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Carmel Presbyterian Church of Glenside, PA 19038-

Welcome to our new members



By Janet Simon

On Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011, nine young people from our confirmation class were publicly welcomed into membership of Carmel Presbyterian Church. They have participated in classes led by Rev. Abigail Visco Rusert and Rev. Dr. James Thornton since October, 2010.

The confirmands presented their statements of faith to Session, witnessed by their families and mentors, on Sunday evening, April 10, and were approved into membership by Profession of Faith. They are:

Mark T. Brown, son of Harry and Lori Brown
Brooke Clouse, daughter of David and Lara Clouse
Danielle Dyjak, daughter of Ray and Judy Dyjak
Miranda Hartsock, daughter of Kathleen Hartsock
Sarah Heintz, daughter of Steven and Marleen Heintz
Steven Heintz, Jr., son of Steven and Marleen Heintz
Kurt Howard, son of Robert and Janet Howard
Devon Kluver, daughter of Julian and Cindy Kluver
Courtney Vincent, daughter of Judy Vincent and the late William Vincent

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A Pastoral Message

Presbyterian Heritage Sunday – May 29

On May 29, 2011, we will celebrate Presbyterian Heritage Sunday. Most of what follows is a brief history that can be found on the Presbyterian Historical Society website. Presbyterianism in a wide sense is the system of church government by representative assemblies called presbyteries, in opposition to government by bishops (episcopal system), or by congregations (congregationalism).

In its strict sense, Presbyterianism is the name given to one of the groups of ecclesiastical bodies that represent the features of Protestantism emphasized by French lawyer John Calvin (1509-1564), whose writings crystallized much of the reformed thinking that came before him.

Presbyterians were among the earliest Reformed immigrants to America. They settled up and down the east coast, and began to push westward into the American wilderness, founding congregations as early as the 1630s. In 1706, seven Presbyterian ministers met in Philadelphia and formed the Presbytery of Philadelphia, the first Presbyterian presbytery in the New World.

The clergy assumed the freedom to organize and the right to worship,



preach and teach, and to administer the sacraments. Growing population and immigration caused the Presbytery to organize the Synod of Philadelphia in 1716. The church began to develop its own indigenous leadership and educational, mission and charitable institutions.



Presbyterians were only one of the reformed denominations that dominated American colonial life at the time of the Revolutionary War. Presbyterians participated in the writing of state and national constitutions. Reformed views of God's sovereignty and of human sinfulness moved the new nation toward checks and balances and separation of powers. Independence forced adjustment in church as well as government structures.

In 1788, the Synod met in Philadelphia to form the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (PCUSA). They adopted a constitution that included a form of government, a directory of worship, subscription to the Westminster Confession and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms. In 1789, the General Assembly held its first meeting in Philadelphia.

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In the early years of the 1800s, the church carried on revivals and organized congregations, presbyteries, and synods wherever they went, emphasizing the connectional nature of the church.

Presbyterians helped as well to shape



voluntary societies to encourage educational, missionary, evangelical, and reforming work. As the church began to realize that these functions were corporate in nature and as the century proceeded, it formed its own boards and agencies to address these needs at home and abroad. Mission to Native Americans, African Americans, and populations all over the world became a hallmark of the church. The nineteenth century was also characterized by disagreement and division over theology, governance, and reform — particularly slavery.

The themes of the late nineteenth and all of the twentieth century are many. To be Presbyterian is to be ecumenical, and the church participated in the many organizations such as the Alliance of the Reformed Churches throughout the World holding the Presbyterian System (which became the World Alliance of Reformed Churches), the Federal Council of Churches and its successor, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, and the Consultation on Church Union succeeded by Churches Uniting in Christ.

This era also saw an amazing growth and decline of foreign mission work and controversy and division over worship and the confessions. Women's issues, civil rights and other social justice issues, and service to diverse congregations, including Korean Americans, were also significant in the life of the church. Reorganization and loss of membership characterized this period as well.

