



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JUNE 2019



From the Pastor Terry Dougherty

Charism and Shalom, grace and peace to you, friends in Christ.

I'm sure when most of us look at our calendars, the thing we're most conscious of now is Summer, in its two versions: the time between Memorial and Labor days, which we both cherish and dread here in Lower, Slower Delaware, and the real thing, beginning on June 21st this year. But as Christians, something else is happening; we are moving out of our long season of seasons, which began last December and will be done June 10th. We had Advent, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter; we practiced patience, joy, inquiry, penitence, self-forgetfulness and the awareness of newness in God. Now we will enter the longer season of *Ordinary Time* (Trinitytide; the shorter is Epiphanytide). That name doesn't have to do with ordinariness - as though any part of God-ordained time could be ordinary! - but with the sense of the root word *ordinal*; it is time that is counted. In any given year, there are 33 or 34 weeks of it, and it can begin to *seem* ordinary! But it follows a day anything but ordinary; that is, Pentecost; and that day is more than an event in history. Pentecost is a celebration of the formation of the church, and of all of our membership in this organic unity called the church.

We have all passed through the water: Of Exodus, of Baptism, of footwashing. We've been made clean, and we've been anointed with the Spirit. We've been received, and we have received - grace upon grace. All of our Christian walk since then has been the working out of our individual gifts for service; gifts for others. The Book of Acts reveals the shape of the common life of the church, but "the astounding gift of Jesus to His disciples was the invitation to partake of His own intimacy with the Father" (*Patrick Henry Reardon*). Taken together, this means "what happens when human beings are brought into a relationship with Jesus Christ by faith as a community in which everyone's gifts are set free for the service of others. The community that most perfectly represents what God wants to see in the human world is one where the resources of each person are offered for every other... it's also that everyone is able to *give* to others, to have the dignity of being a giver" (*Rowan Williams*). What has happened to each of us is that, having been called first, we have responded; now we learn and re-learn the patience and faith that ground our optimism: that God is making all things new, even as we

have been made new. We are now repaired, and called out to be the repairers of the breach. For Nehemiah, that meant repairing the perfect band around Jerusalem; for us it means repairing the perfect bond between God and humans. This requires our prayer, and our presence.

N.T. Wright has it like this: “the Christian vocation is to be in prayer, in the Spirit, at the place where the world is in pain... as we embrace that vocation, we discover it to be the way of following Christ... with arms outstretched, holding on simultaneously to the pain of the world, and to the love of God”. There’s another contradiction implicit in this one: the discomfort of newness laid up against the comfort of tradition; of our changed self engaging norms that prefer to be static. It is all too easy to describe the bounds of the community passively; it is the people who think like us, do things like us, who blend in and never challenge us. But as in our personal walk, so in our walk as a community: God is ever calling us to where we have not been, having sent Jesus on ahead. So we go forward, trusting our practices, trusting the founder and perfecter of our faith, trusting the bonds of love. Do they overcome? God says they do, and that means they will.

The church, any church, our church, *teaches* all the time. A good deal of that teaching is conscious, but still more of it is unconscious - or just waiting to be brought to consciousness. It’s like the saying about preaching: we should do it all the time, and we should use words if we must. I believe OVPC teaches the value of all persons, consciously and unconsciously. We do so from our first gentle reaching out to visitors to our last faithful goodbyes to lifelong friends. We do it by reaching out with love, long before we reach out with requirements or requests.

But *every* church needs to keep that fresh, to never tire in our zeal for our living, loving Lord. To accomplish that, we need to never bask in ordinary time; we need constantly to reacquaint and reconnect with our Advent and Epiphany and Lenten and Easter selves, to never lose the wonder of our acceptance and incorporation into this wonderful work of love our God has done and is doing. All this year, let us commit to mindful growth in our love, and in our practices; to self-examination and openness to the Holy Spirit. Let us continue to bear fruits of the Spirit for the sake of our neighbors, near and far.

