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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

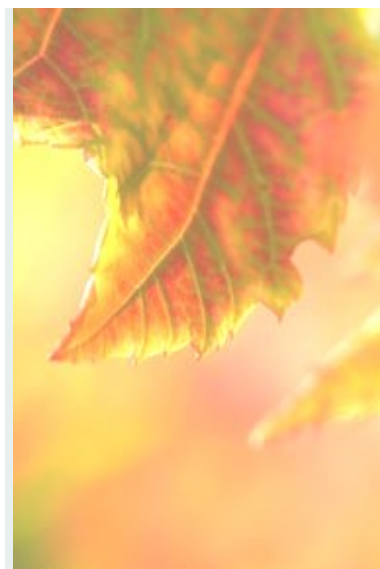
Sunday, October 6, 2019

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by a number of Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October. The purpose of it is to promote Christian unity and ecumenical Christian cooperation. It focuses on an observance of the Lord's Supper, which has as a primary thrust our oneness in Christ Jesus. The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr, who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA. World Communion Sunday grew out of their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity -- in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. It was then adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church in 1936 and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to all Christian churches worldwide. It has always been a special day for me! To know that thousands of churches worldwide seek to express their connection with us in this way makes an already important Christian ritual that much more rich and meaningful. I hope you will partake with us on October 6.

Dr. James W. Thornton

ROAM

ROAM will be meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Lounge. Please bring a covered dish to share. We hope you will join us as we begin our 2019-2020 season. Hope to see you there!
-Pat Morris



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A FEW NOTES...



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION

Sunday, November 3 at 11:00 am, the Stewardship Committee invites all of you to a luncheon kicking off the 2020 pledge campaign. Come hear about the programs Carmel has and the opportunities there are for giving back to God some of what he has given us. Attend the luncheon and /or submit an estimate of giving and you will not be contacted again for this campaign.

-Anne Newman



Submitted by Nancy Pinkowicz

The following items were among the activities, reports and business conducted over the month and during the Regular Meeting of the Session in September...

The first Sunday in September kicked off a new Christian Education season with another success Rally Day where there was great food and fun activities. Thank you to the Congregational Life and Christian Education Committees.

Congregational Life's plans for a dinner & movie night on Friday October 11th featuring the movie "Miracles in Heaven" and, the Christmas Brunch which will be held in Carmel Hall on December 8, 2019

Because the Boy Scout troop at Carmel has been dissolved, Session approved for the balance of the Drumm Fund to be sent to the Boy Scout Cradle of Liberty Boy Scout Council with instructions to the Council that the funds are to be designated to scout troops located in the Carmel Community.

The Property Committee continues to be busy with ongoing maintenance work. The apartment porch will be washed, sanded, scraped, stained and painted including the ceiling and pillars for \$2,450. Also the Manse slate roof will be repaired for \$1,200. All of these repairs are being paid out of the rental funds.

Session approved the deeding of a small strip of land adjacent to the main parking lot retaining wall to the owners of the adjoining property for the price of \$1.00. The Property Committee will take the steps necessary to obtain Presbytery's approval prior to the transfer.

Session approved the close out of the Helen May Drumm Estate account applying the remaining balance of \$71.28 to the cost of the library hallway floor.

Finally, Carmel will be sponsoring a fund raising bake sale for the benefit of Harmony Theatre. The bake sale will be coordinated and run by Bruce and Heide Miller. Date of event to be determined.

For more information on the work being done by Session and other Boards and Committees at Carmel, please be sure to read the related articles included in this edition of the Courier.

IN THE NEWS

CARMEL NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

The fall hayrides highlight Carmel Nursery School's activities in October. All students and their families are invited to join us on hayrides at Kohler Farm where they will see the autumn foliage with some added decorations of scarecrows, animals, and other things, made from squash, gourds, and colorful fruits and vegetables. Each person who goes on the hayride will get to choose a pumpkin from the field to take home.

Picture days are here again. The students will smile pretty for the photographers from Life Touch to make some awesome portraits that their families may purchase.

Edge Hill Fire Company will be visiting our children, and teaching them the importance of fire safety. We will see the firemen in their fire gear and learn not to be afraid. Then we get to go on the firetruck!

This year we will again be selling delicious treats from Claire's Gourmet, so if you need a dessert for Thanksgiving, take a look at one of the flyers! You can find one in the church office.

For the past few years the children have been showing off their Halloween costumes at a parade around the outside of the church and into Carmel Hall. You are welcome to stop by to see the incredible outfits at 11:15 the morning of October 31st.

— *Leslie Rupp, Nursery School Director*



DEACON'S NOTES

Happy fall, from the Deacons! We hope you enjoyed our Minute for Mission given on Sept. 22nd about our Christ is Calling outreach mission project proposal process...easier to do than it is to say, we promise! Just ask any Deacon about the proposal form and any questions you might have, or check out our bulletin board for some blank ones that you can complete and turn in to one of us. We hope this gives active members and church-affiliated groups a chance to fulfill the missions they are called to do.

We will be having an Aid For Friends Cook-In on Sunday, October 27 right after church. You can get involved by cooking an approved meal, providing supplementary sides such as frozen veggies or sweet treats, and/or join in the fun putting meals together and packaging up these life-changing lunches and dinners for homebound individuals.

