

# Ocean Views

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JULY/AUGUST, 2022



## From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty

*Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to Him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he", they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again He asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me".*

*John 18: 4-9*

Grace and peace to you, friends, in the name of this same Christ;

I know many of you to be more or less birders, so you may be familiar with the bird called a killdeer. It is a relative of plovers and other shorebirds, but often ranges further inland than they – especially at breeding time. The killdeer employs, though, the same nesting strategy as many of the plover family – which is barely a strategy at all! All of them hardly do more than make a “scratch” nest on or in the ground, counting on the coloration of the ground and gravel where they choose (BTW, this is why beaches are often seasonally blocked off; they are plover breeding grounds, and even trying to avoid their nests and eggs, you might not. Please obey those signs!). The killdeer’s eggs are a very light sandy color, with brownish spots, meant to blend in with a stony, sandy, scrubby environment – but they often lay in parking lots and construction sites!

The killdeer (and some other birds, but none as famously or showily) has developed a strategy to protect the nest, and the eggs once laid, and the chicks once hatched. Should a predator – and they generously include you and I! – come too close to their nest, they begin making loud distress calls, and walking away from their nest while feigning injury to a wing. They stay as close to the predator as they dare, while getting as far away from the nest as they can, before breaking off the behavior and flying away to safety. It sounds unlikely, but reputedly this act has a 99% success rate!

But that 1%! They, like Jesus in the story of Gethsemane taken from John, above, have given all, have given their lives, in the name of their progeny and their progeny's future. As far as I am concerned, those disciples were just like nestlings: only just being taught the most basic components of their new life; helpless without their parent; yet the chosen vectors of a vibrant future, worthy of the most costly protection. And our God did not, and does not, stint in protecting us! We are saved, not just for our own sake, but for the sake of those who follow us, those who carry on what we have begun. We are saved, in order to grow, and learn, and share, and sacrifice, for something much bigger than us. The disciples knew that as The Way, which was both a return to fundamentals of the Hebrew faith and a reinterpretation of that same faith, emphasizing what messiahship and servanthood really look like.

The Way, like any wild population of any animal species, survives in two ways; continuity in hard times, and growth when growth is most favored. Sometimes, in animal species and in the church, hanging on and surviving is called for; sometimes, sacrifice in the name of survival, and of the future, is called for. Sometimes we must give something up, in order that our posterity have what we could not.

Right now, in our society, churches like ours – mainline churches – have been in survival mode (too often without knowing it) for over 50 years. Big box churches, and big deal pastors, successfully have taken up all the oxygen, and changed how most media and most people characterize “church” – not as a small, sacrificial mission and witness in the world, but as a large, loud, insistent but co-opted voice in society; a social and political behemoth known for its disapproval of many, despite its own, often sinful, practices. I will admit, straight up, that I often struggle with anger when I read yet another media account, description, or report on or of “the church” – because I want to shout “That’s not us!!”

You may wonder, at this point, if I am saying our way forward is like the killdeer's, or, God forbid, like Jesus'. *Me genoite!*, as the apostle Paul might say: “perish the thought!” What I am saying is that we are in a difficult environment. There will be – there have been – some losses. Status quo is not really working; our nesting grounds are no longer

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cryptic, but are highly public. Engagement, at the most local level, with good will, with open hands, with love – that is our way forward; visible, known, willing to risk. As well, let us engage sympathetically, with open minds and hearts, with our sister and brother churches, and with those religious we don't know well. Many are struggling still more than we are. Mercy and love are Jesus' tools; they can and should be ours, too. From our new poet laureate of the United States, Ada Limon:

*Instructions on Not Giving Up*

*More than the fuchsia funnels breaking out  
of the crabapple tree, more than the neighbor's  
almost obscene display of cherry limbs shoving  
their cotton candy-colored blossoms to slate  
sky of Spring rains, it's the greening of the trees  
that really gets to me. When all the shock of white  
and taffy, the world's baubles and trinkets, leave  
the pavement strewn with the confetti of aftermath,  
the leaves come. Patient, plodding, a green skin  
growing over whatever winter did to us, a return  
to the strange idea of continuous living despite  
the mess of us, the hurt, the empty. Fine then,  
I'll take it, the tree seems to say, a new slick leaf  
unfurling like a fist to an open palm, I'll take it all.*

Let us bear each other up, on this road; let us build one another up, in this love; let us make the slow, organic growth of the kingdom of God real for our neighbors. And if you see that killdeer acting up? Follow it! You'll save a nest, and see a great improv!

