



OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JULY/AUGUST 2019



## From the Pastor Terry Dougherty

Once upon a time, and a very long time ago it was, two deeply confused people were walking home from a festival - one they'd waited years to attend, saving both time and money that had been hard to come by. It had and hadn't been what they expected, this time in the big city; noise and pageantry, solemnity and awe had mixed with sheer terror and loss. They were talking, crying, arguing, reasoning, wondering between themselves as the day wound down. Sure they wouldn't get home in just one day, they had planned ahead for a place to stay, but now everything seemed foreign, unfamiliar; everything had an edge to it.

They realized they must have been animated as well as engrossed when a stranger - whom they couldn't remember catching up or joining them - asked them what was the matter; what were they talking about? Well, they got talking with him, and he seemed to have a wonderful sympathy and understanding, an ability to put things in perspective and to make sense of them. Their hearts were deeply touched; indeed, they burned within them. When they got to their B&B, they stood still talking into the twilight, til he excused himself - but to them it seemed awful he should go on into the night, so they asked him to have dinner with them, at least. He accepted, they ordered, and when the waiter brought bread for an appetizer, he was the one who took it, broke it apart and passed it around. And at last they felt at home in this world again.

The lyricist Richard Gillard wrote this, in *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* (1977; Universal Music):

"We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.

We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load".

We are all somewhere on our walk with God, on our walk with neighbor, on our walk with - and in - love. We are always *becoming* who we shall be; being transformed by the renewal of our minds. We are always becoming the best partner or companion we may be. To be that, among many things like responsibility, reliability and relatability, we need the quality Greek philosophers called *ataraxia*; which is tranquility, satisfaction within and with ourselves. As we go our walk, as we live our lives, what forms, what rises, what burns in us that shapes us, or helps us realize who we have always been meant to be? What reveals the “me” God first conceived? Who or what makes our spirit burn within us?

Summer - the season of relaxation and pleasure, of exploration and vacation, can be the perfect time to learn more about ourselves. We may travel to new and different places, but equally at home (especially here in “The Quiet Resort”), we will meet different people. We’ll see them on the boards or the beach, in restaurants and convenience stores; we’ll see them in church. As much as we may hope to be “little Christ” for them, we must be open to the realization they may be “little Christ” for us; that only in mutuality is growth possible. Only in being “for” the other as God is for us, and in being open to the other as God in Christ has opened to us, will our transformation be enacted and become effective. Our obedience and our responsiveness to the call of God upon our lives will be tested; and, hopefully, manifested!

Rowan Williams had it like this: “To be is to be where you are, who you are and what you are. God is calling you, by your name, at each and every moment - Wanting you to be you”.

**“I greatly enjoyed your entire service. The Pastor’s words were thought provoking and intellectually challenging. God Bless you all. In Christ’s Love”**

(a recent Sunday worshipper as written on the fellowship pad)

## Ocean View Presbyterian Church

67 Central Avenue  
Ocean View, DE  
19970

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

**Pastor**  
Terry Dougherty

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302-539-3455

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ovpc.org

**Session**  
Don Bailey  
Cathy Yantz  
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Earlene DeFazio  
Sandy White  
Eric Neumann  
Cindy Benjamin  
Ollie Robling  
Sue Baer

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Lorie and Jim Hartsig

## *Session Report*

### *Karen Colwill, Clerk of Session*

The Session of OVPC met on Monday, June 3, 2019, in Memorial Hall.

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

#### **Orders of the Day:**

We welcomed prospective members, **Gloria and Randy Batholomew** to our meeting. **MOTION** to approve Gloria and Randy into membership in OVPC on Letter of Transfer from Colesville United Methodist Church in Silver Spring, MD. Welcome Gloria and Randy !