Presbyterian denominations in the United States have split and parts have reunited several times. Currently the largest group is the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), of which we are members. It has its national offices in Louisville, KY. It was formed in 1983 as a result of reunion between the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (PCUS), the "southern stream," and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. (UPCUSA), the "northern stream." The UPCUSA was formed by the merger (1958) of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, descending from the Philadelphia Presbytery of 1706, and the United Presbyterian Church of North America, which had been constituted (1858) by a union of two older churches.

Join us on May 29
as we celebrate the rich
heritage that is ours.



Celebrate Our Heritage

*Rev. James
Thornton*

Board Updates

Session Notes

By Cindy Gerhard

The following are among items of business that were considered and approved by the Session at its Special Meeting on April 10 and its Regular Meeting on April 12. Additional information can be found in *Courier* articles submitted by individual committees.

The following members of the **2011 Confirmation Class** were received into membership by the Session on April 10 and welcomed by the congregation during morning worship on Palm Sunday: Mark T. Brown, Brooke Clouse, Danielle Ashley Dyjak, Miranda Scarlett Hartsock, Sarah Elizabeth Heintz, Steven Michael Heintz, Jr., Kurt Howard, Devon Kluver, and Courtney Suzanne Vincent.



Confirmation

A special celebration of the **Carmel Weekday Nursery School's 50th anniversary** is scheduled for Sunday, September 25, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in Carmel Hall.

Rev. Visco Rusert is planning to lead a **Summer Adult Education** small group (6 to 10 person) Bible study entitled "Read the Bible in 90 Days." Dates and times will be announced shortly.



Have you checked out the **Carmel website** recently? Recent upgrades to the homepage include installation of an image management plugin and placement of an image rotator, as well as three custom post types.

Carmel has "adopted" and begun to support a new **mission worker, Chris McReynolds**, who is the US Coordinator for Proyecto Amistad Border Ministry in Laredo, Texas. Our formerly sponsored mission workers Irma and Salvador de la Torre in Kenya have retired. Please continue to keep them in prayer, as well as Chris, the Bakers in Northern Ireland, Magda Iskander in Egypt, and the Wheelers in Honduras.



Deacons Notes

By Heidi Lindsay

The month starts off with our American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, May 3, from 1:30 to 7:30 in Carmel Hall. Please remember to keep your scheduled appointment time. The Red



Cross advises those donating to wear comfortable clothes, drink plenty of fluids, eat iron rich foods in the days beforehand and to bring a list of any medications being taken. It is not too late if you haven't made an appointment yet. Please call Lara Clouse or the Church Office, 215-887-1074, to check remaining appointment times.

Just a few days later will be the delivery and pick up of Mother's Day flower orders. Orders can be picked up in the lobby on Friday, May 6, from 12-4 or Saturday, May 7, from 9-11. Thank you to everyone who supported this special project. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Cradle of Hope, located just down the street from our congregation.



Carmel has a very well developed relationship with Cradle of Hope, which ministers to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of single mothers with financial need ages 18 and over and their children, ages 0 to 24 months. The residents follow a family centered program in which they are required to plan and cook meals, do chores and pay rent. They also attend workshops, Bible study and counseling. The goal is to enable mothers to get full-time employment and permanent housing.

The Board recently selected Chris McReynolds as our newest missionary and will initially provide \$1,000 in support through Trust Fund B interest. Chris works on the US/Mexico border, serving as the coordinator at Presbyterian Border Ministry's Proyecto Amistad site. At this site, PC(USA) and the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico collaborate on evangelism, new church development, empowerment and mission education. We are excited to begin this new relationship and look forward to learning more about his work.

On the Food Cupboard front, we are making a special appeal to the congregation for cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce and canned fruit. Some



members have asked me about the cupboard because it has not exactly been overflowing. The good news is that the

shelves look empty because we are getting the food to those in need very quickly. The bad news is that the need for these items has never been greater. Empty shelves means there is plenty of room for donations.

