

Ocean Views

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY/AUGUST 2023



From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty

*If you've ever seen a horse running
gaily about in a wide-open meadow,
you'll know how God feels in finding
that everything in this life is equal and
alike in being what it is. And remember:
this includes you, even on your worst
of days; when god gazes upon you,
even then, imagine that crazy horse
bucking wildly and galloping all
about with bursts of ridiculous joy.*

Meister Eckhart

Grace and Peace and Joyous Summer to you,
Friends in Christ!

As we welcome family and Summer friends
here; equally as we go to them; it is a good
and pleasant thing to let go of the usual, and
to reach for the different, the out-of-the-way,

the never-tried and the bucket-list items of our
lives. It is enlivening, exciting, and -
occasionally - exhausting! Fundamentally, it
stretches our sense of what "is", and even of
who we are, out there in God's creation, and
so it is good to pay attention even as we let
go; to be attuned in our spirit even as we lay
aside busyness, discernment, and the many
obligations of church life.

Isn't that kind of defeating the whole purpose,
Pastor Cold Washcloth? I want to say no, no, it
isn't. Our observing self is always there,
anyway; whether that's in its default mode of
simply keeping us safe, or in that mode of
curiosity that helps us to notice with joy what
we've never noticed before. God gives us this
inner observer, which I want to distinguish
from the learned mode called conscience, for
a simple reason. God would like us to take
delight in God's creation just as God
emphatically does! I say it in worship not
because I forget what else to say (though I do
that, too!), but because this is the root of our
entire relationship with God. God is creative,
playful, surprising and often jaw-dropping in
the continuing creation, for creation is not a
one-and-done. What we have too often been
schooled to believe is the "steady state" of

creation was, and is, in the language of the Bible itself, a **beginning**. "In the beginning..." God made every this and that we can think of, not just the ones listed in Genesis - but then - afterward, since they are time-bound like we are - these things, like God, are fruitful. That is to say, they grow, change, develop, become more themselves... and multiply. Complexity, and even novelty, are built in features, not bugs, of God's creation, and are pleasing to God. God wants that pleasure for us, wants us to walk the garden right alongside its, and our, Creator, taking delight, sharing laughter as well as wonder, and making plans for how it can be better, brighter, more beautiful than ever. Those plans can be just in our heads, just imagination, or they can grow in their season (thus we can rest and observe), whenever that might be: September, next year, sometime just before never. Both the dream and the development are equally delightful! Both the dream and the development are perfectly suited to whom we are made to be, in God's image.

So, sun worshippers, stretch out and enjoy! Hikers and bikers, do the familiar as well as the new trails. Boaters, fish and cruise. Swimmers, challenge yourselves, but don't forget to just float! Bring all that you experience with you to church, friends, and thank God for it in our formal manner, even as your very joy thanks God in the moment.

Have a great Summer, filled with every blessing of restlessness, and of rest; and may God bless to you your growing relationship with the "all"ness of this gift, the earth.



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Service

Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

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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

Session Report

Shaped by God We Love and Serve

Monday, June 12, 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), and Jim Waehler (Chair of the Facilities Committee).

The meeting was opened by moderator Pastor Terry Dougherty at 7:06pm with devotion and prayer.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

TREASURER'S REPORT

Elaine Wolf's written report showed that reconciliations for May have been done, but a couple accounting details remain outstanding. She reported that Loren (our bookkeeper) is raising her rate from \$32 to \$38/hr. She only spends about 4 hrs/month at our office.

MOTION passed to accept the May Financial Reports and the Treasurers Report.

CLERK'S REPORT

MOTION passed to approve the docket for this meeting.

MOTION passed to approve the Session minutes of the May 8, 2023 meeting.

Correspondence received since last meeting: 23 e-mails from Donna Scully, NCP, PC(USA) Store and Cindy Kohlmann.

Liturgists for July: Marlene Quinn and Sue Baer: with communion to be served on July 2nd. Due to Sue's operation on her arm Ollie will be assisting Marlene with communion on July 2nd.

Changes to the Roll in May:

Deaths: none

Funerals: none

Baptisms: none

Marriages: none

Gain/Loss of Members: Earlene DeFazio

Year to Date Membership: 80

MOTION passed to accept the Clerk's Report.

