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What Were You Doing On December 1, 1978?

By Heidi Lindsay

That was the day Pat Morris began her position as Carmel’s Church Secretary. Just shy of 33 years later, Pat has officially retired from the position.

As you can imagine, the Carmel that Pat knew back all those years ago has changed greatly since. She worked with three Pastors during her tenure, Rev. Ned Castner, Rev. Jim Eby and Rev. Jim Thornton, and roughly 11 Associate Pastors. Technology has changed quite a bit too, Pat remembers being scared to turn on the electric typewriter she used as she had never worked on before and had similar apprehension when computers came along. Back in the day, the office used an off-set press and Pat would have to prepare the materials for printing and then a man would come in and actually run the press to print them off. Thank goodness for the advent of copy machines!



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A Pastoral Message

Act on Your Prayers

Friends, prayer, like worship, is not a spectator sport. You can't worship by sitting in the pew and watching the clergy perform. You must be an active participant or genuine worship does not take place. Likewise, we cannot be authentically engaged in prayer while sitting on our seats, waiting for God to miraculously perform some action on our behalf. Prayer is a covenantal exercise, in which we work with God to find the answers that we seek. The lesson that Moses learned at the shore of the Sea of Reeds, when God told them not just to cry out – but to take a step forward, reminds us that prayer, proper and meaningful prayer, can and should be a prelude to action. Then and now, divine response comes when people are willing to move forward upon their own heartfelt desires, inspired by a faith that assures us that we will not walk alone, and trusting that God will



divert us from the wrong turns we make. We are not called so much to take leaps of faith, but rather to take steps of faith. It is important that we distinguish between taking this prayerful step of faith and having a “*God helps those who help themselves*” mentality. This is not charging forward

with our heads down, while justifying everything we do with pious platitudes. Rather, authentic prayer, which originates from a place of deep trust, brings with it a sense of awareness, a sense of clarity, and sense of discernment that is the opposite of charging ahead wearing blinders. Nor is it self-serving. The discernment we receive may require actions that will bring about results that were exactly what we had wanted previously. However, it may just as well require us to give up our desires and go in a very different direction.

Therefore, if we have concerns about our families, and who doesn't, God will want to know what we are going to do to address our family's issues. If we have concerns about health and safety, God will want to know what we are doing to respond to our own prayers about it, what we are doing to help take care of ourselves. Finally, if we are praying for the victims of tragedy, whether it is a hurricane, or world hunger, or a terroristic attack, God will want to know what we are doing to respond. What steps are we taking? Are we collecting food, sending blankets, or making donations? Are we willing to take a step, to act, even when logic tells us that the problem we seek to address is insurmountable? Wondrous things can happen when people are willing to take a step, to act as “*the amen*” to their own prayers.

Dr. James W. Thornton

According to



Abigail

From Cradle Rolls to Soccer Rosters

I love the story that Mrs. (Pat) Newman tells of the Rockett family matriarch who came to Carmel. Mrs. Rockett had a mission: to start a cradle roll. Nowadays, we'd probably just call it a "nursery." One thing this woman had, however, was a tried and true tactic. She'd walk around the streets of North Hills and Ardsley and check all the clotheslines, looking for cloth diapers. As soon as she noticed that a family had a baby, she would knock on their door and invite them to Carmel's cradle roll. The result? Tons of babies in the cradle roll- and tons of new families at Carmel!

If there's one thing that people (younger and older) have said to me since I came to Carmel, it's: gosh, I wish we had more young families around! I think that the sentiment behind that expressed wish is: we want to be a growing, thriving church family! I think that having that desire is a blessing. It bespeaks an openness to new faces, new ideas and new leadership. So- where do we start?

We may not have a Rockett matriarch to keep and eye out for diapers anymore, but we can't necessarily rely on that



tactic, either. Moms and dads today aren't hanging cloth diapers on the line. They're in line at Target, serving orange slices on the soccer field, at the Phillies game with their kids, or volunteering in their child's classroom at school.

