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Journeys

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WHEREVER YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, WE WELCOME YOU HERE.

MISSIONS UPDATE

THANK YOU FOR BLANKETS

Huge thanks go to Cheryl Costella and her mother, Pam Price for creating 13 **BEAUTIFUL** fleece blankets. Some of the blankets will be sent to Mariano Community School in Crown Point, NM for use by Navajo students who board at the school. Other blankets will be delivered to the Chaplains' office at Doylestown Hospital for delivery by Visiting Nurses to hospice patients in the community.

Unlike the blanket kits our congregation has been knotting together, these blankets are made of plush, color coordinated fleece and sewn together. Thanks also go out to Dave Costella who, per Cheryl, supplied the fleece. **MANY** thanks to all!

Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic

We received a letter from Sally Fabian-Oresic, Exec. Director of the health clinic based at Doylestown Hospital acknowledging and expressing gratitude for the congregation's donation of \$250. 4,807 free clinic visits both in-person and via telehealth were provided by the clinic in the past fiscal year. In addition, the clinic distributed \$84,000 in gift cards to families for groceries.

CLOTHING DRIVE: An Overwhelming Success!

Due to the success of our 4-week women's clothing drive, 46 bags of donations were shared with three charities. Initially donations were to be delivered to In Full Swing, a thrift store benefiting A Woman's Place. However, due to the overwhelming response to our drive, donations were also delivered to NOVA Thrift store and Worthwhile Thrift. (In 2021

Network of Victim Assistance helped 3,311 victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes. Proceeds from this store located in Plumsteadville provide services to victims of human trafficking.) Representatives of all the charities were very grateful for the donations, and victims served by these charities will ultimately benefit from our outreach. Thanks again to Leaders and Scouts of Troop 64 for the loan of the tent that worked very well as our collection site.

Carversville UCC Outreach to Native American Children Continues

Once again, our congregation will join members of the Americans for Native Americans (ANA) organization based in Doylestown to reach out to Native American children. In 2021, our focus was on the 90 Navajo children of Tohaali Community School in grades K – 8 in Newcomb, NM. Thanks to our generous congregation, fleece blankets were created, and we were excited to ship surprises in “first ever” Christmas stockings to Tohaali. Shipping our donations to Tohaali via UPS was very costly at \$466.67 in 2021, but we are researching ‘Givebackbox’, which could significantly lower shipping costs this year. Another option is to order via Amazon to avoid shipping costs.

Currently we are working with Mary Lee Reiff, ANA Board Chair, to “adopt” children at another school in 2022. We will again know the joy of providing those children with their “first ever” Christmas stocking as well as fleece blankets for students who board. The school Mary Lee has selected is Mariano Lake Community School in Crown Point, NM with 100 students. While planning is in the early stages, Sue Wulf and I met with Mary Lee recently.

She indicated that while many parts of the school are old, Mariano does have a new gym. We discussed the possibility of CUCC donating supplies (basketballs, soccer balls/nets, playground balls, etc.) for use in the gym or outside to encourage physical activity. We will discuss further with CUCC officers and will consult with Mary Lee and the Mariano staff for their input before making the purchases. This donation promotes a healthy lifestyle through exercise and will be a lasting gift

to many current and future students at Mariano Lake School.

Toothbrushes and Crayola crayons

As we look ahead to creating Christmas stockings again, we will appreciate donations of toothbrushes and crayons. While it seems early, there won't be another newsletter published until September to make everyone aware to watch for **Back-to-School sales in July**. In 2021 Staples sold boxes of 24 Crayola Crayons for \$.50. A collection box will be available next month at the church entrance for donations.

Underwear for American Indian Children

Early in our relationship with ANA, we were told by a Board member that the most popular request from Navajo children in 4th grade at one school was for underwear. In Dec 2021, using Missions' funds (and with the help of manufacturer sales, Kohl's discount coupons, and “rewards”) our congregation purchased more than 300 girl's and boy's briefs (sizes 6 to 20) and donated them to ANA's inventory for distribution to schools upon principal's request. An ANA Board member picked up the purchased underwear at my house intending for it to be added to ANA's inventory in Doylestown. In the meantime, a principal of a school in Utah that had just been added to the list of schools in ANA's outreach called to request children's underwear. Our underwear donation was depleted with that call!!

On June 10th, 125 boy's briefs were purchased at Kohl's using the above discounts and will be donated to ANA inventory. Using the same discounts, girls' briefs will be purchased after 6/20 when Koh's cash from the boy's purchase is redeemable.

My apologies for such lengthy articles in this newsletter, but I want to keep you informed as to how Carversville UCC Missions' Funds are used. Thank you for your generosity. Signing off until September!

Barbara Burger, Missions Coordinator

A huge THANK YOU, Barb for organizing and making these missions possible!

FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS:

There is new leadership on the board! Our new co-chairladies are Lynn Simpson and Barb Gunn. Please contact them with issues you wish to bring to the Deacons' attention.

The Deacons have designated the second Sunday of the month as a day to enjoy a cup of coffee, some COVID friendly carbs and fellowship following the service. It will be good to chat with each other during a coffee hour so mark your calendar.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Holy Communion will be served on July 3 and August 7.

There will be a coffee hour following the service on July 10 and August 14.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Michael David Kolinchak, Jr. was born on May 9, 2022. He is the son of Michael David Kolinchak, Jr. and Sarah Loretta Livezey. His grandfather is J. Walter Livezey, III.

Our congratulations and best wishes to the family.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Cousins, Harper Baylee Andrews and Beau Hunter Dunbar, were baptized by Pastor Fogal on Saturday, May 28, 2022.

Harper is the daughter of Brandon Andrews and Melaney Paige Livezey. She has an older brother, Brandon Andrews, Jr.

Beau is the son of James Thomas "J.T." Dunbar and Candyce Lorraine Livezey.

The proud grandparents are Brad and Moira Livezey, Diane Livezey, Larry and Levonne Andrews, Janes Dunbar and Patricia Tassey.

We welcome the little ones into Christ's household of faith.

Best wishes to the whole family.



Have a Safe and
Happy Fourth of July!



BOOK CLUB

Sitting on Cathy's beautiful back porch, eating delicious food and enjoying the serenity made for a perfect summer day! We all left feeling very protected with angels in our pockets complements of Lynn. The discussion of *The Last Chance Librarian* generated a great deal of input whether we were diagnosing the book contents or applying the author's ideas to our own lives. During the group therapy part of our meeting, we learned: one of us has an addiction- to books!; vacuuming and dusting can make you very cranky; men should all have a separate building to visit frequently; and coyote pee is not the best solution to use for cleaning windows!

Our next meeting will be on Monday, August 22, at Sue's house. Our book will be *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. Thinking ahead, we'll meet again on Sept. 12 to discuss *The Personal Librarian* also by Marie Benedict/Victoria Christopher Murray.

Happy summer reading!!



PRAYING HANDS

Here is a list of those who would benefit from receiving cards. We encourage you all to reach out to these people as it will mean a lot.

Catherine Halper- PO Box 564, Lahaska, PA
18931

Pearl Howard - c/o Future Care Chesapeake, Room
208, 305 College Parkway, Arnold, MD 21012

Judy and Frank LeVien-6264 Pt. Pleasant Pike,
Doylestown, PA 18902

Jim & Sally Seeton- 1850 Lower Mountain
Road West, Furlong, PA 18925

Gordon Keckeissen- 555 N. Broad St., #508A,
Doylestown, PA 18901

Jack and Patsy King- 503 Windrush Bay Dr.,
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689



We didn't realize
we were making
memories, we just
knew we were
having fun

HAPPY SUMMER!!

Congregation Conversation ~ Part 2

On Sunday, June 5, 2022, Cathy Price, Barbara Burger and Dave DeMaria met with the purpose of condensing the “lists” made at the conversation held on April 24, 2022. This is the list of ideas:

EVENTS:

- ~ Easter table favors workshop (Sue Wulf)
- ~ Vacation raffle (would need someone who has a vacation home willing to use for this)
- ~ Themed cooking event **
- ~ Pre-Easter Festival (Sue Wulf)
- ~ Carversville Day: Pancake Breakfast** (pancakes, meat, juice, beverages); bake sale; and crafts table (Jeanne Brown)
- ~ Food Festival (Cathy Price and Committee): 50/50; quilt raffle
- ~ Indoor Flea Market**

CHURCH:

- ~ Blessing of Animals (major media coverage)
- ~Community Picnic**

RENTALS:

- ~ Rent out Social Hall: community groups; art shows; local meeting hall (Historical Society)
- ~ Kitchen Renter
- ~ Office Space: daily, weekly or monthly rates
- ~ Daycare

MISCELLANEOUS:

- ~ Wi-Fi/cell phone reception updated (Trustees)
- ~ Doylestown Chamber of Commerce re: interested in renting space
- ~ Peddler’s Village re: pricing for meeting places
- ~ Contact a realtor who would know about usage of space and rents associated with it.
- ~ Reach out to Carversville Inn...if they need our space in the interim.... some goodwill for all the bad they have had. Suggestions?

**Needs a volunteer to run the event.

The original conversation was wonderful, and the follow-up was even better. We can make this work, but we need everyone to step up to the plate. We tried to make the events doable and non-back breaking, with minimal costs to the church.

If you are interested in leading any of the suggestions or have a different suggestion you would like to take on, please contact me.

Thank you, Carversville Church Family! Keep up the good work.

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