#### **The Cemetery Committee - Mike Read, Chair**

Mike distributed a copy of the OVPC Cemetery Committee Annual Report to Session including the goals for 2019. Mike reviewed recent wind damage to the columbarium when a plaque loosened and dropped to the pavement and broke. Extreme care and dignity were displayed with handling the contents of the open plaque. A temporary plaque was installed. A new plaque will be engraved and then replaced. The lawn mowing contract with Sposato will be reviewed in lieu of acquiring the property across the street. Session appreciates the work of the Cemetery Committee and its members.

#### **Barbara MacFie, New Castle Presbytery, Committee of Ministry and Congregations**

Barbara was welcomed to our session meeting. Barbara walked us through the 'Rounding' Questions 2019. Barbara reviewed the purpose of her visit and lead us through a variety of questions ranging from sources of energy and hope in our congregation, concerns and anxieties and even fears, our Spark Grant experience, and how can NCP support OVPC. We had a good exchange of information.

**MOTION** passed to approve the May 2019 Financial Reports.

**MOTION** passed to approve Session Minutes of May 13, 2019.

The Consent Agenda **MOTIONS** passed:

**Finance Committee MOTION** to invite Scott Derr, Financial Investment Manager, to our August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to review our portfolio and direction going forward.

**Finance Committee MOTION** to move the Mid-Year Budget Review to the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and include the review of the OVPC Financial Procedures.

**Pastor Terry MOTION** request for study leave, July 22-26, 2019 to attend the Calvin Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, *The Bowed Head* grief conference.

**Pastor Terry's** report was received.

The **Monthly Committee Reports** were received.

**The closing on the Church Street property is scheduled for June 7, 2019.** All documents are complete and ready. **Update:** the sale is complete. Don Baily attended.

*(Session Report continued)*

**World Vision Walk for Water** for 2020 **MOTION** approved for OVPC to participate in the 2020 event to be held on May 16, 2020. Organization Team is in place.

The top panel of Pastor Terry's office door will be replaced with clear glass. Herb Sheetz will purchase materials and install the glass.

Session urges all committee chairs to get their Session reports to the office by the Wednesday before the Session Meeting: July 8th Session Meeting - reports are due July 1st.

Rev. Terry Dougherty adjourned the meeting and closed with prayer at 10:14 P.M.

# Heavenly Luncheon

## OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Central Avenue and Church Avenue (near Route 26 Intersection)

**Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

*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**

**\$15.00 Donation With All Proceeds  
Benefitting Local, National, & International  
Missions**



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





Ray Keller	July 5th
Bob Jackson	July 8th
Rebecca Smith	July 8th
Dick Peoples	July 10th
Bev Bailey	July 14th
Ed Hiner	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
Buzz Henifin	Aug. 23rd
Don Benjamin	Aug. 28th
George Young	Aug. 28th

Pam and George Price	July 20th
Jane and Dave Sergison	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
Lorraine and Dick Smith	Aug. 25th
Mary Ann and Ollie Robling	Aug. 28th
Amy and Dick Peoples	Aug. 28th

## *Building and Grounds*

*Ray Keeney*

Ollie Robling has finished assembling the HVAC portion of our Maintenance Manual.

The B & G files are being reviewed and relabeled. They will be filed in the MH Mechanical room in the new file cabinet moved there for that purpose.

The Grounds Landscaping plan is being reviewed and upgraded with more details which will identify the plants in each of the areas and how they should be trimmed, pruned, cut back, & mulched at the spring and fall clean ups & throughout the year. This will include pictures and sketches of each area. We are also reviewing the people who had agreed to manage each of these areas in the past and confirming they are going to continue managing these areas. Some new members have agreed to join us.

The roof gutters along the front of the FC needs to be cleaned out, there are weeds growing out of them. Offers of help would be welcome.

Over the last few weeks the areas along the split rail fence on the South & West edges of the property have been cut, pruned & weeded with 3 or 4 trailer load of clippings and limbs taken to the recycling center. We have a few more trailer loads to be trimmed and taken to the recycle center over the next few weeks. We also could use some mulch in areas that we did not get to during the spring clean up. Help would be welcome.