I continually thank my God for all of you; may our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless your walk of faith!

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Session Report

Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session

OVPC Minute from Session - May 13, 2019

The **Session of OVPC** met on Monday, May 13, 2019, at the home of Ellen Neumann.

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

Orders of the Day:

We welcomed prospective members, **Jane and John Bonbright** to our meeting. **MOTION** to approve Jane and John into membership in OVPC on Letter of Transfer from Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. They will be received into membership during worship on June 9, 2019. Welcome Jane and John !

The Women's Sewing Circle - Elaine Smith, Moderator, and Amy Peoples, Secretary, presented their 2018-19 Annual Report to Session. The circle actively works on fundraisers to support their mission outreach to local, national and international organizations. This year they are adding a fundraiser to benefit Rwanda Joy. On Monday, July 1, 2019 we are hosting a LuLaRoe Fundraiser in Memorial Hall. Come and bring your friends. For each article of clothing sold, the circle will receive \$5 for children's and \$10 for adult items. Next year's Bible Study will follow Horizons - The Ten Commandments. If you need a study guide, please see Marti Sommer. Session thanked all members of the sewing circle for their dedication to fellowship, bible study and mission outreach.

Dale Smith gave Session an overview of LoveINC of Mid-DelMarVa. Session is investigating the possibility of becoming an affiliate. Session has asked Christian Education to provide a time to educate the congregation on the Love INC Model: bringing resources together so more needs can be met.

MOTION passed to approve Deacon's request for the local 40% of the Pentecost Offering to be allocated to the Lord Baltimore School in the fall for lunches, clothing and alarm clocks.

MOTION passed to approve the April 2019 Financial Reports.

MOTION passed to approve Session Minutes of April 8, 2019.

MOTION to document Session's email approval of the **MOTION** to submit a bid to purchase the lot on Church Street across from the church for \$85,000.00. Note: The bid was accepted and the congregation was notified via email blast on May 7, 2019. Donald Bailey, President of OVPC, and Cindy Benjamin, Realtor, are handling the purchase.

(Session report continued)

MOTION passed to approve changing the June Session meeting from June 10, 2019 to June 3, 2019 to accommodate Pastor Terry's continuing education at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Consent Agenda **MOTIONS** passed:

1. Finance Committee **MOTION** to approve a rate increase for Lauren Piorko (Bookkeeper) to \$32.00 per hour effective June 1, 2019.
2. **MOTION** to increase the approved budget for the front sanctuary doors from \$7,800.00, to purchase and install at a cost of \$9,989.00. Funds will come from Capital Improvements. The sanctuary side door budget stays as approved, \$1,800.00 (March 11, 2019).

Pastor Terry's report was received.

MOTION approved to welcome Rev. Kathleen Jambory (PCUSA) to the pulpit on Sunday, June 16, 2019.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

The appraisal of the church property was completed on Wednesday, April 10th. **MOTION** passed to approve an increase in our property insurance based on the new appraisal.

World Vision Walk for Water raised \$900.00 with 11 walkers and a 5 member support team.

Session urges all committee chairs to get their Session reports to the office by the Wednesday before the Session Meeting: June 3rd Session Meeting - reports are due May 29th.

Rev. Terry Dougherty adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 9:36 P.M.

