THE GOOD NEWS

Carversville Christian Church

"Large enough to share; small enough to care"

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2026

Dear Carversville Family of God:

I share with you thoughts on some passages of scripture. First reflect on Psalm 90:4 and 2 Peter 3:8. Here the Apostle quotes the Psalmist and asserts that God operates on a different relationship to time than does humanity. "To God a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is a day". We all get tied up moment to moment; God does not see things that way, but has all the time in the world…and beyond! I love the Buzz Lightyear quote from Toy Story: "To infinity and beyond!"

We really cannot conceive what time is or means in God's terms. And so, we wait for God with patience. In God's economy nothing is lost and in due season God works all things for good with those who love God. Our main task therefore is to love God with our whole being, just so to love our neighbor as ourself all the while with trust and obedience to God's higher purposes even beyond our ability to know. This is simply our high and holy calling. Thanks be to God!

Also, I focus on Matthew 25:14-30 what is known as the *Parable of the Talents*. This parable deals with the return of Christ and the Kingdom of God. In this story the Master goes away and leaves servants in charge to take care of things with very generous financial backing. One talent is 100 pounds of silver or 6,000 denari, or 20 years wages. So one talent represents one's life work.

What will you do with your life, what is the sum total of your life's work or what is the meaning of your life? Such a weighty question is given to the servant in even one talent. To another servant is given five talents and to another two! **Each according to his ability.** Some are blessed (or cursed) with twice the ability and resources of another…some receive five times the blessing! {To those who have been given much, of them much is expected.}

What are you doing with your life? How are you "investing" the talents, gifts and graces God has bestowed upon you? Are you burying all the potential God has bestowed upon your being? "Live a life worthy of your calling!" (Ephesians 4:1). Or as the parable teaches: "Use it or lose it!"

Grace, peace and love be fully upon you.
Austin



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE
Dave Gunn

Fall is upon us with all its glory. The colors are astonishing and the chilly mornings make us want to snuggle deeper under the blankets. That first hot cup of coffee tastes so good.

We had a cool day for the Oyster and Pork Supper. Thank you Lord for providing that. But then every day the Lord gives is a good day to do his bidding. Please take the time to read the Supper report later in this newsletter. Many thanks to everyone who participated in the event, whether it was to volunteer, to eat, or to donate. It is all necessary and is what makes our supper a success year after year.

December is not that far away. You will see several things about the Christmas season in this newsletter. One thing that we need are extra hands to decorate the sanctuary and set up the Christmas Tree. Don't wait to be asked, please volunteer and get your family engaged so these seasonal traditions can be passed forward. The only way traditions are kept alive is when the next generation starts assuming the mantel of the previous one.

A CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT
"SOCKS FOR THE STREETS"

Socks for the Streets was founded in 2019 by a 10-year-old boy, Declan Cassidy, who grew up in Northeast Philly with an older sister battling substance abuse. Declan wanted to help people



like his sister whose situation sometimes led to homelessness. He collected over 1000 pairs of socks with his first drive. In 2021 Socks for the Streets became a 501C(3) organization and has since grown to provide an array of goods and services for organizations such as Bucks County Emergency Shelter and Women Against Abuse.

For the month of December our Carversville Church family will support this young boy's mission by collecting men, women, and children's socks; any color, any size. All contributions are welcome! Look for the wicker basket in the social hall & drop your socks in it to be a part of this worthwhile mission. Last year we collected 210 pairs. Can we beat that this year?????

Thank you Cindy Bove for researching and organizing this Christmas collection.

OYSTER PORK SUPPER WRAP UP

Many hands make light work and also made our OP Supper a success for the 151st time. Once again our congregation, friends, families, and neighbors successfully hosted our delicious community dinner in the warmth of our welcoming church.

A big thank you to those who helped. The Boy Scouts, early bird oyster dippers, afternoon and evening kitchen staff, servers, parking lot attendants, ticket sellers, craft room donators and workers, musicians, and of course the coordination of all the pieces by the Livezey family; especially Brad, Becky and Walt. We served 183 sit-down dinners and 126 take outs. Our gross receipts were approximately $11,000 with around $4,000 in expenses netting a profit of approximately $7,000. KUDOS TO US!!!

See the OP Supper pictures on the last pages.



IT'S TIME FOR THE HARVEST BREAKFAST!

