

# Ocean Views

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2023

## From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty



*The tamaracks grow not only in the swamp, but at the foot of the bordering upland, where springs break forth. Each spring has become choked with moss, which forms a boggy terrace. I call these terraces the hanging gardens, for out of their sodden muck the fringed gentians have lifted blue jewels. Such an October gentian, dusted with tamarack gold, is worth a full stop, and a long look...*

*Aldo Leopold; **A Sand***

### County Almanac

Grace and Peace – this sort of peace! – to you, friends, in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As a Northerner for most of my life, in this semi-Southern place, my mind turns this time of year to walks in woods changing in color, smell, and the dynamics of all their inhabitants. I know well there is Autumn here, too, and I have been exploring it year on year, on shore and inland, but the Autumn of mixed deciduous and coniferous woods is just different, as are the varieties of birds and animals and insects, all of which memories are my stubborn image of Fall. There is something about Fall both nostalgic and humbling, tinged with gratitude, that makes us mindful. My earnest hope for you is that you allow, and dwell, in this; at least sometimes outdoors. We are animals, too, and we have evolutionary responses that linger beneath the veneer of our control over nature – a control that is only thin, and that isn't only benign.

Civilization has made enormous differences to how we live in nature – or don't – and how we view both nature and the constant adaptation to nature that has been the common human lot: from hunting and gathering to settled lives of domestication, husbandry and farming; from family to village to town to city life; from self-reliance to convenience. Much of that, and the good and harm it has done, is easy not to think about; but think we should. Our advantages have too often meant displacement, disorientation and yes, death for others. Not just other human beings, but fauna and flora that developed *in situ* for millennia, before we brought rapid disruption, and often dissolution.

This is a month for attention to these things, and the life of the church calls our attention. World Communion Sunday is the first day of this month; today, in fact! In traditions that observed the life



Teresa Sphinx  
Moth caterpillar.

of Francis of Assisi, blessing of animals (usually domestic) is observed on the 4<sup>th</sup> or the 8<sup>th</sup>. Indigenous People's Day, an alternative to Columbus Day, is observed either on the same day (the 9<sup>th</sup>), or on the 10<sup>th</sup>. And World Food Day is the 16<sup>th</sup>; a day after the Southeast Sussex Ministerium will again hold the CROP Walk at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, on Roxana Road, 2:00 PM on the 15<sup>th</sup>: See Bob Doherty to donate, and to sign up to walk!

We don't often think about the relationship between development - "civilization" - and hunger, except to believe that civilization "solves" the problem. It does, and it doesn't. Yes, farming is intensified, and yields often magnified. But farming also is mechanized, regionalized, and narrowly focused. We end up with monocrops, a lack of genetic diversity in our food crops, the failure of local farms and family farms, the failure of families to garden for food, and the alienation of much of the population from the sources of food, at all. We end up with farming that doesn't look at all like our ideal vision of farming: Farming that is inhumane, farming that pollutes, farming that minimizes the humanity of its workers and the God given dignity of its animals. We also end up, too often, with portions of the population suffering in "food deserts", places where it is not economically attractive to set up modern shopping markets, which seek to have every variety of food under one roof. They are expensive real estate, expensive to maintain and expensive to supply. Too many people end up shopping in mini-marts, which specialize in cheap calories, rather than healthy food, because a supermarket is nowhere near.

Every answer, however partial, to these problems, is something we should think about, for God has made it a mandate that we care for our neighbors. We just learned a lot about gleaning, and the variety of ways we can participate. We also - and I couldn't be more proud of OVPC! - have our Sharing Pantry. Those of us present day-by-day, and those who shop for and supply the pantry, know and see the need right here, know and see the variety of people, young and old, who are our customers. Please consider, not only on World Food Day, how you can help; a little or a lot! There is not a little, but a lot, of need.

As we ruminate, with nostalgia and delight, on all we have, and look forward to Thanksgiving and Harvest, let's also give our minds to the ways both local and humane in which we can be better participants in the give and take of nature, and in the garden earth God has always meant for all of us!

Peace in all your ways and wanderings,

Pastor Terry

## Ocean View Presbyterian Church

67 Central Avenue  
Ocean View, DE  
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### Service

Sunday, 9:30 A.M.

