



## SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Carmel Memorial Library will not be open during the week, only on Sunday mornings before and after worship. That still leaves plenty of time to select a great book.

Adult Education and Enneagram classes will resume in the fall.

On June 16, Fellowship Time after worship moves to the Fellowship Lounge, located on the main floor just past the Nursery.

Also on June 16, the fan favorite [stump the organist] Hymn Sing begins! Join us 10 minutes before Sunday worship to request and sing selected verses.

### ROAM

ROAM will meet on Wednesday, June 5th at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Lounge. Please bring a lunch dish to share. Dessert will be provided. We will be having an end of the year Birthday Party for everyone! Join us for our end of the year party!



### “On Being” Podcast



A group from Carmel traveled to Congregation Rodeph Shalom in center city to hear Krista Tippett of NPR do a live “On Being” podcast in the last of a Year of Civil Conversations sponsored by Interfaith Philadelphia on April 28. Krista Tippett interviewed Shane Claiborne, who heads up Red Letter Christians and advocates for the homeless and against war, and Omar Saif Ghobash, former United Arab Emirates Ambassador to Russia and France.

The beautiful venue and the thought-provoking spiritual wisdom were appreciated by Carmel representatives Rev. Ashley Rossi, Kim Williams, Janet Simon, Dick and Mary Ellen Thomas, Lynne Schutt, and Beth Santangelo and daughters.

Among the ideas shared in the podcast were these: Interfaith is a spiritual border crossing. As we are worshiping God, is it making us more loving? Life is difference, and diversity exists within us. For Christians, how can you worship a homeless man on Sunday, and throw the homeless out on Monday?

--Janet Simon

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## refuge

### Refuge...giving thanks

- R – refuge is the best!
- E – eating together
- F – faith & fun in Jesus
- U – U make us laugh
- G – grace to accept everyone
- E – energy, energy, energy

Thank you, refuge kids – we love seeing you each week. Thank you, refuge parents - you feed us dinner and you trust us to feed your children spiritually. Thank you, refuge leaders – you tirelessly corral us for faith and fun. Thank you, Pastor Ashley – we lean on your leadership to thrive. —Joyce Kornfeld



## The Pentecost Experience (Acts 2)

**Pentecost (June 9)** – should you choose to celebrate it, does not make Christianity easier. Rather, it forces us to speak the gospel in lots of different languages. We must learn the language of the broken who come to church speaking words of lament and who sit in church right next to those with a new baby who just wants to “make a joyful noise.” *We must hear the language of those who have always been here and cherish Carmel’s traditions, but who sit next to those who wouldn’t know the Gloria Patri if it hit them upside the head. We must speak in the language of those who are in love with Jesus and find belief easy, as well as listen to those who struggle with unbelief and doubt. We dare not define a single language of spirituality, because the Spirit of Pentecost will not permit it.*

The Holy Spirit blows open the doors of the church, not only so that others can come in, speaking a variety of tongues, but also so that we can all go out to the world to participate in Christ’s mission out there. It’s fascinating that despite all the fuss about maintaining the identity of “the Twelve” after Pentecost, the term “disciple” is almost never heard again in the New Testament. *After that they were called the “apostles,” which means “those who are sent out.” We are “sent out” from worship as a people filled with Holy Spirit – which, after Pentecost, means we have the capacity to handle differences. That is what we’re supposed to learn in Christ’s church.*

Right now, our society is being torn apart by our inability to handle differences. Frequently, differences in religious belief are a part of the problem. But it was never intended to be the problem. Pentecost didn’t ask people to give up their different languages and cultures – it called them together despite those differences. Again, the church is called to be the place where we learn how to accept differences, to still make peace with one another, and to find compelling visions of a world held together only by the Holy Spirit who binds us all to God: Jew and Gentile, black and white, rich and poor, conservative and liberal. The church after Pentecost, if we choose to accept what the Holy Spirit makes it, is where we learn to do something other than protecting our differences. It is a place where we are pushed out of our sheltered little upper rooms into the world – a place where we’re called to give up ourselves to God’s greater causes.

**Dr. James W. Thornton**



## Hospital and Recuperating

Walt Newman

Nancy Phifer



## Happy 90th Birthday!!

Earl Rotenbury turns 90 on  
June 1



## Carmel Nursery School News

The 57th Graduation Day at Carmel Nursery School is here! On June 10th at 10:00 all of the children moving on to Kindergarten will perform a music program for family and friends in the Sanctuary. After the music program there will be celebrations, including diplomas, as everyone remembers their years at Carmel Nursery School.

