposato was awarded the contract for the grounds work in the cemetery and around the church. The cemetery committee will absorb these expenses in full.

### **Cemetery Stroll**

On May 21st at 11am there be a Cemetery Stroll. It will led by Barbara Slavin, President of the Ocean View Historical Society. Refreshments will be served, and Mrs. Slavin will lead us on a tour and a scavenger hunt of historic tombstones and well-known residents of the Ocean View Cemetery.







# **Grounds Committee Job Description**

Ray Keller

### Approved by the Session April 10, 2023

The committee normally meets the 4th Thursday of the month.

The Committee sees the property of the Congregation as a tool for the accomplishment of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and encourages its use by the local community.

The Grounds Committee is headed by a Chairperson nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Congregation at the Annual Congregation Meeting.

The Chairperson is responsible for insuring that all the Church grounds and property surrounding our buildings are maintained in a functional and inviting condition.

Maintenance shall include but is not limited to: Landscaping Parking areas

Walks & Paths Fences The Committee shall determine by whom and how the property is going to be maintained: Volunteers Hired personal Contractors

The Committee shall review all proposed or requested activities involving the grounds.

Minutes of the meetings shall be forwarded to the office and Session with any recommended actions if required.

The committee shall submit a budget request to the Session annually.

A Liaison from the Session will be assigned to the committee to provide communication between the Committee and Session.





Spring is officially here! Please join us every Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 to work on our grounds and facilities to make ready for our Summer visitors and the many upcoming activities planned that will showcase our campus!



### Voice Cloning: "Don't trust the voice"\*

Criminals are employing widely available "voice cloning" tools to dupe victims into believing their loved ones are in trouble and need cash fast, experts say. All it requires is a short clip of someone's voice, which is sometimes available on the internet – or if it isn't, can be collected by recording a spam call.

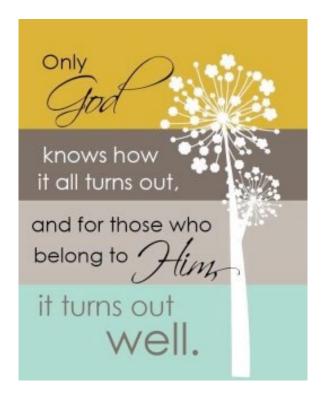
What this means in practice, according to the FTC, is that you can no longer trust voices that sound identical to those of your friends and family members.

"Don't trust the voice," the FTC warns. "Call the person who supposedly contacted you

and verify the story. Use a phone number you know is theirs. If you can't reach your loved one, try to get in touch with them through another family member or their friends."

Remember, never give out your credit card or bank card number to anyone who calls you. Never send money or gift cards to anyone who calls you.

\* extracted from CBS News - Money Watch MARCH 21, 2023 / 7:02 PM / MONEYWATCH





### **On Holy Monday**

Wholly on hold between bold triumphal entry and trumped up and dumped out exit, we exist, expecting excommunication, ecstasy, or eternity as we may pray as some say Jesus may have chosen or been chosen to pray in silence on this day in advance of the violence to come not far in the distance, not to put a hold on, but to unfold expression and expectation to behold and to boldly bare, bear, share and repair the breach between Deus, Jesus and us.

(Thomas Bentz)





# **Photogenic** Lorie and Jim Hartsig















Join us for dinner and a movie on **Friday May 5th** at 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's feature, suggested by one of our members is the true story of Jessica Watson, who, in 2009 set off to

be the youngest person to sail around the world solo. Her story is told in the 2023 film **"True Spirit"** starring Alyla Browne, Teagan Croft, and Cliff Curtis.

SEE A CLIP OF THE MOVIE HERE:

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2353868/?ref\_=nv\_sr\_srsg\_0\_tt\_8\_nm\_0\_q\_true%2520spirit

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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