Do you know about Carmel's Prayer Community? This is a quiet ministry through which Carmel members have committed to meaningful prayer for those connected to our congregation. The power of prayer cannot be underestimated. Please contact Sue Lohoefer or



Rev. Abigail Visco Rusert if you would like information on how to become involved or if you would like to be included in our prayers.

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Carmel is fortunate to receive this group of enthusiastic and sincere young people as new church members. We encourage you to warmly welcome them and to encourage them in their continued faith journey and their role in the church.

Flip the switch

By Bill Miller
For the Stewardship
Committee



Stewardship, by definition, is the conducting, supervising, or managing of something; especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care (stewardship of natural resources.)

Repeatedly, God instructed humanity on proper stewardship of the earth. From His instructions on land use management, He repeatedly visits issues intended to extend earth's useful life to peoples' benefit and God's glory. Lev. 25:23-24: *The land is mine and you are but aliens and my tenants. Throughout the country that you hold as a possession, you must provide for the redemption of the land.*

What Landlord is not concerned with the proper maintenance of their asset? Would God be less of a Landlord than an individual? Consider for a minute that acts of conservation are consistent with God's desires as we occupy his creation.

One could argue that we were given the Earth to do with as we see fit, but I submit that embedded in God's interventions with humanity is His desire for us to maintain and perpetuate this habitat for our benefit and His glory.

Consider the simple act of turning out the lights when you leave a room. You probably reprimand others in your house for leaving lights on but what do you do when leaving a room at church. Now, if you are always the first one out, that says something else, but if you occasionally leave an empty room, please consider that you failed to follow God's instructions regarding the conservation of natural resources.

It's so simple, and yet it seems so hard to remember. Turning off the lights when you leave a room saves electricity, and saving electricity conserves natural resources and saves money. Depending on the type of bulbs and the period it will be off, the savings varies. However, it is argued by electrical engineers that if you leave a room for five minutes or more, you will save money even withstanding the diminished lifespan of bulbs.



Year to date Stewardship Report as of April 17, 2011

Anticipated	\$83,591.08
Received	130,260.28
Difference	46,669.20



Carmel celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism of **Devon Grace Kluver** on Sunday, April 17.

Devon is the daughter of Julian and Cindy Kluver and we ask God's blessing on her as we welcome her into the community of faith at Carmel.

The Carmel Family has been invited to attend a memorial service for **Helen Eddy**, a former long-time member of our church.

It will be held on Saturday, May 14, at 3:00 PM at Gwynedd Square Presbyterian Church.



Thank You



Dear Carmel Family,

Thanks so much for the beautiful bouquet for our anniversary. The white tulips were lovely and one of my favorite flowers. It is great to be a part of such a loving and caring family.

Love to all,
Harry and Floss Gutekunst

Dear friends and gentle people,

Just a brief note to say how much we enjoyed the beautiful bouquet of flowers you sent to us for our anniversary, and also to thank Bertha Campbell and Mary Hausher for delivering them. Thanks, too, for the congregational letter signed by so many of you.

Sincerely,
Helma and Walt Montz

Dear Carmel Family,

Thank you for your continued prayers and concerns expressed in the recent letter signed by so many Carmel members, and I could picture each and everyone. I also appreciated very much the lovely bouquet delivered by Shepherd Melissa MacFarland.

A simple “thank you” doesn’t seem to be enough, but I am truly grateful to be a part of such a warm and helpful congregation.

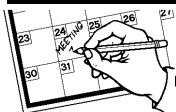
Sincerely,
Roy McGlade

Saying “I do” — a great idea



Golden wedding anniversaries are always special but when they are celebrated in the lovely spring month of May they can’t get much better. **Jack and Rosie Harting** evidently had the same idea when they selected May 5 as a wedding date 55 years ago.

