



# The Carriage Stone

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## Church Picnic



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## Some Autumn Reads

My Summer Reads column is late this year. Here are some books I would recommend for cozy fireside reading as the days grow shorter. Maybe even pour yourself a wee dram of your favorite tipple, especially for this first book.

***Whiskey Galore***, Compton Mackenzie.

A very sweet, funny book about what happens when an island off the western coast of Scotland runs out of its ration of whiskey during WWII. Providentially (say both the Catholics and the Protestants who live together quite peacefully), a ship bound for New York, and laden with whiskey galore, founders off the coast. There's plenty to go around, if the excise man doesn't get to it first.

***Dreaming of Stones***, Christine Valters Painter.

A lovely collection of deeply spiritual poetry by a Roman Catholic poet from the US, who now makes her home in Ireland.

***A Time of Gifts***, Patrick Leigh Fermor.

A beautiful travel diary, written years later as the author remembered his trip on foot from the Hook of Holland to Constantinople in 1933/34. Leigh Fermor recaptures the sense of a young person travelling, with the hindsight of the war about to engulf Europe, and the world. This makes his accounts of his time in Germany very poignant.

***Hallelujah, Anyway: Rediscovering Mercy***, Anne Lamott.

One of my absolute favorite authors, Lamott is always open to God's Spirit, and has her finger on the pulse of the world. Her description of an AA meeting attended by her friend Tom is a perfect description of what the Church is at its best: taking in messy, sick, smelly people and helping them.

I hope a couple of these will find their way onto your reading list this fall.

## Fall Tag Sale

Barbara Zacheis,  
Chair of Fundraising Committee

The fall tag sale is scheduled for October 5 from 9–2. We will need many hands (and donations!) for a successful event. Please put this and the setup date of October 4 on your calendars. Sign-up sheet will be posted in the Colonial Room. Our rain date is October 12. We need helpers between noon and 7 PM on set-up day, and 7 AM and 4 PM on the sale day. We will take donations on Saturdays September 14 and 28 between 9 and noon, and Friday, October 4 between noon and 7. Please do not



leave items outside of the barn at other times. Speak to me if you have questions.

## Race & White Privilege Discussion Resumes on September 4

Our book discussion group exploring race and white privilege will resume on September 4 at 7:30 PM in the Colonial Room. We will be reading "Friday Black" by author Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah, who is originally from Spring Valley and a graduate of East Ramapo Schools. All are welcome to join us in timely and thought-provoking conversation.

## Songs of the Brickyard

Songs of the Brickyard, the untold story of Haverstraw's African American Community, is coming to NHPC on Saturday, October 12. Save the date! It's presented by the Haverstraw African American Connection.



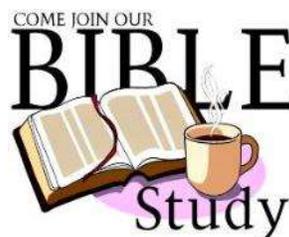
## Musical notes from NHPC

From Lois Anderson, Music Director

Special music on Sunday mornings this summer has indeed been special. We had guest singers Owen Trawick, tenor, and Colette Thomas, soprano. Our resident french horn players, Jane Craig Sebok and Barbara Zacheis, shared some beautiful selections. Lois Simmons sang an inspiring song. And Howard Whitehouse and Sue Rentz rocked with some great blues music. Open mic night at NHPC continued through the summer, an opportunity for all to sing.

In September, the choir returns. Rehearsals will be on Thursday nights at 8 PM in the Colonial Room, beginning September 5. Feel free to contact music director Lois Anderson if you are interested in singing, or with any questions about the choir. We are looking forward to a great musical season.

*"Ultimately, musicians of the world must come to realize the potential of their calling... If the musician is illuminated from within, he becomes a lamp that lights other lamps." ~ Kenny Werner*



## Adult Bible Study Resumes

Adult Bible Study with Pastor Lori resumes on September 29. This lively discussion group meets immediately after coffee hour, every Sunday. We'll be reading and discussing the book of Genesis this season. Join us; all are welcome for great conversation and fellowship!



### **Annual Potluck Luncheon Sunday, September 22**

Our annual "Welcome Back" Potluck Luncheon will take place on Sunday, September 22 after Worship. It's a great way to welcome church family and friends as we settle back into our fall schedule. Bring a dish to share, and bring a friend or two! Sign-up in the Colonial Room.

### **A September Fellowship Event!**

From Nancy Jacobs

Meet at NHPC at 7 PM Friday September 27, wearing comfortable clothes. If you have any western attire, feel free to wear it. We will carpool to an INTRO SQUARE DANCE in Congers. Upon arrival, we will find nice people AND refreshments. There will be many people attending, who have NEVER BEFORE tried square dancing. You will NOT be a "wall-flower", since dancers LOVE newbies. We can dance with each other, we can bring friends, we can bring relatives! The Square Dance "Caller" (instructor)—Fran Wadel—is the woman who taught my husband Mark to square dance.

The sign-up sheet is by the door between the Colonial Room and the sanctuary. Sign up, so we will know who to expect, and -otherwise - who to encourage. It will be GREAT FUN!