## *Kairos Prison Ministry*

### *Dale Smith*

Following a several year hiatus, KAIROS Prison Ministry conducted a spiritual retreat at Sussex Correctional Institute (SCI) in Georgetown June 13-16. I was one of 27 “outside” men (both lay and clergy) who went to meet with 34 residents for several days of presentations, discussions, prayer, singing, and fellowship.

The retreat was held in the Nehemiah Chapel, a self-contained building within the prison compound. The chapel is about the size of Memorial Hall. One side was designated as the “community room” where tables of 6 residents and 3 outside men sat to discuss the presentations, had fellowship over meals, and prayed with one another. The other side was the chapel area, with rows of chairs where we gathered for prayer, homilies, and singing. There was much singing in the community room, too!

As the days progressed, the message of “being in fellowship with God” – reinforced through the discussions of spirituality, discipline/study, and Christian action – led many men to open up to accepting God’s grace and forgiveness ... some for the first time and some being reminded of the faith they were raised with. Saturday wrapped up with all 60 of us gathered in a large circle, against the walls of the chapel, singing

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*We can feel His mighty power and His grace.*

*We can hear the brush of angels wings; we see glory on each face.*

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place*

That was an emotional time for many. On Sunday, during the formal closing session, each man was presented with a cross necklace and a Bible. There was much hugging and hand-shaking as each table group went forward.

I am grateful that this group of 34 men will now be joining up with other prior KAIROS participants there in SCI. All will have the opportunity to meet as small groups for “prayer and share”. Monthly, a few of the outside men will gather with them in the Nehemiah Chapel for a “reunion”. In this way, God will continue to nurture these men in the way of Christ.

Matthew 25:36c says, “I was in prison and you came to visit me”. KAIROS SCI#9 will be held in December; if you’d like to participate, let’s talk.

## *Presbytery Commissioner Report*

### *Mike Quinn*

May 21, 2019 the 846<sup>th</sup> meeting of New Castle Presbytery was convened with prayer at 4:00 PM at Smyrna Presbyterian Church.

The meeting was opened with prayer by moderator Rev. Dianne Deming.

Opening business included

Quorum call, welcome to Presbytery, docket approval, introduction of first time commissioners, seating of corresponding members and visitors.

Next was the committee on representation and nominations report.

Next was the treasurers report showing ignite Financial Summary for 2018 at \$694,000 and so far in 2019, \$613,000.

Next was ignite report part one.

\$46,300 was the amount requested by ignite to spend on projects without Presbytery approval

Next was the stated clerks report.

Stated clerk moves the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the 845<sup>th</sup> NCP meeting, presbytery dates and locations for 2020, Pastor's compensation report, and 2018 Presbytery Statics.

Next came the synod commissioners report.

Next came ignite report part two

28% of the churches in the presbytery participated in the partnership grants.  
\$46,300 requested in part one was approved

Next was the committee on ministry report.

Commissioned Richard Waters for service at Port Deposit.

Celebrated retirement of Michael Williams from Georgetown church.

Celebrated retirement of David Park and CRE Lee Johnson from Manokin.

Introduced Rev. Glen Zuber as interim at Buckingham in Berlin.

Introduced Rev. Samuel Monte as new pastor at Snow Hill.

Introduced Rev. Gary Willingham-McLain as new pastor at Elkton.

Had a memorial minute for Arthur (Tucker) Thompson and Al Yuninger both retired pastors who died this year.

Next came Ignite report part three.

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Next was committee on leadership report.

Amendments to the manual of operations.

Next was the Guatemala mission Partnership report.

Next we broke for dinner and handled new business over dinner.

Next we reconvened for worship with sermon by J Herbert Nelson our Stated Clerk of the PC(USA) after which we adjourned.



Last June, nine members of OVPC began a journey ... to become Stephen Ministers.