In the enduring, ever-bearing love of Christ,  
Pastor Terry

# Session Report

Ollie Robling

Monday, June 13, 2022

## Shaped by God We Love and Serve

Attending: Rev. Terry Dougherty, Bob Wolf, Mike Read, Marlene Quinn, Bev Bailey, Marti Sommer, Treasurer Elaine Wolf, Ollie Robling (Clerk of Session). Guest: Ellen Neumann, Sewing Circle

The meeting was opened by moderator Pastor Terry Dougherty at 7:04pm with devotion and prayer.

Ellen Neumann gave her report on the Sewing Circle's activities and accomplishments for 2021 and her plans for 2022. There will not be a Fall Jumble this year. Circle is in need of volunteers to help with the Giving Pantry.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Elaine Wolf reported that not much has changed since April.

Application of the MHDC returned funds of \$9277.05. Returned to Deacons \$5856.00. Newly set up Mission Reserve Fund will get the \$3421.05 that was from the Speer Fund

A MOTION was passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

### CLERK'S REPORT

On May 4, 2022 an e-mail vote was held approving Terry to take 3 weeks of respite leave per Tracy Keenan's recommendation.

A MOTION was passed to increase our Liability-Property Insurance from \$1,434,307 to \$1,718,335 for a premium increase of \$595.

A MOTION to let AARP Chorus use Fellowship Center Wednesday mornings from 10:00 until noon for practice for yearly performances was tabled until Facilities gets back to us with the exact wording of the Motion.

MOTION to allow the Mission Committee to hold monetary support efforts @ OVPC for the Gaza Water project had been passed by e-mail vote on June 3, 2022.

Office of Mission Engagement and Support sent us a letter thanking OVPC for our \$1760 offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing.



Changes to the Roll:

Deaths: none Funerals: none Baptisms: none Marriages: none Gain/Loss of Members 0 Year to Date Membership: 93

A MOTION was passed to approve the Clerk's Report.

**PASTOR'S REPORT** Moderator

We need more church involvement with the community and the labyrinth project is one good way to do that. Barbara Slavin of the Ocean View Historical Society will be partnering with us on the labyrinth project. We need someone to help guide us with the Congregational Vitality initiative by NCP.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion on how to lighten Terry's work load going forward. One area Terry said he could definitely use help with is involvement in the Ministerium. It was suggested that Terry doesn't need to attend every committee meeting and perhaps the Session Liaison could fill that responsibility.

Status on finding Session replacement for Ollie Robling. It was decided that this position would be left vacant until 2023.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Long Range Planning – this is too large a subject to try to handle in a Session meeting and probably should include the entire Congregation.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Special Project #2-2021 Mission Committee –The Labyrinth Project – Bev submitted a written status report to the Session.

Special Project #3-2021 Mission Committee – Syria/Lebanon Partnership – This will be renamed the Westminster Partnership and include projects such as the Gaza water project.

Special Project #4-2021 Com/Tech – more wiring invoices have arrived

Special Project #6: Grounds Committee - Paving parking lot – Ray Keeney submitted a written report and a drawing of the parking lot from Plitko LLC and their initial invoice.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 10:05pm by Pastor Terry Dougherty.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session

# Quarterly Financial Report

Bob Clark

**YEAR TO DATE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 06/30/2022**

Below is the year to date income and expenses for OVPC:

Income:	\$111,884
Salaries and expenses paid:	\$105,894
Deficit or Surplus:	\$5,990
Money on hand at the end of the period:	\$30,523

## Words of Wisdom

Judy Reich

I have chosen there in the furnace of affliction. Isaiah 48:10

Doesn't God's Word come to us like a soft rain shower, dispelling the fury of the flames? Isn't it like fireproof armor, against which the heat is powerless? Then let affection come, for God has chosen me. Poverty, you may walk through my door, but God is already in my house, and *He* has chosen me. Sickness, you may intrude into my life, but I have a cure standing ready. *God has chosen me.* What ever occurs in the valley of tears, ***I know He has chosen me.***

from the devotional *Stress in the Desert* by L.B. Cowman



My Angel is looking over me while I sleep.

