

Journeys

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



Upcoming Worship Services

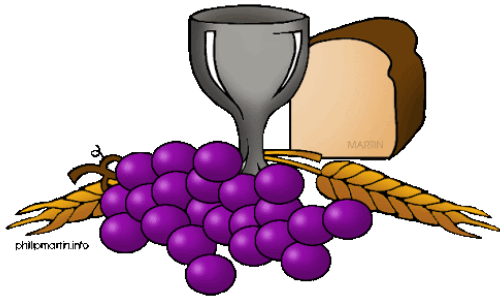
On World Wide Communion Sunday, October 1, the Rev. Susan Scott will preach at Carversville UCC. She is a self-employed spiritual director, ordained in the UCC. A Doylestown resident, she is a chaplain and has ministered in a variety of geriatric and hospice settings. In 2019 her collection of meditations for older adults was published by the Upper Room. Please join us for this special communion service.

On October 8, L. Robert Kling will be conducting our worship service. As a long time member of our congregation, he needs no introduction. The following Sunday, October 15, another member of our congregation, Barbara Gunn, will lead worship.

Beginning October 22, the Rev. Dr. Chuck Maxfield will be leading Sunday worship services. He was raised in the Congregational Church in Massachusetts, the forerunner of the UCC. Chuck was ordained in the UCC and has served churches in a variety of settings as well as in PA. At this time it is planned for him to serve at least through the end of the year. The agreement is that he will lead worship each Sunday. He will not be available for meetings, Bible study, funerals or

weddings. Rev. Maxfield will not have office hours.

We hope to see you in worship in the upcoming weeks and months.



COMMUNION

Join us for worship on Sunday, October 1, as Rev. Susan Scott leads our congregation in celebrating World Communion. This worldwide service was first begun in 1936 by the Presbyterian church and through the years has expanded to include all denominations throughout the entire world. Just think what a powerful testimony it is to know that so many Christians are celebrating the Lord's Supper on the same day!

Special Offerings Connect Us to the Ministries of the Entire United Church of Christ

Please consider contributing to any of these special offerings before year's end. Be sure to indicate on your check's memo line the offering to which you want to contribute. Or you can make a gift to any of the offerings via our website, www.carversvilleucc.org.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) we engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. We help meet immediate needs and we address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.

From Pennsylvania to Palestine and many locations around the world, the United Church of Christ is working with partners and communities to respond to the more than 25 million global refugees.

Gifts from congregations support disaster relief, refugee assistance and sustainable development, both domestically and around the globe.

But it's not just about the money. Congregations that financially support these vital ministries find that their giving is more than simply dollars. Instead, it's a spiritual practice that connects them to the wider world.

The Rev. Eric Fistler, senior pastor of First Congregational Church (FCC) of Crystal Lake, Ill., has been an eyewitness to this work.

"OGHS takes us beyond the headlines, and deeper than thoughts and prayers," he said, "to hear transforming stories about the empowerment of women in Ghana, the peacemaking accompaniment in Palestine, stigma-reducing education about HIV in Lesotho and connecting with refugees from all over the world."

To give is to receive is perhaps the most important point for Fistler. "OGHS is not only about transforming the world, but about being transformed ourselves, for we truly cannot live the abundant life, until every person has what they need to live the abundant life," he said.

OGHS has also supported twelve churches from eight different faith traditions that are welcoming refugees from Afghanistan to Albuquerque, N.M. Through what they call the ABQ FaithWorks Collaborative, they have been aiding refugees and other homeless people since 2019.

"I highly recommend collaborating," said the Rev. Sue Joiner, pastor of First Congregational United Church of Christ Albuquerque. "That's how FaithWorks began. We asked, 'Why are we doing this by ourselves?' We can do so much better work together — pooling financial resources and people."

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need (NIN) supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

A grant from the Neighbors in Need offering helped 24 high school students from an economically challenged Houston neighborhood learn about activism and carry out a local campaign for a \$15 minimum-wage law.

The idea came from the basic insight that many Houston residents find it hard to make ends meet, especially workers in fast-food and other service industries. The Rev. Darnell Fennell serves some of those people in both his callings. He is pastor of Just Love Church, affiliated with the UCC and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He also teaches high school social studies.