These are places that many of us frequent as well. Perhaps you don't spend a lot of time in elementary schools, but do you shop at Target? Maybe you've noticed that a new kid just got added to the soccer roster on your child's team. Perhaps your neighbors kids' or your grandchildren have Wednesday nights free, and would be interested in singing in one of our youth choirs or attending youth group.



When Jesus was resurrected and appeared to his disciples- he commissioned them to spread his name throughout the world. The disciples went to all different places to tell others about Jesus. In the process of their sharing, they grew and changed themselves. Think of the lives, the communities, the history that was changed because people have believed in and banded together around Jesus' message of love and reconciliation. Who doesn't need to hear *that* message?

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Board Updates

Session Notes

By Cindy Gerhard

The following items were among reports and business conducted at Session's Regular Meeting on September 13.

Finance Business Administrator Mary Ann Welsh attended the meeting and presented her quarterly review of church finances. At summer's end Carmel's income and expenses were nicely in line, as budgeted.

Pastors This year Dr. Thornton is serving the Presbytery of Philadelphia as a member of the Committee on Ministry, and Rev. Visco Rusert is serving as a member of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Christian Education Karen Bogle has volunteered to serve as the Children's Church Coordinator. If you'd like to join her and lend a hand with this precious group of youngsters from time to time on Sunday mornings, please contact Rev. Visco Rusert or Janet Simon.

This year's Confirmation Class began in September and will continue through Palm Sunday.

Look for more information on the upcoming Potluck Mission Dinner scheduled for Sunday, October 9, and a

Mission Trip fundraiser called "Start Your Christmas Shopping Early at Dovetail Artisans" scheduled for October 26.

Congregational Life Note the following two changes in scheduling, and watch for upcoming publicity.

The Fall and Harvest Festival previously scheduled for October 22 has been canceled, and in its place the Committee will host a very special Coffee Hour preceding worship on Sunday, October 30, from 9:00 to 10:00.

Carmel Movie Night has been expanded to a three-part series this year. Dates are September 30, October 28, and November 18.

Personnel As most of you know, our longtime church secretary, Pat Morris, retired recently. A special recognition honoring her dedication and service to Carmel is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2011, immediately following worship. Do plan to attend!

Kristin Waldner, Pat's successor, has been doing a wonderful job in the church office for several weeks now. Please stop by to welcome her and introduce yourself when you get a chance. Also, remember that church office hours have changed -- it is open on weekdays from 9:00 until noon, and from 1:00 until 3:00.

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Deacons Notes

By Heidi Lindsay

Busy times for the Deacons and there is a lot to catch everyone up on as well as upcoming events.

First, I'll tackle our mission disbursements. In September, mission giving from Deacon's Funds included Aid for Friends, ALS Association, Cradle of Hope, Interfaith Food Cupboard, and Norristown Hospitality Center. Each of these groups received \$750.00. Laurel House received \$350.00 from Deacon's Funds. From Trust Fund B, each of our four missionaries received \$1,000.00 as did the Crop Walk. Total giving for this period totaled \$9,100.00.



MISSION
SUPPORT

Additional information on the CROP Walk and ALS Association is included later in this article.

With the financials out of the way, let's move on to our more direct and hands-on ministries. Nineteen donations were made at our August blood drive hosted at Edge Hill Fire House. The Deacons thank Lara Clouse for single-handedly overseeing this drive and enabling Carmel to continue this ministry.

Our Meals in a Moment ministry comforted two families in June, three in

July and two in August. Hot meals are prepared and delivered to families grieving loved ones or struggling with a hospitalization or other concern. This program typically goes on behind the scenes but we often hear back that, as delicious as the meals are, the true gift is in seeing a friendly, comforting face at the door. Headed by the tireless Carol Moll, we are always looking for volunteers.