PASTOR'S REPORT

A written report was received from Pastor Terry. There were no questions, but several items were discussed.

MOTION passed to accept the Pastor's Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Marlene Quinn reported on the Presbytery meeting of May 20th. The meeting centered on racism and there were two guest speakers and several others that shared their experiences. The meeting was very powerful with prayers, music and sharing.

We need a new Nominating Committee Chair to replace Bev Bailey. This must be a member of Session and the active time frame for this Committee is usually from August thru November. Ray Keeney volunteered to take this position.

We need a new "Memorial Book" keeper since Jen Read is stepping down. This position is responsible for writing thank you notes for memorial contributions made and to keep up the Memorial Book. Bev Bailey volunteered a

list of people she thought would be good at this task.

Jen Read from Task Force #1 submitted 3 motions for Session consideration: (1) Simplify the online calendar - motion not required as the calendar will be updated as part of the Communications Team work, including training. (2) Select a date for all Committee Heads to meet annually - motion not needed as Task Force #1 can initiate this on their own and communicate it to the other Committee Heads. (3) Each Committee send a synopsis of their minutes to the office monthly to be distributed to the other Committee Heads - motion not needed as each Committee Head can post their synopsis on a common bulletin board monthly for other Committee Heads to view. We cannot create additional work for Diane.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim Waehler joined the meeting to discuss two subjects:

A written prioritization of the Task Force's recommendations was given to Session and discussed. Their next meeting is on June 19th and they will be putting dates on the priority items. Jim informed Session that preparations have been underway to enable locking of the Sanctuary doors during worship to begin on June 25th. This involved obtaining walkie-talkies, receiving training from Ocean View Police and signing up volunteers to cover the doors.

In a previous Session meeting Facilities was told that if they presented Session with a list of Criteria that Session approved for renting to for profit organizations, then Facilities could rent to them. Facilities next Committee meeting will be on June 13 where they will prepare this Criteria list. Session suggested

several criteria that should be on that list: acceptable organizations must serve the public good, have financially modest objectives, be non-discriminatory, have favorable references, and not in conflict with the mission or Christian values of OVPC.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special Project - Mission -The Labyrinth - Bev Bailey reported that only 2 tasks remain: (1) preparation of a sign dedicated to the Nanticoke and Assateague people, and (2) preparation of four 5"x3" signs for the back of the four benches with the names of people they were dedicated to.

Special Project - Com/Tech - no update

Special Project - Grounds - Paving Parking Lot - Ray feels Ken Cinimo from Ocean View Town is stalling our application so Ray will be sending a letter to try to get things moving again.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Buildings Committee - Don Bailey

Jake Stavinga, Liaison

Jake Stavinga reported that the controls on the Memorial Hall water heater don't seem to be working properly - the water temp cannot be lowered. Buildings Comm will be having a contractor look at this problem to see if it can be corrected or if we need a new heater.

Next Session Meeting: 7/10/23 @ 7:00pm in Fellowship Center

Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 9:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session

Women's Sewing Circle

Lorie Hartsig

Shaped by God, We love and Serve

June 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Neumann, Moderator.

She offered a prayer, poem and we recited the PW Purpose.

Liz, Joni Keller, and Sue Sig celebrate June birthdays, July 14th is Bev's, and Judy R., Marie and Edna have August birthdays.

Many thanks to the Circle officers for ice cream sundaes and for hostessing the meeting.

REPORTS

Secretary's minutes were approved as sent electronically.

Treasurer's report shows a closing balance of \$12,795.64.

Because the check given to the CHEER center last November was lost by the recipient, a stop payment was issued and another check was hand-delivered.

Correspondence- a thank you was received from The Way Home.

OLD BUSINESS

The Father's Day Brunch will be shared with the congregation in honor of the men on Sunday.

Still need 2 people to come forward to take the offices of moderator and secretary. We discussed the possibility of that not happening and Women's Circle being discontinued.

NEW BUSINESS

The following dates will be told to Terry to offer to the Ministerium for the women setting up and serving an ecumenical Lenten soup and salad lunch: February 28 and March 6. (February 14 is Ash Wednesday.)

Plans for the July 26 Heavenly Luncheon were reviewed. Flyers were distributed to be placed in local businesses, etc. There are extras that can be given to anyone willing to distribute them.