**"I wonder what it would be like to live in a
world where it was always June."**

L. M. Montgomery

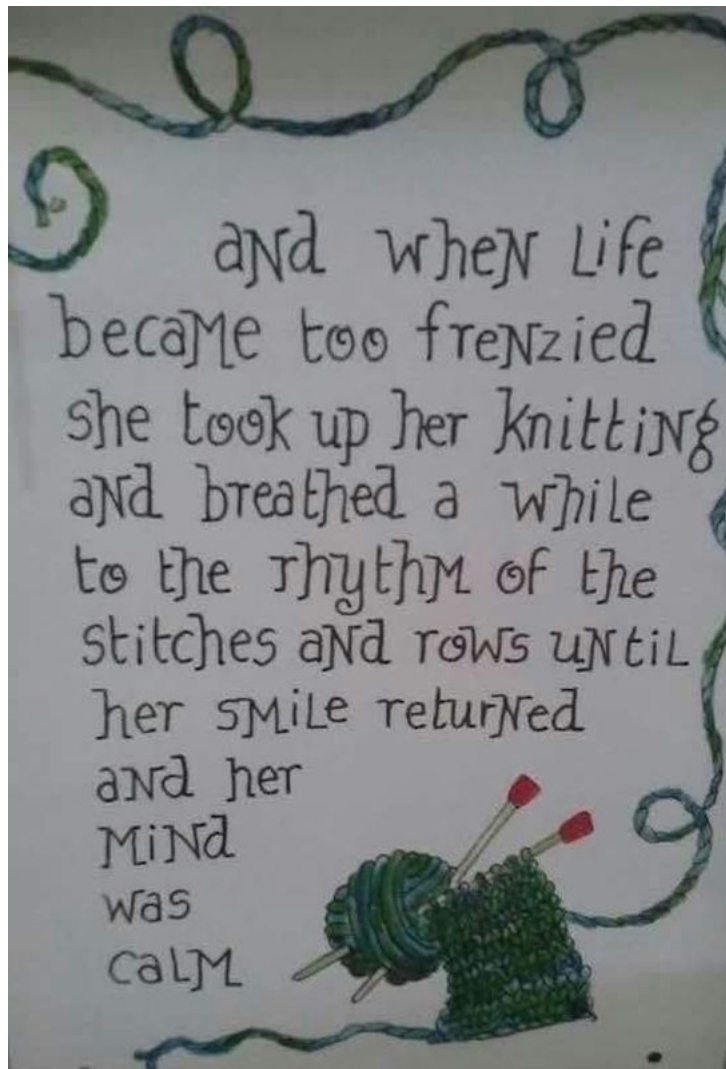


Stephen Szlasa
Liz Hobler
Brooks Goldman
Joni Keller
Jim Waehler
Susan Sigvardson

June 2nd
June 4th
June 11th
June 17th
June 20th
June 30th



Carol and Dave Kratch	June 6th
Carol and Bill Kester	June 8th
Elsie and George Young	June 14th
Marlene and Mike Quinn	June 27th
Charlotte and Grayson Wheatley	June 29th



YARN...You Are Ready to Needle...

.Knit or crochet or just watch and learn.

Join us in Fellowship Center
the first Monday of the month
from 10 am-2 pm...
bring your lunch.

See you on June 3rd



Christian Education

Karen Rubin Hamilton

Summer 2019

As is the tradition at OVPC, our educational programming will be lighter during the summer months. Please join us after worship for cookies & lemonade outside of Fellowship Center followed by a Ted Talk and conversation.

Schedule

Sunday June 9th

Sunday July 14th

Sunday August 11th

“Prayer Time” Class Resumes this Summer

“Prayer Time”-- a time set aside for prayer for ourselves and others, learning more about prayer, and ways of making prayer a more integral part of each day--has been on hiatus for two years. Bev Bailey, Prayer Time’s convener, has decided to offer this unique time every third Sunday after worship this summer. The group will meet on June 16th, July 21st, and August 18th in the Sanctuary. We will be looking particularly at prayers of gratitude (using the book Words of Gratitude for mind, body, and soul, by Robert A. Emmons & Joanna Hill), and prayers from the Iona Community (using the book Celtic Prayers from Iona by J. Philip Newell.) Some of you may have the Celtic Prayers book, as we used it previously. Both books are available on Amazon, but are not necessary for Prayer Time. If you would like 45- minutes of quiet discussion about prayer and ways of being in conversation with our God; and time of silent meditation and prayer, please join us). On June 16, we will meet after the Father’s Day Brunch...For more information or questions, talk with Bev Bailey.