**ROLL OUT THOSE LAZY, HAZY, CRAZY DAYS OF SUMMER.**

**SAM COOKE**

## Deacons

Mike Quinn

### **PYLE CENTER EMERGENCY FUND**

#### HISTORY

Delaware, like many other states, has a system of disbursing community resources to residents in need through local State Service Centers. Delaware manages six service centers geographically located throughout the state. The purpose of these facilities is to provide multi-level services to accessible local communities. For South East Sussex County the Edward Pyle Service Center provides services to local residents.

#### PROCESS

In March, 2019, the Southeastern Sussex Ministerium was contacted by the Pyle Center stating that the state wanted to take over the administration of the Emergency Fund. Rather than give up this funding source to the state at large, our local Ministerium was asked if it would like to manage these resources for local clients in need. On March 28, 2019, the Pyle Center transferred its emergency balance of \$29,206 to our established Ministerium Emergency Fund treasury. A referral process was initiated which has been operating for the past three years.

1. A Pyle Center social worker completes a form that is sent to the Ministerium Emergency Fund. Funds are used primarily for rent, utilities and/or medical expenses. Funds cannot be used for food purchases. Regulations require that subsidies not exceed \$500 and can only be requested once per year per family. Over the past three years, approximately \$39,000 has been given to families who have a demonstrated need.
2. The budget for the Emergency Fund is developed through donations and Grants.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Hobler, Treasurer SESM Emergency Fund

### **Grateful Thank You Received this Month**

Deacons received a lovely note from Jacqueline Sterbach, from What Is Your Voice, our April Mission donation. The organization located in Lewes helps sponsor a domestic abuse hotline open 24-7 and safe house, for women and children suffering from abuse to helping them thrive afterwards. Our own Sue Sigvardson headed up this Mission that raised \$940. See more at [whatisyourvoice.com](http://whatisyourvoice.com). And thank you all for your generosity! Gloria Bartholomew

## Deacons

### Gloria Bartholomew

One of Deacons Monthly Missions was Crisis House, currently a shelter for homeless men located in downtown Georgetown. It is the only shelter serving almost all of Sussex County. They can accommodate 9 to 11 people for a 90-day stay, that includes three meals a day, referrals for work and services, but most of all a safe haven as they transition ultimately to more permanent housing.

Unfortunately and inaccurately late in 2020, we were told that they would be undergoing renovations, so we made a promise to ourselves that once they were open again Deacons would try to find some way to support their program. To that end \$500 from Deacons Reserve funds was approved by Session.

On July 29th Charlie O'Neill and Gloria Bartholomew presented the check to Director Maria Evans. She is pictured with two staff members Rashon Major and Maggie Glick. Director Evans said as three of the HVAC units recently went out, and they have a number of new programs, the check was much appreciated.

Thank you again OVPC for your compassionate hearts and giving ways. For more information about Crisis House, please contact Gloria Bartholomew or visit their website at <https://www.scchsinc.org/crisis-house-emergency-shelter>.



# Mission Committee

Gloria Bartholomew

The Mission Committee thought you might like to read this letter received on July 21, 2022

Dear Ocean View Mission Committee and Congregation, Words can hardly express our gratitude of Ocean View's gift of \$1125 and your Deacon's gift of \$1000 to help in funding Westminster's UNRWA Gaza Water Project! Your gifts, combined with an Ignite and additional Westminster gifts and budget monies will provide a Desalination Unit for another UNRWA school!

Congratulations! You can know you had a significant part in providing clean water for an entire school this coming year. UNRWA has been present in Palestine for over 70 years providing humanitarian services including food assistance, education, and healthcare to refugees in Palestine. The majority of funding comes from many countries, so for churches to provide a vital part of the school infrastructure is a true accomplishment!

