



# The Carriage Stone

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## All-Church Picnic



After Worship on June 12.

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## Exploring Your Spirituality

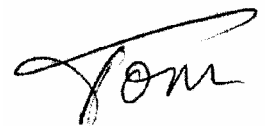
Thomas A. Hughart, S.T.D.

One of the way I can offer to you as an aid in discovering your own gifts of the Spirit during this Trinity season is through helping you explore your own spirituality through personality inventories. During these weeks after Trinity Sunday, which continue through the fall, I will be happy to meet with any of you who wish to discover your spiritual roots, and the best way for you to develop your spirituality in accordance with your personality type.

The most popular way is to use the Myers-Briggs Type Inventory, which enables us to see ourselves as persons who have preferences for the ways in which we perceive reality and make decisions. Its goal is to help people achieve the kind of integration that leads to spiritual wholeness. One of the applications is to discover which of your paths of spiritual growth is most appropriate for your personality. Each of the gospels is written from the perspective of a different type. Matthew was a sensing-thinking type; Mark was a sensing-feeling type; Luke was an intuitive-feeling type; and John was an intuitive-thinking type. It helps us to understand why one gospel appeals to us more than another. Another application is to discern how we learn best, so that we can relate to others in a learning situation. Still other applications help you discern your leadership or management style, or your writing style, or even your vacationing style, so you can choose how and where to spend your vacation most advantageously for yourself and your family. Let me know if you would like to pursue this opportunity. I am in the office every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 AM to 1 PM, and on Sunday morning after the worship service.

Or, you can call me at my home office and I'll get back to you at your convenience.

The Enneagram is another way to gain knowledge about yourself and the various ways people view life. Realizing the differing ways individuals perceive, process and respond to their environment not only helps toward self-knowledge, but to understand ourselves in the context of human relationships. To study the Enneagram and to observe the reality of what it describes is to become a more sensitive instrument through whom the Spirit can flow for yourself and others. As we take and study the Enneagram, we gradually come to see how we frustrate what we most desire for ourselves. We become aware of what clouds our perceptions and blocks our energy. We learn what strikes fear into our heart and paralyzes them as well as what sends them into automatic, compulsive reaction. We come to know the patterns of personal dynamics and life themes as these recur in experience. Through those awarenesses, we can become reconciled with who we are and learn to flow with our life energies. We discover what gift of ours is a gift for others as well as for us. Over time, we become better friends to ourselves, discovering where we had made ourselves our own enemy. As more inclusive, more honest, more contemplative awareness of inner and outer reality expands, we grow in consciousness of our gifts, that experience which makes us human. That is what makes the season of Trinity so important. I hope you will use on of these opportunities during the summer.





## LOCAL MISSIONS

### Fathers Day is Blanket Sunday and Tools of Hope Sunday

On Fathers Day, June 19, New Hempstead Presbyterian Church will collect money for Church World Service to support their Tools of Hope and Blanket programs. A gift of just \$5 can make a difference to people in developing countries and show them someone cares.

Every \$5 you give to Church World Service can provide a good wool or cotton blend blanket because they buy in large quantities. When possible, CWS purchases blankets close to the scene of a disaster, to speed delivery and to spur local economies.



In the Tools of Hope program, a gift of five dollars can purchase one of:

- Enough potato seeds to grow more than 6700 pounds of potatoes
- 4 Moringa tree seedlings
- One rabbit or some baby chicks
- 50 fish fingerlings

Church World Service has been providing comfort and assistance to those in need for more than 50 years. Working with partner agencies on the scene around the world, CWS is able to respond quickly.



## Boy Scout Troop 11 News

From John Damtoft, Committee Chairman

### Activities in the Past Month:

A representative from Council met with parents at the last Committee Meeting. While his focus was on fundraising, he praised our efforts to revitalize Troop 11, citing our recruiting pamphlet and website as positive indicators of a healthy troop. We asked many questions about the Council's recruiting efforts, and the relative 'health' of the BSA program in Rockland County. Our troop's challenge in securing new members parallels the current trend for the Boy Scout program across the council.