Also agreeing with this glorious idea are **Bob and Janet Sommer** who said their vows on May 19 the same year. Their Carmel friends offer congratulations and wish them God’s blessings in their journeys through life.



Carmel Family Activities

NEEDED . . .

By Janet Simon

. . . YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS for a Silent Auction to benefit the 2011 Dominican Republic Mission Trip. The Silent Auction will be held on May 21 in conjunction with the DR fundraising Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show.



What can you give? Gift certificates for goods or services, tickets to sporting events or concerts, time at your vacation home, a home-cooked gourmet meal, a ride on your boat, handcrafted or art items, new regifted items, etc. You can probably think of others.

Contact Abigail Visco Rusert, Gary Moll, or Janet Simon if you can donate or have questions. Also, support the 18-member Dominican Republic Mission group by attending the May 21 Spaghetti Dinner/Talent Show (more information elsewhere in the *Courier*) and by bidding on our Silent Auction items. You'll have a good time and support a very worthy cause to benefit our Dominican brothers and sisters in Christ.

Carmel Presbyterian Women



By Betty McGlade

Tuesday and Wednesday, May 17 and 18

– Our Tuesday Circle meets in the evening at member homes, and anyone wishing to join us can contact Pat Morris. The Wednesday Circle meets in the Fellowship Lounge at noon with Leader Pat Newman



and you would also be most welcome to join them. We are still working our way through the Book of Revelation and, as we all know, there is always

something new to learn.

Blankets/Tools of Hope – As we have done in previous years, we are assisting Church World Service with their mission project which is now known as **“Blankets +”** and which gives them greater opportunity to respond to disasters and assist communities with the tools they need to build sustainable lives. During the month of May Bonnie Miller will present a Minute for Mission on this project and there will be special envelopes in the pew racks for your donation. Please make your check payable to Carmel Presbyterian Women and specify “Blankets +.”

Sewing Group activity

A large box of small children's clothes, plus donated stuffed animals, is being prepared to be sent to the Elizabeth Parrish Day Care Center in Camden, Alabama, which is a very depressed area. In addition, specially made hospital pillows have been sent to Abington Hospital and Heritage Towers and children's handmade hospital gowns to the Smile Train. Next month we will be preparing many more completed items to be sent to other mission locations.



Donations of children's new and "gently used" clothing is always needed and appreciated. These items can be left in the office with a note for the "sewing group." Also, donations of material, yarn and postage money will be much appreciated in addition to "hands on" help.

Who's got talent?

By Abigail Visco Rusert and Janet Simon

Attention children, youth and adults! Talent acts from any age group are needed for Carmel's 2011 Talent Show on Saturday, May 21, in the Chapel. If you can sing, dance, act, juggle or do comedy routines WE NEED YOU!



Contact Rev. Abigail Visco Rusert (revabigail@gmail.com) with your interest or questions.

Everyone can come out to eat and enjoy! The Talent Show will be preceded by a Spaghetti Dinner in Carmel Hall between 5:00-6:30 PM. The Dinner and Talent Show are a joint effort of the Carmel Youth Group and Mission Team. Proceeds from the dinner and Talent Show (free will offering) will benefit the summer Dominican Republic Mission Trip.

The menu will include spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, bread, dessert and beverages. *Please note that prices this year have been reduced.* Prices are \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children nine and under, and maximum family price \$25.00.



Put May 21 on your calendar for an evening of fun and fellowship which will also benefit our summer mission trip fundraising. Our DR Mission Trip will be helping to build a housing facility for hearing impaired teens and young adults in *San Pedro de Macoris*. Remember that every penny you donate is tax deductible!



There is nothing as special
“as a day in May” and especially May 31
 when **Helen Wagner** will celebrate her
 95th birthday.

Her family of friends at Carmel
 wish her a very happy day of celebration
 with many wonderful memories.