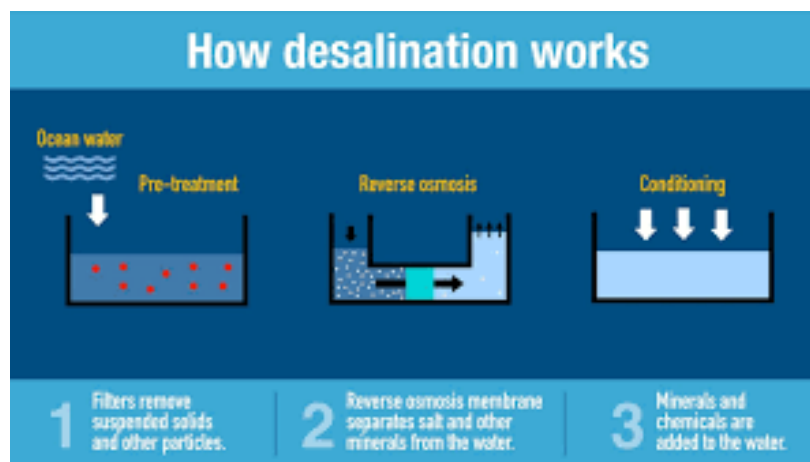
UNRWA-USA has given a pathway forward to assist the students of Gaza and we are proud to be a partner of this program. The Middle East Task Force looks forward to updating you as our Water Desalination Unit moves forward with design, construction and implementation. Thank you again for your commitment to the wellbeing of the children of Gaza!

With Gratitude,

Carol Mosher

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Middle East Task Force





Ray Keller	July 5th
Bob Jackson	July 8th
Dick Peoples	July 10th
Cindy Woodruff	July 12th
Bev Bailey	July 14th
Ed Hiner	July 29th
Nouha Dabaj	July 29th

Lorraine Smith	Aug. 2nd
Judy Reich	Aug. 4th
Marie Waehler	Aug. 6th
Sherry Moore	Aug. 10th
Elaine Smith	Aug. 10th
Dave White	Aug. 15th
Edna Ewing	Aug. 15th
Don Benjamin	Aug. 28th
George Shaefer	Aug. 31st

Beth and Peter Maurer	July 19th
Pam and George Price	July 20th
Nouha and Khaled Dabaj	July 23rd
Bev and Don Bailey	July 27th

Karen and Phil Hamilton	Aug. 2nd
Liz and Bruce Hobler	Aug. 14th
Joni and Ray Keller	Aug. 21st
Richard & Lorraine Smith	Aug. 25th
Mary Ann and Ollie Robling	Aug. 28th
Amy and Dick Peoples	Aug. 28th



**YARN** will resume on Monday,  
September 12th at 10 am in  
Fellowship Center.



## Happy Birthday, Dick



A big banner was put up at 8 am on Sunday and taken down Monday am. I was very pleased with the banner . There was a drive by in neighborhood with almost 20 cars. After they went by once, they came by a second time stopping to bring cards and hugs. Many of them were his tennis player buddies.

We certainly so thank you for all the cards and emails Dick received for his 90th birthday. He had a wonderful birthday celebration and you all made it extra special. We are so thankful and grateful for our OVPC family. Amy and Dick





# Cemetery Update

Jim Hartsig

## Cemetery Restoration Project

**Cleaning:** The Cemetery Restoration Project is coming along slowly but surely. The first thing that was done back in early May was to spray all the stones with a biological solution that over time will kill all the lichen, algae and mold. You can see in the following photos that some of the stones are considerably cleaner. See figure 1. When all the leveling and fixing of broken stone is completed, all the stones will be power washed.

**Leveling:** Some stones have already been straightened. See figure 2. Others are in the process of being leveled. See figure 2. You can see that the stones were moved and a concrete base has been poured. The stones will then be repositioned.

**Fixing broken stones:** This work is yet to be done.

**Finances:** We have received \$2970 in matching funds from the Delaware Distressed Cemetery Fund. A final report is due to them by November 24, 2022.



Figure 1 - Before cleaning.



Figure 1 -After cleaning



Figure 2 - Before cleaning and leveling.



Figure 2- After cleaning but before being placed on the concrete leveling pad and power washed.



# Heavenly Luncheon





# Groundbreaking Ceremony for the church's new

# LABYRINTH

July 31





# OVPC Communion Set Arrives in Gitarama, Rwanda

## Gloria Bartholomew

### A funny thing happened on our way...

In 2020 the Board of Deacons was considering a way to honor our long-time member and former Deacon, Betsy Henefin. Heading up the project was Earlene DeFazio who came up with the idea to replace our worn (and yes with a few small dents) Communion Service ware. A new and beautiful set was purchased and dedicated on Easter Sunday this year.

All between that time a search was made to donate the old to any local congregation - even one just starting out. Calls were made and word went out, but to no avail. Finally, Sue Rizer suggested Deacons send it to the Gitarama Rwanda Presbytery care of Pastor Nyiraneza Albertine. So Gloria Bartholomew packed a well-padded box, custom forms and labels were filled out, and the box was taken to the little Post Office in downtown Bethany Beach in December 2021. Deacons waited for news.

