



# The Carriage Stone

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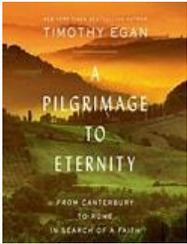
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## Summer Reading

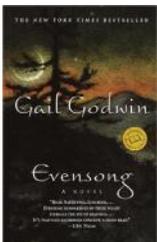


Here are my recommendations for some good summer reads:



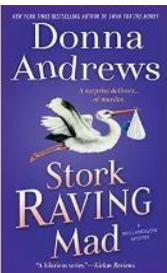
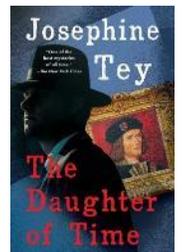
[\*A Pilgrimage to Eternity\*](#) by **Timothy Egan**. I'm reading a lot about pilgrimage right now to prepare for my sabbatical. This book documents journalist Egan's pilgrimage from Canterbury to Rome. An exploration of one Roman Catholic's faith, as well as an interesting travelogue.

[\*Big Magic\*](#) by **Elizabeth Gilbert**. Ever want a cheerleader to help you be more creative? Gilbert does exactly that. Reading this is like having a very funny friend give you that kick in the posterior needed to stop procrastinating and saying "but I'm not creative". As Gilbert says, "If you are alive, you are creative."



[\*Evensong\*](#) by **Gail Godwin**. I'm not sure how I missed this one when it was published in 1999, but I'm so glad I found it. A gentle story of a couple (both Episcopal priests) and the folks who come into their lives. Sometimes with secrets.

[\*The Daughter of Time\*](#) by **Josephine Tey**. First published in 1951, it's a murder mystery from the 15th Century. Tey's detective, Richard Grant, is laid up in the hospital. He turns his detecting skills to the murder of The Princes in the Tower: were they even murdered? If so, by whom? On whose orders? (Hint: It's not history's scapegoat for this crime, Richard III.)



*Stork Raving Mad*, or any of the **Donna Andrews Meg Langslow** mysteries. There are just shy of 30 of these extremely funny, very cozy murder mysteries. Wild animals, a crazy yet lovable family, and the victims are always very unlikable! Great fun.

Happy Summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lori'.

## **A Musical Picnic!**

From Howard Whitehouse

On June 18, the Fellowship committee hosted a musical picnic, an outdoor event featuring ten performers, solo or ensemble, and a potluck picnic. On the food front, the estimable Percy Crockett grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, while church members (and other attendees) brought an array of salads and desserts.

On the musical front the core members of our own open mic group – who've been at New Hempstead since the closing of the Stony Point church – opened and closed the show with a selection of 'songs you might remember and we might have forgotten.' Thanks to Gary Mower, Ron Drost, Brian Quail, John Schin and Joe Planck for their contributions.

Jane Sebok and Sue Rentz sang and played. Jane and Barbara Zacheis performed a set of French horn duets known as 'bipperies'. Rob Trawick from Germonds church brought his guitar and voice for a couple of fine performances. Fred Sandner showed his finger picking skills.

We'd hoped for a cooler day, and we got a fine March evening. Folding chairs were used to prevent the wind from blowing over the mic stands. At one point, my own performance was enhanced by an enthusiastic gust that blew my sheet music far across the lawn.

The audience, some fifty strong, donated generously to a collection for church projects. Mark Zacheis reports that \$275 was raised.

The show ended with the collected musicians performing 'Teenager in Love' and Dylan's wonderfully nonsensical 'You Ain't Going Nowhere.'

We'll do it again.

## **The New Hempstead Presbyterian Church will be holding a food drive for People to People**

Every Saturday from 9 AM to noon at New Hempstead Presbyterian. Please drop off your items.

**Help however you can.**



Below is a list of suggested items

- Cereal
- Pop tart
- Peanut butter
- Muffin/pancake mix
- Breakfast bars
- Powdered milk
- Canned fruits
- Apple sauce
- Oatmeal
- Syrup
- Any non-perishable items



## Mission Committee Activities in 2022, So Far!

From Mark Zacheis and the Mission Committee

The Mission Committee has been very active this year. Here is a recap of what, with your help and generosity we've been up to.

First is the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. We set a goal of \$1,500 to buy a well and we ended up raising \$2,375. We bought the well plus a water pump for \$1,750 and we donated the balance of \$625 to the regular OGHS program. The well and the pump are to be installed in a village in the Jhapa district in Kachankawal, Nepal. They are part of a project to improve agricultural practices there, which includes the well, pumps, farming training, providing baby chicks to raise, and a hygiene practices programs to be taught. Our well and pump will have an impact on 450-500 households; the entire program should benefit 1,400 households, about 6,700 people.



Second is the Pentecost Offering. We set a goal of \$2,000 to be donated to the Martin Luther King Jr Center in Spring Valley, specifically to be used for their summer program. In the end, we raised \$2,400. We will be giving them the entire amount; with the \$2,000 going to the summer program and the extra \$400 going to wherever they think it will be best used.

Third, we are concerned about the summer months when the schools are closed. Many

children in our county rely on the free or reduced cost meal programs for breakfast and lunch. With schools closed, will those children still get those meals? Word from the People to People food pantry is that demand has risen and supply is hard to come by. At our last delivery to them, we were told that the food we gave that day would be on tables tomorrow. So the committee would like our congregation to focus on the food pantries this summer. Please bring to church non-perishable breakfast and lunch foodstuffs that children will eat. Things like boxed cereal, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna, and the like.

We continue to be amazed at the generosity of this congregation. This is real and it is making a difference to real people. Thank you to you all.

## Millennial Corner

From Nora Asamoah

Take time during the summer to count your blessings because God has been good. Have a great summer everyone.

