

# Journeys

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

FROM THE  
*Pastor's Pen* 

Pastor Bob Fogal had a memorable month of May, and as a result, his Pastor's Pen article took a vacation!

On Sunday, May 23, Bob added another title to his name- Reverend- when he was ordained as a minister of the United Church of Christ and installed as our called pastor at a special worship service.

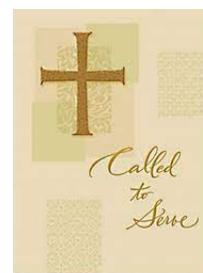
An abundance of music resounded through the sanctuary with guest organist Richard Spotts making the organ sing, and soloist Ed Myers added a special touch with his beautiful baritone voice. The service was led by ministers from the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference with Rev. Bill Worley, the Conference Minister, delivering a wonderful sermon. Following the service, dinner spoiling refreshments were served in the social hall.

An ordination offering was received and is designated to benefit 3 hospitals in India who are dealing with the nation's dire COVID-19 crisis. If you wish to contribute to this very worthwhile offering, please send your contribution to the church with "India Hospitals" noted on the memo line.

To commemorate this special event, the congregation presented Bob with new business cards reflecting his newly added title and a special card case.

To all who were present and to all who contributed their time and talents to make Bob's ordination a meaningful event, we say "Thank you!"

Congratulations, Rev. Dr. Robert Fogal. May your life be filled with God's good gifts and abundant joy as you do God's work at Carversville Church.





## COMMUNION

We will continue our practice of sharing Holy Communion during the worship service on Sunday, June 6. For those of you participating in the live stream service, please be sure to have your juice, wine or other beverage available as well as bread or a cracker.



## WELCOME BACK CUPCAKE PARTY

On June 13 following the church service, cupcakes and cold drinks (don't panic as coffee will be available, too) will be served outside in the front of the church where we can remain a respectful distance and can catch up after a very long time apart. We'll be able to give our new Reverend a round of applause! If Mother Nature should decide to make an outside gathering no fun we'll spread out in the social hall. Join us as we say "Welcome back!"



To date this year, Carversville UCC has provided about 500 pounds of food to the Doylestown Food Pantry. Well done! As summer approaches the supply at the pantry drops and the demand increases with kids away from school lunches. Please support the pantry by bringing your donations to the church on Sundays from 9:00am-11:30am and leave them outside the church office OR bring them on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9 am-11am when the office is open. Please check the expiration dates on your donations- always a challenge to find them- to make sure they haven't expired. Items needed include: pasta sauce; canned kidney/pinto/ black beans; salad dressing; healthy snacks; cereal; jelly or jam; juice; coffee; sugar.

Thanks for caring and sharing. Let's push our total up to 1,000 pounds!



Thanks to Art Burger's mowing "around the church" and to Brad Livezey's weeding and mulching the beds "around the church" AND for refinishing the benches outside the side entrance, it's looking very nice "around the church!" Thanks so much!



## TROOP 64 NEWS

Troop 64 has been very busy these last few months. The Scouts have been on three weekend outings this spring which included rock climbing at Ralph Stover, fishing in Jim Thorpe and most recently the Troop went on the first of a series of backpacking trips. Their goal with backpacking is to eventually hike in and out with everything needed for the weekend on their backs. They had a great first go and look forward to the next in the series.

We have also gone through some leadership transitions over the last few months. Some of the leaders who have made a tremendous impact on our Troop have stepped back to allow some new leaders to help the Scouts run the Troop. Welcome to all and a giant THANK YOU to those who have helped make the Troop the success it is today!

Finally, we would like to make you all aware that Troop 64 is hosting a car wash fundraiser this summer. On July 17, with the help of Keenan Collision on Swamp Rd. in Doylestown, the whole Troop will set up at Keenan's location from 9am-noon and wash as many cars as come through. We hope to see you there!



## BRIARLEAF ☽ JUNE ☽ 2021

### *JUNE NIGHT*

*'Oh Earth, you are too dear to-night,*

*How*

*can I sleep while all around*

*Floats rainy fragrance and the far Deep voice  
of the ocean that talks to the ground?'*

*by Sara Teasdale*

Briarleaf continues to remain closed to all visitors, but we still reach out once per month with a 'Shower of Cards' to remind the residents that they are not forgotten. Special thanks in May goes out to Jan Heebner for writing cards on behalf of us all.



If you would like to write a short note to a Briarleaf resident on behalf of Carversville UCC, contact Catherine Halper [chalper@aol.com](mailto:chalper@aol.com). We target completing them by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Bring the joy of spring to those who are isolated from visitors!



## PRAYING HANDS

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

### Card List for June

Pearl Howard - c/o Future Care  
Chesapeake, Room 208, 305 College  
Parkway, Arnold, MD 21012  
Jim & Sally Seeton- 1850 Lower Mountain  
Road West, Furlong, PA 18925  
Gordon Keckeissen- 555 N. Broad St.,  
#508A, Doylestown, PA 18901

## MODERATOR'S MINUTE

Childhood now seems so long ago and far away to me. The world surrounding us now has become rushed. Mundane chores have been re-invented many times over.

When I was young and, with my siblings, stayed at my grandparents' house, we slept on the plush Persian wool rug in her living room. That rug was two inches thick with deep red borders – perfect for Dinky toy car roads. At night it became burgundy red in the shadowy room – the stillness broken only by the mantle clock's Westminster quarter chimes.