Sunday, May 8

If you have a mom,
 there is nowhere you are
 likely to go where a prayer
 has not already been.

— *Anonymous*

Fact or fib?

Famous American fibs:

- *The check is in the mail.
- *I'll start my diet tomorrow.
- *One size fits all.
- *Offer limited to first 100 callers.

Everyone knows the fib is a fake,
 even the fibber. But the fibs are so frequent
 they are a part of the fabric of our commu-
 nication.

Ever consider **fibs of the faith?** Test these:

- *We'll be praying for you.
 (Will you really?)
- *After extensive prayer and Bible
 study, I conclude
 (Oh, really?)
- *God told me....
 (Oh, really?)
- *A great number of people are
 upset about...
 (You and who else?)

--McCormick First Baptist Church
 McCormick, SC



A tip of the hat . . .

By Janet Simon



Wes Rose and Sue Lohoefer, both members of Carmel's board of Deacons, have each been honoured with recent awards in their respective professions.

Dr. Wes Rose was presented with the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching at the Arcadia University Honors Convocation. This coveted award results from student nominations and comments, and is considered a high honor in academic circles. Wes is an Assistant Professor of Biology at Arcadia and teaches Cell Biology, Immunology, Microbiology, and General Biology.

Sue Lohoefer received the Fred M. Coombs Honor Award, the highest honor given out by the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society, to someone "whose efforts have had lasting value and served to increase awareness of the importance of the field." Sue received the award for her "vision, commitment, thoughtfulness, innovation, professionalism and intelligence."

She is the former director of the Upper Dublin Township Parks and Recreation Department and is currently the facility and community affairs manager for the Upper Dublin School District.

Congratulations to Wes and Sue for the honors which they have received. Carmel knows that our Deacons are great, individually and collectively! Photos and articles about these two awards may be found on the Narthex Bulletin Board.



Abington Memorial Hospital's patient list this past month included **Mary Ann Beck, Gene Morris, David Rice, and Ruth Ann Quigley** (N.S. teacher.) Luther Woods Center is caring for **Caroline Haas; John Merry** remains at Brittany Pointe Rehab, and **Rosie Harting** is now at Fairview Center of Paper Mill Road for treatment. We ask that you keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Also to be remembered are those members who are recuperating or homebound, and they would also appreciate contact from their Carmel family.

This and That



Stars, Critters, Tooth Fairy and MOM!

By Jan Heckman, Director
Carmel Nursery School

The sun, moon, stars and planets will come to life for the four- and five-year old classes at Carmel Nursery School. These children will be going to the Upper Dublin Planetarium for their May field trip and the planetarium offers wonderful programs for that age group. This is the first time that many of the Carmel Nursery School students will be visiting the planetarium and we are all really excited about this new trip!



The two- and three-year old classes will be going to Briar Bush Nature Center for a walk through the wooded area. The children learn about all the living things growing in this vicinity. They also gain some knowledge about the critters scampering, swimming or flying by.



The students are making unique gifts and rehearsing some special songs to celebrate Mother's Day. The children will invite a special person in their life to join us at our annual

Mother's Day Tea.. Everyone will share delicious treats and be charmed by the love and energy that the children provide for this event.

In May we see the return of the Tooth Buddy Tales. Lively puppets that not only entertain but also teach the basics of caring for their teeth will amuse our students.

Summer Camp will be here soon. Registrations are now being accepted for children aged two to eight. Camp runs for six weeks from June 13 until July 22. Families may choose one week at a time or all six weeks. The science theme has remained a favorite and "Crazy Science Lab Summer" at Carmel Nursery School is a real blast!



Registrations are also being accepted for the fall. Carmel Nursery School offers programs for children aged two to five. Each program is geared toward that age group while catering to the needs of the individual child. If you are interested in any of the programs that Carmel has to offer, call the nursery school office at 215-886-7677. Better yet, schedule a tour and see why amazing things happen here!

