

Ocean Views

OCEAN VIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2022



From the Pastor: Terry Dougherty

The Irish Postman Steps Out From Behind a Rock

The creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay (Romans 8:21)

Cen chaoi a bhfuil shibh, mo chairde? {What way do ye go, my friends?, = Howya?}. In my idleness, I have been reading an autobiography – no, not Angela's Ashes, which I hope you have, as have I, but that of, to my mind, one of Ireland's greatest modern writers, John McGahern: it's called *All Will Be Well*. And a part of it struck me with a pang (a thing Irish writers are just that bit known for), at page 215.

"A young man replaced Father Glynn for a few months when the old priest fell ill. His sermons were short and delivered quietly in plain language. They related Christianity to the lives of people and stated that reflection on the mystery of life was itself a form of prayer, superior to the reciting of empty formulas: he touched on character assassination, backbiting, marital violence, child beating, dishonesty, hypocrisy; he claimed a primary place for personal humility and love of others and charity of mind. Many were furious. My father in the front seat was incensed...the criticism took the form of a deep and troubled censoriousness at what the modern church was coming to. They rejoiced when Father Glynn returned. What they wanted was hell and damnation, which they could apply, like death, to other people..."

The truth that the priest represented, I believed then, stood outside and beyond human bullying and manipulation...The story of Christ...gave meaning and depth to both the year and our lives. My father's world went inwards to darkness and violence, lies and suppression: the school, the library, the river, the church, all went outwards, to light and understanding, freedom and joy".

Meeting oneself in the well-told experience of another can give one quite a turn – that's all I'll say here. But the reflection on the church year that McGahern began then, and which clearly became rich, is what did not happen for me, for many and many years, because that hypocrisy was all that I could see, in my family (immediate and extended), and in my natal Catholic church. But school, and library, and the outdoors became my teachers and more; they became where I was at home. More than just safety, they provided a longing for what was greater, deeper, and just plain different,

that has never left me. Freedom from stricture – physical and mental and spiritual (though I wasn't so very aware of that last) - meant as much to me as all that I learned or experienced on the road. So, I welcomed newness, and difference, and change, but not people, into my life for many years. Til I came, at last, to church. And I think maybe that is why the church year, every version of it, appeals to me so very much, and why blessed September is a holy thing for me every year; tis when, as always, we begin again. Welcome, friends, to a new beginning; I'm glad we are all here to tell the old, old story, fresh once again!

From *On Providence*, by John Chrysostom: *"In every corner of the earth there are trees growing. It is impossible to study them all in all of their details: their fruit, their usefulness, their scent, their appearance, their structure, their leaves, their color, their shape, their height or their smallness, the way to find them, to preserve them, cultivate them, the differences in their bark, their trunk and their branches, the healing properties many of them possess. But all this exists for you, who are human. So are the arts for you, cities and countryside are for you, death is for you and so is life. This magnificent world exists for you. And it will also exist for you tomorrow, when it becomes better. For without doubt it will become better, and it will become specially for you... God's providence shines with greater strength than the light of this world. Your very existence has been given you out of pure generosity. God had no need of help from us. Let us marvel, and give God glory."*

'Tha meach an bodhar go n'eiri libh (may the road rise with you),

An Fhearr a Phoist na h'Eirann

**"AUTUMN IS THE ANTIDOTE
TO STIFLING SUMMER."**

TERRI GUILLEMETS

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Joni Keller
Charlie O'Neill
Mike Quinn
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Session Report

Ollie Robling

Monday, August 8, 2022

Shaped by God We Love and Serve

Attending: Rev. Terry Dougherty, Bob Wolf, Mike Read, Marlene Quinn, Bev Bailey, Treasurer Elaine Wolf, Ollie Robling (Clerk of Session). Guest: Bob Clark (Finance Committee)

The meeting was opened by moderator Pastor Terry Dougherty at 7:08 pm with devotion and prayer.

Bob Clark presented the Mid Year Budget Review. OVPC revenue is looking good and overall we are doing pretty well. Bob Clark is now putting out 3 quarterly financial reports plus the annual report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Elaine Wolf reported that the Presbytery is requesting payments be made electronically, but this is not a very user friendly program.

Bob Wolf did a very clear explanation of what each report in the monthly financial reports tells us.