*“Oh Lord our God  
Thy children call*

*Grant us Thy peace  
And bless us all, Amen.”*

Even then the world was changing. That chiming mantel clock was a retirement gift from Dominion Stores Limited to my grandfather. When he married my grandmother in 1922, they moved from Toronto to Montreal to open new-fangled, self-serve grocery stores. The idea took hold slowly, but the company steadily grew to be the #1 grocery chain in Canada.

In the 1950s, on the road north to our cottage, we still did our shopping at the main street Coldwater Grocery. Mom simply brought in a list of items and the staff fetched everything from the shelves along the wall. Most foods and merchandise did not come in individually wrapped standard packaging, so an assistant had to measure out and wrap the precise amount desired.

This made the trip a social occasion, with customers sharing gossip while they waited their turn. In winter we huddled around the pot-bellied stove in the center of the store – next to which there was usually a checkers game going. In summer we shared a box of Cracker Jacks on the store's stoop, hunting for the prize inside. Meanwhile, Dad dropped into the hardware store next door for that bag of nails, or a can of Solignum to refinish the dock.

Dominion thrived during the economic boom that followed the second World War. New locations were opened with great fanfare. When we moved to the first suburb built west of Toronto, the new development included a state-of-the-art “shopping plaza” with a Dominion Store as an anchor. The opening involved great fanfare. Pits were dug in the sand on the east side of the plaza to roast two steers and two pigs. There were clowns and a

string-band and the celebration lasted into the starry night.

One hundred years have passed since my grandfather opened those first self-serve grocery stores. Today we shop in mega-stores with “loss-leaders” and “deep discounts.” It is indeed another world.

GROCERY SHOPPING  
by Rebecca Ruth Gould

*“My cart glided like rollerblades.  
As I danced down the aisles,  
the French woman sang the blues.”*

Catherine Halper

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WISHING ALL  
DADS A VERY...



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Articles for the combined July/August newsletter should be sent to Cathy Price at [cathyprice2@verizon.net](mailto:cathyprice2@verizon.net) and Sue Wulf at [slswulf@comcast.net](mailto:slswulf@comcast.net) by Tuesday, June 15. Thanks!

## CUCC FAITH FORMATION

### GIVE US A KING

*“When they said, ‘Give us a king to lead us’ Samuel was displeased and prayed to the LORD. And the Lord responded” ... “Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights.”*  
1 Samuel 8:6 & 9.

The first and second books of Samuel, (along with Joshua, Judges, Samuel, & Kings,) contain the traditional narrative history of the people of ancient Israel. These stories were compiled 2,561–2,651 years ago according to modern scholarship.

It appears that humans will be humans. In two & a half millennia, despite frequently dipping our toes in democracies, we are at it again.

In 2018, The Guardian published an analysis by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt. It surveyed the rise and fall of Democracies during the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Their take?

*“Since the end of the Cold War, most democratic breakdowns have been caused not by generals and soldiers but by elected governments themselves.”*

And their conclusion? There are two baseline requirements for democratic governance: mutual toleration and institutional restraint.

The authors describe this attribute as:

*“the understanding that competing parties accept one another as legitimate rivals. “*

Where can we turn to study the gift of mutual toleration in these trying times? How about the very practical guidance sent to the church at Ephesus – a prosperous port city in the Roman province of Asia Minor? Not unlike many North American cities, Ephesus boasted international trade, a thriving silversmith guild, and a theater that seated 20,000 people. Paul’s advice to them was:

*“Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.”*

Ephesians 4:2

Or how about Ecclesiastes, from the Hebrew collection of “Writings.” It was a product of the Hebrew wisdom movement and attributed to the “Wise King Solomon.” Ecclesiastes was considered important enough that it was (and is still) included in the Megillot, five scrolls that are read annually at various festivals of the Jewish religious year.

*“The end of a matter is better than the beginning, and a patient spirit is better than a proud one.”*

Ecclesiastes 7:8

The Guardian authors describe the other critical attribute of forbearance as:

*“the idea that politicians should exercise restraint in deploying their institutional prerogatives.”*

The ancient city of Colossae, like many of our modern cities, was built on a major trade route through the Lycus River Valley in the Roman

province of Asia Minor (modern Turkey.) A letter written by Paul to the church of Colossae while he was imprisoned in Rome sets the example:

*“Make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive anyone who offends you.”*

Colossians 3:13

Wisdom Literature in the near east predates the book of Proverbs by more than 1,000 years. The book itself probably originated in Jerusalem palace circles. It is filled with good “horse sense” – a practical guide to everyday conduct.

*“He who has knowledge says little: and he who has a calm spirit is a man of good sense.”*

Proverbs 17:27

**Catherine Halper**

FAITH FORMATION STORIES & READINGS	
DATE	ORDINAL TIME
06/06/21	1 Samuel 8 <i>Give Us A King</i>
06/13/21	Ezekiel 17:22-24 <i>Lebanese Cedar</i>
06/20/21	Psalm 133 <i>Live in Unity</i>
06/27/21	Lam.3:22-23 <i>God’s Steadfast Love</i>
07/04/21	Ezek. 2:1-5 <i>Set Me On My Feet</i>



