



Ocean Views

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JUNE 2022



From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

By the time you read this, I will be back in the office here at OVPC, doing my usual stuff. At the time of writing, I am hoping I will be doing so with a sense of renewal, even of eagerness – because it has never been the case that I didn't love both you, and my job. It has been the case that I didn't take enough care of myself, and that the cumulative burdens of navigating the pandemic and its isolation wore me down in ways that required rest; a lot of it. I needed badly to re-engage with what brought me here in the first place; both my relationship with God, and my relationship with myself. I wasn't giving either enough time.

On page 81 of her book *Solitude and Silence*, Ruth Haley Barton quotes Frederick Buechner as follows: *what deadens us most to God's presence within, I think, is the inner dialogue that we are engaged in within ourselves; the endless chatter of human thought. I suspect there is nothing more crucial to true spiritual comfort than being able from time to time to stop that chatter, including the chatter of spoken prayer.* While I do in fact love a theological or philosophical or linguistic or translational puzzle – well beyond the patience you often grant me! – sometimes I love quiet, and nature, and birdsong far better. And if I do not give myself enough of both, and listen well for God in both, I suffer and am less myself. I do not owe you, or myself, less than the best I can do. It goes without saying I owe God my all; equally true is that God gives grace, peace and rest to every soul, whatever the strife may consist in.

So, I thank God, and I thank you for your prayers and expression of concern and support. I am grateful to have spent a significant amount of time thinking about nothing at all, reading and thinking exactly what I pleased, and I am grateful to be so fearfully and wonderfully made, knit together in my inward parts by my loving God.

On the very next page of her book, Barton shares the following prayer from a devotional guide: *Lord of life and love...quiet our souls in thy presence with the stillness of a wise trust. Lift us above dark moods, and the shadow of sin, that we may find thy will for our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

May such peace and quiet be all of ours, indeed.

Pastor Terry

Deacons

Susan Sigvardson

La Esperanza

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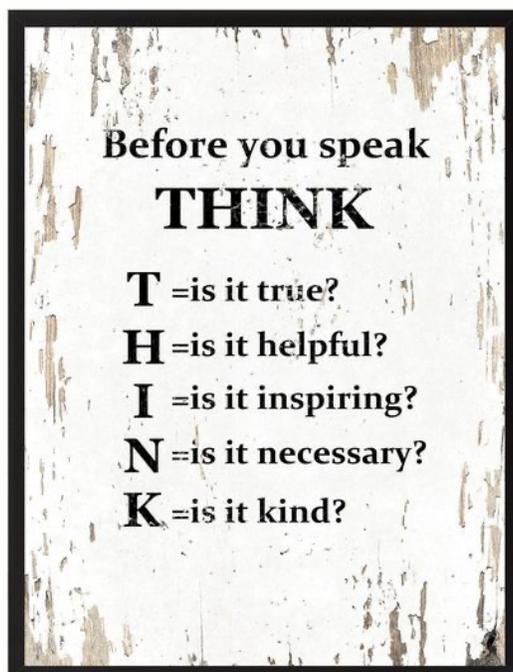
The Deacons are pleased to offer La Esperanza as our June Monthly Mission.

The Mission of La Esperanza is to assist Sussex County Latinos in their journey to achieve stability, integration and success.

"2021 saw La Esperanza tentatively emerging from the shadow of COVID-19. We celebrated the

availability of vaccines and supported the community's choice to be vaccinated and use community-based testing. Our services continued nonstop as we learned new ways to help and connect with clients."

Please consider supporting this important mission any way you can. Make your check payable to OVPC. In the memo line, indicate "June Mission". Thank you.



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Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

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Look How You've Been Serving Our Lord ...

Deacons wanted to update you about all the outstanding ways you've been serving our Lord by giving so generously to our Monthly Missions. Look and give thanks!



January-February – *34 Time and Talents Surveys* were collected and are being entered into the church office's computer. Volunteers are still needed for all kinds of church's activities! *AND THEN...* \$685 was sent to the Pyle Center in Frankford for their food pantry.

February – *Souperbowl of Caring*: more soup than could be counted was shared between OVPC's Food Pantry and the Selbyville Middle School (for distribution to their school and 3 others). Warms your heart doesn't it!

March – *One Great Hour of Sharing*: one of 4 Offerings going to PCUSA's Mission Agency for Disaster Assistance. This offering helps people gain access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. \$1,760 was collected! See more at specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs.

