



The PVEM Happenings



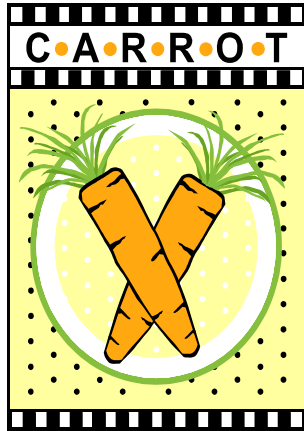
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Ideas for Auction Donations

by Betty Schultheis



A crewel or embroidered picture or wall hanging would make a fabulous donation for our PVEM Auction 2006.



Mowing the lawn is a great "service" to provide especially for us "older" folks during the hot summer..

Auction Ideas

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Path Forward

This is an exciting time for PVEM. The PR (Community Relations) Task force has created new definition for our congregation:

As faithful followers of Christ we welcome and honor all people by:

- Participating in each other's traditions, by
- Valuing our diverse God given gifts,
- Embracing all who enter, and
- Ministering together in our community...

"that we may all be one".

We received the results of the U.S. Congregational Survey and the Survey Task force is now in place. They will meet one hour for seven consecutive weeks to determine our path forward utilizing the results of the survey to further our collective vision for the church.

Members of the Task force are: Tracy Quinn, Tom Roberts, Charlie Schaffer, Lauren Wittig, Linda Yaeger, Bob Zinkgraaf, and Rev. Dr. Mary Lou Howson.

Anyone interested in viewing either of the 23-minute videos concerning the process, please contact Betty Schultheis.



Did I Do That???

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

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Plug-in your imaginations, be creative, and come up with a unique service you can offer, or a talent or skill you can put to work producing a craft item, article of clothing, or piece of artwork you can donate.

Among those donations to date are a cord of firewood, a homemade pie every month for a year, a gift certificate for Charlie Brown's, an afghan, a hand quilted quilt, and a photo package.

John Jurena has added the auction forms to the PVEM website so you can go online to complete them.

Over 1,000 items were donated for our auction in 1988 We're hoping to exceed that number for our 2006 auction.

There will be advertisements in our auction program and you are encouraged to take a contract to sign-up your business for an ad. Congregation members may want to purchase a "Booster Ad" for \$10.

If you don't know what to donate, contact a planning committee member and we will show you the previous Auction Program for some ideas.

The date of the Auction is Saturday, May 20, 2006. Our goal is to raise \$20-\$25,000 for projects within the church. About half of the funds will go toward establishing the Memorial Garden. Funding the benevolences and providing funds for the work of Commissions will comprise the rest.

This is a wonderful opportunity to work together, have fun and participate in making the Memorial Garden a reality instead of a dream, providing the benevolences to our founding denominations, and promoting the work of our Commissions.

Planning committee members Kathy and John Pflugfelder Sr., Dave Robinson, Marilyn Schaffer, Glenn Stevenson, Ron Reece and Betty Schultheis.

Avoid a Stroke In Just 10 Minutes

Stroke is America's third leading killer. It is also the number one cause for nursing home admissions. Unfortunately, half of all stroke victims have no warning signs before a stroke occurs. How can you beat the odds?

On August 24, 2005, Life Line Screening Radiology, LLC, will be at PVEM. They will be giving screening tests for stroke, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis.

Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-636-0418. The screening is done using non-invasive, completely painless screenings with Doppler ultrasound technology. The screenings are fast, accurate, and available at an affordable rate.

- Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery \$45.
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening \$45.
- Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening \$45.
- Complete Vascular Package (all 3) \$109.
- Osteoporosis Screening \$35.
- All four screenings \$129.

A board certified physician, who is fully insured and licensed to practice, reviews and confirms all screening results.

Insurance note: At the present time, Medicare does not cover the cost of these screening services and Life Line Screening Radiology, LLC does not file insurance claims.

No credit cards will be accepted at the event.

Please Honor the Happenings Deadline

Please submit all articles by the 15th of the month for timely publication. It takes time to build the newsletter; however, if for some reason you don't have the information for the article that you know you will need space for, just let us know so we can reserve the space. We realize that sometimes events create the need for a last minute addition, so we will try to be understanding. Otherwise, any late submissions will be in the following issue. Thank you



Stress Test

The dictionary defines stress as: **a:** A physical, chemical, or emotional factor that causes bodily or mental tension and may be a factor in disease causation
b : a state of bodily or mental tension resulting from factors that tend to alter an existent equilibrium.

One test that is given to test the amount of stress that a person is being subjected to, is to have that person examine two identical objects. The more differences that the person finds indicates the degree of stress that he/she is under. If you are interested in taking this test, turn to page five. In the lower left hand corner is a photo of two identical dolphins. If you look closely and find no differences between them, you are okay. If, however, you notice some differences, you just might need to take a vacation.

Whatever your results are – please don't call me – I'll be on vacation.

Upcoming Events

August 24, 2005

Life Line Screening
 See the article "Avoid a Stroke"
 On page 2.

August 29, 2005

Worship Commission begins
 New program year.

September 11, 2005

Rally Day for Sunday School
 and Church program year.

October 21, 2005

Golf outing -- more details to
 follow at a later date.

Mike Billington

Mike was diagnosed with Stage IV Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma with a 5 cm tumor under his Pancreas.

If you would like to send cards to Mike and the Billington Family, please send them to their home:

**13 Deerfield Road
 Oxford, NJ 07863**

For more information about Mike, go to the following website:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/michaelbillington>

From the website, you can email Mike or leave a message for him, or just read the journal to find out how he is doing.

Remember Mike and his family in your prayers.



Coffee Hour

In case you've ever wondered how all of those wonderful cookies, brownies, bagels, etc. appear like magic on the tables in Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning after Worship Service. It's because the "Master Scheduler" (for 2005, it's Penny Newell) has contacted the various Commissions and Denominational Groups to host coffee hour and bring the goodies.

The Calendar for 2005:

- August Pastoral Care Comm.
- Sept. Christian Outreach
- October Presbyterian
- Nov. United Church of Christ
- Dec. Growth & Fellowship

Worship Enhancing Accessories

Do you need longer arms in order to read the church bulletin, pew Bible or Hymnal? Do you wish the announcements were louder? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, you need to utilize the items placed on the "Worship Enhancing Accessories" table on the left in the narthex.

You will find large print bulletins, pew Bibles, and Hymnals there as well as hearing aids.

Anyone needing a wheelchair during Worship Service should contact an usher as there is one available.

Interesting Facts

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language

In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb"

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...) The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400

The average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander, the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Open Forum

MEMORIAL AND SPECIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts have been received to honor Viola Kuehn and William Holzapsel. The latter gift was designated to PVEM's Christian Outreach

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

It is very special in the life of a church to have a member make the decision to enter the ministry. Judith Coffee is our first person to do this. Judy is beginning her second year at Union Seminary, New York City. The Endowment Committee has awarded her two gifts of \$750 from the interest that has been earned on the capitol. She will use it to help with her tuition and books.

Sarah Zinckgraf was awarded \$400 to help with the expenses she will incur on her Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic.

Stress Test



Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their sympathy cards, condolences and support after the death of my father. Your kindness and support was greatly appreciated. I would also like to say a special thank you to Rev. Howson for her support as well.

Jeanne Ricciardelli

Letters to the Editor

Happenings is always looking for informative articles or just letters about your point of view. We would like to hear from you, often.

Directory

If you haven't received your Church Directory, see Ron Reece during coffee hour.

Wisdom From Grandma

Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.

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