**Many thanks to the men for
the lovely Mother's Day brunch.**



Overcoming Poverty through Education

Monday, July 1, 10am to 8pm

Ocean View Presbyterian Church
67 Central Ave

LuLaRoe Fundraiser for RwandaJOY

Sponsored by the Ocean View Presbyterian Church Women's Sewing Circle
Your LuLaRoe Retailers: Suzane & Steve Buttery, @LuLaRoeBySuzaneMarie



On display, for Women, Teens, and Kids...

- ☒ Comfortable flattering dresses, tops, skirts, layering pieces, and leggings
- ☒ Sizes XXS to 3XL
- ☒ Kids Collection in 2T to 14



Can't make it on the 1st?

- ☒ All online sales 7/1 to 7/8 at shopwithsuz.com will support the cause as well.
- ☒ ShopWithSuz ships to all 50 states and APO/ FPO addresses.



RwandaJOY

Details:

- From \$5 to \$10 per item purchased goes directly to RwandaJOY.org.
- Funds support education efforts in Rwanda.

Fundraiser



“Eehhhh....how ya doin’?”

Twice each month, our Stephen Ministers gather to encourage one another in this caring ministry. Recently, the Continuing Education sessions have begun to focus on “Losses Related to Aging”.

In their book “Aging: The Fulfillment of Life”, Henri Nouwen and Walter Gaffney wrote:

To care [for another], one must [first] offer one’s own vulnerable self as a source of healing. To care for the aging, therefore, means first of all to enter into close contact with your own aging self, to sense your own time, and to experience the movements of your own life cycle. From this aging self, healing can come forth and others can be invited to cast off the paralyzing fear for their future. As long as we think that “caring” means only being nice and friendly to old people, paying them a visit, bringing them a flower, or offering them a ride, we are apt to forget how much more important it is for us to be willing and able to be present to those we care for. How can we be fully present with the elderly when we are hiding from our own aging? How can we listen to their pains when their stories open wounds in us that we are [busily] trying to cover up? How can we offer companionship when we want to keep our own aging self out of the room? And, how can we gently touch the vulnerable spots in old people’s lives when we have armored our own vulnerable self with fear and blindness? Only as we enter into solidarity with the aging and speak out of common experience can we help others to discover the freedom of old age. By welcoming the elderly into our aging self, we can be good hosts, and healing can take place.

With this perspective of “knowing one’s own aging self”, our Stephen Ministers are guided through in-depth study and discussion about myths and losses, such as

Myth of Senility	Myth of “You Can’t Teach an Old Dog New Tricks”
Myth of Chronological Age	Myth that Older Persons Isolate Themselves
Physical Losses (strength, senses, appearance)	Loss of Job and Community Standing
Loss of Safety	Loss of Power
Loss of One’s Home	Loss of Dignity
Losing One’s Own Life	Loss of Family and Friends through Death

(Stephen Ministry continued)

Through this Continuing Education, the Stephen Ministers learn how to adapt their caring skills of reflective listening and distinctively Christian care. They are able to draw out the feelings, hopes, and fears of their care receivers by first confronting their personal thoughts and feelings about their own aging.

Our Stephen Ministers are well qualified to help you or someone you know going through a difficult time, by meeting with you, one-on-one, for confidential conversations. To learn more, speak with Pastor Terry or Elaine Smith (the Referrals Coordinator). Elaine can be reached at 908.859.2901 (home) or 908.319.4858 (cell).

