

***THE GOOD NEWS***  
***Carversville Christian Church***

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

**MARCH/APRIL  
2026**

***MODERATOR’S MESSAGE***

by Dave Gunn

Wow! I am so glad to be done with February. Having to cancel Church services due to sketchy weather is no fun. But since the ultimate criteria is “safety first”, it helps to make the decision a little easier. Hopefully the bad weather is behind us. Huge thanks to Brad Livezey for plowing the driveway and parking lot multiple times. Please take the time to give him your personal thanks.

The second scheduled date for the annual meeting was the charm. Following the Church service and a covered dish lunch, the business of the annual meeting was swiftly conducted. Membership attendance however was disappointing. Fortunately, we did have the minimum for a quorum but this is an event that all active members should make an effort to attend.

In addition to being your Moderator I have also been serving as Financial Secretary, Trustee and Acting Treasurer. I announced at the annual meeting I will not be continuing in the role of acting Treasurer as I have found it to be more than I can handle. We need to find someone to take on this important role even if it means hiring-out.

A task being performed this year is a review of the membership rolls to determine who is to be classified as “Active Member” vs. “Inactive Member” vs. “Friend of the Church”. If you regularly attend service and/or contribute financially you will continue to be listed as an Active Member. Check with

the Deacons if you are not certain of your membership status or would like to change it.

At my house I’ve already got daffodils peeking up through the mulch. Yay! Once we are certain we are done with hard freezes it will be time to tackle some clean-up of the Church grounds. Start thinking about how we can dress up the Church grounds this year.

It’s not too soon to start planning for Carversville Day which is held in May. Last year I organized a Rummage Sale and would like to expand it beyond “Rummage” for this year. We have a lot of foot traffic to take advantage of and I am looking for ideas to take advantage of that.

***DEACONS REPORT***

by Barbara Gunn

We have entered 2026 with more snow than we’ve seen in quite a while. Since the beginning of the year, we’ve had to cancel Sunday services three times. This creates havoc with schedules of ministers, music accompanists and meetings. Our Annual Meeting had to be pushed back two weeks and was held on February 15<sup>th</sup> with only 15 in attendance. 15 was the number needed for a quorum and we just made it. Sad but true.

Lynn Simpson, Jan Heebner, and Alison Simpson continue to be invaluable in finding pulpit coverage & music leaders Sunday after Sunday. We are very

grateful to them for their efforts and commitment to our church. To date, we are covered until April.

In January the Deacons hosted a Memorial Service and Celebration of Life reception for our friend Jim Cleaveland. Approximately 40 family members and friends from out of state were in attendance. May God watch over and bless the Cleaveland Family during this difficult time.

The Deacon for March is Alison Simpson; for April it is Becky Grawe.

### **THINK SPRING WITH EASTER FLOWERS!**



This has been a cold and snowy winter and we are all looking forward to warmer weather!

The Easter flowers have been ordered. They will bring spring into our sanctuary for our Easter Sunday worship service on April 5<sup>th</sup>. They will also add to your home decorations or be a nice gift for a friend.

Please be sure to pick up your flowers after the service.

The following flowers are available:

- ❖ Lilies \$9.15
- ❖ 6 bulb Tulip \$6.85
- ❖ 3 bulb Tulip \$4.00
- ❖ 3 bulb single Hyacinths \$6.85
- ❖ Single Hyacinth \$2.95
- ❖ Mini Daffodils \$3.60

The flowers may be given “In Memory of” or “In love for” someone you wish to remember this special season. A list of the people who purchase the flowers will be included in the worship program.