The July Financial Report and the Treasurer's Report were accepted

CLERK'S REPORT

The docket for this meeting and the Session minutes of June 13, 2022 were accepted

Motions were passed to allow the AARP Chorus, Middlesex Beach HOA and Aging In Place Specialists to use Fellowship Center

In June we received a thank you letter and a \$50 donation from The Historic Village in Ocean View for the use of our parking lot for their event.

Liturgists for September : Bev and Bob

Next Session Meeting: September 12, 2022, 7:00 PM at Fellowship Center

Year to Date Membership: 93

A MOTION was passed to approve the Clerk's Report.

PASTOR'S REPORT

A written report was received from Pastor Terry and there were no questions. Pastor Terry informed the Session that in September there will be a ceremony to receive into membership 4 new members: Ron Moritz, Rick and Grace Nelson and Sherry Parker.

NEW BUSINESS

Ray Keeney accepted the invitation to join the Session and there will be a special congregational meeting to vote on this on Aug 21.

Motion to approve Grace Nelson as a "counter" passed

OLD BUSINESS

Long Range Planning – need to schedule a congregational dinner to re-engage everyone and brainstorm what the future of OVPC should look like.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The definition of Special Projects is that they require Planning, Funding and Implementation. Special Project #2-2021 Mission Committee –The Labyrinth Project – Ground breaking ceremony occurred on July 31st

COMMITTEE REPORT

Personnel Committee– Marlene Quinn

Marlene reported that this committee only has 3 members: herself, Ollie Robling and Ellen Neumann – more members are needed.

The MOTION made and passed and meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:31pm by Pastor Terry Dougherty.

Respectfully submitted,
Ollie Robling, Clerk of Session



**Advent Devotions are due October 31st,
so happy writing! Call Elsie Young for
more information.**

Deacons

Gloria Bartholomew

Deacons received two thank you notes for OVPC's generous support of our monthly Missions. The May Pentecost Offering went to PCUSA's Mission Engagement and Support Office. They received \$651 to be used for Young Adult, Youth, and Children's ministries.

Then \$825 from the June Mission Offering went to La Esperanza in Georgetown. They will be using it to support immigration counseling, service referrals and financial relief for families. Jennifer Fuqua remarked that our support was vital to their success.

Now those thank yous will put a smile on all our faces. Thank you again on behalf of the Deacons.



**EGLISE PRESBYTERIENE
AU RWANDA-EPR-
GITARAMA PRESBYTERY**

Réf: 03./TAN/HG/.83./ 2022

Muhanga on 18/08/2022

Dear brothers and sisters of Ocean Presbyterian church

RE: Recognition Letter.

Receive the Greetings in Jesus Christ our savior from your friends of Gitarama Presbytery.

We would like to take this time to thank you after receiving your help of communion sets

This support will help us to fit in communion services,

Please receive our thankful and prayers for you and all your congregants.

May God protect and bless you for all your good works.

Yours faithfully

Rev. Albertine NYIRANEZA

President and Legal representative of EPR Gitarama Presbytery



As reported in last month's Newsletter, Deacons received this Recognition Letter (thank you) from Rev. Albertine Nyiraneza of the Presbytery in Rwanda, who received OVPC's communion ware. We are so happy it has found a great home for such an important partner in ministry.

Deacons

Charlie O' Neill

The OVPC Deacons July Monthly Mission supported the local OPERATION SEAs THE DAY is back in operation after a two-year COVID hiatus. Organizational funds are needed for a Beach Week to honor wounded veterans and first responders and their families by showing appreciation of their service and sacrifices. A select group is given a Welcome Home and Thank You week with lots of local activities and volunteer support during their stay.

On August 17th Deacon Charlie O'Neill presented its members a \$1,050 contribution to Seas the Day for their use with this year's event. It will be held on September 6-11 in Bethany Beach. Key organizers include President Becky Johns, Spokeswoman, Annette Reeping, and their volunteer staff.

O'Neill appreciates Deacon Cindy Benjamin's contact assistance with this. Thank you OVPC congregation for your compassionate hearts and giving ways. For more information about or to volunteer with Operation Seas the Day, please contact Charlie or visit their website at <https://www.operationseastheday.org>



Deacons

Gloria Bartholomew

DEACON'S September's Mission is Selbyville Middle School

Many of the families whose children attend this school also have kids in Clayton or Showell Elementary and Indian River High School. They continue to struggle with meeting monthly bills, as well as being able to put food on the table. Many children are on the free school meals programs, but that doesn't help feed kids or their families over the weekends. The Guidance Office has worked with Deacons in the past to ease their burdens with food, clothing, and supplies. This year they again request that OVPC purchase Food Lion's "white" (no cigarettes or alcohol can be purchased) gift cards.