*Spiritual Event At
Sussex Correctional Institute
Bruce Hobler*

Following a several year hiatus, Kairos Prison Ministry is again conducting a spiritual retreat weekend at SCI in Georgetown June 13-16. Dale Smith has been selected as one of 24 “outside” participants to bring the Word of God to 25 or so SCI residents. The four-day retreat is very structured, with a combination of lay and clergy talks, reflections, discussion, personal testimony, singing, and prayer. You can support this retreat with your thoughts and prayers. Donations to offset the cost of training books, retreat materials, and meals and snacks can be made at KairosOfDE.org or via check to OVPC indicating KPM SCI#8 in the memo line.

CONCERTS

Seaford Community Concerts gives the subscriber five concerts from September to April. Subscription is now open for the 2019-2020 Season. Season tickets: \$60 Early Bird ; \$70 after June 30.

Some members of OVPC have attended these concerts for years—others have expressed a desire to participate. Inquiries? Call Elsie Young at 539-8718. She has the list of entertainers and the dates they perform.



Deacon's Report *Ollie Robling*

June 2019 Deacon Mission Habitat for Humanity

The Deacons Mission Project for June 2019 is Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, building on the idea of a community farm outside of Americus, Georgia started by Clarence Jordan. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has helped more than 800,000 homes. Habitat for Humanity is located around the world with branches representing the US and Canada, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, the Middle East and Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean. Former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Roselynn, have been Habitat partners since 1984.

Habitat for Humanity is devoted to building simple, decent and affordable housing. Their mission statement is "seeking to put God's love into action." Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. The principles for Habitat for Humanity are:

1. Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ.
2. Focus on shelter.
3. Advocate for affordable housing.
4. Promote dignity and hope.
5. Support sustainable and transformative development.

The Sussex County chapter of Habitat for Humanity was established in 1991. Habitat for Humanity offers a hand up, not a hand out. Local families are selected on the basis of the need for housing, ability to pay an affordable mortgage and their willingness to partner. Homeowner candidate invest hundreds of hours of "sweat equity" by helping to build their homes and the homes of others. The Georgetown affiliate has built 106 homes in Sussex County with plans to build 94 new homes during the next 7 years. They have also expanded their major and minor repairs program to help address over 4, 000 substandard housing units identified by Delaware State Housing Authority.



Friday, June 7th

Bring your favorite dish!

**Guest speaker: Sussex Habitat
for Humanity, Development,
Director, Jay Gundy**



Sewing Circle

Amy Peoples

Happy summer!!! This will be the Circle letter for June, July, and August so be sure to have your calendars ready. The Sewing Circle does not take a vacation, summer is very busy. You won't want to miss any activity. Also a note to remember, check the church bulletin and newsletter for important updates and times.

On Monday, June 3, YARN will meet from 10-2PM. Bring your lunch and join this busy group who continue to spread joy, making and giving the beautiful Prayer Shawls to the shut-ins. They always welcome newcomers.

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 10:00AM, the Executive Committee of the Sewing Circle will meet to plan the upcoming June meeting.

Wednesday, June 12, 12 noon the Sewing Circle meets. It is our final meeting till fall. Please bring a covered dish to share and refreshments and dessert will be provided by the Circle Executive Committee. After lunch we will have a business meeting followed by Bible Study. We will be studying Chapter 9, "God With Us", led by Bev Bailey.

We will be using the Horizon Bible Study Book again next year. If you do not have one please contact Marti. It is called "Love Carved in Stone", a study of the Ten Commandments. This next year we are all asked to please read the chapter to be studied ahead of time. It will make it easier for leader and we will get more out of the study. At May Circle we all pledged to do this.

On Sunday, June 16, the ladies will host the Father's Day Brunch after the Sunday worship service. Time for setting up will be decided at June Circle meeting.

On Monday, July 1, 10-8PM, we will have our Lularoe Fashion show fundraiser from 10-8PM. This will benefit Rwanda Joy, one of our Circle Missions. Lularoe offers colorful, comfortable, affordable, clothing for professionals, stay at homers, and "fashionistas" alike. Sizes range from XXS to 3XL so there is something for everyone! There will also be children's clothing available. The fashions will be available July 1-8 on their website, and they will ship postage included. We will be asked to help set up on Sunday when the Lularoe representatives arrive in area. Don't miss this special day, should be great fun and you will be helping Rwanda Joy!