April – \$940 went to one of our newest missions, *What Is Your Voice?* This 2021 winner of the Jefferson Award for service is operated from Lewes DE. It sponsors a domestic abuse hotline open 24-7 and safehouse, for women and children suffering from to thriving afterwards. See more at whatisyourvoice.com.

May – *Pentecost Offering*: OVPC retains 40% of the offering collected for children's ministries. 60% goes to PCUSA supporting efforts to inspire young people to share their faith, ideas and gifts with the church and the world. See more at specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost. Amounts collected and retained will be reported in the next newsletter.

Thank you as always for your tremendous generosity and caring for our local, national, and international neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Bartholomew or any one of our caring Deacons.

Women Sewing Circle

Lorie Hartsig

SHAPED BY GOD, WE LOVE and SERVE

The Women's Sewing Circle of OVPC met on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 in person in Memorial Hall. Ten members were present and Flora Beaver was not with us by zoom as she had other plans for the day.

Birthdays noted were of Marlene Quinn, Elaine Wolf and Sue Dick.
Ellen opened with prayer and the PW Purpose was recited together.

REPORTS

Secretary's Minutes - were approved as sent electronically.

Treasurer's Report- closing balance is \$2,719.35 A check will be sent for Pastor Terry's birthday in the amount of \$68.

Circle Mission- Sue Rizer gave a report from Rwanda Joy that a former student who was funded in school by donations to RJ is now a donor to RJ himself.

Sunshine-Marie brought cards to be signed personally now that we are meeting together. She writes long notes on these lovely cards and they must be a joy to receive.

Correspondence- Lorie reports sending thank you notes to the Wivell family for their contribution of \$400 to Circle and to Kathy Sheetz's cousin for her donation to the Sharing Pantry. In the newsletter Lorie will thank the men for their lovely Mother's Day brunch reception.

OLD BUSINESS

Sign ups for the Father's Day brunch were passed.

Sunday is Gifts of Women Sunday and it was decided that some of the prayer shawls from the women of YARN will be displayed in the front pew. A CE class will be given by our worship leader, Cindy Kohlmann, and coffee and snacks will be offered. Her topic is "The Neighborhood Church."

As this month concludes our Bible Study, orders will be taken for next year's. Let Marti know if you want the book that is the study guide for Celebrating SABBATH. Many thanks to Bev Bailey, Marti Sommer and Ellen Neumann for leading this year's study.

NEW BUSINESS

Please donate to Liz Hobler towards the \$250 ad that will be in the Beach and Bay Cottage Tour booklet, advertising our Heavenly Luncheon.

Sign ups were passed for Heavenly Luncheon jobs to be done before and during the July 27th event.

Our June meeting will be at 12 noon on June 8th. It is pot luck and officers will bring desserts. **All are welcome to attend!**

Bev led us in the last chapter of our Bible study, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me."

Respectfully submitted, Lorie Hartsig

Easy Sticky Buns

Kathy Sheetz

Since so many people like my sticky buns they asked for the recipe. Here it is:

From: keyingredient (digital recipes, real cooks).

Ingredients

- 2 loaves frozen bread or 24 frozen Bridgford dough rolls
- raisins and/or walnuts

Sugar mix:

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 package butterscotch pudding (NOT INSTANT) about 1/4 cup vanilla pudding can be substituted
- 2 sticks of butter

Directions

1. Thaw bread about 20 minutes. Slice bread 1/2 inch.
2. Spray pan with Pam. Spread raisins and nuts in the bottom of the pan. Place dough on the raisins and nuts.
3. Sprinkle each slice with a heaping tablespoon of the sugar mix. Place slice of butter on each slice of dough.
4. Place in oven over night to rise.
5. Press dough to make even if needed. Not too much.
6. Bake 350 for 45 minutes.
7. Cool 10 minutes then invert.

ENJOY



JUMBLE SALE

May 21st

We came back and what a joyous time we had. Lots of hard work by many hands. Lots of laughter and yes giggles. It was wonderful to be together and invite our community to join us in our Mission work.

The Women's Sewing Circle thanks all who participated either by donation or working Thursday night, Friday morning or Saturday a heartfelt THANK YOU.

Our final tally was \$1001.50. This money will be used totally for Mission.

Looking forward to our next event – THE HEAVENLY LUNCHEON – in July.