Ellen closed with a poem about the celebrating of summer.



Heavenly Luncheon

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Central Avenue and Church Avenue (near Route 26 Intersection)

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

from

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

California Chicken Salad Caesar and Pasta Salads

Array of Fresh Fruit & Rolls

Fresh Brewed Ice Tea Brownies & Blondies

**\$20.00 Donation - All Proceeds Benefit
Local, National, & International Missions**

Come for the food.... stay for the house chatter....





Ray Keller	July 5th
Bob Jackson	July 8th
Dick Peoples	July 10th
Cindy Woodruff	July 12th
Bev Bailey	July 14th
Diane Brown	July 22nd
Ed Hiner	July 29th
Nouha Dabaj	July 29th

Judy Reich	Aug. 4th
Marie Waehler	Aug. 6th
Elaine Smith	Aug. 10th
Sherry Moore	Aug. 10th
Elaine Smith	Aug. 10th
Edna Ewing	Aug. 15th
Dave White	Aug. 15th
Kristina Taylor	Aug. 24th
Don Benjamin	Aug. 28th
George Shaefer	Aug. 31st



Beth and Peter Maurer	July 19th
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
Karen and Jim Berrie	Aug. 25th
Mary Ann and Ollie Robling	Aug. 28th
Amy and Dick Peoples	Aug. 28th

Summer interns, Jackson, Jameson and Emmett help their great parents Marlene and Mike Quinn fill the Sharing Pantry.



Deacon's July Monthly Mission

Charlie O'Neill



30 families is our normal goal. Of course, we did not have the event in either 2020 or 2021. Last year, we reduced to 20 VIF (Very Important Families) and 4 Alumni to make sure we did not overtax our business supporters and home donors.

We believe that we can return to our normal group size. We never know how many people we will have as we bring the entire family, which is one of the unique characteristics of OSTD than other Injured Vet programs.

Below are some quotes from last year attendees:

"We appreciate everything you have done for us. You have been true angels to our family this week. Words cannot express our gratitude. We have met the most considerate, unselfish loving hearted people. Awesome community that has given so much of themselves in thanks to wounded veterans and their families."

"Our lives looked completely different before our arrival to Bethany. We were overwhelmed, stressed, and frustrated - feeling alone and lost..... Thank you for your generosity. I used this time to reflect on my service---- the good, the bad, and in between. I never thought

people would thank me for my service. And for that I THANK you! My family THANKS you!

"This week has been beautiful. We are so thankful for the love we have felt all week. We are going home with a grateful heart full of peace, love, and gratitude. This is the most loving and kind community we have ever seen. Thank you for all you do, you are doing so much more than we could ever express."

".... Incredible trip to the beach! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The generosity and all the endless love shown by this community has been truly inspirational and unforgettable.... Relaxing and getting away from reality of everyday THANK YOU for being a part of this healing for us."

"... Staying in your home helped my husband (and I) relax, rest, and connect with other Warriors The people here are so nice, and Patriotic ... we were in the parade, and it brought my husband and I to tears. We never received a Welcome after coming home from our service."

Deacon's August Monthly Mission

Jan Stavinga

Pyle Center Emergency Fund

The Pyle Center Emergency Fund is the Deacon's monthly mission for the month of August. The process for securing funds from the Emergency Fund is as follows:

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.

The budget for the Emergency Fund is developed through donations and grants.

The Deacons ask you to prayerfully consider your gift to the Emergency Fund.