During their training, they learned how to provide distinctively Christian care, through active listening, seeking out deep feelings, the use of Scripture, and through prayer. Most importantly, they learned how to

hold the one-on-one relationship with their care receiver in strict confidence.

As part of their two-year commitment to this ministry, the team meets twice a month to support and encourage one another. They also continue their training by exploring topics such as Ministering to the Dying and Their Families, or, Ministering to Those Experiencing Loss Due to Aging.

What is a Stephen Minister?

A Stephen Minister Is **not**. . .

- A professional counselor, psychologist, or therapist.
- A social worker connected with lots of services.
- An expert in law, finance, or church doctrine, and so on
- A brief, superficial visitor, “touching base” with people now and then.

A Stephen Minister **is** . . .

- A caring Christian who desires to offer their support to others in time of need.
- A trained Christian who has developed their caring skills through intensive coursework.
- A dedicated Christian commissioned by our congregation to this confidential, in-depth caring ministry.

How does Stephen Ministry work?

Suppose someone is going through a challenging time ... newly retired, or new to this area, or facing a serious health issue, or grieving the death of a friend or relative, or dealing with difficult family dynamics, or other life-impacting situation. A Stephen Minister would meet with them, about an hour a week, to bring them distinctively Christian care....for 6 weeks or 3 months or 6 months...whatever time the person needs to process through the situation.

You, too, are an important part of this ministry here in this congregation. Last year, through Session, you started this ministry. You now also serve in the role as “scouts” or “lookouts”...paying attention to those in need and telling them about this caring ministry. Besides supporting those in need here in OVPC, our Stephen Ministry team also meets with care receivers in the community.

If you or someone you know is going through a challenging time, please speak with Elaine Smith, the Referrals Coordinator, or with Pastor Terry.



## *Two New Churches Join the Partnership*

### *May 14th, 2019 - Guatemala Partnership*



We are delighted to report that two churches in New Castle Presbytery have jumped on board and joined the Guatemala Partnership!

First, the mission committee of New Castle Presbyterian Church (located in Old New Castle, Delaware) is sponsoring their own microloan group. On May 5th, committee members presented a check for \$3,120 to two members of the Guatemala Partnership team, who will hand-deliver the funds to the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development in June. These funds will support 12 women in a new

microloan group called *Triumfadoras* (the Triumphant Women) as they launch their self-sustaining projects planting potatoes and raising small livestock. New Castle Church is also establishing a prayer partnership with the women of *Triumfadoras*, and plans to send one or two representatives to travel to Guatemala next January to visit this group in person and see their projects in action!

The second newcomer to this partnership is Ocean View Presbyterian Church. The Women's Circle of Ocean View has made a generous donation of \$500 for one fuel-efficient stove and one VIP Latrine. Ocean View's Pastor, Terry Dougherty, just traveled to Guatemala in January with NCP and continues to share his enthusiasm and admiration for the work the women of the Association continue to do.

Thank you to both New Castle and Ocean View for their generous support of this partnership! If your church would like to learn more about becoming an active participant as well, please [contact us](#). A member of our team would be more than happy to give a presentation to your committee or congregation.

**Summer is the topsy-turvy season when the  
goldfish have to be boarded out while the  
family goes on a fishing trip.**