Cradle of Hope joined our worship service on September 18th with an uplifting Minute for Mission. The most local of the groups Carmel

supports, we always enjoy receiving updates on how the mothers and children



Upcoming
Project

are faring. I'm sure you remember how many supplies are needed even if it has been awhile since your babies were actually babies. To that end, the Deacons are organizing a collection drive of household cleaning and baby care items for Cradle of Hope. A detailed list can be found on the separate insert in this Courier. We thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

The Greater Glenside CROP Hunger Walk will kick off on October 16th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Easton Road. Registration is at 1:00 and the walk commences at 2:00 PM. Joyce and Andrea Kornfeld and Emma and I have participated on Carmel's behalf for the last

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DR Mission Trip Recounts Experiences

Submitted by Janet Simon

Worship and group discussion

Carmel's Dominican Republic Mission Group of 2011 is eager to share some of the wonderful experiences we had there with you, who sent us to the DR to do God's work under the leadership of the Foundation for Peace. These daily blog excerpts tell about various aspects of our mission service.

Our welcome was warm (in every way) and the people at the orphanage are wonderful hosts. We unpacked, ate dinner, and changed into church clothes for evening worship. When we arrived at worship, the first thing we noticed was the animals- bunnies, goats, pheasants, turkeys, peacocks, guinea pigs...the list goes on. All the animals were roaming around in the open field as we gathered on a cement outdoor basketball court for worship. There were also buildings surrounding us- a vocational school. An elementary school, offices, a kitchen, and one building that looked unfinished.



After that introduction [of Lloida, whose home we would be building], we

continued in worship. There were prayers, there was a sermon, and even some great Dominican singing. One of the highlights liturgical dance. A group of young women from the local church danced to 6 or 7 worship songs, and it was very moving. One group member shared that they were feeling down about the language barrier- but through the dancing he felt he didn't need to know the language. He could understand what they were expressing to God, and it moved him.

Abigail Visco Rusert

So today instead of going into small groups, we not only attended a worship service, but we held one. In our small groups tasks were given out. For example some were to write prayers and others read scripture. Since most of the people there could only speak Spanish, what we were saying needed to be translated. It was very cool to see some of us attempting and succeeding at speaking Spanish. Many of you might not know it, but my sister Danielle is the go to girl when you need to know how to say something or when you need to understand someone. She definitely does not know everything but she is very resourceful in figuring things out.



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Carmel To Be Site Of Premiere

By Abby Palmisano

Concerts at Carmel presents "Bliss and Friends" in a concert entitled "Annuals and Perennials". A trio of musicians on flute, clarinet and piano will perform on Friday evening, October 14, 2011 at 8:00 PM in Carmel's sanctuary. Renown musicians Lois Bliss Herbine, flute and Arne Running, clarinet along with Charles Abramovic, piano, will present a concert of enjoyable music. The program will feature premieres of two established Philadelphia composers. The program includes Ernest Bloch, "Concertino", Charles Camille Saint-Saens, "Tarantelle", "A Short Reflection", by Heidi Jacob, Franz Schubert's "Der Hirt auf dem Felsen", Lou DeLise, "Song and Dance" for piccolo and piano (world premiere) and Daniel Dorff, "Perennials" (east-coast premiere)

Arne Running, clarinet, currently maintains an active freelance career in the Philadelphia area, and is a member of the Riverside Symphonia, Network for New Music, Orchestra 2001 and the Ocean City Pops. His compositions have been published, performed and recorded internationally.

Lois Bliss Herbine is regarded as one of the foremost players and teachers of the piccolo in the world today. Lois gives master classes on the piccolo and expressive flute playing at Universities such as Temple, Rice and the University of Michigan co-sponsored by the Powell Flute



Corporation. This August she premiered the piccolo solo "Tweet" by one of our featured composers, Daniel Dorff in North Carolina at the National Flute Convention. An audience favorite, only a month after its premiere the music is going into its second printing! Her latest recording was included in Concerts at Carmel's Illuminations CD, released by DTR Music which received favorable reviews from the Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia Music Makers and the American Organist.

Charles Abramovic, pianist, performs as soloist, accompanist, and chamber musician throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia. Recording for EMI Classics (with violinist Sarah Chang), Bridge, CRI, Crystal (with Lois Herbine), and Viooh International.

Composer Daniel Dorff has been commissioned by the Philadelphia and Minnesota orchestras and performed by the Baltimore, Detroit, and Pittsburgh symphonies and the Louisville Orchestra as well as chamber concerts of the Chicago and St. Louis symphonies, and by flutists Rampal, Peck, Schocker and Herbine. He has created arrangements for Sir James Galway and pop musicians Keith Emerson and Lisa Loeb.

