

THE GOOD NEWS
Carversville Christian Church

“Large enough to *share*; small enough to *care*”

**July/August
2026**

MODERATOR’S REPORT

By David Gunn

Here we are, already half way through 2026. Good things are continuing to happen. First and foremost has been the Church religiously (pun intended) providing a welcoming place to worship every Sunday morning and a Communion service every month. That’s just the basics. We continue to do mission centered activities and support Conference programs through our contributions to Our Churches Wider Missions (OCWM). Volunteers are what make all the pieces come together. Social media has quickly become the dominant method for sharing information and letting the public know what is happening around them. We do our best to take advantage of the various social media platforms available but within our congregation only a few of us can find their way around a computer or cell phone screen. As such we are barely scratching the surface of what social media has to offer. So, this is a call to those of the latest generations to help our Church, **Your Church**, and community by bringing your skills to help with expanding our social media footprint. Please come and **BE THE CHURCH.**

DEACONS REPORT

by Barbara Gunn

Our long and intensive updating of the directory is ongoing. A letter has been finalized to be sent to members who we haven’t heard from or seen in three years or more asking if they want to continue to be on our membership role. This letter will go out in August in hopes of having answers back by

October so that names can be presented at the 2027 Annual Meeting. According to our by-laws, a congregational vote is needed to drop members off the active list. Absent members are also being contacted by phone if their number is available. The Deacons thank Chris in the office for her assistance with this project.

Our Chair, Lynn Simpson, and John Dimas have been going through some serious health issues and have not been present at our meetings, bringing the working Deacons down to five. Effort is being made to keep up with pulpit supply ministers and music leaders. Blessings and healing prayers are going to Lynn and John.

The Deacons and Trustees will not meet in July or August. Next meeting will be September 13th.

The Deacon for July is Sandy Emmett, for August is TBD

TREASURER UPDATE

By David Gunn

We have done very well operating within our budget for the first half of the year. Through prudent attention to cash flow, we have avoided having to draw funds from our investment account for the first time in several years. All of the bill payments are current and we have funds available to continue to carry on the work of the Church.

Volunteers and donations are what make things happen. Most recently Bob Gunn and Brad Livezey replaced 75% of the siding on the shed with Brad donating the materials. The work that goes on

behind the scenes is extraordinary and is seldom recognized or noticed. Thank you to all for contributing your time and resources, you know who you are.

Summer months are upon us and with that is often a drop off in giving as vacations and warm weather activities sometimes interfere with getting to Church on Sundays. Though donations slow down the Church expenses do not. Contributions are welcome by mail or through our on-line payment portal which can be made through our website: www.carversvilleucc.org.



MISSIONS

By Cindy Bove

SEASONS OF SERVICE SUMMER MISSION

Summer is here and that means food scarcity for some families whose children will not receive subsidized school lunches. We can help those families by donating child-friendly lunch and snack items to the Doylestown food pantry.

Suggested items are

- Shelf stable milk (regular, oat milk, almond milk, etc.)
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Juice boxes or pouches
- Snack Bars
- Cracker & Cheese packs
- Individual applesauce or fruit cups

We will be collecting donations from July 5th to July 29th. We may be small but we can and do make a difference.



UPDATE ON OUR FRIENDS JOHN DIMAS AND LYNN SIMPSON

Lynn is in Pine Run as of now but will be going home soon where daily nurses and Alison will be assisting her.

John is temporarily in Kentucky with his son, Jim. He is still wearing a leg brace and may need surgery. John's cell phone number is 917-596-0175.

Alison and Rebecca have been helping wherever they can with care, paperwork, meals, cleaning, and dogs.

The Simpson Family are going through a very hard time and need all our loving prayers for healing and strength.

A BLESSED EVENT!

Anders Simpson-Wolf and Lekha Jananthan announce the adoption of BELLAMY ZAYN NAVAL JANANTHAN who will be 1 year old on June 30th. Congratulations to Anders and family and to Grandma Alison!



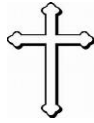
WEDDING BELLS WERE RINGING!

Eleanor Quinby and Matthew Pomy were married on May 16th in Pittsburgh. Ellie is the daughter of Bob and Linda Quinby. She and Matt reside in Pittsburgh.

Barbara Brown Mills and Richard (Dick) Knower were married on June 11th. They will continue to reside at their Perkasio address.

CONGRATULATIONS!

May God Bless these couples with long and happy lives together.



HERE'S A BOOK YOU MIGHT WANT TO READ:

"The Five Love Languages"

By

Gary Chapman

Pastor, Author, & Counselor

Here at Carversville Church we talk a lot about Love....Love of God, Love of Family, Love of Neighbor

In his book Gary Chapman explains his view that each of us expresses and receives love in one of five distinct ways:

Words of Affirmation

Quality Time

Receiving Gifts

Acts of Service

Physical Touch

The book helps to demonstrate how relationships can become much stronger when we understand our own preferred love language and that of the people we love.