Jeanne Brown



Our annual Harvest Breakfast will be held on Sunday, November 22nd at 9:00 AM. Breakfast is followed by an informal worship service in the social hall.

Bob Kling will lead the worship service. Susan Whitenack will provide the music.

Our custom is to honor people for their milestone years of membership. This year Melissa Kraus and Chaz Livezey will receive 25-year certificates and a picture of the church. Janice Heebner will receive her 50-year certificate. Congratulations! The winner of the beautiful quilt made by our quilting ladies will be chosen.

The meal will be scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon and pancakes. People may bring fruit and desserts to share. The cost is $5.00/adults, $3.00/children 5 – 12, under 5- free.

Come join us for food and fellowship!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Jeanne Brown

Our sanctuary will be beautiful for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. You can help by purchasing poinsettias.

A list of people who purchased the plants will be included in the worship program. The plants may be given "In love for" or "In memory of" someone you wish to remember at this special season.

Red, pink, and white poinsettias are available. The price is $7.75 per plant. Please make checks payable to Jeanne Brown. The deadline for orders and payment is Sunday, December 6th. Order forms will be available at church or you can call me at 215-348-3614. Thank You.



OYSTER & PORK SUPPER CRAFT ROOM REPORT

Jeanne Brown

We had a wonderful day in the craft room. People did a lot of shopping before and after their meal. There were more sales on Sunday following worship. We had a large variety of craft and gift items and some baked goods. The total profit was $981.00.

My thanks to everyone who donated items. Also, thanks to Brad Livezey for moving furniture; to my niece, Tiffany, for setting up and packing on Sunday

afternoon. To Sandy Emmett for working during the supper; and to Audrey Taylor for packing up on Sunday afternoon.

Keep your fingers busy over the winter making craft items. This was the first time that we had gift items. If you have nice things that you no longer use, consider donating them. We will do this again next year.



We are very blessed to once again have concert harpist Rebecca Simpson Kozma performing for us. Joining her will be Vera Ewing who will share her gifts of voice, piano, and organ. A festive recital with seasonal favorites will begin at 7:00 PM followed by the worship service at 7:30 PM. Come join us for this very special evening as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Join us for a delightful afternoon at The Plumsteadville Inn on December 7th at Noon.

This is a festive way to celebrate the Christmas season with
GOOD FOOD
GOOD TALK
GOOD FRIENDS
Bring a wrapped gift of no more than $10 for a fun gift exchange..

Let Alison Simpon know if you want to come.
See you there!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING
AND
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL

God's Work Our Hands

So far this year we have donated to the Doylestown Food Pantry 233 pounds of food and 108 pounds of baby items. We have also donated 50 pounds of pet supplies to the SPCA. In addition to food the Pantry is always in need of the following:

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

Gift Cards: gas, grocery, Uber, Walmart, Target, or Visa

If you have a favorite Christmas hymn you would like to sing on December 27th, let Susan Whitenack know so she can research it and share its history.



NOVEMBER				
1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Pastor Elaine Vera Ewing COMMUNION FOOD & SPCA COLLECTION	Susan Scott Susan Whitenack DEACONS MTG. TRUSTEES MTG.	Pastor Austin Maggie Realley	Bob Kling Susan Whitenack HARVEST BREAKFAST	Pastor Elaine Vera Ewing 1ST Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER WORSHIP				
6th	13th	20th	24th	27th
Pastor Elaine Susan Whitenack COMMUNION FOOD & SPCA COLLECTION	Richard Thomas Maggie Realley DEACONS MTG. TRUSTEES MTG.	Pastor Austin Maggie Realley	Pastor Elaine CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 7:00 Harp Selections 7:30 WORSHIP SERVICE	No Pastor Susan Whitenack CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

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DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK 1 HOUR ON NOVEMBER 1ST



Cleaning up as we go

OYSTER PORK SUPPER AT A GLANCE



Pastor Elaine and Walt Livezey at the OP Dinner



Take-out receptionists and helpers



Hungry Diners



Dave and Barb Gunn chilling by the quilt raffle table



Alison Simpson hard at work dishing out oysters

Linda Quinby serving up the liquid gold (gravy that is)



Many hands make light work. Cindy Bove and Debbie who comes and helps each year



Dick Thomas ready to greet the dine-in crowd

