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Thank you!



Pastor’s Musings

As I was traveling back to Ocean City recently, I heard on a Christian radio station a poll they had taken asking folks what they most liked about spring. The choices were: warmer weather, longer days, new plants budding and blooming, and Easter. I do like all of them, but I especially like seeing all the plants and trees coming back to life after a long winter’s “sleep.”

On my way back to Ocean City recently I saw my first daffodils. It made me smile. I love snow, but enough is enough. It’s time for spring! I remember giving a Children’s sermon once about how the Easter lily is related to the resurrection. The flower is a symbol of rebirth and hope. From a dormant bulb that grows underground for three years or longer comes new life, resurrection, after a period of death-like stillness.

I found another interesting fact that I did not know and that is that legend has it that after Jesus’ death and resurrection, Easter lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before the crucifixion. I love to come into church on Easter morning and smell the lilies. Unfortunately, there are some pastors and congregants who are allergic to the lilies, so we do have to keep that in mind.



Easter is just around the corner, and with that comes the grand celebration of the resurrection, probably the grandest of all our liturgical holidays in the church. He is risen! He is risen indeed! With that thought in mind, I have been reflecting on how this church is about to experience new life, maybe even resurrection, as the process continues for the search for a new installed pastor. New life all around us. We just need to pay attention.

Let’s all do that together!

Pastor Debbie

Prayer Alert

Don’t ever forget it is a wonderful privilege the Lord has given us, to lift anyone in prayer in the Name of Jesus, Who is the GREAT Physician. Praise His Holy name!

Our Lord wants to hear from us daily, remember our prayer list as you pray daily! If you have a prayer request (no prayer is too big or too small for our Lord and King) please contact Pastor Debbie at 843-568-6480 or email djh3675@gmail.com

Mission Corner Samaritan Shelter

Welcome to Mission Corner! In future newsletters we will explore some of the missions that our church supports. We support locally Samaritan Ministries in Pocomoke City, MD. This started as a Presbyterian Church shelter. It is now supported by many churches. Every third Sunday is Samaritan Shelter Sunday at First Pres. Items for the household can be brought to the church and these are carried to Pocomoke once a month along with any monetary contributions. Chris Greenwood is on the board of Samaritan Properties that administers to the shelter. Contributions are always welcome.

Meet Hank!

Hank is the 7 ½-year-old rescue dog of Pastor Debbie. Some of you have met him, but for those of you who have not, here is the “scoop.” Pastor Debbie got Hank 5 1/2 years ago in central PA, but he comes from Anderson, SC. His DNA indicates that he is 75% American Staffordshire Terrier and 18% American Pit Bull Terrier, plus a few other breeds. Hank has numerous allergies, not only to plants that bloom in the spring, but to all meat, grains, and milk. He is pretty much a vegetarian, eating fruits and vegetables, nuts, peanut butter, and eggs. Hank has special dry food and receives allergy shots on a regular basis. He also has the very bad idiosyncrasy of eating cardboard, paper, tissues, and plastic, so he has to be watched closely as he has already had one operation for an intestinal obstruction when Pastor Debbie did not know about this crazy eating habit. Hank loves meeting new people, and he especially loves children. His other bad habit is that he jumps up when meeting new folks, but we are working on that. He has adjusted well going back and forth between Ocean City and DE, but prefers Ocean City because his couch is here.



Birthdays

Hattie Ketterman 4/6
 Bob Brenner 4/7
 Steve Hales 4/20
 Paul Whitson 4/24



Anniversaries

Dave and Deb Haas 4/4
 Jim and Sue Latour 4/9
 Steve and Ann Hales 4/22





Game Night

If you have not attended a game night at First Presbyterian Church, you are missing a lot of fun! Light snacks and lots of laughs! Then a game or two! This particular night we enjoyed a game of Mexican Train with dominos. Pastor Debbie also taught us Bananagrams.

We have played Scrabble, Right, Left, Center and are open to all kinds of games. Want to teach us a new game? We are open! Maajong? Bridge? Canasta? Or any number of board games. Just join us! Next night out is May 20, 2025 at 6PM!