The last day of school is on June 12th. This year our end of year picnic will be celebrated at Everybody’s Playground in Horsham from 10:00 to 12:00 on June 13th. There will be water ice, crafts, snacks, and games. All Carmel family and friends are invited to join us.

Soon after school ends, the summer camp program begins. Summer Camp begins on June 17th and runs until August 2nd. Parents may choose one week at a time or send their children for all seven weeks. This year there will be a different theme each week and there will be a water play day once a week. Each day the children will join in a structured morning of indoor and outdoor activities and a snack will be served daily.



Registrations have begun for summer camp and also for the fall of 2019. 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!

As another year comes to a close I want to share what a wonderful year we have had. I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Nursery School, most especially Karen Bogle, Lynne Schutt, Dick Thomas and Gene Morris. They have given so much time to the nursery school to keep our school heated, painted, safe, and beautiful. The support and encouragement from both church members and school families has been greatly appreciated. I feel we are making a connection and hope to make it stronger in the coming years.

—Leslie Rupp, Director

Don't forget to visit our website for updates, events and news!

[www.presbycarmel.org](http://www.presbycarmel.org)



## Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry Leadership Team will be holding a mini-retreat on June 15<sup>th</sup> to formulate plans for the upcoming 2019-2020 year. Led by Pastor

Ashley, this retreat will focus on educational tools, leadership development/spiritual formation, and parent involvement for both Refuge and Oasis programs. The leadership team hopes to discern a new vision and goals alongside a more structured and cohesive program at all age levels.



## 50+ Wedding Anniversaries

Harry and Sandy Hurlburt June 6 60th  
 Charlie and Mary Ann Beck June 15 56th  
 Mary and Jim Eby June 17 59th  
 Jim, Sr. and Barbara Thompson June 22 56th  
 Bob, Jr. and Cindy Gerhard June 22 51st  
 Ray and Nancy Rose June 26 54th  
 Walt and Anne Newman June 29 56th



## Men's Build Day for VBS

June 30th and July 14th after worship  
 @11:00AM



## From the Deacons

It's summertime and the Deacons are excited about being Called by

Christ during this season of communal care and restoration. We hope you've had a chance to peruse our informative Board of Deacons pamphlet, and maybe taken a moment to connect with your district deacon about why you love your church! If you have an outreach mission that you'd like to propose to our board for promotional support, please ask your district deacon for our easy to follow checklist.

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." –Proverbs 16:9

**Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** when we'll be hosting our annual **Aid For Friends Cook-In!**

There are a couple ways you can support this mission project: prepare a main dish or side dish and bring it to the church on



Sunday, June 23 or join the Board of Deacons in assembling trays and filling the freezer that Sunday. See the Deacons bulletin board and bulletin inserts for more details. –Taylor Tolton

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

This month's editor: Sarah Renio

## Session Notes

The following items were among the reports and business conducted and approved by Session during the Regular May Meeting of the Session.

Session approved the Deacons request to donate \$100 to the Village, earmarked for "The Power of WE Campaign." The Village launched "The Power of WE" on April 12, 2019 with a goal of raising \$300,000 by June 30th. It is stated that no act of generosity is too small to make a difference. The gift of \$100 will benefit one child supported by the Village and provide hope for a better future.

Session approved the request to advertise the Designer Bag Bingo event in the church bulletin and an invitation to the congregation during the Sunday service. The Designer Bag Bingo will be on Saturday, June 7, 2019 in Carmel Hall.

As we prepare for the summer season, Coffee Hour after worship will move to Fellowship Lounge starting June 16, 2019.

VBS planning is in full swing and Session approved the Committee's request to hold "Build Days" on Sunday June 30 and Sunday July 14 after worship.

For more information, please be sure to read the related articles included in this edition of the [Courier](#).

*Submitted by Nancy Pinkowicz*

## Children's Worship

In the past, during the summer months, the Children's Worship program concentrated on mission... thinking of others. This year we will be welcoming a different Carmel senior each week to work with us and to share some of their experiences when they were a child. Always fun to bring the generations together! –Karen Bogle



**Children's Worship welcomes children preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Come join us!**

## New Children's Library!

Our Carmel library now has a little annex designed just for nursery and preschool children and early readers. The mini library is located in the room in the far left corner of the chapel (Children's Worship room). The space is sunny and warm with rug space for our precious littles to sit and look through the books, all found on low shelves.



As usual, books, as well as DVDs may be borrowed. –Karen Bogle

## Graduations



### HIGH SCHOOL

**Sheamus Sweeney**, son of Dan and Kelly Sweeney and grandson of Gene and Pat Morris, graduating from Philmont Christian Academy. He plans on attending Montgomery County College in the Fall.

**Steven Kucera, Jr.**, son of proud dad Steve Kucera, graduating from Horsham High School, currently working as Swing Manager at McDonald's; considering Montgomery Community College in the Fall.

### COLLEGE

**Maria Santangelo**, daughter of John and Beth Santangelo and granddaughter of Gene and Pat Morris Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Jefferson University. She will continue at Jefferson for her Masters in Occupational Therapy.

**Michael Palmisano**, son of our Director of Music, graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary on May 16, 2019 with a Master of Divinity. He will be the Associate Rector at Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, PA starting in June.

### Change of Address:

Ronald and Patricia Maddish  
Ft. Washington, PA 19034

(info provided in mailed version)



## Death Notice

**Florence (Floss) Gutekunst** joined the church triumphant on May 16. Floss served on Session and as a Shepherd and was an original member of the Carmel bell choir. Floss and her husband Harry celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in April. The Gutekunsts cooked delicious homemade soups for Carmel's Ash Wednesday dinner for many years and also cooked meals for Red Cross Blood Drive volunteers when the Deacons sponsored blood drives at Carmel. Please remember Harry; the Gutekunst children Linda, John, and Brant, and their families in their time of mourning.

Carmel received word that the **Rev. Dr. Edward (Ned) Castner** died on March 20. Dr. Castner served as Carmel's pastor from 1978 to 1984. Ned was living in retirement in Wallingford, Connecticut and had battled pancreatic cancer for five years. His services were held in late March at the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven, CT. Ned celebrated 63 years of ordained ministry in the PC-USA and served churches in 7 states, as well as serving as Associate General Presbyter of the National Capitol Presbytery in Washington. Dr. Castner was a passionate advocate for social justice and peacemaking, and was "a gentle shepherd focused on pastoral care." Older Carmel members will remember his efforts to make home visits to every family of the congregation. Ned is survived by his wife of 63 years, Wanda Castner, and notes may be sent to her at 122 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, CT 06492. They parented two children, Rev. Andrea, serving as an Episcopal Rector in Cranston, RI, and Dr. Edward, Jr., a professor of Chemistry at Rutgers.

--Janet Simon

## Thank You

-Once again, Walter and I are thanking our very caring congregation for the loving attention you have paid during his hospitalizations and rehab. The signed letters and flowers from the services are amazing. Walt especially likes the recordings of the worship services. He knows the work involved creating them because he made many recordings for you. Thank you

-Many thanks for the cards, signed letter and beautiful flowers (delivered by Beth Cherry) in celebration of our 52nd Anniversary. It's nice to be remembered! Rich and Ruth Kucera

-Dear Carmel Friends, Thank you so much for the many kind words of condolence flowers, cards and your prayers at the passing of my mother and sister this past month. Your support and sympathy for my family at this sad times was of great comfort. Much appreciated and heartfelt. Yours in cherish, Bev and Les Mitchell

-Dear Carmel Family, With appreciation for the many cards, hugs and remembrances after Jack completed life's journey mid-March. Carmel meant so much to him over 60 years. We give thanks for people involved in maintaining the church-so it is here for future worshippers. Visits from Pastor Ashley and Deacon Karen Bogle and Shepard Mary Ellen Thomas—bringing flowers-brought cheer and caring to Jack. Jean Badger and family.

Dear Carmel Community, Thank you for the flowers we received. They are cheerful and certainly helpful to brighten up our day. Barbara and Wil Knox

Dear Friends of Carmel, Thank you for the lovely lily plant you sent me for Easter. I am truly enjoying it. Vesta Carrick

Dear Friends, Again thank you for the lovely tulips. I have never seen such large and beautiful tulips. I appreciate your caring thoughts and prayers. Wishing you all a happy, healthy summer months. Ruth, also good to see your smiling face. Thank you, Jean Gazhalter

Sally Hanline called to thank everyone for thinking of her with the beautiful lily she received at Easter. She said it had 7 blooms and was the most lovely lily she had ever seen.

Thank you very much for the pot of yellow tulips, which was delivered to my house after the Easter service. They have been planted in front of the house and should come up next year to remind me of the concern for my health by the Carmel family. John Caldwell

Dear Carmel Church Members, Many thanks for cheering up my Easter with cut flowers, Easter lily plant and signed letters. It's always nice to be remembered. Sincerely, Elsie Loone