### Pastor

Terry Dougherty

### Church Office

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Diane Brown

### Website

ovpc.org

### 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

*Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session*

Monday, September 11, 2023

Attending: Rev. Terry Dougherty (Moderator), Susan Baer, Bob Wolf, Ray Keeney, Bev Bailey, Marlene Quinn, Ollie Robling (Clerk of Session), Elaine Wolf (Treasurer), Mike Quinn (Missions Committee). Jake Stavinga was in Alaska, excused from this meeting.

6:00pm Meeting with Session, Finance Committee and Scott Derr from Comprehensive Financial Associates. The meeting was for the review of OVPC's financial investments over the last year. Scott provided pizza and led the group through the performance of various investment instruments over the last year and how and why we were positioned in each one. The conclusion was that we will be staying with our current portfolio allocations for now and staying with the current investment risk level. The meeting was opened for any additional questions and then adjourned at 7:20.

The Session meeting was opened by moderator Pastor Terry Dougherty at 7:25pm with devotion and prayer.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

Mike Quinn (Mission Committee) gave a written report and then discussed the highlights of their activity in 2023 so far, and the plans for the remainder of the year. Bev Bailey (Christian Ed Committee) presented what was planned for the remainder of 2023 which consisted of 6 planned events.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Elaine Wolf discussed the current situation with offering envelopes. She has a person looking into how many congregational members are using the envelopes in an effort to see how we go forward in the future.

MOTION passed to accept the August Financial Report and Treasurers Report.

### CLERK'S REPORT

MOTION passed to approve the docket for this meeting as modified.

MOTION passed to approve the Session minutes of the August 14, 2023 meeting.

Correspondence received since last meeting: 20 e-mails from Donna Scully, NCP, PC(USA) Store and Cindy Kohlmann. In addition, Pastor Terry received a very nice note and a very generous contribution from a visiting couple.

Liturgists for September: Marlene Quinn and Sue Baer, with communion to be served on October 1.

Next Vital Congregations meeting September 28 at 6:30.

Next Session Meeting: October 2, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Center. A special preliminary budget review meeting could be scheduled for later in the month of October.

There will be a Presbytery meeting on September 23 at St Andrews Church.

Changes to the Roll in August:

Gain/Loss of Members: 2 new members, the Kuhblanks

Year to Date Membership: 82

MOTION passed to approve the Clerk's Report.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

A written report was received from Pastor Terry and there were a couple of questions which were discussed and answered. Pastor Terry informed the Session that he had an off-site marriage of a same sex couple planned for later in September. Although it was not absolutely necessary, a Motion was proposed and passed for him to do this.

MOTION passed to approve the Pastor's Report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A Motion from the Mission Committee to open the Alternative Gift Market this fall to the entire community passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Each Session Member's suggested modifications to the new Pastoral Evaluation form were discussed resulting in a couple of changes to the form. A note in a future Sunday bulletin and in the next Newsletter will ask congregational members for their written feedback on Pastor Terry's performance.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Special Project - Mission -The Labyrinth - the Committee got a second bid on the monument sign and it was higher than the first bid. They will be going with the first bid.

Special Project - Com/Tech - Bob Wolf submitted a written up date on the current activity and plans for this committee.

Next Session Meeting: 10/2/23 @ 7:00pm in Fellowship Center  
Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 10:33pm.

## **Special Request**

*Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session*

In November the Session will be having our annual performance review with Pastor Terry Dougherty. If you have any comments you would like to share with us for consideration please email them to me at **orobling@yahoo.com** or leave them in a

sealed envelope in the office with my name on it. Any comments regarding Terry would need to be signed to be considered. We would like to hear from you no later than Friday October 20. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with the Session.

## Women's Sewing Circle

*September 13, 2023*

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Neumann, Moderator

Nine members were present.

An autumn prayer was said and the PW Purpose was recited.

Terry offered a prayer and poem.

September birthdays of Nancy Turner, Cathy Yantz and Earlene DeFazio were noted and our dear Betsy Henifin was remembered.

Thank you to Ellen and Marti who were our hostesses.

Ellen reviewed our following donations: Least Coin, Birthday, and Thank Offering.

### REPORTS

Secretary's minutes were approved as sent electronically.

Treasurer's report -\$2100 was raised by the Heavenly Luncheon. Balance in our Treasury is \$13,293.46. Extra study books are available from Marti for \$10.