We can help these children and their families get caught up before the holiday season begins. Just put Selbyville MS in the memo line of your check and feed hungry tummies! For further information, contact Gloria Bartholomew.

A Visit From Carol Kratch

Carol Kester called and asked if she could come over. I knew Carol Kratch was coming to town but never dreamed I would be one of the stops on the itinerary. So pleased to see the two of them walk in the door. We never got to know long she was staying but driving from VA was not a piece of cake. She made the comment that this would be her last trip. Our birthdays are in October so that has always been one of our topics.

Elsie Young





Nancy Turner
Herb Sheetz
Mike Read
Mike Quinn
Glenn Taylor
Cathy Yantz
Carol Kester
Earlene DeFazio

Sep. 3rd
Sep. 6th
Sep. 8th
Sep. 19th
Sep. 19th
Sep. 22nd
Sep. 28th
Sep. 29th

Jane and Bob Clark
Ruth and George Schafer
June and Brooks Goldman
Lorie and Jim Hartsig
Rita and Bob Doherty

Sep. 2nd
Sep. 3rd
Sep. 5th
Sep. 10th
Sep. 16th



YARN meets in Fellowship Center
on Monday, September 12 at 10am.

Kathy Rhodes to Retire

Kathy Rhodes announces her retirement. Her last day at the organ will be September 25.

After 56 years of service to God and many grateful congregations, Kathy Rhodes has decided it is time to start a new journey into a well deserved retirement.

I will always treasure my years here at Ocean View Presbyterian. I began as a substitute organist, became the choir director in 2014 and added organist in 2016 to become the Director of Music.

The congregation has made me feel welcome from day one and I was delighted to realize they were and are a 'singing' congregation. That is a rare and precious thing to an organist.

The choir has been phenomenal to work with. They are always and willing to try new things. I thank them for their willingness to do more than just sing – they make music and we have had a lot of fun along the way. They have truly become family.

OVPC has made my last years as a church musician very rewarding. Thank you.



... and where is my heart at this moment? Realizing that change is inevitable. . .

I am remembering when Kathy Rhodes came to play the organ for church service. I kept asking her, "Why don't you lead our choir?" She thought she wouldn't do choir again! What a joy she has brought to our services. Yes, as the organist, but oh what she has done for the choir! So as I shed tears at her resignation, I shout for joy that she has been with us. To those of us in the choir, she has been a special blessing. Thank you Kathy! If you feel a need once in a while during your retirement and want to keep from getting rusty - come back!

Elsie Young

Labyrinth Update

Bev Bailey

If you haven't been to OVPC in the last week, then you haven't seen the labyrinth being built across the street from Memorial Hall. It is not ready for walking yet, but it will be soon. The Labyrinth Task Force is busy getting ready for the **Dedication Ceremony, scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 2, 2022.** Mark your calendars and we will give you all the information as soon as we have it available.



Christian Education

Bev Bailey

For our opening class on September 18th, in CE this season, we are pleased to present Sharon Moore, Storyteller, Musician, and Author. Sharon is a friend of Marlene Quinn's and we are privileged to be able to listen to her stories and have her share her gifts with us.

Join us after worship in Fellowship Center., Sunday, September 18th at 10:30.

I'm a third-generation storyteller immersed in the word. My influencers were two grandfather ministers, a mother who read to her children daily, and a dad who told tall tales. Singing and music are my muse, and my vehicle for healing. The gift of music was passed on to me. I am one of 49 first cousins who sing, are in ministry, or do both. I've sung locally and internationally.