Get ready for the Heavenly Luncheon, Wednesday and Thursday, July 24-25. 11-2 pm. There are many things that need to be done to make the luncheon a success so please say yes when you are asked to participate.

Our preparations will begin on Monday, July 22, on through till the final dish is washed on July 25. This is our Circle's biggest fundraiser to fund our many mission projects and it takes many hands to get it done. Come and volunteer and join us.

You need to be thinking ahead to fall and our next fundraiser, the Jumble. It will be held Saturday, October 12, 8:30-12:00 with set-up October 11. Summer is a good time to be gathering your items for the Jumble. Remember we have many booths to fill with goodies; glassware, small household items, knickknacks, children's toys, books, jewelry, and potted plants. Also please get out your favorite recipes since we need lots of yummy goodies for the bake table. Please no clothing, shoes, pocketbooks, or items that are broken or soiled.

As you can see the Sewing Circle does not vacation, we are a busy, fruitful group that plans events and brings them to a successful conclusion. Please come and join us, we love having new people and new ideas. All welcome!

Good News for 80 Year Olds

Submitted by Amy Peoples

I have good news for you. The first 80 years are the hardest. The second 80 years are a succession of birthday parties. Once you reach 80, everyone wants to carry your baggage and help you up the steps. If you forget your name or anyone else's name, or an appointment, or your own telephone number, or promise to be three places at the same time, or can't remember how many grandchildren you have, you need only to explain that you are 80.

Being 80 is a lot better than being 70. At 70, people are mad at you for everything. At 80, you have a perfect excuse no matter what you do. If you act foolishly, it's your second childhood. Everybody is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain. Being 70 is no fun at all. At that age, they expect you to retire to Florida and complain about arthritis (they used to call it lumbago) and you ask everyone to stop mumbling because you can't understand them. (Actually, your hearing is about 50% gone.)

If you survive until you are 80, everybody is surprised that you are still alive. They treat you with respect for having lived so long. Actually, they seem surprised that you can walk and talk sensibly. So please folks, try to make it to 80. It's the best time of life. People forgive you for everything. If you ask me, life begins at 80!

A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like a prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained: "I'm praying, but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me because He knows what I'm thinking."



Remember!

Please remember to be extra diligent during the summer months, regarding cleaning up after your events. Those “pesky” insects are just waiting to eat the crumbs we leave and to check out the trash cans that were not emptied. Your help is appreciated.



Memorial Day Tribute

Lt Col Turner and Major Travalini of the Civil Air Patrol placing flags on fallen veterans' graves in the OVPC cemetery.



OVPC held a 6K Walk for Water on Saturday, May 4th. Proceeds from the event will support World Vision, the largest nongovernmental provider of clean water for the developing world.



Panic bar installed on rear sanctuary door.

Friday Night At The Movies



Join us **Friday June 14th** at 5:30 at Bob & Elaine Wolf's home to share a potluck and enjoy a movie together. Please make note of the date change - we hope to see you all at the Deacon's annual dinner on Friday the 7th with a special guest speaker from Habitat for Humanity.

This month, in honor of Memorial Day and Flag Day we will be showing the 2009 film '**Taking Chance**' starring Kevin Bacon. This movie is based on the journal kept by Lt. Col. Michael Strobl who volunteered to escort the body of fallen Pfc. Chance Phelps killed at age 19 in Iraq. This is a compelling film that shows not only the respect given to our fallen heroes by members of the military but by everyday people who honor both Pfc Phelps for his sacrifice but also Lt. Strobl as he accompanies him home to his family. (Rated TV-PG)

If you are interested in hosting movie night, or have a special movie request, please contact Bob Wolf. Remember that you can be a host without having the movie at your home ---