Marti Sommer





Stephen Szlasa	June 2nd
Liz Hobler	June 4th
Brooks Goldman	June 11th
Joni Keller	June 17th
Jim Waehler	June 20th
Ricky Nelson	June 23rd
Sharon Moritz	June 29th
Susan Sigvardson	June 30th

Carol and Bill Kester	June 8th
Marlene and Mike Quinn	June 27th

John Paul Moran(Jay)
 December 21, 1940 - April 27, 2022



Prayer shawls were displayed during the Gifts of Women worship service on May 15th. All women are welcome to join YARN. The next meeting is on Monday, June 6th at 10 am in Fellowship Center.



Mission Mike Quinn



BUILDING CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY

Well, this is the last trip to do Katrina rebuild so I hope you have enjoyed my sharing with you. This trip had only three people involved, Don Bailey, Dr. Patricia McGinnis, and Mike Quinn. Don was on his way to see his sister just outside of New Orleans and would meet us at the PDA camp. Patty and I would be traveling in our Honda van and would make one stop for the night enroute to just outside New Orleans where the PDA camp was set up.

Marlene Quinn had just finished the book *THE HELP* and gave it to Patty to read on the trip down to the PDA camp. Marlene also gave her instructions that she was in charge of telling me to turn off the turn signal after I had passed a car as I have a bad habit of forgetting to do so.

Well, I didn't have to worry about being reminded about the turn signal as Patty is a voracious reader and once we pulled out of the Driveway at 5 West Houston Street in Fenwick Island, I didn't hear a word from her until we stopped for the night in Florence, South Carolina. The next day was the same until we arrived at the PDA camp in Louisiana. Fortunately, she had finished the book a few miles from our destination so she could help me find where we were going.

The camp was set up in an old school that had been abandoned, and had several buildings for our use. There were separate rooms with bunk beds for the women and men and the showers were the same. The only bad part was the showers were not in the same building as the bedrooms so you had to carry all the clothes, dop kits and towels with you when you went to shower.

We spent the week working on one home and met the owner and heard his story about how he was rescued by boat after spending the night in the attic of his home. We accomplished a lot in the week and met many new friends. We laid a new floor, plus painted the whole living room. He was so thankful that we had come to help him. Unfortunately, about a year later we received a phone call from his daughter that he had died. At least he had a year in his new digs.

Our new friends took us into New Orleans to a suburb for lunch one day and we had some very good Cajun cooking.

Well, it is time to start home and that was a precarious trip as a winter storm came through and dumped several inches of snow in South Carolina and all the way home from there. When we got home to Fenwick Island, we had to dig our way in to the parking area so we could get Patty's car out. What a trip, but we were home safely and Patty got home safely also. So, all's well that ends well.

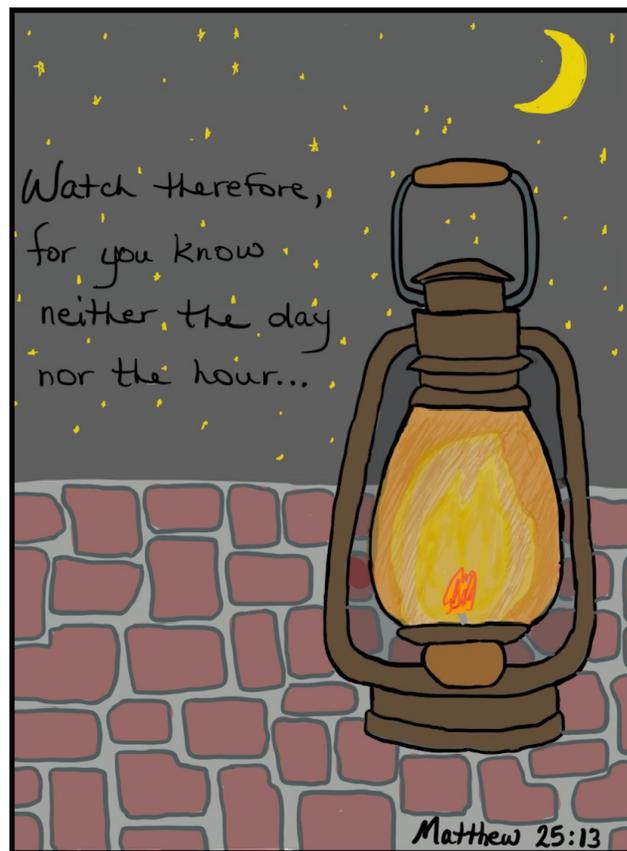
Since these stories have been about Congregational vitality you can see that we are truly a Matthew 25 Church in this category. I suggest you talk to others in our church who have participated in activities of helping others. There are many such as building ramps (MHDC). Talk to many of the men and women that plied their talents in helping others. There is also the Sharing Pantry which is being visited quite regularly by those in need. Also, YARN that is open to all in the church that want to learn how to knit prayer shawls and other things. Or maybe you want to help fill baskets for the way home project.