Sharon Moore

Bessie Coleman, the first internationally licensed African American and Native American pilot, caught my attention. I tell her story in first person narrative. Former moderator of Presbyterian Women, deacon, and retired educator, I'm chasing a lifelong interest in the arts. In my spare time, I create cards using sketches I've drawn or photos I've taken. *Kaleidoscope* is my second book. For information on other programs offered, please contact me at: classysounds@comcast.net; or 302-762-7926. (Website under construction: mooresingsandwrites.com)

Rev. Dr. Karla Ann Koll
Serving in San Jose, Costa Rica
Latin American Biblical University
Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Co-worker



The Rev. Dr. Karla Koll is and has been for many years, a Mission Co-Worker with the Presbyterian Church (USA), working in Costa Rica. In 2018 thirteen of OVPC's members were privileged to spend a week with her at the Latin American Biblical University (UBL) in San Jose, Costa Rica.. The Mission Committee of OVPC has been supporting Karla with a gift of \$1,200, and

2022 will be the third year of this commitment. Unfortunately, very little money has come in to support Karla this year. If you would like to assist Karla in doing her mission work in Costa Rica, you may write a check to OVPC with Karla Koll in the memo line and drop it off at the office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday during worship. The CE Committee will be offering a Zoom visit with Karla this Fall, and we hope you'll join us for this important conversation. We will let you know the exact date when it is confirmed.

Into the Big Needy World

Elsie Young



I have had a lot of time to think about a lot of things - one of them being my church, OCPC. Where we have been, where we are going, what needs to be done, but you know in all of this God doesn't change!!! Our days are twenty four hours long: there are nights and days, sickness and health, successes and failures, joys and sorrows, love and hate, but God is always there waiting for us to make a call! So, where do I go from today? I first thought, I need to write thank notes because without OVPC I would not be functioning as I am. And that took me to other places... What is OVPC? We have always been a mission church. As years flow by I remember how we prayed and worked to discover directions we were to take: local, national, international and there never was a question about how to take care of each other. Look around you - prayer warriors, telephone callers, notes, cards, sharing, doing, and to top it all off, I know of no other congregation who provides meals and takes time to share that meal with Me!

This Morning as I was sitting quietly for Devotions I read one of my favorites, from Buechner, *Listening to Your Life*: "People who tend to write off the validity of the religious experience in general and the appearance of God in particular on the grounds that in the real world they can find no evidence of such things should take note: Maybe the real world is not the only reality and even of it should turn out to be maybe they aren't lookin at it realistically" "Pslam 62:8 Trust in Him at all times, O people pour out our heart to him for God is our Refuge."

And so where is my heart at this moment? OVPC has a great mission to each other and it is from knowing God that we can move from this little white country church in Ocean View, Delaware into the big needy world.

Thank you for meeting me in your prayers. Thank you for caring. Thank you for the visits. Thank you for the phone calls and messages. Thank you the cards, notes, flowers and the sun flower painting. Thank you for special goodies. Thank you to those who provided transportation so that I arrived safely to appointment destinations. Thank you for taking care of my mail and for nurturing and taking care of my tomato plants. Thank you for calling while you were shopping to see if I needed anything. Thank you for the meals and the fellowship you brought with you. All of these "gifts" contributed to a rapid healing. And thank you for the exuberant, joyful welcome I received on August 14th as I returned to "THE CHURCH".

Thanks be to God, who giveth all things.

Grounds Committee

Ray Keeney

In August, to comply with a Fire Marshall inspection of the Mechanical Room in Memorial Hall, all stored materials not for use in the maintenance of the buildings were removed.

This included all the Bridge Club materials stored there (see Photo). These materials were moved to the Garage to make room for the Heavenly Luncheon.

On August 17th the Bridge Club picked up their materials from the Garage and moved them to an off site location.

As Session had decided not to renew their contract for use of Memorial Hall they also removed all of their card tables that were stored in the storage closets in the front of MH; this included approximately a dozen of the White PVC card tables and a like amount of older metal card tables.

On the Monthly Work Day, Aug 13th the planting beds along the sidewalks in front of all three of the buildings, Office, MH, FC, & Sanctuary were trimmed and cleaned out.

Materials were bagged and placed by the Garage. As the Recycle Center is not open on Saturday. The material was loaded on to Bob Dougherty's trailer the following Monday to go to the Recycle Center. We were informed that the Recycle Center is not setting up accounts any more and deliveries will have to be paid for in cash.

The next Monthly Work Day will be the second Saturday on September the 10th. Among other things, we will be cleaning out the garage for a future Garage Sale to include excess tools and equipment not used or needed. We will also have a pile that will require a trip to the land fill.



The Talking Centipede

A single guy decided life would
be more fun
if he had a pet.

So he went to the pet store
and told the owner
that he wanted to buy an unusual
pet.

After some discussion,
he finally bought a talking
centipede,
(100-legged bug),
which came in a little white box
to use for his house..