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Circle Mission- our annual meeting to determine giving for the year will be held in early November. All members are invited to participate.

There were no reports from OVPC Mission and Session.

Our Sunshine committee needs a volunteer.

### OLD BUSINESS

JUMBLE- Table setup is Thursday, September 28 at 10 am; pricing will begin at 9 am on Friday, September 29. Bake sale donations should be brought on Friday. There is a sign up for bake goods in the Sanctuary. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING! Flyers for the JUMBLE will be distributed in the community.

SHARING PANTRY- Two new sources of donations were discussed: G and E grocery store donates groceries annually. A thank you will be sent. The South Coastal Library donates groceries every 4-6 months. The Sharing Pantry continues to be used every day.

### NEW BUSINESS

**November 6-** Ocean View Brewery donates 10% of the entire day's earnings to the Ministerium.

**November 21-** Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving service. We need bakers to make small loaves of bread to distribute.

**November 28 -** Presbytery meeting at OVPC with meeting before and after dinner.

**December 1-** Christmas Pot Luck Dinner with AARP Chorus to entertain.

**December 9-** Nativity Festival

**February 28-** Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon at OVPC.

Our new Bible Study entitled SACRED ENCOUNTERS THE POWER and PRESENCE of JESUS CHRIST in Luke-ACTs was led by Bev Bailey.

Our next meeting is October 11th.

Following the reciting of the Mitzpah, the meeting was adjourned.

Lorie Hartsig



Gloria Bartholomew	Oct. 2nd
Amy Donohue	Oct. 3rd
Elsie Young	Oct. 9th
Carol Kratch	Oct. 12th
Charlotte Wheatley	Oct. 14th
Lorie Hartsig	Oct. 20th
Grace Nelson	Oct. 22nd
Ollie Robling	Oct. 25th
Bob Turner	Oct. 27th
Ray Keller	Oct. 30th



Sandy and David White	Oct. 3rd
Mary Read & Tim Smith	Oct. 7th
Nancy and Bob Turner	Oct. 7th
Elaine and Bob Jackson	Oct. 8th
Pam and Terry Dougherty	Oct. 9th
Lene and Richard Kuhblank	Oct. 25th



Marlene's finished prayer shawl.



**YARN** meets on Monday, October 2nd in Fellowship Center between 10-1 pm. Bring your lunch and any questions you may have about how and why we make prayer shawls. We will teach you how to knit or crochet if you have questions and we have lots of yarn and needles to share. We are a fun group of ladies and invite you to join us!



## Deacon's Committee

*Sue Sigvardson*

The October 2023 Deacons Mission is sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA) Peace and Global Witness

Today, a Season of Peace begins. In its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PCUSA's commitment to Peacemaking, this month-long pilgrimage is designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, households and individuals. Participants are invited to define and deepen their calling as peacemakers.

In our living, in our giving, we are there.

This year our Congregational collection (25%) will be directed to the Young Filmmakers. Please watch the following example of a young filmmaker in action.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EveRO1ZwrRI>

More information and special envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please write "OVPC Oct. Mission" on your check and place in the collection plate.

For further information, please contact Deacon Sue Sigvardson at [suesig77@gmail.com](mailto:suesig77@gmail.com).

## Deacon's Committee

*Kristina Taylor*

### **\*\*UPDATE July Deacon Mission\*\***

Operation Seas the Day - Warrior Beach Week - Deacon Charlie O'Neill, Lead

Thank you OVPC Congregation for your support of the July Deacon Mission. Chris Ross from Operation Seas the Day - Warrior Beach Week sent a beautiful note recognizing our donation of \$965.00 to their organization.

Operation SEAs the Day is a beach week event for our soldiers and veterans who are recovering from injuries sustained while serving our country. The Warrior Family Beach Week was held September 5th - 10th in Bethany Beach, DE. 2023 is the 10th Anniversary of Warrior Family Beach Week.

Faith is not praying to God to take our problems away, but to pray that He gives us the strength to get through them.

Shared by Elsie Young

## Blessing Bags

*Marie Cook Waehler*

School is back in session! Donations are now being accepted for students at Selbyville Middle School. This ongoing ministry provides personal and food items for students. Your donations are greatly appreciated! For more information, or to arrange pick up of donations, call Marie Waehler at 302-228-5258.

