

THE GOOD NEWS
Carversville Christian Church

“Large enough to share; small enough to care”

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
2025**

Greetings!

I can't believe we are heading into our third month of being together already. I hope the fact that it has gone quickly is a good sign. I appreciate everyone's patience and willingness to accommodate a little bit of change here and there. I'm always willing to listen to feedback on how things seem to fit, or other suggestions you may have.

The first Sunday of November is designated as All Saints Sunday – a time when we acknowledge those throughout time that have developed and preserved our faith. Particularly this year when the United Church of Christ has been celebrating the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Reformed Church. There is cause to celebrate our heritage and the cloud of witnesses who have helped bring us to this place. We will observe the day by celebrating Holy Communion, as usual, because it is the first Sunday of the month. We will make a point of honoring Pastor Chuck and others that mattered to us who have died over the past year and will then allow time to name other loved ones who have contributed to our faith, individually or collectively.

I encourage those who will be watching online to make us aware of the names of individuals you would like included the reading of names. I hope you will have a candle available to use in your own remembrance.

Baptism Sunday Follow-Up

First, thank you all for your patience and cooperation. It was an exciting day! I want to express what a pleasure it was to get to know these families. Our encounters were fairly brief but very enjoyable. I appreciate the genuine interest I felt each set of parents showed about wanting their children to grow up with the kind of faith they were taught. I want to affirm Carversville Christian Church for having provided them with the experiences that touched their lives and made faith meaningful.

I know we all regret not having the numbers nor resources to offer that kind of family ministry at this time. To everything there is a season (Eccl.3:1). The book that was given to each family from the church is “99 Ways to Raise Spiritually Healthy Children” by Kathleen Long Bostrom. I hope we will each continue to hold these young families (and others you may know of) in our prayers as a way of living up the promises we made to nurture these children on their faith journey.

As often happens, Advent begins in November, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. We will have communion at the start of Advent rather than the first Sunday of December. We will need individuals to participate in the lighting of the candle on the Advent wreath. Please watch for the opportunity to volunteer.

Blessings,

Pastor Elaine

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

by Dave Gunn

The daylight has gotten shorter and the temps have started to drop. Your winter preparations should be at least in the planning stage if not already underway. Tune up the car, check out the snow blower or have someone lined up to clear your walks and driveway. Each season has its own set of needs. One need that is present year-round is the need to have God in your life. Come and stay connected to friends and family through the fellowship offered at church. Sunday worship provides a time to focus on your needs without the distractions of daily living. If you have a friend that you know is struggling, offer to bring them to Church for some solace and comfort. All are welcome.

DEACONS REPORT

by Barb Gunn

Onward Christian Soldiers to Harvest Breakfast, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and New Years. What a busy time of year! The Oyster & Pork Supper is in the past and what a success it was. Everything ran like clockwork, we got many comments that people are happy we're back because they missed the supper in the past, and the food was delicious. The O&P Supper is a long-standing tradition (150 years!) and fundraiser for us. It's a time to come together, renew old acquaintances, work hard, and LAUGH. One of the best parts is seeing the little kids rolling around the dessert carts knowing they are the next generation getting the tips for when they take over. What would we do without Brad, Walt, and all the Livezey Family? Livezey roots go deep in our church and the community and we benefit from it in many ways. Thank You! Thank You! to not only the Livezey's but everyone who helped make the supper happen. Good Job!

The Deacons are busy working on plans for the Christmas season; the Christmas Eve service, the music, the coffee hours, the ladies' luncheon, and the last service of 2025. Look for more information in this newsletter. It's a busy time, for sure!

After the holidays we plan to update our directory. We will be removing peoples' names who no longer participate in worship with us or have not contributed monetarily over the last several years. This is a huge job that we have been avoiding but the time has come to tackle it. And we are always trying to think of social events that can attract people to join us. We did have a picnic that was a success and that was a start. If you have an idea, please talk to one of us.

Also on the horizon is our Annual Meeting in January. There hasn't been a date set yet so watch for that information. Department heads please get your reports in on time. It's a lot of work to put together the Annual Report and Chris is always pressed for time to get it out the week before the meeting. Don't hold her up (so frustrating). Get your report in by her deadline. I know she'll appreciate it.

A CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT

"SOCKS FOR THE STREETS"

Socks for the Streets was founded in 2019 by a 10-year-old boy, Declan Cassidy, who grew up in Northeast Philly with an older sister battling substance abuse. Declan wanted to help people



like his sister whose situation sometimes led to homelessness. He collected over 1000 pairs of socks with his first drive. In 2021 Socks for the Streets became a 501C(3) organization and has

since grown to provide an array of goods and services for organizations such as Bucks County Emergency Shelter and Women Against Abuse.