He took the box back home,
found a good spot for the box,
and decided he would start off
by taking his new pet
to church with him.

So he asked the centipede in the
box,

"Would you like to go
to church with me today?
We will have a good time."

But there was no answer
from his new pet.

This bothered him a bit,
but he waited a few minutes

and then asked again,
"How about going
to church with me
and receive blessings?"

But again,
there was no answer
from his new friend and pet.
So he waited
a few minutes more,
thinking about the situation.

The guy decided
to invite the centipede
one last time.

This time
he put his face up against
the centipede's house and shouted,
"Hey, in there!
Would you like to go
to church with me
and learn about God?"

... YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE
THIS

This time,
a little voice
came out of the box,

"I heard you the first time!
I'm putting on my shoes!"



Scammers are still using Terry's name to seek funds.

Any request for gift cards are a scam. Here is a request from a scammer that I recently received:

Thanks for your response. The mobile signal here has been awful as I can't make or receive calls right now. I have been working recently on appreciating our members with a gift card incentive today, as a small donation for their commitment and hard work. I haven't discussed this with anyone, so I need it to be confidential between us until they all receive their gifts.

I need 4 pieces of \$ 100 AmEx gift card, amounting to \$ 400 in total. Can you purchase them from any nearby store right now? You will be reimbursed back. Awaiting your positive response soon. I will give further instructions on getting the items to me remotely for dispersing when purchased.

Please acknowledge my mail when seen.

Kind Regards

Rev. Terry

The following emails are bogus. Do not respond to them.

Rev Terry Dougherty <parisshhpastor@gmail.com> **bogus**

Rev. Terry Dougherty" <osbsjsddkd@onmail.com> **bogus**

This is Terry's correct email address. It has the @ovpc.org extension.

Rev. Terry Dougherty" **tdougherty@ovpc.org**

To block an email address in **gmail**

1. On your computer, go to Gmail.
2. Open the message.
3. In the top right, click More .
4. Click Block [sender].

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Lorie and Jim Hartsig



Have you walked through the cemetery lately? What a difference the cleaning has made!



Under the rainbow at Patagonia in Chile.
“how great thou ark and arc”

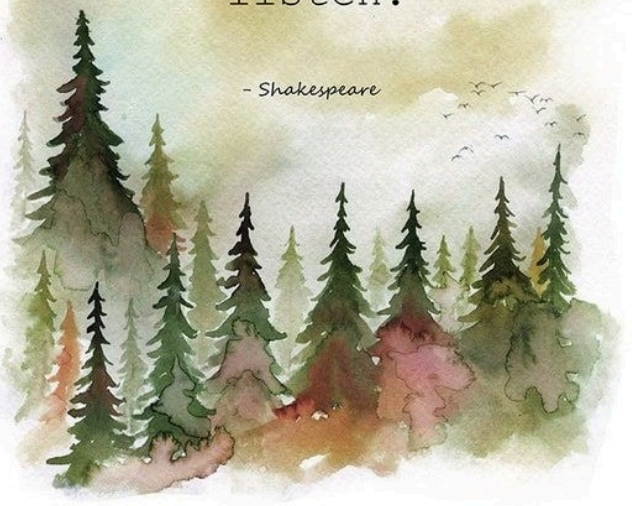
Tom Bentz



Brandon Clearwaters' Sunset on Mirror Lake, Idaho (Photographer: Unknown).