I have only mentioned a few and know there are more so reach out and find your nitch and begin helping others. I'm sure there is one for you!!

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Quinn

Chair OVPC Mission Committee



Labyrinth Updates

Bev Bailey

News about the Labyrinth will be in every edition of the OVPC Newsletter for the next several months as we prepare and build a labyrinth on the right side of the lot across the street from Memorial Hall. The Labyrinth Group--Bev and Don Bailey, Jen and Mike Read, Marlene Quinn, Dale Smith, Lorie Hartsig (new member), along with ex officious Pastor Terry—want to be sure that the congregants know what will be happening. We also have partnered with the Ocean View Historical Society and their representative Barbara Slavin has joined to work with us. We held an Informational Meeting on Monday evening, April 25, and about 30 people attended to find out more and to offer support. Thanks to all of you who attended. The committee learned from you as well as you hearing from us.

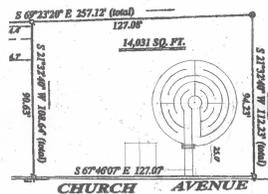
The Committee is in a bit of a waiting period right now as we wait to receive a plat of 1 Church Avenue. This plat will enable us to prepare the drawing with the labyrinth in place with dimensions; so that we can then apply for a building permit from the Town of Ocean View. The Landscaper, Mike Lord, of Lord and Sons Landscaping, then can order supplies and begin the process of making our labyrinth come to life.

We have also created a brochure for the Labyrinth which the committee will be editing and approving at our next meeting. Here is an excerpt from that brochure:

Ocean View Presbyterian Church’s Labyrinth

Will be 50 feet in diameter and have six walking circuits with a walking path leading up to it. The entrance will be through an arbor. The edge stone will be grey and set in concrete. The walkway will be 38” red gravel.

There is one entrance in and the same entrance out. Five 6-foot trees will be planted around the labyrinth to provide shade as the years pass. Four benches will eventually surround the labyrinth, so that participants might sit and ponder or journal about their experience.



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Labyrinth



Heavenly Luncheon

Central Avenue and Church Avenue (near Route 26 Intersection)

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

11:00AM - 2:00PM

California Chicken Salad Caesar and Pasta Salads

Array of Fresh Fruit & Rolls

Fresh Brewed Ice Tea

Brownies & Blondies

**\$20.00 Donation With All Proceeds
Benefitting Local, National, &
International Missions**



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

Call Liz Hobler to volunteer. Lots of help needed.

"Laughter helps you put
everything into perspective."

Jim Henson

*thank
you*

Thank you to the men of the church for our lovely Mother's Day Brunch. Love from all the ladies.



Thank you to the Technology Team, Bob Wolf and Don Bailey, for streaming the worship services each week. This has enabled us to attend church remotely even when the sanctuary was closed. We appreciate you!

**I WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO LIVE IN A
WORLD WHERE IT WAS ALWAYS JUNE.**

L. M. MONTGOMERY

Grounds Committee

Ray Keeney

Dead maple tree by the storage garage removed.



Going



Going



Gone



All that is left. Free for the taking.

Cemetery Restoration Project

Jim Hartsig

Pippin Mausoleums & Monuments has started the Cemetery Restoration Project. The stones have been sprayed with a biological solution to remove mold, algae and lichen.



SCAM ALERT

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Sincerely,
Amazon



Would you like some warm Spring pie?

Then, take a cup of clear blue sky.

Stir in buzzes from a bee,

add the laughter of a tree.

A dash of sunlight should suffice

to give the dew a hint of spice.

Mix with berries, plump and sweet.

Top with fluffy clouds, and eat!

Paul Kortepeter

Photogenic

Jim Hartsig



Photogenic

Lorie Hartsig



IF YOU TRULY LOVE
NATURE, YOU WILL
FIND BEAUTY
EVERYWHERE.

VINCENT VAN GOGH





Join us for dinner and a movie on **Friday June 3rd** at the Wolf's house – We will enjoy fellowship and a potluck meal starting at 5:30 (we plan to grill burgers and hot dogs) 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!

Since we had to cancel our May movie we will once again schedule the 2017 film 'Victoria & Abdul' starring Dame Judi Dench. This is the little known but true story of the close alliance formed between Queen Victoria and Abdul Karim, a clerk from India selected to participate in the Queen's golden jubilee. [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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