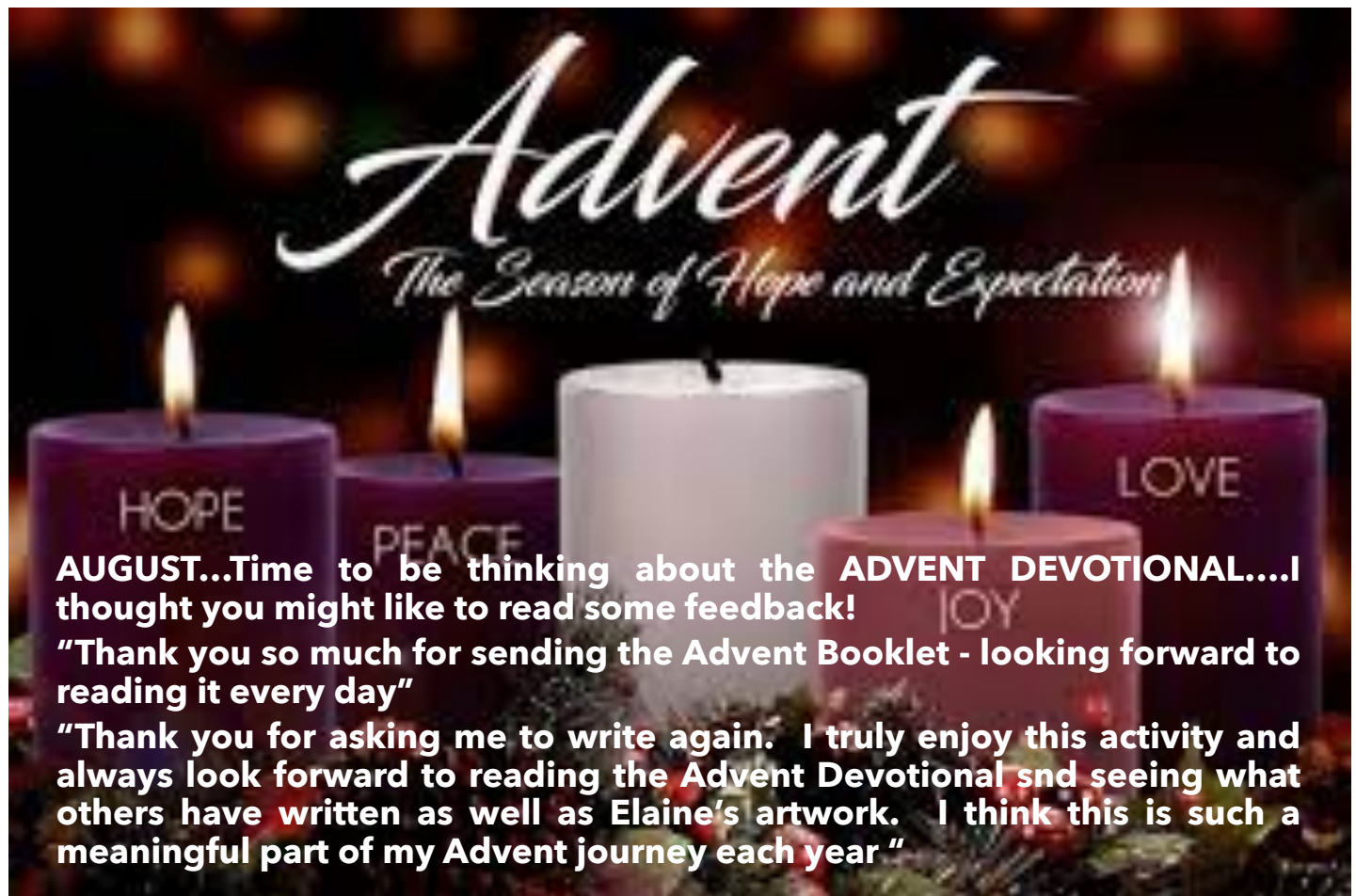


Good Times

were had by all at the Deacon's Dinner... good food and entertainment by the AARP Chorus.

Advent Devotional

Elsie Young



AUGUST...Time to be thinking about the ADVENT DEVOTIONAL....I thought you might like to read some feedback!

"Thank you so much for sending the Advent Booklet - looking forward to reading it every day"

"Thank you for asking me to write again. I truly enjoy this activity and always look forward to reading the Advent Devotional and seeing what others have written as well as Elaine's artwork. I think this is such a meaningful part of my Advent journey each year "

The Bible in Fifty Words

Got made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split
Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued

People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided
Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peeked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God walked

Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained.