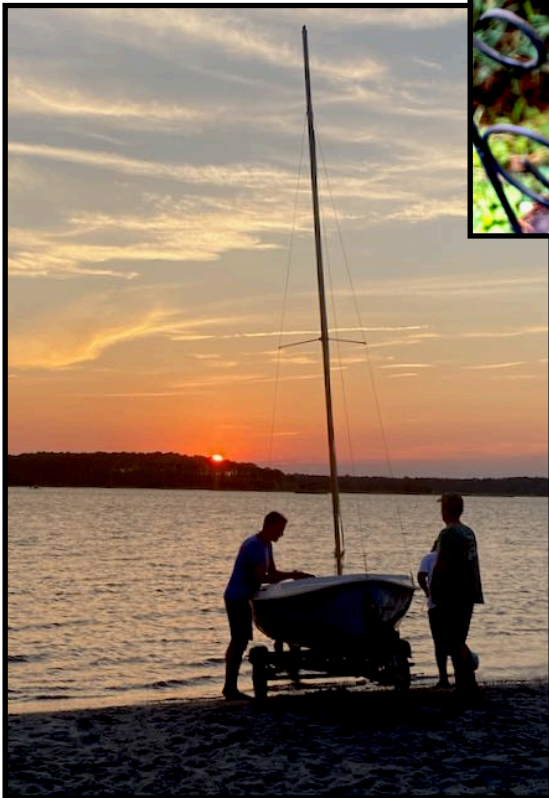
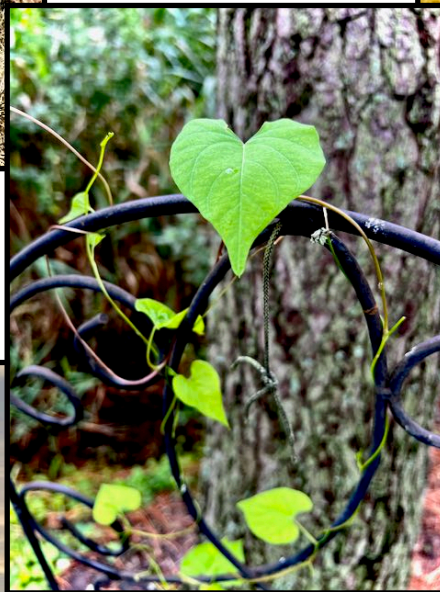
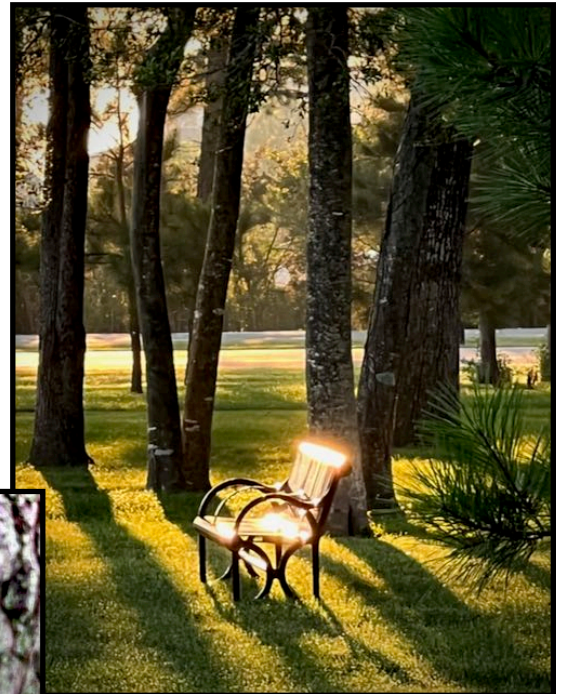
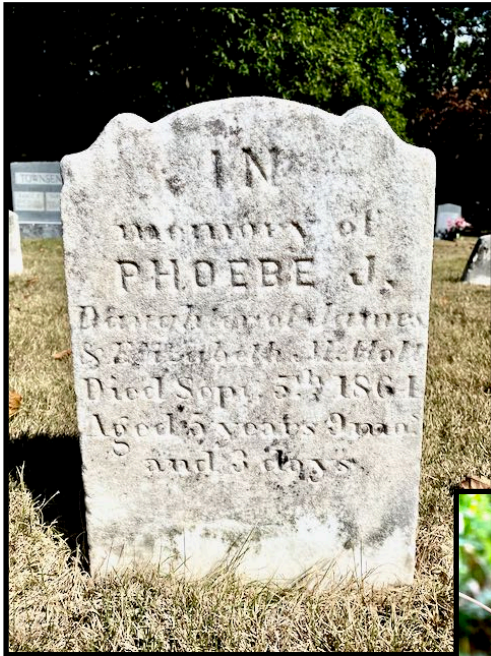
The earth has music
for those who
listen.

- Shakespeare



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Lorie and Jim Hartsig





Join us for dinner and a movie on **Friday September 2nd** at the Wolf's house – We will enjoy fellowship and a potluck meal starting at 5:30 (Main course is ham) 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!

By request, this month we will be watching 'Breaking Away' starring Dennis Quaid, Dennis Christopher, and Daniel Stern– This 1979 film tells the story of Dave, a working-class Indiana teen obsessed with the Italian cycling team who vies for the affections of a college girl while searching for life goals with his friends.

[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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