Lunch Bunch

Do you enjoy having lunch with friends? If so, plan on joining the Lunch Bunch on the fourth Tuesday of the month at various restaurants around town.

The next event on April 22, 2025 will be held at the Bayside Skillet at 7701 Coastal Highway at 11:30AM. Jan Phillips will be making the reservations. So give Jan a call at _410-600-5631 and plan on being there. Bring a friend and join the lunch bunch at the Bayside Skillet at 11:30AM on the 22nd..



Adult Bible Study

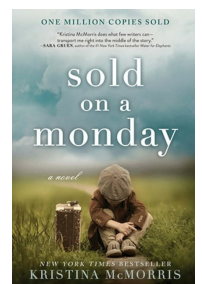
We invite you to join us every Sunday in fellowship hall from 9-10AM. All are welcome to learn with a very low key relaxed environment welcoming questions and helping each to understand where they are in their faith. We are studying in the book of Acts. Presently there are ten in the class-young, older, men and women. The class is led by Graison Wainwright. Anyone needing to know more can contact him or Nancy Wright who is a participant in this class as well as others in the past. For learning, laughs and friendships join us each week.

In His Service
D.V. Graison



Book Club

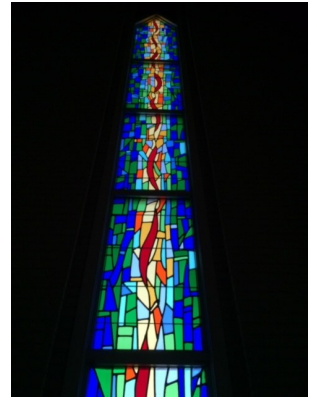
Following WOW on April 15, the church book club will meet. We have been reading *Sold on a Monday* by Kristina McMorris. All are welcome to join us! This book should lend to interesting conversation on morals and ethics. Hope to see you then.



Sanctuary flowers are available for dedication in honor or in memory of a loved one. There are 3 choices available.

Chancel vase	\$30.00 each
a basket of flowers	\$35.00
a bud vase of 3 roses	\$21.00

Blank forms for dedications are near flower chart in hallway bulletin board going into Fellowship hall. The flower chart is for chancel vase dedications, ONLY. Forms may be placed in offering plate. Payment is appreciated at time of request.



EASTER 2025 FLOWER REQUESTS

Help celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord this Easter by adorning our sanctuary with tulips, hyacinths or Easter Lilies dedicated to your loved ones.

Easter lilies	\$14.00 each
Tulips	\$10.00 each
Hyacinths	\$10.00 each

Blank forms are on glass topped table in the back of the sanctuary and will need to be completed by April 13th.

Rummage

Set up begins at 6AM with sales from 7AM until 1PM. The shed is open for your "rummage". Help is always appreciated at 6AM and at closing. Call Jan Owens with any questions at 410-641-4919



SPOTLIGHT ON... **Mary Snyder**

Mary Snyder graciously agreed to be my first interviewee of our church family. This will be a regular featured article. I enjoyed Mary's responses to my questions, as well as, seeing her beautiful art work; she loves doing water color.

Mary has been attending Ocean City First Presbyterian since 2006. She told me the thing she loves the most about our church is the "family of believers worshiping together in our beautiful sanctuary."

Mary became a Christian when she was a teenager. Her favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11, which is mine as well. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Mary is originally from Nebraska but she has traveled to 49 states and next month she will complete all 50 states when she goes to North Dakota.

Mary has 4 children; 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She always looks forward to her visits with family.

When I asked Mary what she likes to do to unwind and relax, she quickly told me "I walk my dog!"

Mary's favorite author is James Michener, and she has read many of his books. Her hobbies, right now are painting, specifically water color. Mary started painting in college and she enjoys taking art lessons as well.

Mary is currently an active member of WOW ministry, which stands for Women Of Worship. She told me she enjoys the monthly fellowship with the other ladies of Ocean City First Presbyterian Church.