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Thank You

Dear Carmel Friends,

What a gift from our great God that He has put me among you! Your friendships are priceless to me. Your show of love and support for my family and I at the time of my husband's death was uplifting and brought me to tears not from grief but from gratitude.

Special thanks to the Carmel Deacons for the delicious and massive dinner that Carol Moll made, delivered by both Carol and Gary because there was so much! And thanks for the flowers delivered by our Shepherds.

Thank you Pastor Thornton, Pastor Visco-Rusert, Abby Palmisano and PJ Heckman for making the memorial service special. Great words of comfort, great music!

God loves you and so do I,
Karen Bogle

To Everyone at Carmel,

Thanks for your many cards and phone calls, and the visits from Leslie Donaghy, Jim, and Abigail while I was in the hospital and in St. Joseph's Villa. I picture your smiling faces as I look at the many signatures on the letter everyone signed on that Sunday morning.

Walt brought me pictures of the choir in red, waving at me from the pews after the service on Pentecost. The red carnations really sealed the celebration. I listened to the tapes of the services, but it feels so much better attending the service in person!

Anne Newman

Dear Friends,

I want to express my appreciation and thanks for the lovely bouquet of communion flowers delivered by Shepherd Mary Ann Hausher recently. Her visit and the flowers certainly brightened the day.

The letter from Carmel filled with friendly signatures was another bright spot for me. It means so much to have such wonderful thoughts and prayers holding us up and giving us strength.

Thank you,
Roy McGlade

This month edited by Heidi Lindsay

Next Courier Deadline —

October 9, 2011

Editor of the month —

Janet Simon

This and That



Prayers and best wishes are offered to **Rev. George "Skip" T. Brecht III** who recently celebrated 30 years of ordination as a Presbyterian Minister. A "Carmel Kid", Skip is the son of **George and Millie Brecht** and brother of **Lynne Coulter and Bill Brecht**.



Four long-time Carmel members joined the Church triumphant. We extend our sympathies to their family members and friends. Please keep them in your prayers.

Fred Rockett, 8-22-11
 John Merry, 8-25-11
 Virginia Sonneborn, 9-1-11
 Rosemary Harting, 9-10-11



Carmel members recently spending time in the hospital:

Kay Bauer
 Carolyn Crotinger
 Elizabeth Fitze
 Curtis Frederickson
 Doris Golingan
 Betty McGlade

Consider reaching out to our Carmel family while they are on the mend. A telephone call or get well card will certainly brighten the spirits.

A Perspective On Perils

Martin Luther's wife, Kate, said, "I would never have known the meaning of various Psalms, come to appreciate certain difficulties or known the inner workings of the soul; I would never have understood the practice of the Christian life and work, if God had never brought afflictions to my life."

Martin Luther went one step further, saying, "Oh! His grace and goodness toward us is so immeasurably great, that without great assaults and trials it cannot be understood."



Carmel Family Activities

Carmel To Host Tuesday Noon Organ Recital Series

By Abby Palmisano

The first recital, on October 4th, will be presented by Bruce Shultz and friends. Bruce is the tonal designer of our Carmel organ and is the organist at St. Francis de Sales RC Church in Philadelphia and teaches at Girard College.

The second Tuesday recital, on October 11, will be performed by Jeffrey Fowler, from Wayne Presbyterian Church. Many people know Jeff as the rehearsal conductor of the "One Joyful Choir" for the Presbytery of Philadelphia's recent fund raising concert performed at the Kimmel Center.

On October 18 we welcome Elizabeth Forsyth from Oak Lane Presbyterian and flutist, Courtenay Hardy.

The final recital, on October 25, will be played by Kathleen Scheide, from All Hallows Episcopal Church, Wyncote and Westminster Choir College.

Please mark your calendars now and help spread the word to your friends



and neighbors. Four wonderful organists from the Philadelphia area will be treating us each Tuesday in October at 12 noon to 30 to 40 minutes of glorious music.