Surprise! It was returned to the church office!! It had traveled out of the US via JFK airport and made it all the way to Qatar!!! So another trip to the Bethany P.O. was made, but no explanation could be found as to why it wasn't forwarded. Gloria called the main P.O. in Washington DC and reached someone in the international area who said it could be resent at no cost; only a Postmaster had to make the computer change. Multiple searches for any DE Postmaster made us throw ourselves on the mercy of Bethany Beach again. This time with luck and prayers someone there knew how to resend it!

Out it went again on June 23rd this year. Surprise! This time it reached Pastor Albertine. You can see how delighted she was to receive it in these pictures and it has been used. Gloria (and Randy who was the chief carrier) are relieved!



## Guatemala Partnership of New Castle Presbytery Dale Smith

### Investing in our Planet, Together

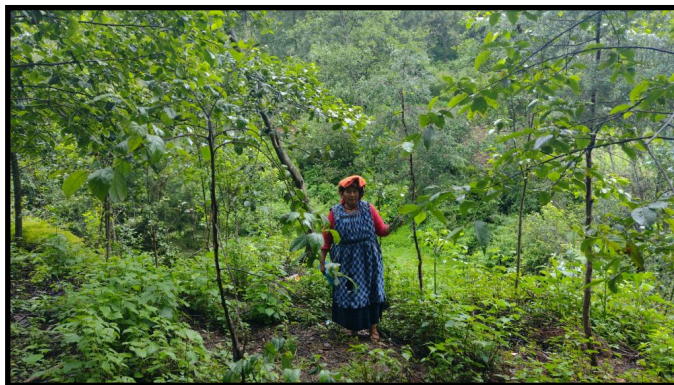
Partnership is everything. Working together, two Delaware churches and the [Association](#) are reforesting small areas of the Western Highlands in Guatemala. Now that the rains have arrived, the planting has begun. Women in three villages will plant a total of **11,750** tree seedlings in their communities this summer, establishing a new growth forest that will benefit generations to come. Check out the [video](#) above to see the impressive results!

[Trinity Presbyterian Church](#) has generously underwritten the Association's reforestation project for the past four years. And this year, the Earth Care committee at [Westminster Presbyterian Church](#) has also joined the effort. Both congregations are committed to promoting environmental justice and stewardship around the globe. We are grateful for their ongoing support.

Guatemala has one of the most extensive forest systems in Central America, but many trees are disappearing due to land clearing for farming and firewood collection for cooking. In 2017, the Board of the Association began a strategic [reforestation effort](#) to address this reality. Several members have even started their own tree nurseries as a way to earn income for their families.

The women receive ongoing training from Carlos, the Association's "on-call" agricultural expert, so they are able to make informed decisions about when, where and which type of trees to plant. Trees are typically native oak, cypress, and ilama. Carlos also teaches them how to quickly spot and treat pests and disease, ensuring that this investment is protected.

Without a doubt, the Association, Trinity, and Westminster are working hard to do their part to combat climate change. Thank you!





## From The Desk of Tom Bentz

Have a ball,  
or at least a smile on your face,  
and maybe a steak,  
on this 101st birthday of Harvey Ball,  
who pocketed 45 bucks for,  
but did not patent,  
his design of a smiley face,  
first put on 100 buttons in 1963,  
then on millions of buttons in a few  
months, and so on.  
When he died in 2001, his son said:  
"He wasn't a money-driven guy.  
He used to say,  
'Hey, I can only eat one steak at a time.'"

### Last Night on the Porch

Contemplate the calm  
in the balm of the breeze from the fanning  
trees,  
easing a warm arm around your old shoulder,  
caressing a creased face and fading eyes  
as you rock yourself to keep  
watch or faith  
from losing time,  
calm,  
face,  
place,  
grace.