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

checks payable to Jeanne Brown. The deadline for orders and payments is Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

## **MISSIONS**

By Cindy Bove

### **SEASONS OF SERVICE**

The Deacons approved a Missions project called “Seasons of Service”. Each season of the year – Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter – we will hold a charitable outreach event to help those in need within our community. We recognize that we are a small parish, so must our expectation for outreach giving be at a reasonable level, However, as we all know, we may be small but we have big hearts! We want our church members to join together in the joy of giving to those who are in need to the extent that each of us is able. We also want you to know that our 2026 plan recognizes and focuses on our current Missions project of the Food Pantry and Lahaska SPCA. Our giving to these worthwhile organizations has been outstanding and we are hoping to enhance that through the efforts of this year’s Mission plan.



Having said that, here is the plan that we are rolling out for 2026:

- Spring Baby shower items for mothers & babies in need.
- Summer Child friendly snacks & food for children who receive subsidized food through the school system but fall short during summer months
- Fall Recognize All Saints Day and Blessing of the Animals with donations of pet food and supplies.
- Winter Collect Socks for the Streets



## THANK YOU TO OUR OFFICERS FOR 2026

The following people have once again stepped up lead our church:

Moderator – David Gunn

Vice Moderator – Alison Simpson

Secretary – Barbara Gunn

Asst. Secretary – Jean Brown

Financial Secretary – David Gunn

Asst. Financial Secretary – Cindy Bove

Treasurer – VACANT

These good people will be installed during worship on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### *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.

Also, check the flower chart. There are still many Sundays available for you to honor or remember a loved one with flowers on the alter.

Thank You!



**DON'T FORGET THE BIBLE STUDY 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](mailto:richard@rltvideo.com)**



**Good Job!** In 2025 we donated 576 pounds of food to the pantry. Remember that the first Sunday of the month is food collection day. It's also collection for

our furry friends at SPCA. 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

### RECIPE

#### APPLE CAKE

5 Apples sliced thin  
1 Tbsp cinnamon  
5 Tbsp sugar  
1 Cup oil  
2 Cups sugar  
¼ Cup orange juice  
3 Cups flour  
4 Eggs  
3-1/2 Tsp baking powder  
1 Tsp vanilla

Preheat oven to 350

In a separate bowl combine ingredients, except apples Mix well

In bundt pan, make layers between apples & batter, starting with batter

Bake 1 hour 10 minutes

Submitted by Ginny McNickle



**HOLY HUMOR**

Does February like March?  
No, but April May

**MARCH**

1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Pastor Elaine	Dr. Bob Moore	Pastor Elaine	Dr, Bob Moore	PALM SUNDAY Pastor Austin
Maggie Realley Music Leader	Vera Ewing Music Leader	Susan Whiteneck Music Leader	Vera Ewing Music Leader	Maggie Realley Music Leader

Sponsoring a fund-raiser requires the involvement of everyone. We are little but to show we're mighty is going to take everyone's involvement. It will also require lots of posters, flyers, and word of mouth because some people don't even know where Carversville is!

Please take a minute to review this suggested list of events and think about the effort and your involvement it would take to make it successful. We are **UNITED** Church of Christ. Let's unite together and make something happen soon.

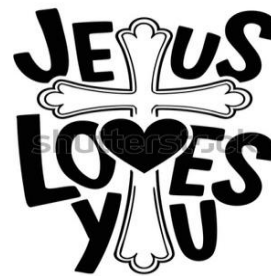
**OUR LITTLE COUNTRY CHURCH**

We have been through a hard time the last two years but we're still together and active. With Spring around the corner, it is time to think about fund raisers. Here are some ideas:

- Soup Sale
- Fall Festival
- Theme Cooking Event such as Julia Child Day, Cake Decorating, New England Boiled Dinner
- A Theme Night featuring entertainment and food from different area such as New Orleans, Texas, Mexico, etc.
- Bingo Night with raffle baskets
- Meal in a Peel Night (baked potato with every topping available.)
- Rummage Sale in conjunction with Carversville Day
- Spaghetti Supper
- Full Moon Campfire in the back area of property
- Pancake Breakfast

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Blessing of Animals
- Crop Walk
- Community Picnic
- Bake Sale
- Briarleaf cards, secret pal, visits
- Outreach to members not coming to church



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