In the coming weeks our Carversville Church family will support this young boy's mission by collecting men, women, and children's socks; any color, any size. All contributions are welcome! Look for the wicker basket in the social hall & drop your socks in it to be a part of this worthwhile mission.

Thank you Cindy Bove for researching and organizing this Christmas collection.

IT'S TIME FOR THE HARVEST BREAKFAST!

As always, it will be on the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 23rd). The morning will start with breakfast followed by a short worship service in the social hall. This is the day we recognize and honor long-time members of our church and hold the drawing for the quilt raffle. Those being recognized are:

Rhonda & Bill Heffron – 25 years
Audrey Taylor & Jim/Mary Radcliff
70 years!



The menu for breakfast includes delicious

Scrambled eggs

Pancakes

Sausage

Fruit

Toast

Juice or coffee

Price is \$5/Adult, \$3/Child

If you would like to lend a hand in the kitchen, let a deacon know. Help is always appreciated.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

By Jeanne Brown

You can help make the sanctuary beautiful for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The poinsettias will brighten your home or be a nice gift for someone. Please pick up your plants following the service.

The poinsettias have been ordered. Red, pink, and white plants will be available. The cost is \$7.75 per plant. They may be given "In love for" or "In memory of" someone you wish to remember at this special time of year. The list of people who purchased the poinsettias will be included in the Christmas Eve worship program.

Order forms will be available at church or you may call Jeanne at 215-348-3614. Please make checks

payable to Jeanne Brown. The deadline for orders and payment is Sunday, December 7th.

Thank You



**PLEASE NOTE THAT
JEANNE'S MAILING
ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.
IT IS NOW 276 HICKORY
DRIVE,
DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901**

OYSTER & PORK SUPPER CRAFT ROOM REPORT

By Jeanne Brown

We had a busy day October 11th and it was a great success. People came to shop while waiting to be called for dinner. Others came after they ate or after they had gotten their take-out meal.

Thanks to everyone who donated craft items or baked goods for us to sell. Also, thanks to all the shoppers. The craft room made \$745 for the church.

Many thanks to everyone who helped: Alison Simpson took boxes of things from my house to church and brought some back. Brad Livezey and Dave Gunn moved furniture and other things out of the conference room and set up another table. Audrey Taylor took me to church on Wednesday, October 8th where we set up the craft room with some help from Janice Heebner and Walter Livezey.

Sandy Emmett was the cashier on Saturday. I had the craft room open on Sunday after the worship service. More sales were made.

Audrey Taylor and Barb Gunn packed up the remaining items. Dave, Barb, and Audrey brought the furniture back into the room, folded up one table and moved the others; all with my supervision as to where things belong. It is once again the conference room.

Keep busy crafting and we will plan to do this again next October.

GOD'S SHALOM WILL

Hello. My name is Austin Chinault and I am leading worship at Carversville Church once a month. I am a retired UCC minister and my wife's name is Diane. We have two adult children and three grandchildren.

Diane and I participated in the 150th Anniversary Oyster & Pork Supper on October 11, 2025. It was a blast!

It reminded me of a passage from Jeremiah 29:11 where God promises goodness, life and a future: "I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for Shalom (God's peace and your well-being) and not for evil, God's Shalom Will is to give you a future and a hope.

I saw the Oyster & Pork Supper as a foretaste of Shalom. It was complex, yet complete. There were many moving parts, yet they were working together. People from all walks of life came home and the whole community was pulling together for something good and pleasant and worthy of praise – the definition of worship! It was hard work but it was worth it, not only to honor the tradition dating back 150 years – not only for the financial stability of the church, but for the fellowship and love and holy sense of community.

This is part of the definition of God's Shalom Will. This is really our purpose for being here; to share God's eternal love and Christ's eternal life. Amen



Your help will be appreciated

The Deacons have taken on the roles of coffee hour, greeter, and usher. If you would like to be a more active part of our church, please let a Deacon know. It will surely be appreciated



What a day October 26th was! The pews were filled to witness and celebrate the baptism of FIVE little Livezey children. Prayers and blessings to

Hudson Parker Andrews

Parents are Melaney & Brandon
Godmother is Alyssa Everett
Godfather is Spencer Andrews

Blaire Rose DiBuonavenura

Parents are Rachael & John

Barrett Archer Dunbar

Parents are Candance & James (JT)
Godmother is Melaney Andrews
Godfather is Brian Livezey

Michael David Kolinchak, Jr.

Parents are Sarah & Michael, Sr.
Godmother is Karli Kolinchak
Godfather is Walter Livezey IV

Meadow Lynn Kolinchak

Parents are Sarah & Michael Sr.
Godmother is Aja Livezey
Godfather is Nick Kolinchak

A wonderful coffee hour/reception was provided by the Livezey Family in the social hall after the service. May God bless these young families as we all grow together in faith.



WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Join us for a delightful
afternoon at The
Plumsteadville Inn on
November 8th at 12 Noon.
This is a wonderful way to
celebrate the Christmas season
with friends.
Good Talk
Good Food
Good Friends
Bring a wrapped gift no more
than \$10 for a fun gift
exchange.

Let Alison Simpson know you
want to go!



Our service will begin at 7:00 with calming, reflective music from dual harps. Alison Simpson and Rebecca Simpson Kozma will provide quiet, beautiful music to create a mood of worship to thank God for our many blessings. At 7:30 our service will begin with Pastor Elaine providing the Christmas message. Come join us for this very special evening as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



So far this year we have donated over 400 pounds of food to the Doylestown

Food Pantry. Last month we donated 40 lbs. of coleslaw that was left over from the OP Supper. We hold the collection the first Sunday of every month. In addition to canned goods and non-perishable foods, they welcome the following items:

Cleaning Supplies: all-purpose spray cleaners, floor cleaners, sanitizing wipes, mops, buckets, brooms, dustpans, or sponges

Laundry Supplies: dryer sheets or detergent

Household Supplies: dish detergent, bottled hand soap, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper, garbage bags

Personal Care Items: feminine products or personal hygiene products and kits

Baby Supplies: diapers, wipes, baby wash, or shampoo/lotion

Gift Cards: gas, grocery, Uber, Walmart, Target, or Visa



HOLY HUMOR

A cheating painting contractor had been skimping by thinning his paint excessively. Nevertheless, he landed a big job painting a church. He was almost done when a major storm blew up. It washed all the paint off.

Amid the thunder and lightning there came a loud voice..."REPAINT" it boomed. "REPAINT AND THIN NO MORE!"

RECIPE

This recipe is from Barb Gunn

CHRISTMAS PIZZA APPETIZER

- 1 pkg crescent roll dough, unrolled & cut into triangles
- 1 8 oz pkg cream cheese
- ¼ cup light sour cream
- ¼ cup mayo
- 3 T ranch dressing dry mix
- ¼ cup bell pepper, chopped
- ¼ cup finely chopped broccoli florets
- 1/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 375

Arrange crescent roll triangles in the shape of a Christmas tree on a greased baking sheet. Pierce with a fork. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes.

Mix cream cheese, sour cream, salad dressing mix together. Spread mixture over the cooled crescent tree. Top with bell pepper, broccoli, and cheddar cheese. Chill for at least an hour.

NOTE: Any veg or meat of your choice can be the topping. I have used salami, ham, tomatoes, olives.

2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Pastor Elaine	Pastor Elaine	Pastor Austin	Pastor Elaine	Pastor Elaine
Vera Ewing	Susan Whitenack	Susan Whitenack	HARVEST BREAKFAST	Maggie Realley
ALL SAINTS DAY	DEACONS MTG. TRUSTEES MTG.		Susan Whitenack	1 ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
COMMUNION FOOD & SPCA COLLECTION				COMMUNION FOOD & SPCA COLLECTION
Deacons of the Month are John Dimas & Lynn Simpson				



DECEMBER WORSHIP				
7 th	14 th	21 st	24 th	28 th
Pastor Elaine	Pastor Austin	Pastor Elaine	Pastor Elaine	Pastor Elaine
Vera Ewing	Susan Whitenack		CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE	Susan Whitenack
COMMUNION FOOD & SPCA COLLECTION	DEACONS MTG. TRUSTEES MTG.		7:00 Harp Selections	CHRISTMAS HYMN SING
			7:30 WORSHIP SERVICE	
The Board of Deacons will share Deacon of the Month responsibilities.				

Maggie Realley is having knee surgery on October 27th. She will need at least 4 weeks to recover. Best wishes Maggie!

O&P SUPPER WRAP UP

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

150 ... It's just a number, right? NOT! It's a beautiful number reflecting the commitment our church has had to serving the community with our Oyster & Pork Supper annually for 150 years. This was our second year serving since Covid got in our way. It was great the way the congregation, community, and friends came out to work with us and support us in our undertaking. We received many accolades for the delicious food and for offering such a warm and welcoming environment for people to sit and enjoy each other's company.

Many thanks to those who helped the supper a great success: Troop 64 Boy Scouts, early bird oyster dippers, afternoon and evening kitchen staff, quilters, servers, parking lot attendants, ticket sellers, craft room, musicians, and of course the coordination of all the pieces by the Livezey family, particularly Brad and Walt. We served 255 sit down dinners and 195 take out. Our gross receipts were approximately \$14,000 with a little over \$5,000 in expenses netting a profit around \$9,000. Kudos to us!



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**DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK
1 HOUR ON NOVEMBER 1ST**

Dip, Dip, & Dip Again



Oyster anyone?



Waitresses are ready!