With a background in community organizing, Fennell knows people don't have to sit still for economic injustice. He knows the wider UCC feels the same. So he sought

the NIN grant to introduce young people to local activists in the national Fight for \$15.00 wage campaign and involved them in learning by doing.



COFFEE HOUR

Our traditional SPOOK-tacular Halloween coffee hour fellowship will be held following the worship service on **Sunday, October 22**. **Note the monthly coffee hour date change as we moved it closer to Halloween.** Join us in the social hall for spooky conversations and treats!



STUFFING STOCKINGS!!!!

Once again Carversville UCC has partnered with Americans for Native Americans (ANA) to provide "first ever" Christmas stockings and fleece blankets to Native American students at a school(s) serviced by ANA in New Mexico. Rather than "adopting" one large

school as in previous years, this year we will “adopt” two smaller schools, Lake Valley and Sanostee Day School. Currently both schools are in session with only 43 total students enrolled, but that number is expected to increase over the next month. Per ANA Board President Mary Lee Reiff, due to the impact of the Covid pandemic in the Southwest, students are just gradually returning to school. **No matter the number, this outreach gives us an opportunity to bring joy to kids who will be getting their “first ever” Christmas stocking!!!**

As of this writing, enough crayons, Matchbox cars, tooth brushes, etc. have been donated to fill 100 stockings. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and community members, every student at our “adopted” schools will receive a “first ever” stocking. Extra stockings will bring joy to children who live at Bethany Children’s Home in Womelsdorf, PA.

We will be stuffing the stockings on Sunday, October 29th, following the worship service. **SANTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!** Please mark your calendars to join the fun!

Watch Sunday church worship programs and November’s *Journeys* to learn what’s happening with fleece blankets that are being made and will be sent to “adopted” Native American children for Christmas.

Barbara Burger,

Missions Committee



WINTER WONDERLAND MARKET

UPDATE

from Cathy Price, Chair

I hope you have marked your calendars for November 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to get a jump on your holiday shopping!

We are still getting requests for a table from vendors, the most we’ve ever had. A few are repeats, but a lot are new! We will have our “Vintage Table” set up in the nursery and may have to use the Sunday School Room as well.

We will also have our beautiful Raffle Baskets, and thanks to this committee, we will have more than ever!

Bring your family and friends for yummy food prepared by Chef Dan Gallo of Thyme and Plate and enjoy a day of shopping.





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 October

Catherine Halper- P.O. Box 564, Lahaska, PA 18931
Judy and Frank Le Vien- 6264 Point Pleasant Pike, Doylestown, PA 18902
Sally Seeton- 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- The Colonnade at Carrollwood, Marta Strait, 13550 S. Village Dr., Tampa, FL 33618
Art Burger- 3622 Buttonwood Dr., Doylestown, PA 18902
Lynn Bullock – 1802 N. Ridge Road, Perkasio, PA 18902
Kathy Thompson- 403 S. Main St., Apt. B102, Doylestown, PA 18901
Jeff Mays- 5 Broad St., Stockton, NJ 08559



WEDDING BELLS RING OUT FOR COUSINS

Melanie Paige Livezey and Brandon Andrews were united in marriage on Saturday, September 23, 2023. The ceremony was held at The Barn at Walnut Grove in Lenhartsville, PA.

Larry Allen Grawe, Jr. and Laura Nicole Dobrowolski were united in marriage on Saturday, September 30, 2023. The ceremony was held at The Farm in Quakertown.

Our congratulations and best wishes to the happy couples.

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THESE CAN BE YOURS!

Pam Price created this gorgeous machine quilted piece! It measures 58" x 58" and will make a wonderful wall hanging or accent piece for your bed or couch. AND it's reversible. Yours for only \$ 200.00. Christmas is coming! Quilts will be on display outside the sanctuary for up close viewing! If interested talk to Sue Wulf.



These 48" x 48" pieces were hand quilted by our wonderful Carversville quilters. Either would make a beautiful nursery or dorm room wall hanging OR a baby quilt OR an adult lap quilt. Either one can be yours for \$ 100.00. Makes a great welcome baby or shower gift.



Have a BOO-tiful month!



Please get your articles for the November newsletter to Sue at slswulf@comcast.net and Cathy at cathyprice2@verizon.net by Monday, October 16. Thank you!

