



# The Carriage Stone

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I love getting lost in a good book...especially in the summer. It's a great time to catch up on all the books you meant to read but instead binged on episodes of Schitt's Creek or....

Whether on the front porch of the Manse, at the pool or at the beach...my best friend this summer will be a book.

Here are a few selections I've read and/or plan to read that I think you might enjoy. Some titles are recent some are oldies but goodies.

So here is my top ten list for summer reading not in any particular order I just started backwards:

- 10: *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- 9: *James* by Percival Everett
- 8: *The Collected Regrets of Clover* by Mikki Brammer
- 7: *The Women* by Kristen Hannah
- 6: *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout
- 5: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride
- 4: *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion
- 3: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin
- 2: *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin
- 1: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

The above list is all fiction, my preferred genre for the summer. Here are also non-fiction spiritual reads worth some time:

*The Bible*

*Master Slave Husband Wife* by Ilyon Woo (REALLY GOOD, reads like a novel)

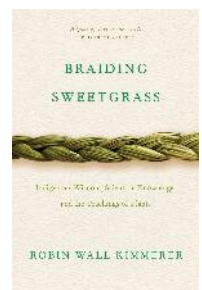
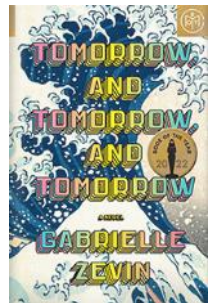
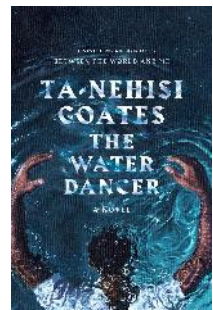
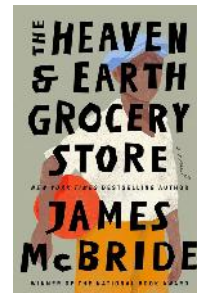
*Braiding Sweet Grass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer

*Sacred Earth Sacred Soul* by John Phillip

*Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr

Feel free to share your good reads with me! Blessings and Good Reading!

"The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss



Angela



## Spring Tag Sale

Our Spring tag sale is on Saturday, June 14. Please mark your calendar and start collecting items to donate. This is always a fun event and a good way to get to know your church family.

If you can, please do not bring in your donations until Thursday before the sale. If you have too much to bring all at once, contact Syenni or Mark or Pam for access to the limited barn storage.

A sign-up sheet to volunteer is in the Colonial Room!



## Musical Picnic

From Terry Lucas

Save the date, July 19, for the much-anticipated annual musical picnic to be held on the beautiful grounds of NHPC. Once again, our own talented musicians and friends will provide a variety of musical numbers which will not only lift your spirits but also get your feet to stomping and your hands clapping.

Bring the family, bring a friend, and bring a side dish to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. The music begins at 4PM and extends until 8PM. Set up time, including food, will be from 3-3:30 in Murchison Hall. A sign-up sheet will be in the Colonial Room so please sign up so that the Fellowship Committee can plan and prepare for this very special event.







Welcome to Lili Grady, Noreen Mundt, and Fred Mundt, who were officially received as new members during the worship service on May 25. All play an active we are thrilled to have them formally join us.



## Morning Music Scholarship Recital

From Mark Zacheis

The Morning Music Club held their 2025 Scholarship Recital in our sanctuary on May 18. County high school seniors starting college this fall and majoring in music could apply for a scholarship and the four winners were invited to perform at this concert and receive recognition of their achievements. Followed by a reception in the Colonial Room, of course. About sixty people were in attendance. Our congratulations to Maren Savine, Ethan McCarter, Jane Greenway, and Nina Zifchak



## Pentecost Offering

Please remember the Pentecost Offering, one of the special offerings conducted by churches in PC(USA). This year, your contributions will benefit the work of the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center in Spring Valley.





## Keep Rockland Beautiful

It was indeed a beautiful day, Saturday May 3 when eighteen of us turned out to pick up the trash accumulated along the side of New Hempstead Road and Old Schoolhouse Road. We made good work of it, accumulating 24 bags of trash, six bags of recycling, plus assorted car parts and other bulk materials. Every participant was awarded a T-shirt and David Garcia found KiRBy the gnome and won the special prize. Thanks to all who participated.







## Wildflower Island

From Lili Grady

On May 21, an intrepid group of five NHPC members participated in a Fellowship trip to Teatown Reservation in Ossining. There we visited Wildflower Island. The island is gated and inaccessible to deer, allowing wildflowers to

thrive. Some of these wildflowers had been rescued from construction sites by Nancy Jacobs in the 1990s. We had a marvelous guide who provided fascinating background information on a wide variety of flowers. It was a bit chilly and drizzly, but together we all enjoyed the wonders of God's creation in these small gems in the woods.

