Journeys

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PLANNING FOR THE CHURCH'S FUTURE

A little over two years ago as the COVID-19 pandemic began to recede, Rev. Dale Davis helped us look at ourselves. We have had a lot of informal conversations since then.

We know the world-at-large has changed a lot in the last 10-12 years.

We know that our congregation has also changed a lot during those years.

To help give direction to conversations about our future, Sue and I invited Rev. Bill Worley, our conference minister, to lead a discussion about how changes have impacted our congregation.

He will lead this discussion on Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. Rev. Worley will share insights from other congregations who are facing or have faced circumstances similar to ours. He will also help us explore how those insights pertain to us.

We hope, and urge, everyone who cares about our church to attend.

Cathy Price and Sue Wulf, Co-Moderators





DON'T MISS THIS! OUR FIRST POSTCOVID EVENT!!!

At long last we can be together again so come out and have a

delicious pancake breakfast with friends and family before heading down to Carversville Day.



Spread the word! Here is the information:

DATE: May 13th 10AM-2 PM

MENU: Pancakes – Plain

Chocolate Chip
Blueberry

Sausage

Juice/Coffee/Tea

COST: \$7.50 for 2 pancakes & sausage \$10.00 for 3 pancakes & sausage

Stroll down Craft Alley to see what our talented church members have created. And there will be vintage jewelry available for your viewing pleasure!

If you find yourself without a tasty dessert, it will be your lucky day! Our members also bake and will have delicious items available.

Come One! Come All! This is what we've been waiting three years for – the chance to be together in Christian harmony without masks, and without distancing. God brought us through the pandemic. Let's be together in our beautiful country church to celebrate!

Alleluia!

CARVERSVILLE DAY CRAFT SALE

by Jeanne Brown

Carversville Day is fast approaching. Pray for good weather and a large crowd on Saturday, May 13, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Invite your friends and neighbors!

In addition to the Pancake Breakfast, there will be a craft sale with a costume jewelry table and a baked goods table. Please price your craft items. Please label baked goods and note if any nuts are included.

I will be collecting your crafts and jewelry beginning on Sunday, May 7th, and I am planning on being at the church Tuesday, May 9, through Friday, May 12th, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM each day.

Baked goods should be delivered on Friday or early on Saturday morning.

Please call me at 215-348-3614 with any questions. Thank you!



MAY COMMUNION SERVICES

CUCC will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, May 7, during our regular worship service. If you are participating at home, please remember to have the elements ready for the live-stream service.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We strive to have a smiling greeter on duty Sunday mornings AND we have a monthly coffee hour following worship, usually on the second Sunday of the month.

Opportunities exist for you to volunteer to be a greeter AND/OR to host a coffee hour. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by the office. Many thanks for helping!

WHAT'S THE BOOK GROUP DOING?



from Sue Wulf

Jackie transformed her home into a circus big top, complete with circus food treats and animal acts (her two cats, Elsa and wild man Harley), for a discussion of the book *The Night Circus*.

Barb Gunn will be our hostess on Tuesday (note day change), April 25, at 9:15 am when we meet to discuss *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Kim Michele Richardson. Planning

ahead, the book after <u>The Book Woman's</u> <u>Daughter</u> will be <u>The Keeper of Stories</u> by Sally Page. Love to have you join us! Happy reading!



TROOP 64 NEWS

The Troop had an excellent backpacking trip at Rickets Glen State park recently and are looking forward to a Whitewater rafting trip in May. As we move closer to summer, the Scouts are wrapping up the school year preparing for their trip to Sea Base in the Florida Keys. We feel so fortunate to be able to offer these high adventure trips to the Scouts. They return older, wiser and more capable of navigating through this wonderful life. We especially appreciate the support we receive from the church. Thank you!

As a reminder, Mother's Day flower orders are due by May 3, for delivery between May 10 - 14. Orders can be picked up at the church Wednesday, May 10, from 6:30 PM-8 PM or on Sunday, May 14, after the church service. Call Samantha at (484) 947-6546 if you would like to place an order.