Christian Education

Bev Bailey

Lemonade and Cookies on the Breezeway

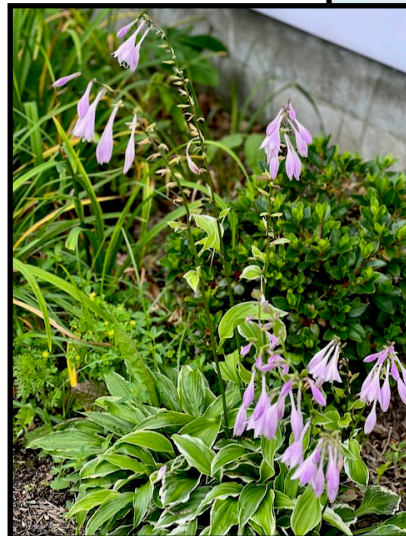
followed by a
TED TALK
in Fellowship Center
Second Sundays
July 9
August 13
after Worship Service

Adopt a Garden

Ray Keller

The Grounds Committee has identified 14 gardens on our beautiful church property that are in need of some TLC.. We are looking for volunteers to "ADOPT A GARDEN" throughout the growing season. Tasks may include weeding, watering, planting, fertilizing and

any other task the adoptor may deem appropriate. It can be fun!! Anyone interested, please call Ray Keller Sr 732/245-7264, or email him at rkeller@rayvenllc.com



Cemetery Stroll, June 25th



Barbara Slavin, Ocean View Town Historian, led us on a tour of the refurbished OVPC Cemetery. She told us stories about the people who are buried there including her own relatives.



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.

A red rectangular box with a white border containing the words "SCAM" and "ALERT" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, stacked vertically.

Home Repair Scams

Summer typically brings an army of scam contractors going door-to-door. They'll claim they just happen to be repaving a driveway nearby and have leftover material, or they'll offer to repave your driveway for a really low price. If you bite, here's the likely outcome: They will take your money and do the work shoddily, fail to finish it or not do anything at all. The bottom line is that you should beware of anyone offering to do work unsolicited. Instead, do the shopping and picking yourself.

Get referrals from family, friends and others, and then get multiple bids on the job. Before agreeing to work with one, verify the contractor is insured and complies with licensing and registration requirements by your state. Scammers target older homeowners. The Better Business Bureau says consumers are left with a median loss of \$1,500.

Extracted from the AARP Bulletin, June 2023.

Overheard:

I've always had a good memory. You might even call it a photographic memory.... but I don't know.... lately I seem to be running out of film....



Ray, Mike and Jim install the Cemetery Sign.

Weekly work day, Saturday, 9-11 am. Contact Ray Keeney for info.



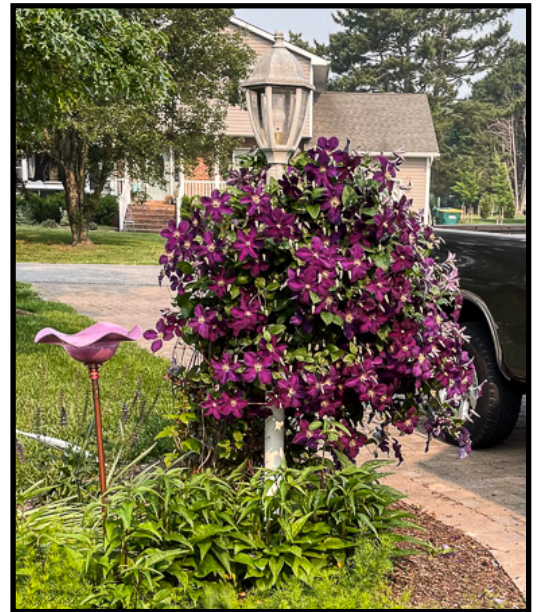
Ray, Jake and Bob cleared the woods behind the Labyrinth.



Ray Keller has power washed the OVPC buildings and sidewalk.

Photogenic

Lorie and Jim Hartsig



"My pride and joy" Liz Hobler

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Thanks to Herb and his assistants, Randy and Jim for our new coffee pot stands with drip catchers.





Join us for dinner and a movie on **Friday July 7th** at Wolf's house. We will enjoy fellowship and a potluck meal featuring hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill starting at 5:30. 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, the 1986 film 'Stand by Me' directed by Rob Reiner, takes us on a trek into the woods with 4 young friends on a mission to find the body of a missing local boy rumored to have been hit by a train. Along the way they learn about friendship, each other and themselves and together make a stand for what they know is right.

Rated 'R' for profanity and intense scenes

[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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