Cindy Bove has suggested this book and hopes you enjoy reading it. If you have a book you would like to share, please let Barb Gunn know for the newsletter.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Judy Wood LeVien. Her husband, **Frank LeVien**, passed away on May 10th. Frank joined our

congregation on November 12, 2006. He served on the Board of Trustees from 2009 - 2015.

Frank is survived by his wife Judy and her children, Pamela (Wood) Hext and Jonathan Wood. We



extend our sincere sympathy to Judy and her family.

Judy is in Florida living with her son, Jonathan. Her address is Judith LeVien
c/o Jonathan Wood, 4800 Remington Drive,
Sarasota, FL 34234

His email is jonwood67@yahoo.com

Judy would love hearing from friends with a card or an email to Jonathan.

Byron Justin Kling died in a motorcycle accident on Saturday June 20, 2026. He was the son of DJ & Christine (Livezey) Kling and brother of Monica Kling and Rachael DiBuonaventura.

Although not a church member, Justin was part of our extended Church Family. He followed in his father's footsteps as a dedicated member of the Point Pleasant Fire Company and a tree surgeon. He did the work at our church when needed.

We extend our sympathy to all of the Kling & Livezey family members.

Faith IS NOT KNOWING
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS,
BUT KNOWING
who holds the future.

THE CRAFT ROOM.....

By Jeanne Brown

This year's date is Saturday, October 17th. I will once again organize the craft room in the conference room.

Now is the time to thank about what craft items you may be able to make. Please keep your fingers busy over the summer. We will also have homemade baked goods for sale. Don't forget to

label food items and note any kind of nuts included. No pies or cakes please, as they are used for the dinner desserts.

Our customers enjoy shopping before and after they have their meal and we always have a good crowd.

If you have any questions, please see me on a Sunday or give me a call at 215-348-3614. Thank You!



RECIPE

LEMON BUTTERMILK POUND CAKE WITH LEMON CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

Cake: 3-1/2 cups flour
½ t. salt
½ t baking soda
2-1/2 cups white sugar
1-1/2 cups unsalted butter, softened
4 large eggs
1 cup buttermilk
1 t lemon extract

Preheat oven to 350.
Grease and flour tube pan

Sift flour, salt, and baking soda together in bowl.

Beat sugar and butter in bowl for 10 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add flour mixture in three batches, alternating with buttermilk, beating well after each addition. Stir in lemon extract. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Place into preheated oven and immediately reduce oven temperature to 325. Bake 60 to 75 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.
Cool 10 minutes and remove from pan.

FROSTING

8 oz cream cheese, softened
½ cup butter, softened
2 t lemon extract
4 c confectioners' sugar

Beat cream cheese, butter, and extract together till creamy. Gradually add in confectioner's sugar and beat until smooth. Add a bit of milk if needed to make spreadable consistency. Frost cake and refrigerate.

Submitted by Barb Gunn



HOLY HUMOR



A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' the teacher asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."

**BIBLE STUDY IS HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 11:00
AM VIA ZOOM.**

**Want more information or to join in? Call Dick
Thomas at 215-272-3572 or email
richard@rltvideo.com**

**Tickets are now available.
See Brad Livezey for yours.**

\$5.00/ticket or \$20/for five

**Drawing will be at the Harvest Breakfast
in November.**

Thank You Quilters!!

Once again our rummage sale on May 30th was a success. We held it in conjunction with Carversville Day. Visitors to Carversville Day use our parking lot meaning they pass right by our open door and stop in. This year our profit was \$448 plus \$250 from the Historical Society for use of the parking lot making a total profit of \$698. Let's think about what other fund raiser we can have to draw people in on Carversville Day and be more visible to the community. One idea is to give the children helium balloons with our church advertised on them.



Good Job! We are up to 114 pounds of food and 92 pounds of baby items donated in the first half of this year. In 2025 we donated 576 pounds of food to the pantry. We have a way to go to meet or exceed last year's effort. So please keep the Pantry in mind when going grocery shopping. Remember that the first Sunday of the month is food collection day. If you miss it just bring items in the next time you can. 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

And don't forget our furry friends! Items for the SPCA are also appreciated on the first Sunday of the month.

LOOK AT THIS GORGEOUS QUILT!

**JUST IN TIME FOR AMERICA'S 250TH
BIRTHDAY**



**THERE WILL BE AN OP
PLANNING MEETING AFTER
CHURCH ON JULY 19TH.
PLAN TO BE THERE!**

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**Office Hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays
8:00AM – 1:00PM**

JULY				
5	12	19	26	
Rev. Elaine Ely	Rev. Susan Scott	Rev. Austin Chinault	Dr. Bob Moore	
Susan Whitenack	Vera Ewing	Glenn Levito	Maggie Realley	
Communion		OP Planning Mtg.		

AUGUST				
2	9	16	23	30
Rev. Elaine Ely	Dr. Bob Moore	Rev. Austin Chinault	Rev. Elaine Ely	Rev. Austin Chinault
Vera Ewing	Maggie Realley	Susan Whitenack	Vera Ewing	Maggie Realley
Communion				