

# ✝ THE GOOD NEWS ✝

## Carversville Christian Church

*“Large Enough to Share, Small Enough to Care”*

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2024

### **From the Pastor**

When I was teaching my older son how to drive, on a gravel road in North Dakota, I remember saying to



him to slow down for a turn. Slow Down! I said, Slow Down! Well, he demolished the stop sign on the side road. I don't know which part of "slow down" he didn't understand.

It is time for Carversville Christian Church to turn a corner. To deal with our painful recent history, we need to slow down. We can't ignore the pain we feel. To turn the corner and move ahead we first need to slow down. Acknowledge our pain. Face it. Only then can we turn the corner and move ahead.

September 15th will be a healing service and rally day. We will seek the healing of our souls from the bitterness and pain which we feel. Then we can move ahead. It is my prayer that we successfully turn the corner. First, we need to slow down to negotiate the intersection.

Carversville Christian Church shall move ahead. We do have a future. Christ continues to call us to minister to our community and our world. But first we need to turn the corner.

### **Moderator's Notes** by Dave Gunn

I am very pleased to have been able to put together this issue of the newsletter, the first since January 2024. We are planning to send out newsletters every other month and sometimes to be timed to coincide with specific liturgical events.

As we have been progressing through the year several people have been stepping forward, stretching their comfort zones and working to make every Sunday service a meaningful experience. Thank you to all, you know who you are.

Oyster Pork Supper is back! Save the date Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup>. The format will be different as we get back into running this event. For the restart of the dinner, we are going smaller at around 400 dinners versus the 800 we used to do. It will be limited to

one seating for dine-in starting at 3pm and then switching to takeout only from 4pm to 6pm. In an effort to project how much to purchase, reservations and advance orders will be necessary. If you have attended the dinner before you are well aware of the need for many hands to prepare and serve the food. So please watch for further announcements and, if able, volunteer for one or more of the preparation activities that we will need help with. Contact one of the members of the Oyster Pork Supper committee: Dave & Barb Gunn, Brad & Walt Livezey, John Dimas & Lynn Simpson.

### ***Oyster Pork Supper Craft Room***

by Jeanne Brown

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner. The conference room will be transformed into our traditional craft room. There will also be the usual table of baked goods. Remember to label baked goods and note any nuts included. Please no pies or cakes as they are needed for the dinner deserts. If you are crafty or a baker, please consider donating for the Church fundraiser.

I will begin collecting your craft items on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know what you plan to give, so I can start making my list.

If you have any questions, please call me at 215-348-3614 or talk to me on a Sunday morning.

Thank you for helping to make this day a success.

### ***Food Pantry***

We are still supporting the Doylestown Food Pantry with collections at the Church of non-perishable goods. Please bring items to the Church for Sunday service or to the Church office on Wednesdays before noon.



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### ***Altar Flowers***

The flowers on the altar every Sunday are an added touch of brightness for everyone to enjoy. Weekly sponsors help make this possible. If you have a special event or recognition you would like to have observed, contact Jeanne Brown at 215-348-3614 and she will be happy to accommodate you. As of now sponsors are needed for September 8<sup>th</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board that you can add you name to for future dates.

### ***Worship Committee*** by Jan Heebner

After hearing Pastor Chuck's sermon on August 25, my thoughts went to special spots where I have worshipped in the past. Such wonderful memories and inspirations came to mind. I hope you have had such spiritual experiences. Do join us at Carversville. Just a reminder: the first Sunday of each month we generally observe the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Carversville. Please plan to join us.

While our pastor is on vacation Richard Thomas will lead worship on Sept. 22nd. This will be a special Blessing of the Animals service to be held in the social hall. All pets are to be kept under the control of their handlers. The following Sunday, Sept. 29, the Rev. Susan Scott will be our worship leader. I believe she will be accompanied by her husband who is a story-teller.

I appreciate those who have agreed to be scripture readers in the past and will continue to do so. Just let me know if you would like to be a reader.

### **September Music Leaders** by Alison Simpson

Music Leader Schedule

9/1 Vera Ewing - communion

9/8 Susan Whitenack

9/15 Vera Ewing - coffee hour

9/22 Susan Whitenack

“Blessing of Animals”

downstairs in social hall

Richard Thomas Lay Preacher

9/29 Maggie Realley

Rev. Susan Scott

### **Deacons** by Barb Gunn

The Board of Deacons has been meeting monthly. Church services and upcoming events are suggested or reviewed. Dick Thomas, who is a lay minister, has contacted several shut-in members to ask if they would like to receive communion at home.

Now that we are post covid we have returned to serving communion in the pews.

We are reviewing our Church membership roles with the intent to purge them. There are many non-members listed who can be taken off as well as friends-of-the-Church.

If you have questions or concerns, please see a Deacon: Lynn Simpson, John Demas, Becky Graw, Sandy Emmitt, Richard Thomas or Barbara Gunn.

Pastor’s Cabinet monthly meetings have been reinstated. Members of the Cabinet are Pastor Chuck, Dave Gunn, Barb Gunn, Brad Livezey, Lynn Simpson, Jan Heebner and Alison Simpson.

### **Trustees** by Brad Livezey

Well, we had a HOT summer. I hope everyone made it through ok. The trustees had taken off July and August, so we didn’t have meetings. We are meeting in September. We are still looking for a treasurer to fill Cheryl’s position. If you know of someone who would like to fill the position, please let us know. As of the end of July our year-to-date net deficit is \$1,534.00 versus a deficit of \$22,119.00 last year. With renewed focus to “giving” hopefully we can close the \$1,534.00 deficit and build back on previous year’s deficit spending.

There have been some inquiries regarding kitchen rental. One person is pursuing licensing with the state. She makes sauerkraut.