A lesson learned from a movie

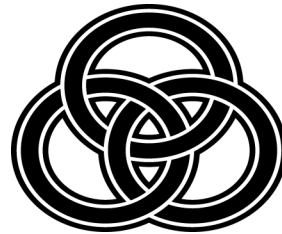
The first movie I ever saw in a theatre was *The Incredible Shrinking Man*. The poor guy went through a “radioactive” cloud while out fishing in a boat, and within days, started shrinking. When he became shorter than his young son, the man’s wife left with the kids as it was freaking out the whole family. There ensued exciting scenes of the man getting into skirmishes with the pet cat and – as he got tinier – using a sewing needle to fend off a spider. All pretty fabulous to the Saturday matinee crowd!

But the final scene took me beyond a kid adventure into a realm I’d never entered. The man got so small, he crawled outside through one of the tiny squares in a basement window screen. He looked up at the night sky with its vast expanse of stars and his voice rang out: “I may be small no one will ever see me, but you see me. No matter what happens, I am not afraid, for you are with me.” The movie ended and my wonder began.

If daily stressors prevent you from being aware of deeper realities, you may want to talk to someone about discovering meaning and purpose in your life. (Call **215-247-6077** for the **Samaritan Counseling Center** nearest you.)



Christian symbols



Three interwoven circles

Each circle in this symbol represents one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The circles, having no beginning and no end, signify the Trinity’s eternal nature. The circles’ interlacing symbolizes unity. In the center is a triangle, an ancient symbol of the Trinity.

Be optimistic

Count your blessings
instead of your crosses,
Count your gains
instead of your losses.
Count your joys
instead of your woes,
Count your friends
instead of your foes.

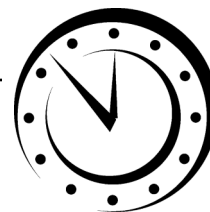
— Trinity United Methodist Church
Youngstown, Ohio

Sunday Lectionary Readings

May 1 Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	2nd Sunday of Easter Communion
May 8 Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	3rd Sunday of Easter
May 15 Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10	4th Sunday of Easter
May 22 Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	5th Sunday of Easter
May 29 Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	6th Sunday of Easter

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Next Courier Deadline:
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One minute

I have just a little minute,
only 60 seconds in it.
Forced upon me,
can't refuse it.
Didn't seek it,
\ didn't choose it.
But it's up to me
to use it.
I must suffer
if I abuse it;
Just a tiny, little minute,
but eternity is in it.

—Anonymous

In a world that
“couldn't care less,” we
are to be people who
couldn't care more.
Remember our heroes!



Mission Yearbook



By Betty McGlade

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies covers a big area in the west and includes the states of North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. It includes 908 churches with 154,000 members and serves in ministry and mission with seven Presbyterian institutions of higher education and the University of Du- buque Theological Seminary.

Benefits of learning

The Hau Kola and Hau Koda Learning Camps, a joint effort of the pres- byteries of Dakota and Balti- more in South Dakota, honor and nurture the lives of chil- dren, youth and adults through educational partner- ships with the ministries of the Native American churches in that area.



The camps grew out of a tutoring project that started in 1998 as an afternoon component of a morning vacation Bible school project on the Pine Ridge Reserva- tion in South Dakota. It soon became ap- parent that working on learning activities with children provided a benefit to both the learners and the tutors.

Although the Bible school tutoring program came to a close, new camps and learning models have emerged since 2003.

Until 2007, the camps were on the Pine Ridge Reservation, but the intention has always been to spread the camps through- out the 23 churches of the Presbytery of Dakota. In 2008, a camp was held on the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation in South Dakota, and in 2010, another camp opened at the Yankton Indian Reservation, also in South Dakota.

Experiencing connections to Christ

Members of the Presbytery of East Iowa believe that two of the indicators of growing and thriving churches are having a heart for missions and vibrant worship. This past year, the Brazil Partnership has been their mission focus.