Come and enjoy a mid-day break. All recitals are free of charge and are sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

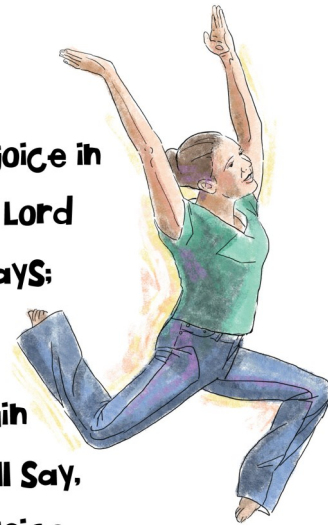
Stewardship Report

As of September 11, 2011:

Anticipated:	\$193,307.37
Received:	\$198,774.49
Difference	\$5,470.12

**Rejoice in
the Lord
always:**

**again
I will say,
Rejoice.**



Philippians 4:4, NRSV

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Only a few short weeks into retirement, Pat comments that it still feels odd to get up and not head into the office. Given that the office is often the hub of activity during the week, Pat says she will miss the people and daily interaction more than anything,

So what will she do with all of this new found time? She estimates that she may be bored by Christmas and is looking forward to sorting the many pictures accumulated over the years and organizing them into albums. Pat also anticipates doing some volunteer work. Pat and Gene have 10 grandchildren, 6 boys and four girls. I'm sure spending a lot of time with them will help ease her boredom!

Join us on Sunday, October 23rd after the service as we recognize Pat's service and celebrate her retirement!

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Deacons Bonnie Miller reported to Session on the recent activities of the Board of Deacons and presented the September Mission Interpretation Proposal in the amount of \$9100, which Session approved. \$4100 is to be disbursed from the Deacons' Fund, and \$5000 from Trust Fund B Interest.

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Louis Anthony deLise works as a composer of concert music, arranges and conducts for pop records, composes for film and teaches at the Boyer College of Music and Dance (Temple University) and Rowan University. His recording credits include a number one chart album for Patti LaBelle. His theme for the television series, PrimeTime ("It's the PrimeTime of My Life") is recognized as a Philadelphia classic.

Time To Saddle Up!

By Bill Miller

October is the month when we ask you to consider your stewardship pledge for the upcoming year. This year we are using the saddlebag format similar to how we have managed this campaign for the past few years.

Everybody is a cowpoke in this roundup. When you receive the saddlebag, prayerfully consider your pledge for next year. We don't want to stampede your decision, but please head 'em up and move 'em out to the next person on your list and encourage them to do likewise. We would like to skedaddle these saddle bags back to the gospel mill (church) post haste so we can finish our ciphering for next year.

When you are considering your pledge, don't worry about biting off more than you can chew, your mouth is bigger than you think.

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Okay back to the service. We had four different churches join us. The four pastors in the area decided to cancel their services for the night and tell their congregations about the service we would be holding. When we arrived there were many people already there, and once music was put on everyone was dancing. Yes I mean everyone; even Gary got caught up in it all. It was truly magical, everyone going crazy and having that much fun with the Dominicans. Everything went smoothly other than not knowing all of the words to a song. Danielle and Christine danced [liturgical dance] while Abigail sang and played the guitar. That, other than dancing was my favorite part of the night.



Chelsea Dyjak

Small group meetings followed, and in these groups we talked about how we are all equal in the eyes of God, Dominican and American, rich and poor, young and old. Taking up the mantle from there- Abigail talked to the team in Large Group on the roof. We were reminded of the lessons we have learned from the Dominicans, to be patient, passionate, and playful- and of God's Grace.

John Santangelo and Anthony DePice

The full daily accounts with photos of our DR mission trip are available online at www.presbycarmel.org Click on DR Mission Trip Blog.

A Guide For Giving

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little.

"If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures exclude them."
—C.S. Lewis



NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

By Jan Heckman

Falling leaves, pumpkins, hayrides, and cooler weather will be some of the topics of discussion in October at Carmel Nursery School. The students and their families are going to Kohler Farms for our first field trip of the school year. The autumn hayride will bring smiles to the children's faces as they experience some pretty exciting sights along the way. At the



end of the ride everyone picks a pumpkin to take home. This trip has been a family favorite for many years.