During the school year, I make a monthly trip to SMS to deliver all donations. The staff sorts the items into bins to be used as needed. I continue to shop at Dollar Tree for personal items and buy the largest sizes of body wash and shampoo. Food items are purchased at BJ's to get the most for my money.

### **Needed items include:**

1. Combs
2. Toothpaste, toothbrush & holder
3. Body wash (not bar soap)

4. Shampoo
5. Deodorant
6. Socks
7. Granola bars or fruit bars, peanut butter or cheese crackers, peanut butter and jelly, fruit roll-ups, individual applesauce cups, macaroni and cheese cups, Ramen cup of noodles (chicken), cereal (Cheerios and the small-box assortment are favorites), popcorn and other healthy snacks, and small bottles of water or juice (apple juice without added sugar is a favorite)
8. Tampons or pantliners

Donations may be placed in the Blessing Bags bin which will be outside the church office door (next to the Sharing Cupboard bin) between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon, Monday-Thursday when the church office is open. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

Staying awake comes not from willpower but from a wholehearted surrender to the moment—as it is. If we can be present, we will experience what most of us meant by God, and we do not even need to call it God. It's largely a matter of letting go of resistance to what the moment offers or to quit clinging to a past moment.

Richard Rohr



# Taco Tuesday is Back

*Gloria Bartholomew*

Now about our Taco Tuesday gatherings ...

Maybe you've seen the news about the Trademark for "Taco Tuesday" - obviously not in the headlines. Anyway, turns out that Gregory Gregory (yes, that's his real name) of Gregory's Restaurants in New Jersey is the owner of the name "Taco Tuesday" since 1982. Gregory has successfully defended his Trademark before, so when Taco Bell started using it, Gregory jumped into action. A lawsuit ensued and Taco Bell's CEO Mark King decided, "freeing Taco Tuesday everywhere, including in New Jersey" was the way to go. This time the classic David and Goliath battle seems to be headed in favor of Goliath's

conglomerate, Taco Bell. Gregory says they will probably have to settle the matter. In the meantime, he's changed his sign to read the home of the "Original" Taco Tuesday.

This is a long way of saying stay tuned and in the interim OVPC's Taco Tuesday at The Salted Rim is still on every Tuesday at 12:30ish. So meet us there at 35553 Atlantic Ave, Millville, DE 19967. Come one and all for their delicious taco specials!



Interviews Daily!

**WANTED!**

**A new chair fro the Mission Committee for 2024**

After three years chairing the Mission Committee, Mike Quinn is retiring from the position. If interested the job description is available for review in the office. If you have any other questions, please contact Mike at 302-537-1523

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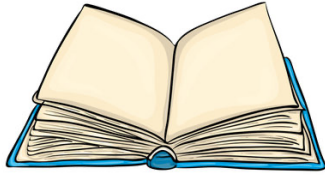
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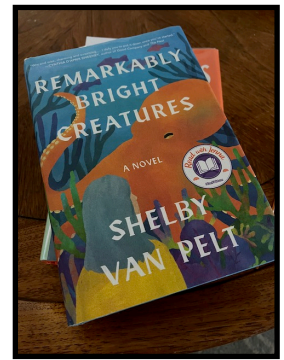
## What Are You Reading?

Lorie Hartsig

*"Books are uniquely portable magic..." Stephen King*

OVPC is a community of readers, whether within a book club or alone in a favorite reading spot. Some read to others or enjoy being read to. Send photos or just share what you are reading now. What have you really enjoyed and would recommend to others?

- Terry Dougherty- *Small on Purpose Life in a Significant Church*, Lewis A. Parks
- Pam Dougherty -*The Tennis Partner*, Abraham Vergese "I just finished the *Covenant of Water* by the same author. Beautifully written!"
- Elsie Young- *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Vergese, the author of *Cutting for Stone*. "It is 700 pages and I am learning as I enjoy, should be a good discussion book with someone."
- Marlene Quinn- *The Covenant of Water*
- Lorie Hartsig- *Celebrants* by Steven Rowley
- Jim Hartsig- *The Innocent Man* by John Grisham
- Kris Taylor - *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano "A good beach read!"
- Gloria Bartholomew - *The Second Half of Life* by Angeles Arrien, PhD.



One of my favorites.



