



# The Carriage Stone

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## Thoughts a Year Later

As we move into a (hopefully) less restrictive phase of the Pandemic, I am so excited by what we are doing in the name of Jesus Christ in our neighborhood, and in the world.

We exceeded our goal of \$1300 for One Great Hour of Sharing, so we have been able to contribute a Farm Bundle. To remind you of what this is, the Gift Catalog from the Presbyterian Mission agency describes it this way:

*Give the livestock, tools and training a family might need to start their own farm for a reliable source of nourishment and income. This bundle reflects chickens, goats, piglets, a cow and equipment to promote ongoing food production. Each project ultimately reflects local needs to provide the greatest impact.*

The balance of the donation was given to the PC, USA's ecumenical offering, One Great Hour of Sharing.

Closer to home, we have again placed a listing in the LBGTQ directory so folks in that part of our community will know that we welcome all, regardless of their sexual orientation.

We have sent 500 to the children of Spring Valley firefighter, Jared Lloyd, killed last month fighting the fire that destroyed a home for the aged.

We continue to partner with the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in Spring Valley. You will be hearing more about this as we begin our campaign for the Pentecost Offering.

As I stated above, we move out into our community in gratitude to God for all of God's grace and benefits, and to fulfill the command to love God with everything in us, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Mission is one thing that keeps us from being merely a social club, and exercises our discipleship. Mission is one way we show our discipleship, and point to Jesus Christ.

*"The Church exists by mission as a fire exists by burning."*

—Emil Brunner, 20th century Reformed

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori" with a stylized flourish underneath.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

From Mark Zacheis

Each Easter season our church runs a special offering in support of OGHs. Proceeds at the national level are split three different ways — The Hunger Program, Disaster Relief, and the Self-development of People. The Mission Committee decided to mix things up a little this year. We chose to focus on the Self-development portion by setting a goal to raise enough money to purchase a cow and two flocks of chickens through the PC(USA) and a stretch goal of raising enough to purchase a Family Farm of a variety of animals, seeds, and tools.

We are pleased to report that we exceeded our stretch goal by raising \$1,800. We ordered the Family Farm and the excess we contributed in the usual way, to the national program.

Many thanks to all who contributed.

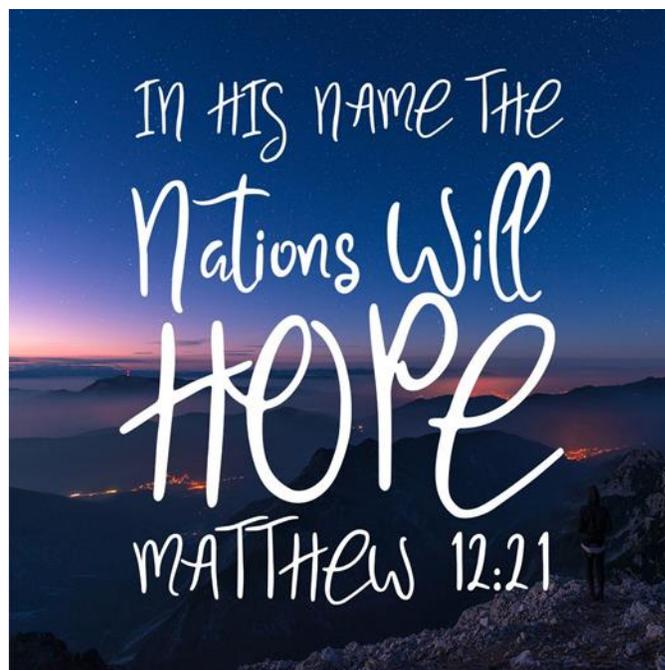
## The Furnace Fund

From Mark Zacheis

You may recall that last December the church furnace gave up for good and needed to be replaced, at a cost of \$11,000. The furnace was replaced and the money was paid. A call went out to our members and friends, asking you to consider making a contribution to offset that cost. Given the church's finances in the middle of the pandemic, a new furnace just was not in the budget.

As always, when the church is in need you responded with tremendous generosity. To date we have collected \$16,000. The excess funds have been placed in a reserve for future repairs that inevitably come up when maintaining an old, historic property such as ours.

We thank you for your generosity.



## Millennial Corner

From Nora Asamoah

What does the word HOPE mean to you? I think I have heard this word more in the past year than any other time in my life. I have hope that things will get better. I have hope that there will be a cure for COVID-19. I have hope that we can fix systemic racism. I have hope that peace will reign. I have hope that there will be no more wars. I have hope that tomorrow will be better than today. I have hope that love wins. I have hope that no matter what the world throws at me, God will never forsake me. I want you to think about this, meditate on it and share if you can.



This issue went out to new email addresses for a few people. If you have a change, contact me at

[rphilhower@nhpchurch.org](mailto:rphilhower@nhpchurch.org) or

catch me in church if we are both in person. Alternatively, you can make the change yourself using the link at the bottom of your email, if you would rather.

## Merry Widows Met

Hi,

Thought I would share. As a sisterhood that has lost our mate, we have especially felt the isolation created over the past year. While we have not met, nor zoomed, we have been mindful of each other's needs.

It was such a pleasure to get together in person! We are open to others joining us; call any of us and we will keep you in mind for our next gathering!

We are a bit loosely geese!



## Thank You Notes

From Lona Asher

The Deacons sent out Easter greetings to the congregation and received a couple of thank you cards. Since we cannot all see them on the bulletin board, we will post them in the newsletter.

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To the Deacons,  
Thank you so very  
much for the Easter card  
you sent to Michael and me,  
It is truly a blessing  
to be thought of this  
Easter season!

May God bless you

all.  
Thank you for God.  
bringing you all into  
a lives!

The God of Love and peace  
shall be with you.

II Corinthians 13:11

Love + Prayer

Annie + Michael Young

April 3, 2021

Dear Deacons,

Thank you for your  
Easter wishes. The card is  
lovely; the bookmark is a  
keeper. Fond memories of  
NHAC are never far away.

Wishing you continued success  
in your mission to serve  
the community.

Warmest regards,

Bessie and Sid