Our Halloween parade will take place on Monday, October 31, at 10:00 am. Weather permitting, the children will walk around the outside of the building wearing amazing costumes for all to see before heading back to their classrooms for some treats. If the weather does not cooperate, the parade will take place in Carmel Hall.

We are selling KidStuff Coupon books again this year to build our fundraiser monies. Each book is \$25 and is loaded with savings for all ages. It is easy to recoup your book's expense as soon as you begin to use the coupons. There are savings on food, clothing, furniture, department stores, entertainment, and much more! The nursery school receives half of the amount of each book sold. Save money and help Carmel Nursery School by purchasing a coupon book in October.

In celebrating our 50th anniversary, I am continuing to introduce you to the teachers who make it all possible. This month, I will introduce you to the teachers in our Pre-kindergarten class.



Melissa MacFarland is the lead teacher and has been working at Carmel Nursery School for almost 10 years. Melissa is a member of Carmel Presbyterian Church and has also worked for many years as a Sunday School teacher. Melissa's partner is Lee Ann Dahme. Lee Ann has worked at the nursery school for over 10 years. She started when her children were the age to attend school here. Her daughter, Danielle, now entering high school, and son, Tim, are both graduates of the nursery school. Melissa and Lee Ann have worked together as team for several years. They are both avid Phillies fans and use their sports enthusiasm to make school fun for their students!

There are still a few spaces left for the 2011/2012 school year. Carmel Nursery School offers programs for children aged two to five. Extended hours are available. If you are interested in any of the programs that Carmel has to offer, call the office at 215-886-7677. Better yet, schedule a tour and see why amazing things happen here!

Sunday Lectionary Readings

October 2 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 **Communion**

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

October 9 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32:1-4

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

October 16 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

October 23 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

October 30 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12


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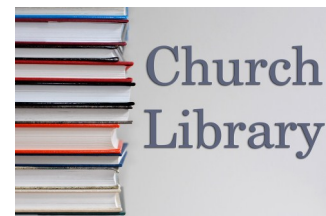
May we be inspired by Mrs. Rockett's cradle roll and take a chance, trusting that the news we have to share is not only good but life changing. If everyone at Carmel just invited one person to come to church, probably at least half of those invited would consider stopping by. And even if people say no, we've planted a seed in their hearts. Be God's hands and feet! We, as a community, are the ones who can continue to spread the message of what God has done

New Library Hours

To best meet the needs of Carmel's voracious readers, the library has changed its hours to fit the new Sunday schedule:

9:30-10:00 AM during coffee hour

11:00-11:30 AM after Worship



Mission Yearbook



By Betty McGlade

The Synod of the Pacific supports the mission of its 11 presbyteries, 450 churches and 97,535 members in the states of California, Idaho, Nevada and Oregon. In addition to mission work, the synod trains pastors and church leaders to help grow Christ's church deep and wide.

“Here is the church. Here is the steeple. Open the doors and see the people.”

These words are not merely a rhyme for children, but represent the collective vision of the congregations throughout the Presbytery of Boise in the collective states of Idaho, Nevada and Oregon. The 16 congregations involved engage in a variety of ministries that promote worship and service, outreach and stewardship as they seek to grow Christ's church deep and wide.

One church encourages members to participate in mission service as a part of its worship experience on fifth Sundays. Another congregation hosts an outreach lunch for local high school students each Thursday, while another church sponsors a children's ministry for neighborhood kids. Other churches sponsor a Christmas shopping trip for children, summer concerts, a bilingual Sunday school for children, and many others. Each ministry challenges participants to move beyond doing what is



merely comfortable and they bring the church into contact with people who might otherwise be overlooked or ignored.

A small church with a big vision

Delhi Community Presbyterian Church in the San Joaquin Valley in California is a member of the Stockton Presbytery. It is a small church of 60 members but with a big vision that they call “Impacting Our Community for Jesus Christ.” One way this is lived out is through a food ministry. Delhi is a relatively poor community and it seems that hunger has always been present there, so the church opened a food closet.