"And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." --Isaiah 58:10

—*Taylor Tolton*



CHOIR FALL TIMES



Children's Choir: Grades K-2, Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 5:00-5:40PM

Junior Choir: Grades 3-8, Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 5:45-6:30PM

Youth Choir: Grades 9-12, Rehearsals are on Sundays 11:15-11:45AM

Sanctuary Choir: Grades 7-Adult, Rehearsals are on Thursdays 8:00-9:20PM

Handbell Choir: Grades 7-Adult, Rehearsals are on Mondays 7:30-8:30PM

For more information, a message can be left with the church office at 215-887-1074 (press #3).

Thank you so much!

Abby Palmisano, Director of Music

CHRIST IS CALLING OUTREACH MISSION - HOW TO LEARN MORE...

Just about one year ago, Carmel Deacons re-envisioned their structure and work. Guided by scripture and the Book of Order, Deacons now concentrate their efforts on Member Care activities such as Meals in a Moment, Transportation, Care Cards, Deacons Fund support to selected beneficiaries, College Student Care Packages and the Prayer Community ... with New Member Outreach and Special Occasions Celebrations just around the corner.

"But, wait a minute!" you say. "What about the Aid for Friends Cook-In? What about the Inter-Faith Food Cupboard? What about the Village Children's Christmas Gift Collection? Don't the Deacons head up these projects?"

The quick answer is "not any longer." BUT, through their revisioning, Deacons encourage and offer members of the congregation who "hear Christ calling" the framework and process to serve in targeted ways...participant, donor, cook, baker, disher, wrapper, deliverer...maybe even as a leader or coordinator every so often.

Examples are Nancy O'Brien managing our ongoing commitment to the Inter-Faith Food Cupboard and Bob Lohoefer coordinating the last, and the next, Cook-In for the newly branded Caring for Friends. Nancy's and Bob's work is not as Deacons, but as members of the Congregation, *supported* by the Deacons.

"Christ is Calling" Outreach Ministries, *relationships with others*, need *your* support. In upcoming weeks, a brief survey will appear in a number of places - you only need to submit it one time. Please complete the survey with your name and BEST WAY to keep you informed, along with checked-boxes. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of each box you check that when selected will indicate your interest in receiving updates and announcements regarding specific projects and activities.

"Christ is Calling" ALL of us. How will YOU answer? Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Thanks! - Sue Lohoefer

WHAT'S HAPPENING

— **SAVE THE DATE** —

October 18, 2019

FALL FUN with CARMEL

Hellerick's Farm

Doylestown, PA

Hayride (non-scary), Flashlight Corn Maze, Campfire

TICKETS: \$8.00/person reservation form in Sunday bulletin

6:15PM Carmel's Back Parking Lot--Refuge & Oasis will carpool

7:00PM Hellerick's Farm--Carmel families can meet us there



CARMEL LECTIONARY

— **OCTOBER 2019** —

20th Sunday after Pentecost October 6

Lamentations 1:1-6

Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

21st Sunday after Pentecost October 13

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

22nd Sunday after Pentecost October 20

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalm 119:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

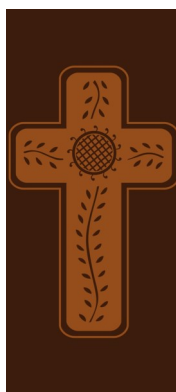
23rd Sunday after Pentecost October 27

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14



refuge

WEDNESDAY
Night

Join us in Carmel Hall

5:45 PM	K-2	Fellowship & Games
6:30 PM	All	Dinner
7:00-8:00 PM	3-8	Fellowship & Games

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SUNDAY
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Join us in The Loft

7:00 PM	9-12	Fellowship & Games
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DEATHS

Longtime Carmel member **Thelma Richards** passed away on September 6 at the age of 97. During her active years at Carmel, Thelma served as a Shepherd and faithfully laundered the Communion linens despite coping with a long-standing physical disability. In pre-computer days, she also manually entered the weekly attendance at worship each week for the church office.

With her husband Morley, for whom the Carmel gym is named, Thelma also participated in the Adult Bible Class and various Carmel social groups. Please remember her stepdaughter, Martha Harris, in prayer.



90th + BIRTHDAYS

October 19, 1927 Vesta Carrick Turning 92



50th+ YEARS ANNIVERSARIES

Frank and Betty Bocclair 10/6/1956 63 years

Thank you!

Dear Carmel,
Thank you for the lovely birthday cards and the letter with so many signatures. Also, thank you for the lovely flowers which Ruth Kucera delivered.

Doris Golingan

Dear Carmel friends,
Thank you for the thoughtful letter signed by all our friends and for the anniversary card sent by Steven Heintz. We have been attending church here at Elm Terrace, but Carmel will always be our home. Miss everyone.

*Blessings & Love,
Earl and Joan Rotenbury*

Dear Carmel Congregation,
Thank you very much for your signed letter. It was much appreciated. It's nice to be remembered. Keep Carmel happy and thriving!

*Sincerely,
Elsie Loane*