The Spring Camporee at Camp Bullowa featured some new program ideas, and was given 'two thumbs up' by the boys. The theme was backpacking, with a trek to remote areas of Camp Bullowa that are seldom used.

A service project to landscape the south end of Murchison Hall was started May 9 and completed May 10. Working with William Farro, the troop re-graded the area for drainage improvements, raked, spread topsoil and re-seeded. A photo album of the activity is included on the troop's website:

<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzelykcw/bsatrop-11/id28.html>

### Upcoming Activities:

**June 5:** Eagle Scout ceremony in Murchison Hall

**June 20:** Annual Awards dinner in Murchison Hall





**Welcome  
To our Church**

### New Member

*The Carriage Stone* extends a warm welcome to Vanessa Greenwald who joined the church on May 15 (Pentecost Sunday) by reaffirmation of her faith. We welcome you to the Worship and Work of this people of God.

### Church Picnic

The Annual Church Picnic will be held on the "great lawn" after Worship on Sunday, June 12. The congregation will bring salads and desserts. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Colonial Room to ensure that we have a wide variety of food to eat. The Fellowship Committee will be planning the other parts of the picnic meal and will provide grilled hot dogs and hamburgers.

If the weather is warm enough, the children usually play with water behind Murchison Hall. So, they should bring bathing suits and towels so they can join in the fun!



### Rockland Opera to Perform

The Rockland Opera will return to New Hempstead Presbyterian Church on June 5 for a performance at 4:30 PM in the Sanctuary. The company will present "The Church in Opera" which will consist of scenes from operas dealing with or taking place in a church. General admission is \$10; \$8 for students and seniors.



### Session Highlights

Susan L. Rentz, Clerk of Session

Session met on Monday May 23 and opened with a very unique and wonderful devotion time. Barbara Zacheis spoke about Jesus' hands and sang a song she had composed years ago entitled, "In the Palm of His Hand".

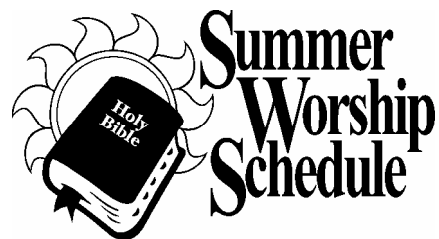
The PNC reported that they are working hard and have reviewed 60 resumes. They are concentrating on several candidates and conducting interviews. They ask that we keep them in our prayers as they do this important job.



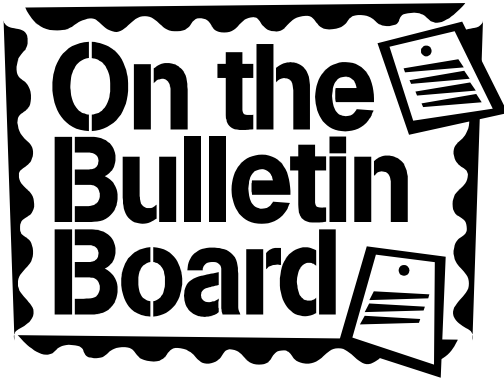
Buildings & Grounds was very pleased to say that the new stove for Murchison Hall has arrived and is functioning. (So let's get cooking!) Pam said that the Boy Scouts did a great job spreading dirt, seed and straw on the lawn.

The Fellowship Chair reminded us of the June 12 Church Picnic. This is always a great event.

Please keep the session in your prayers as we try to serve with intelligence, imagination and love.



Don't forget, Worship starts at 10 AM beginning on Fathers Day, June 19. Otherwise, you will show up just in time for the last hymn!



## Upcoming Milestones?

Senator Morahan's office would like to know if anyone is celebrating any milestone wedding anniversaries this year.

Please send the name, address, anniversary date, etc to [lovell@senate.state.ny.us](mailto:lovell@senate.state.ny.us)

## Presbyterian Scholars Program

You can make the difference in one young person's life.

Westminster College (PA) has chosen to embrace its Presbyterian heritage by offering 150 Young Presbyterian Scholarships (YPS) worth \$11,000 per year for four years. This scholarship is available for students who are PC(USA) members and hold a 3.5 cumulative high school grade point average. The YPS scholarship is intended for graduating high school seniors who will join us for four years.