For years, Stockton Presbytery has collected funds for Two-Cents-a-Meal, and the Delhi church joined in. Cans appeared at every potluck and coffee hour; monies collected bought more food and food coupons that provided perishables from a grocery store. As the economic situation worsened, the church saw the need to expand the food closet. New refrigeration was donated, and the church began to distribute small quantities of perishable items.

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Carmel Memorial Library



By Nancy Rose

SMOKIN' SEVENTEEN: The newest Stephanie Plum thriller finds our bail bondswoman on the hit list after dead bodies begin showing up in shallow graves on the empty lot of her work place. In addition to staying alive and finding the killer, Stephanie is being urged to choose between her long-time on-again off-again boyfriend cop Morelli and the “bad boy” security expert Ranger. While you are on the edge of your seat with the suspense you will also spend many pages laughing over the antics of Lula and Grandma. By Janet Evanovich. (F Ev)

Gifts of Nancy Rose

RESCUE: Sheila Arsenault is rescued from a car wreck by rookie paramedic Peter Webster and, of course, they fall in love. But all does not go well. Sheila, quite troubled by her past life, leaves Peter to raise their daughter Rowan alone. Rowan, much like her mother, is becoming wild at 18, and Peter asks Sheila to return to help set things straight. By Anita Shreve. (F Sh)

THE ISLAND: Upheaval in the life of daughter Chess, canceling her wedding at the last minute, causes Mother Birdie to escape with her daughters and sister to an island off Nantucket where there are no conveniences. All sorts of

interesting truths are revealed and surprises unveiled, By Elin Hilderbrand. (F Hi)



Many of our Carmel book lovers are devouring the books in our Library by Beverly Lewis. These books, while fiction in nature, give an inside look at the day-to-day life of the Amish of Pennsylvania. Great characters, mystery, love and tradition are intertwined in these stories. Three more are on order to join the nine that are already there.

For Younger Readers

THEODORE BOONE: THE ABDUCTION– Adult or young reader, if you have read Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer, you know you will enjoy this sequel. No one knows why Theodore’s best friend April has disappeared from her bed in the middle of the night. Police are at a dead end and it is up to Theodore Boone to find April. By John Grisham. (j F Gr)

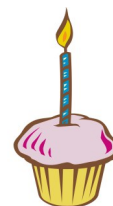
There are wonderful seasonal books for children in our Library. Below is a sampling of the Autumn books:

Gift of Dr. E.S. McDaniel, Jr. in memory of his wife, Mrs. Louise McDaniel: THE FALL OF FREDDIE THE LEAF, A Story of Life for All Ages: Children and adults alike will be touched by this story of Freddie the leaf and his friends as they pass through the seasons while illustrating the delicate balance between life and death. By Leo Buscaglia, Ph.D.

Gift of the Carmel Weekday Nursery School: ONE LITTLE, TWO LITTLE, THREE LITTLE APPLES: The whole family joins in picking, readying and eating a wonderful favorite fall season treat: apple pie! By Matt Ringler. (j F Ri)

FALL IS HERE! I LOVE IT! Wonderful colors and illustrations remind us of all the things we enjoy about the Fall: trees changing color, apple cider, pumpkins and closing up the gardens, planting bulbs for the Spring. By Elaine W. Good. (j F Go)

AROUND THE YEAR: A celebration for every month of the year. An “enchanted treasury of the seasons.” Only Tasha Tudor; could do this right! (j 508 Tu)



*Another Year
Together*

Anniversary wishes go to **Frank** and **Betty Boclair** who will celebrate 55 years of marriage on October 6th.



Birthday wishes go to **George Schiel** who will turn 95 on October 10th. **Jeanne Kauffman** will blow out the candles on October 12th when she celebrates 94 years. The youngster for this month, **Toddie Tompkins**, will turn 90 on October 16th.

MISSION from page 15

Donations came to the church plus a generous grant and Delhi's food program is making an impact on its community. Hardly a day goes by that someone does not come in for a food bag, and it's a rare week when local kids don't receive a meal at the Tuesday children's program.