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## Crop Walk 2023

*Bob Doherty*

This year's walk is Sun. Oct. 15th at 2:30 pm. We will be walking with other churches that are members of the Ministerium in the parking lot of Our of Gualdalupe RC Church on Rt. 17 in Roxanna.

It is a casual walk in the parking lot and gardens. If you wish to participate and not walk you are welcome to do so you can be a cheerleader, just bring a chair and sit and watch and cheer us on.

St. Ann's contemporary choir will be there to entertain with music and song. Everyone in attendance will be given a ticket for a chance to win a door prize.

The walk is sponsored by Church World Services (CWS).

Some of their programs are providing food and water, supplying the necessary tools and supplies and teach how to grow their own food. They also dig water wells and teach how to maintain and operate them. They also reach out and support disaster relief both here at home and around the world.

CWS was formed shortly after WW 2. They have been sponsoring walks for over fifty

years, and OVPC has been involved for more than fifteen years.

OVPC has always been very supportive and generous.

If you are a walker or cheerleader ask your family and friend to support you by making a donation. There are three ways to donate, but would prefer a check made out to cws/crop or online by going to OVPC web site [www.ovpc.org](http://www.ovpc.org) and click on the crop link.

Seventy-five percent of the walk's grand total will be given to CWS to be used to support their programs, the remaining twenty-five % will be divided equally among the churches that have food pantries.

Last year's grand total was \$11,404 of that OVPC raised \$3,545. Since 2010 OVPC raised over \$46,200.

Hope to see you on the 15th.

Pets that are friendly and get along well with others are welcome.

Invite your family and friends to come and walk with us.

For more info on CWS please go to their web site [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org)

**C** = Community's    **R** = Responding    to    **O** = Overcome    **P** = Poverty



## Safety and Security Task Force Update

New door latches for Fellowship Center and peep holes in doors without windows have been installed.

The new door latches in Fellowship Center are designed to be opened from the inside just by pushing down on the door handle. No need to push/turn the locking button. This will result in a faster exit in case of an emergency.

The peep holes are for seeing who is outside the doors for doors that do not have a window. Another safety enhancement.

Operation of the new door latches has changed and is explained below:



New peep hole.



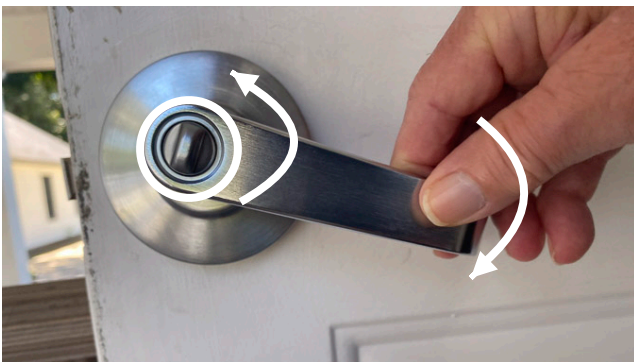
New door latch, outside view.



Push button in locked position (horizontal).



Push button in unlocked position (vertical).



Use the key to unlock the door. Note: **This does NOT unlock the door latch on the outside.**

To unlock the outside door handle, rotate the inside locking button to a vertical position and push down on the inside door handle. The push button will pop out. Now the outside handle is unlocked.

To exit just push down on the door handle. It does not matter if the push button is in the horizontal or vertical position.

## Photogenic

*Lorie and Jim Hartsig*



Jane Bonbright was recognized for a one year anniversary of handling the OVPC card ministry. Judy Reich handled the previous Card Ministry. Peace and grace,

Kris Taylor



For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed - Kahlil Gibran



September surf.





Join us for dinner and a movie on Friday October 6th at Wolf's house. We will enjoy fellowship and a potluck meal at 5:30. This month we will feature meatloaf as our main course. 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 is the 2022 Polish film **'Johnny'**. This is the true story of Jan Kaczowski, a Roman Catholic priest and bioethicist who coordinated the construction and was director of the hospice at Puck. In this film, he befriends a young man convicted of robbery and sentenced to community service at the institution. Suffering from many health problems himself, Jan (Johnny) believed in "Love for the world and other people and about the fact that everyone deserves a second chance." (imdb.com)

SEE A CLIP OF THE MOVIE HERE :

[https://www.imdb.com/title/tt15538570/?ref\\_=ttpl\\_ov\\_i](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt15538570/?ref_=ttpl_ov_i)

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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