Thomas Bentz  
7/9/2022

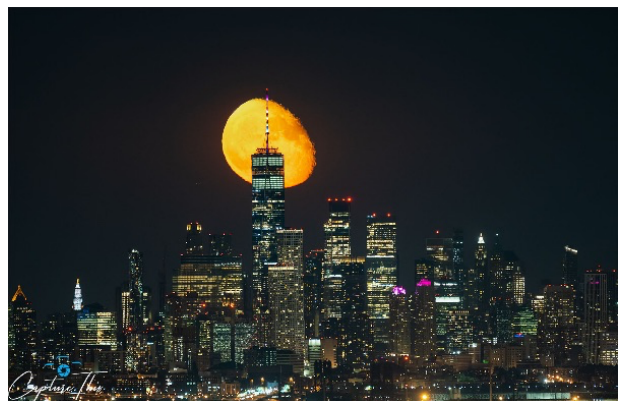
## Sonnet on a Hot Summer's Day (in clear para-day on Shakespeare)

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more temperamental and wet:  
Hot winds doth shake the wilting buds today,  
And summer's leash hast whipped us all irate;  
Sometimes too hot the spout of heaven pours,  
Now often doth the molten sun light pyre  
And every flare from flare arising soars,  
Perchance by nature's changing course set fire.  
Yet thy internal summer need not fade  
Nor lose expression of the flair thou bear  
If thou now canst cool it under the shade  
While these infernal times and flames still flare:  
As long as there is breath and life in me,  
So long may flame the wonder full in thee.

Thomas Bentz  
July 26, 2022



Bathing birdies in Bhopal, India



Moonshot by Steve Schaum from New Jersey.



## Phone Scams

Do you know when to hang up?

- 1) **Medicare Scam:** Hang up when you hear any request for your Medicare number. This is a scam aimed at billing Medicare for unnecessary tests, many of which it does not cover.
- 2) **Personal Information Scam:** Hang up when anyone you do not know asks for remote access to your phone. Scammers are looking to steal personal information to identity theft or fraud.
- 3) **IRS Scam:** Hang up on any call you believe is coming in as a computerized robocall. IRS employees never demand money or threaten you over the phone. They may call to set up appointments or discuss audits, but only after trying to notify you by mail.
- 4) **Grandparent Scam:** Hang up and reach out to your grandchild or another member to check the story out. This scam uses personal information about your grandkid gleaned from social media to deceive you. Don't panic send money or reveal any banking or financial info.
- 5) **Amazon Scam:** Hang up when asked for info to access your bank or other private accounts remotely. If you think there could be a problem, go directly to your Amazon account and contact the company directly through its website.
- 6) **Utility Shutoff Scam:** Hang up when threatened over the phone, especially by a robocall. Utility shutoffs are not handled that way. You get notification in the mail.
- 7) **Social Security Scam:** Hang up when any government official says you need to pay money over the phone or ask for personal information. That doesn't happen.

*Extracted from the AARP Bulletin, June 2022*





## Photogenic Lorie and Jim Hartsig

Harriet Tubman Museum and Maryland Blue Restaurant in Madison, MD June, 7, 2022



*"I was the conductor of the Underground Railroad for eight years, and I can say what most conductors can't say - I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a passenger."*

Harriet Tubman



# Photogenic

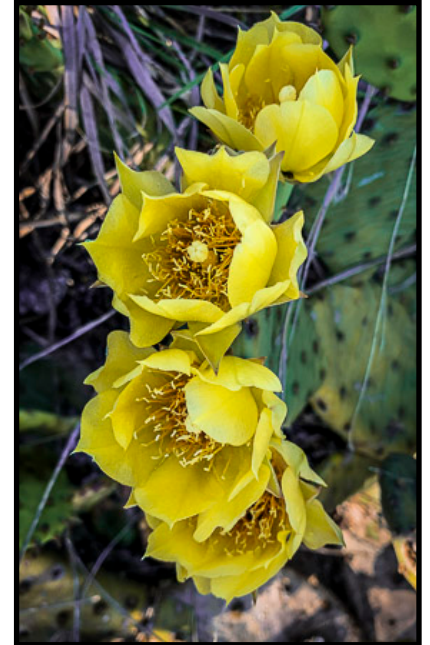
Lorie and Jim Hartsig and Bob Turner



Beach fox

**"SMELL THE SEA, AND  
FEEL THE SKY. LET  
YOUR SOUL AND SPIRIT  
FLY."**

**VAN MORRISON**



Beach cactus



Sunrise



Sunset



Georgetown Courthouse

Bob Turner





Join us for dinner and a movie on Friday August 5th 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. The main course is fried chicken. 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 **'Blue Miracle'** starring Dennis Quaid. Based on actual events, this film tells the story of a Mexican orphanage all but destroyed by Hurricane Odile and deep in debt and the unlikely fisherman who might just be able to save the day.

[See a clip of the movie here.](#)

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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