Native American ministry

Ministry among the Native Americans began shortly after the European immigrants arrived. The first Bible published in America (1633) was written in the Algonquin language. The first Indian Presbyterian Church was established in 1641 among the Shinnecock Indians on Long Island.

At the meeting of the first presbytery established in 1706 in Philadelphia, it is believed that 37 Indian pastors attended. They learned to speak English and taught missionaries their native languages. The largest number of Native American churches was founded in the late 1700s to the early 1800s.



Children's Church Kicks Off With New Program And Coordinators



By Karen Bogle

We are a work in progress this year, but excitedly looking forward to helping our children understand our worship service and its parts, from prelude to postlude and everything in between.

We will use some of the same scripture used during adult worship that day. We'll have drama, art, crafts, cooking, music, singing, you name it. Every week will hold new surprises. Every week we'll welcome new visitors. Every week we'll worship our Great God through children's eyes!

Parents of children attending regularly or once in awhile, please email or call Karen Bogle or Melissa MacFarland with the following information: name of child, names of parents, emergency contact number, medical/allergy info, and email address for future announcements.

We would love to add you to our list of helpers, please consider volunteering in this exciting ministry.

DEACONS from page 5

several years and would to have some additional walking companions. It is actually less of a walk and more of a short stroll; so don't be scared to join in. The walk raises funds for Church World Service's Hunger Relief Programs.

While you have your sneakers on, the Greater Philadelphia Walk to Defeat ALS will be held at Citizens Bank Park on November 5th. The two mile walk kicks off at 11:00 AM and is the ALS Association's largest nationwide fundraising event. Please see Wes Rose (or Kelly, Ray or Nancy) if you would like information on donating to Team Absolutely Living Strong.

Upcoming Mission Dinner, Mmmm!

Please join us on October 9th from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM for our first ever Mission Dinner! We'll have our DR Mission Team from last year share with the congregation about their trip, as well as introduce our summer mission trip for 2012.

Attendees will have the opportunity to be the first to sign up and secure their spot for our Summer 2012 Mission Trip...somewhere in the USA. See you there, and bring a side or dessert to share!"



WHERE TO
THIS YEAR?

Moody Me: Trick or Treat




One year I dressed up as a witch for Halloween: ugly green rubber mask, long purple fingernails and a straggly black wig that stuck out from under my pointy hat. I thought the neighborhood kids would love coming to the door for candy and finding a genuine witch giving it out! Most did but 4 year-old Lisa who came with her mother was terrified and ran down the steps screaming. I tried to reassure her by running after her and saying, "Lisa, don't be afraid. It's just me!" which made it fifty times worse because now the witch was coming after her!

Poor Lisa. I don't know if she ever went Trick or Treating again, but that experience taught me something not to forget. People, especially kids, read the moods on loved ones' faces. If I'm in a funk - angry, dejected or sullen - they might easily think they did something *bad*. So even as I deal with my own inner turmoil, I still want to be mindful of them, "I'm having a hard time right now but I want to reassure you that it's me, not you."

If your moods are so intense you aren't aware of others around you, consider consulting with someone who could help you address this. (Call **215-247-6077** for the **Samaritan Counseling Center** nearest you.)

Kids Korner





HOW TO GIVE

We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

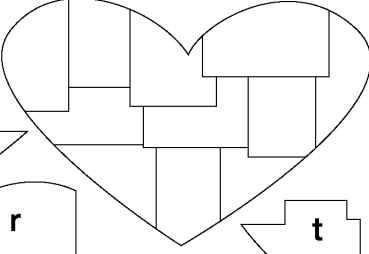
Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...

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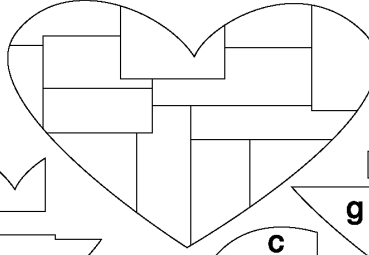
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... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...

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Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver