

# Carmel Courier



Carmel Presbyterian Church, Glenside, PA 19038

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## ROAM

**ROAM** will meet on Wednesday, November 6th at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Lounge. Please bring a covered dish to share. Following lunch, we will tie knots for a knotted fleece throw which will be donated. Hope to see you there!

– Pat Morris



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**DEADLINE FOR  
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## Mission Trip Team Headed to Appalachia



We're excited to announce that our mission trip for the summer of 2020 will be to rural Appalachia! We will be going through the Appalachia Service Project (ASP), a building program that has been working in the region for 50 years. Their vision is "the eradication of substandard housing in Central Appalachia and the transformation of everyone who comes in contact with this ministry."

ASP accepts volunteers ages 13 and up, and having completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact Pastor Ashley if you're interested. Our first fundraiser will be the amazing Joe's Hoagie Sale for Super Bowl Sunday! We appreciate your prayers and support as we prepare for what will be a life-changing week.

- Ashley Rossi



"Greetings from the Deacons! We're looking forward to a busy and blessed fall season, here's what we have going on: We're gearing up to send college care packages, so if you are or you know a member who started college this semester please let Taylor Tolton or Sarah Stein know.



Help us bring the Spirit of Christmas to a child or family this season! We're partnering with the Village once more for this year's incredible gift drive. Just pick a name tag from the pine tree in the lobby, purchase what presents you can and bring the unwrapped gifts back to Carmel to be delivered to the Village by Dec. 13th. Contact Gene Morris or Jed Smith with any questions.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated their time and culinary talents to the Caring for Friends Cook in on Oct. 27th. This is such a special way of serving, and we are grateful Carmel is able to support the Caring for Friends mission. Another mission you can support this season is donating to Sarah Heintz's medical mission trip to Belize through her DPT physical therapy program. Visit the Carmel Presbyterian Facebook page for the link to make your donation today. -Taylor Tolton

**A Note from the Pastor**

**BEING READY**

Read Matthew 25:1-13. Jesus used this parable to warn the people of the crises on the way, knowing full well that the faith of many would not endure what was coming all too imminently. They would see Jesus hauled away and nailed to a cross and that would send more than a few running for cover, cowardly rejecting the faith they were earnestly courting only days before. Years later, the early church heard this parable clearly speaking to them about staying ready for Christ's return, even though that return was delayed. They had to face hardship, violence, and persecution of all kinds for their faith, all the while wondering when Christ would come back and take them away from all of this. There were many among them whose faith did not survive such an ordeal.

Our lives are so much easier than were the lives of those who sought to follow Christ in these times past, yet many still choose to let their lamps burn out. What would it take for you to give it all up, to chuck this faith, to stop believing, stop worshipping, stop serving God: busyness, fear of criticism, inconvenience, tragedy, hardship, persecution, torture? You see friends, *"keep awake"* is not an exhortation that has anything to do with sleep. It is an exhortation to persevere in a life of faith. How ready are you for what is to come? How prepared is your resolve?

November 24 is Christ the King Sunday. December 1 is the First Sunday in Advent. There are many services and events here at Carmel leading up to December 25. These are times when Christians all around the world prepare themselves and their loved ones for the coming of the Christ child. How ready will you be?

*Dr. James W. Thornton*



**Message from the Stewardship Committee**

Beginning October 20, you may have noticed 2020 pledge cards in the bulletin each Sunday. When you have a completed card, please place it in the large decorated box in the back of the sanctuary. This box is for you to place your estimate of giving for the 2020 year. The box provides privacy so that the Stewardship committee does not have access to your personal information. Please prayerfully consider your 2020 gift to God as you complete your pledge card.

Last month we gave you a heads up for the November 3 special luncheon for all members and their families. At this luncheon there will be special information about the wonderful programs that can be found at Carmel. Once you hear about them, you will have a better idea of how to support them. You may have a chance to ask questions for clarity. Come and be sure to bring the whole family.

*Stewardship Committee*

Sunday, November 3, is All Saints' Sunday. Carmel will have a special remembrance during the worship service of those who have joined the church triumphant since the All Saints' observance a year ago. On this Sunday, we remember and honor the Christian faithful, both those throughout the church's history and those of our congregation who have died within the past year.



During the All Saints' Day worship service, each one of us can recall the loved ones, friends, and mentors now living in heaven whose faith in Christ inspired us and gave us joy. On this special day we glorify God for the faithfulness of the saints, and for the Lord's faithfulness to the saints. -Janet Simon

Lillian Witter	January 3, 2019	Florence Gutekunst	May 16, 2019
Virginia "Jean" Thomas	January 15, 2019	Henrietta "Henny" Hagerty	June 3, 2019
Ralph "Bud" Galow	February 19, 2019	Thelma Richards	September 6, 2019
Jack S. Badger	March 14, 2019	Joan Kohn	October 16, 2019
Catherine Crawford	May 6, 2019		

Carmel Nursery School News

Leslie Arrowsmith, Director

A Time to Give Thanks

Thanksgiving Feast

On Wednesday, November 27th we will be celebrating our "Nursery School Family" and giving thanks. We will have our own Thanksgiving Feast the nursery school way. Each class donates special food and drink to be shared by all. The children all make and wear a costume befitting the holiday and sing songs together and then it's time to EAT! The children will have parties in Carmel Hall . See your child's teacher for dates and needed items.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Claire's Gourmet sale. We appreciate your time, effort and support!



Happy Thanksgiving from Carmel Nursery School!

Sign up for the allschool REMIND  
All you have to do is text  
@carmelnur to the number 81010

November Dates to Remember

- Nov. 4– Claire's orders due
- Nov5- School Closed
- Nov.25 -Pick up Claire's gourmet orders
- Nov. 28 and 29 School is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

December Dates to Remember

- Dec. 18–Holiday Program and Holiday Parties NO LUNCH BUNCH
- Dec.19-Jan.2– School closed
- Jan. 3– classes resume
- Jan 20– School



Please notice the **STOP** sign and cross walk in the back parking lot. This does not mean stop if someone is there it means stop all the time! Hopefully it will slow down all of the thru traffic as well.

REMINDERS

- 1.DO NOT PROP ANY OF OUR DOORS OPEN!! For safety reasons they need to be closed at all times.
- 2.Do not park in the semicircle in front of the church.
- 3.Sign up for Lunch Bunch ahead of time by filling out an extended day form. We need to know in advance to make sure we have enough children.
- 4.Classes begin at 9:30. You must walk your child to his/her class room and wait for the teacher to open the door. Unless there are circumstances that have been brought to our attention you are not to drop your child off in room 3 to be walked up by the teachers( Unless they are signed up for early drop off).
5. Make sure to update your child's extra clothes for the season!
6. Have you paid your activity fee?

SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS

24th Sunday after Pentecost —November 3

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4

Psalm 119:137–144

2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12

Luke 19:1–10

25TH Sunday after Pentecost —November 10

Haggai 1:15b–2:9

Psalm 145:1–5, 17–21 or Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

Luke 20:27–38

26th Sunday after Pentecost —November 17

Isaiah 65:17–25

Isaiah 12

Thessalonians 3:6–13 2

Luke 21:5–19

Reign of Christ / Christ the King—November 24

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Luke 1:68–79

Colossians 1:11–20

Luke 23:33–43



## Session Notes

Submitted by Nancy Pinkowicz

Session Committees have been busy and the following items were among the reports and business conducted during the Regular Meeting of the Session in October.

Session approved a mission trip to Appalachia for the summer of 2020. The Appalachia Service Project (ASP) will be used as the trip coordinator. Teams will be working on home construction, but most importantly, entering the “homes of Central Appalachia with sensitivity, concern, and love.” Approximate cost is \$500 per person, plus \$700 for a van rental for the week.

Session also approved for the Mission Trip Team to hold a hoagie fundraiser on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, 2020.

Vacation Bible School will be held from Sunday July 26 through Thursday July 30, 2020 with use of Carmel Hall and the Chapel.

Women’s Retreat in the Poconos starting Saturday November 2 until Sunday November 3, 2019.

Refuge Leaders, Sunday Nursery Volunteers and Sunday Children's Worship leaders for 2019-2020.

**Refuge:** Connie Tolton, Crystal Podrost, Gary Moll, Jake Smith, Taylor Tolton, Jack Edwards, Joyce Kornfeld, Lisa Lent, Melissa Deacon, Rolanda Crawley, Kentina Washington-Lepheart and Naomi Washington-Lepheart.

**Nursery:** Marlene Heintz, Rebecca Lohoefer-Mahon, Christina Rice, AJ Heintz, Cassie Heintz, Sue Lohoefer, Bob Lohoefer, Julia Lohoefer-Kozak, Linda Parker, Heidi Lindsay, Sarah Heintz and Steven Heintz, Jr.

**Children's Worship:** Karen Bogle and Melissa MacFarland.

The Deacons will support a Christ is Calling Outreach Mission Project, the Village Christmas Present Collection in December.

The Deacons Fund will provide \$500 support to Sarah Heintz’s medical outreach trip to Belize in January 2020. She has a \$1,500 fundraising goal.

Session approved Mission Interpretation disbursements from the Deacons Fund totaling \$5,750.

Session approved several future meeting/event dates as follows:

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 17, 2019 for the election of Officers for the Class of 2022 immediately following Corporate Worship.

Installation of Offices for Class of 2022 on Sunday, January 19, 2020 during Corporate Worship

Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2020 immediately following Corporate Worship.

For more information, please be sure to read the related article included in this edition of the Courier.



**Joan Kohn** passed away on October 16. Joan had recently served as a Carmel Shepherd and assisted with the Carmel Presbyterian Women’s Days for Girls sewing project. Joan was also a longtime member of the Shriners’ Daughters of the Nile and of Eastern Star. Please remember her husband Everett and son Gregory Midwood and his family as they mourn Joan’s loss.

Thank you the members of Carmel for sending your lovely thoughts my way. I’m in reasonably good shape due to the great care of Dr. Kelly Rose. I miss coming to Carmel, but feel comfortable at Gwynedd Pres. Thank you again for thinking of me.

-Mary Lou Frick



Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangements that were sent to me. Also, to all who made meals for me. I deeply appreciate it. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

-Kay Bauer



SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

live band,  
breakfast & lunch entrees,  
& yummy desserts

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 am in Carmel Hall

---a Congregational Life event---



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Date



SAVE THE DATE

Advent Wreath Making & Pasta Lunch

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
11:00 am in Carmel Hall

---a Congregational Life event---

Christmas Flowers

If you wish to contribute to the Christmas poinsettias this year, please fill in the form below and place it in the flower mail box in the office. **A contribution of \$15.00 for up to 2 dedications** will adequately meet our needs. Dedications can be “in memory of” or “in honor of”. The flowers are delivered by our Shepherds to Carmel family shut-ins, those in nursing homes, and those who have recently suffered the loss of a family member.

Thank you.

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Please fill in all the information. \$15.00 for (2) dedications in total.  
Please place in the **FLOWER MAIL BOX** in the church office.  
*Thank you.*

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ ENVELOPE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please call **Deb Gates at 215-887-1852.**

The deadline for these dedications is **Sunday, December 8.**



## Christmas Music Memorial

A special music memorial at Christmas time is intended to provide instrumental and vocal music to enhance our Christmas services. If you wish to contribute to this special music memorial please fill in the form below and place it in the music memorial box in the office.



If you have any questions, please call Abby Palmisano at 215-887-1074, press 3. Please fill in all the information, not same as last year.

The deadline for these memorials is **Sunday, December 8, 2019.**



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Please fill in all the information, not same as last year.

*Please place in the **MUSIC MEMORIAL MAIL BOX** in the church office.*

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or IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ ENVELOPE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

### You are invited to come sing for Christmas!

A Festival Choir for the Christmas season will begin rehearsing on Thursday, November 14, at 8:00 PM. The choir will be preparing for the annual Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday evening, December 15 and the 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Service.

The choir is made up of youth and adults from the Carmel choirs and members and friends of the congregation who enjoy singing but who cannot commit to weekly rehearsals year round.

Come and sing for this special festive Christmas season. Rehearsals will be on Thursday, November 14, 21 and December 5, 12, and 19 at 8:00 PM in the Choir Room. We hope you can join us! Please tell Abby you are coming so a folder of music will be ready for you! ---Abby Palmisano, Director of Music

*Christmas Music*