Thirty-three churches in the pres- bytery raised \$45,000 to send to the Pres- bytery of Ceará in Fortaleza, Brazil, where churches have been able to purchase bricks, mortar, electri- cal wiring and plumb- ing fixtures because congregations in east- ern Iowa want congre- gations in Fortaleza to thrive. Just as impor- tant, relationships are flourishing as photos and e-mails are ex- changed and visitors travel back and forth between the two countries, experiencing firsthand the connection they have in Christ.



Facing the challenges

How does one grow Christ's church deep and wide when the congregation no longer relates to the surrounding community? The members of Nebraska's Homestead Presbytery worship in 56 churches in the eastern part of the



state and more than half are rural. Over the past ten years, there have been rapid economic changes in rural areas and family farms are being replaced by a few large corporate farms. At the same time, communities have been drained of people and resources with one consequence being the closing of six Homestead churches.

The presbytery worked hard to develop a way to assist struggling congregations and developed a team of three presbytery staff who meet regularly with pastors and session members of churches in difficult situations. The presbytery team has assisted a dozen churches through varying stages of the process, and has helped them focus on their strengths and opportunities for mission and ministry. The team remains in contact with these churches and offers continued resourcing, coaching and assisting them in facing the challenges of being a Presbyterian church in a changing world.



Something new in the library

By Gail Warburton, Librarian

An electronic magnifier has been donated to Carmel Presbyterian Church by Richard Cliff, son of Edna Cliff. It allows viewing of small print on documents, books, or magazines, and is located in Carmel's library by the hall window.

We trust it will be put to good use by our members. Please stop by the library for a demonstration.

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Gift from Carmel Nursery School. P IS FOR PUMPKIN, GOD'S HARVEST ALPHABET. With the help of the alphabet and the poetic storytelling of Kathy-Jo Wargin and the whimsical illustrations of Yawen Ariel Pang, this wonderful story awakens children's hearts to the wonder and wisdom of autumn. (jF Wa)

Carmel Memorial Library



By Nancy Rose, Library Staff

From the library of Grace Langford: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. This is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s unforgettable chronicle of his life and times. In a volume commissioned and authorized by his family, thousands of recordings and documents have been compiled to give us a new view of the student, son, husband and world leader: Martin Luther King. Edited by Clayborne Carson. (920 Ki)

Gifts of Susan Brooks: BEACH ROAD. James Patterson with his co-author Peter de Jonge, has written his wildest and most thrillingly unpredictable novel ever. Tom Dunleavy has a one-man law firm in the richest resort town in America: East Hampton, summer home to the super rich. However, his clients are the ones that serve the rich: the year-rounders. Then an old friend of Tom's is arrested for a triple murder which Tom is sure he did not commit. Tom solicits the help of old girlfriend, Kate Costello, and the excitement begins. (F Pa)

HIGH PROFILE, a Jesse Stone novel. When a controversial talk show host is found dead hanging from a tree, and a few days later the body of a young woman is found, it is up to police chief

Jesse Stone to solve the murders. The trouble is, no one seems to care. Jesse soon comes to realize that knowing whom to trust has become a matter of life and death. By Robert B. Parker. (F Pa)

For Younger Readers

Gifts of Carol Beil: 5 MINUTE GOODNIGHT STORIES. There are 36 5 minute stories in this wonderfully illustrated bedtime book, each story told with imagination and love. Publications International, LTD. (j398.2 Fi)

I'M STILL HERE IN THE BATHTUB. Brand new silly dilly songs by Alan Katz. (j 808.81 Ka)

DINASOURUMPUS – the dinosaurs are coming – get ready to romp. By Tony Mitton. (jF Mi)

GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE – Gerald, the giraffe, can't dance as his neck is too long and his legs too thin. All the other animals can dance; how sad for Gerald. But the cricket helps him to discover the secret to dancing. Just plain fun! By Giles Andrede. (jF An)

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