*Author Unknown*



## SE Sussex Men's Homeless Shelter Sign Up – Call to Serve

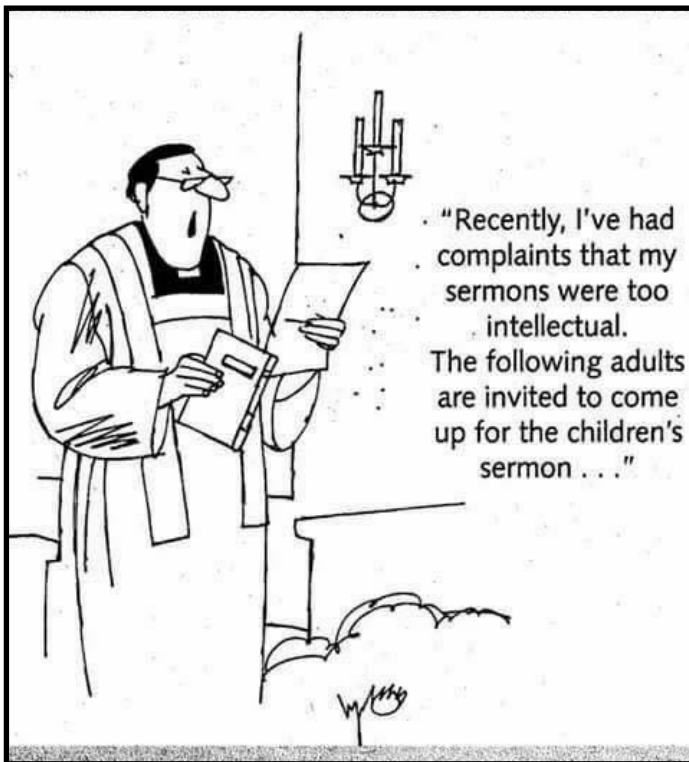
**Subject:** SE Sussex Area Men's Homeless Shelter  
Sign up - Call to Serve

The SE Sussex Ministerium and LoveINC are cosponsoring, a Men's Cold Weather Homeless

Shelter at Stone House in Bethany Beach from Nov 15 – Mar 15, 2020. Our joint Committee is seeking male community volunteers to help staff our area Shelter in overnight shift roles at Stone House, from 8:30pm – 8:00am. We are seeking men to volunteer for one-night shifts weekly for either 6, 12, or 17-week periods during the winter shelter's operating season.

Additional volunteer roles are available for both women and men including intake, meals, laundry and facility operations. Shelter training will be conducted by LoveINC during September and October 2019, in advance of the November 15<sup>th</sup> Shelter opening date. Please consider volunteering at the SE Sussex Shelter this winter and help care for our underserved Sussex Homeless population. Please contact your Church Ministerium representative with questions and to sign up to volunteer. Thank you.

**Pyle Center** can always use spaghetti o's, pbj and bread, hotdogs, cereal and any canned foods, etc. Please remember that children who depend on eating breakfast and lunch in school are home now for the summer. Be creative in thinking about convenience foods that a child who knows how to use a microwave can prepare for himself and younger siblings. Also, fruit cups and applesauce are good. Pyle Center is in need of volunteers to cover front desk Monday through Friday 12:30-4:30.





## *Photogenic*

Another ramp built. This one required extra effort because the old ramp had to be removed, including several of the old 200 lb. footers.

If you would like to help with the next project, contact Herb Sheetz.





## Friday Night At The Movies

The newsletter is taking a summer break but not movie night! We will be continuing our monthly fellowship at the Wolf's home in July and August starting at 5:30pm with a potluck supper followed by a terrific movie to enjoy together. Watch for the reminder notices that will come out with a hint of what the meal may be....

### Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>

*(Please note the change of date because of the Independence Day holiday.)*

We will be showing the 2009 film **'Hachi: A Dogs Tale'** starring Richard Gere and Joan Allen. This heartwarming true story is an American adaptation of a Japanese tale about a loyal dog named Hachiko. This very special friend would accompany his master to the train station every day and return each afternoon to greet him after work. During his daily visits, Hachiko touches the lives of many who work near and commute through the train station square. He teaches the local people love, compassion and above all, unyielding loyalty.

### Friday August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Another film based on actual events, **'Music of the Heart'** tells the story of Roberta Guaspari, who is a young teacher who fights against the board of education in her bid to teach underprivileged kids in a Harlem school the beauty of music through the violin. In her struggle she loses everything as the system comes down on her with all their might but her determination for the kids happiness helps her to battle back with wonderfully inspirational results.

(Rated PG for brief mild language and sensuality)

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 ---

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