Each congregation is able to nominate one student per year.

Unlike other scholarships, the college has chosen to create a Program for these students which encourages their involvement in the PC(USA) and offers them opportunities for personal and spiritual growth, domestic and international mission experiences and peer ministry on campus.



The inaugural group of YPS students is from eleven different states and diverse churches and communities. Their bond is through Christ, and they have made an immediate impact on our campus through academic excellence, service and leadership.

Nomination forms will be mailed this summer or you can nominate on-line beginning in July.

For more information about Westminster College or the YPS Program, please contact Carey Anne Meyer LaSoror at (724) 946-7365 or via E-mail at: [meyerca@westminster.edu](mailto:meyerca@westminster.edu)

Alternatively, visit the YPS website at: <http://redir.targetx.com/cgi-bin/redir.cgi?id=0000256895-42622810>

## Telemarketing Calls on Cellphones

Telemarketers can now call on your cell phone if it isn't included on the do not call registry. For those with internet access, it is easy to register all your phone numbers by going to:

[donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov)

Those without internet access may register by phone by calling (888) 382-1222.

## What about Vacation Bible School?

From Barbara Zacheis

Well, glad you asked! At this time, the plans for VBS are still in the air, so we cannot give you dates, however, when we do have information, it will be found on the church's website:

[www.nhpchurch.org](http://www.nhpchurch.org).

There is a possibility that we may move VBS to several evenings to allow for adult participation as well as children activities, so please check the website frequently so you can be informed of up-to-the-minute plans regarding this year's VBS.

## Synod to Take New Shape and Role

From [synodne.org](http://synodne.org) and the *Leadership News*

Determining the emerging shape and role of the Synod of the Northeast was the major task accomplished by commissioners to the April 22–24 Synod of the Northeast Assembly. The commissioners perfected and then approved a plan that had been presented by the Ad Hoc Committee on a Mission Design Plan

To be implemented in 2006, the plan adopted will encourage formation of presbytery partnership groups to carry out mission as appropriate in each of their environments. Monies saved by reducing to six the number of synod staff working in the present synod office will be distributed among partnership groups to fund the ministries needed there. (Currently the synod office has 10 full-time staff, one halftime staff, and a consultant.) Under the new structure, the Synod Assembly will meet annually and a Synod Council will conduct necessary synod business between annual meetings. Geographically proximate presbytery groups also will meet, with Synod commissioners from each of their presbyteries participating in those gatherings.

The Synod of the Northeast includes 235,013 Presbyterians worshipping in 1186 chartered congregations and 39 fellowships or developing congregations.

### From the Editor

From Bob Philhower, editor *The Carriage Stone*

The next issue of the newsletter will be a combined July/August issue as I will be unable to put together a separate August issue. Any late-breaking news would go on the web site.

Shirley and my vacation plans line up exactly wrong, so while the deadline is June 19 so I can put together the issue, it probably won't go out until the first week in July. Sorry, but that is the best we can do this summer.



## Humbleness

By Joni Fiore

Inspired by Philippians 2:1–18

God, you are so good to me

But for your grace, I don't know where I would be!

Jesus is the way to have an ever growing personal relationship with you!

And the Comforter directs and guides my life and shows me what to say and how to do.

*I am so humbled* by how you're forever changing me.

I pray, God, that you fill me up each day with the Holy Spirit and let me be on fire to always serve thee!

## Walking in the Spirit

By Joni Fiore

Walking in the spirit all day is the most glorious thing you can do to praise God.

He gives you an Armor of Love to take wherever you go!

It touches everyone you meet and in turn helps you more spiritually to grow, to Love God with all your *might*, helps one not to focus on what you *can* see, but focus on things that don't take *sight!*

Things like compassion, empathy and love; things that come *from only* Heaven alone!

So don't think of earthly things, but think upwards, *towards the skies*; and God will be there to rescue you, to change you by the Holy Spirit and to give *you new lives!*