THERE'S A REASON SOME PEOPLE THINK THEY CAN DO ANYTHING... They listened to their mothers.





WINTER WONDERLAND UPDATE

from Cathy Price, Chair

Things are moving right along with our plans for the Winter Wonderland Festival on November 11, 2023.

Our Jingle Gnome has visited twice and will continue to visit on the *Second Sunday of the Month*. Jingle is wonderful and we thank those who contributed "swish"!

We will be asking for donations for three of the Raffle Baskets in July/August. Keep an eye out for the themes. We think you'll really like them!

The Vintage Table was so successful, we will absolutely be doing it again. You can help with this! Head to your basement/attic, wherever you keep those treasures you never know what to do with anymore. We would be happy to include your gently used items on the Vintage Table.

One of our most popular Raffle Baskets was the trees with the scratch off lottery tickets. Folks were very generous (thank you Taylors) contributing scratch offs at the last festival. There were enough to put together two trees! Maybe we can up the ante this year!? As always, we thank you for your support and contributions that help make this event so successful.



APRIL 16 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RECAP

The following people were elected to serve for 2023.

Moderator- Cathy Price
Vice Moderator- Sue Wulf
Secretary- Barbara Gunn
Assistant Secretary- Jeanne Brown
Financial Secretary- Cathy Price
Asst. Financial Secretary- Dave DeMaria
Treasurer- Cheryl Costella
Assistant Treasurer- Blaine Price
Deacons- John Dimas
Cassandra Emmett
Becky Grawe
Barbara Mills

Trustees- David Gunn

Tom Repas

The following three bylaws amendments were approved.

- There shall be elected a board of deacons consisting of a maximum of nine but not fewer than seven members.
- The term of office for each deacon shall be three years, with no restriction as to reelection.
- The term of office for each trustee shall be three years, with no restrictions as to reelection.



Our Memorial Day service will begin with worship in the sanctuary on May 28. At the conclusion of worship we will process to the Soldiers' Monument in the cemetery for our service honoring those who have served or are serving in our military. Scouts from our Troop 64 will be the flag bearers. Special music will be provided for this service by the Jubilant Brass Quintet. You are invited to bring flowers from your garden which we will place around the base of the monument during the service. Come, worship with us on the 28th and then participate in honoring those who have so faithfully served our country.



CON "GRAD" ULATIONS!

If you have someone graduating this year and would like to have it noted in the newsletter, let Sue Wulf know the details by May 16th, and it will be included in the June newsletter.



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.

Card List for May

Nancy and Jim Hale- 657 Spring Valley Road, Doylestown, PA 18901 Catherine Halper- P.O. Box 564, Lahaska, PA 18931 Judy and Frank Le Vien- 6264 Point Pleasant Pike, Doylestown, PA 18902 Sally Secton- 1850 Lower Mountain Road West, Furlong, PA 18925 Gordon Keckeissen- 555 N. Broad St., #508A, Doylestown, PA 18901 Jack King- 503 Windrush Bay Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689 DJ Kling- P.O. Box 195, Carversville, PA 18913 Jim Cleaveland- 26 N. Lafayette Ave., Morrisville, PA 19067 Lon and Pat Pritchard- 1131 West Kings Highway, Coatsville, PA 19320 Marta Strait- 6446 Fawn Lane, New Hope, PA 18938

Please send articles for the June newsletter to Sue at slswulf@comcast.net and Cathy at cathyprice2@verizon.net by Tuesday, May 16. Thanks!



COFFEE HOUR

So as not to conflict with Mother's Day, our coffee hour fellowship will be held following the worship service on Sunday, May 7. Join us in the social hall for conversation and treats!



"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take."

- Cardinal Mermillod

Happy Mother's Day!



THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Jeanne Brown and Bob and Edie Kling for arranging all the beautiful Easter flowers. Thanks, too, to Dave De-Maria for making sure the flowers went home with the right person!

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