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# Mission Views & News

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**CELEBRATE WITH  
CAREY DAVIS  
JUNE 14 & 21**

## Cornerstone Christian Academy Library Expansion Offering Update



Presbyterian Church member agreed to match all gifts up to \$30,000 so that brings the offering to a total of \$ 61,543. An agreement made by Cornerstone with the anonymous donor provides for any overage beyond the cost of the library expansion to go to the Cornerstone Capital Campaign. THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this possible. May God be praised.

### Concert Benefits Cornerstone Library Project

Penn State senior Joseph Kauffman performed his senior violin recital with pianist and friend Erik Clayton at Wayne Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 6. The audience, many of whom have known this gifted musician since childhood, sat enthralled as he performed works by Mozart, Sibelius, and Brahms.

Joe learned about the Cornerstone Christian Academy Library Expansion from his parents, John and Jeanne Kauffman, and although his concert was free, he generously decided to offer his concert as a fundraiser for the offering. Joe's friends and family honored him by giving \$1,206 for the project. Thanks, Joe, and congratulations on your graduation!

As of press time, we have received \$ 31,543 toward our Hammers with Heart project of enclosing the porch area at Cornerstone Christian Academy so that the library can be expanded. A generous Wayne



## Carey Davis' Farewell

Dear friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you of my plans to resign from my official position as CityLights Coordinator as of June 30. As some of you might be aware, this has been



a difficult season for our church in terms of giving, thus requiring some cut-backs in spending. My part-time role as an assistant in Mission has been suspended through

the end of 2008, with hopes of reinstating a position in the near future. What many of you may not know is that despite these financial circumstances, I had indicated to Dr. Galloway before his departure, and to Dr. Fritts in his coming, that I would need to conclude my season at Wayne and rejoin my family at another church. The timing is right for us as we seek to be more closely connected to our neighbors and to integrate home and work and

### Celebrate CityLights with Carey Davis

**Saturday, June 14**

Farewell Reception and Time to Remember  
**3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
Wayne Presbyterian Church

**Saturday, June 21**

The first annual CityLights Celebration in SW Philadelphia  
**3:00 pm to 7:00 pm**  
Kingsessing Recreation Center Auditorium

worship within the same community.

While this is a good move for us as a family, it is also a difficult one. Wayne Church has not only been a place of employment for me. You have been my church family for over fifteen years. When Gerry and I arrived in 1992, our older son Graham was a newborn. (He now proudly notes that he has reached the “taller than mom” mark!) This church has seen us through periods of self-discovery and growth, of difficulty and challenge. We have been nurtured by Bible study and fellowship and surrounded by partners in prayer. Our children have been blessed by the care and discipleship of so many of you over the years. And we have labored together in God’s mission beyond the walls of our church and into the city.

For at least half of my life, my passion has been seeking wholeness for families and communities in the city while encouraging those in the suburbs to experience a deeper level of Christian discipleship. I am grateful to you for allowing me to enliven that passion through my leadership in CityLights. You have been a congregation open and willing, not so much to follow me, but to follow the Spirit in all of us as we have embarked on a journey into Southwest Philadelphia. Our initial 3-year commitment has been extended indefinitely. We have proven to our partners in Southwest Philly that we can be trusted, not just to pop in and “do good” for as long as it suits us. No, we have chosen to stand beside them for the long haul, investing our time and resources, our connections and skills, and most importantly, our friendship and prayers in a neighborhood that has now become an extension of our Wayne community.

Over the years I have seen tangible growth and change in Southwest – a new playground at Mitchell School, increased police protection, a new roof and lighting for recreation centers, a new grocery store on an improving business strip, a community newspaper revived – all either directly or indirectly linked to CityLights. Additionally, hundreds of families have been encouraged by food or furniture, by baby supplies or back-

packs during times of difficulty, or have been connected to summer camp or grief counseling or entrepreneurial training or job placement programs because of the Network we have helped to establish. Your time in school classrooms and hallways, board rooms and playing fields, homes being rehabbed or kitchens serving lunch have all had an impact on strengthening individuals’ lives and the framework of an entire neighborhood. That is something to SHOUT about and something I know brings God joy.

Just as significant are the intangibles that have happened within our Southwest partners and within us as we have labored together – building cohesion in a neighborhood where competition for meager resources was once the norm, dismantling stereotypes and supporting each other across economic, racial, or cultural lines, building deep Christian community between city and suburb. Thank you for allowing your obedience to the nudges of God to bear fruit in the lives of others and in your own lives as his faithful followers.

Many have asked me, “What will happen to CityLights once you are gone?” I am thrilled to respond that I have every confidence that CityLights will continue and will grow in new and vibrant ways. Since its inception, CityLights has had a dynamic group of deeply committed volunteers to guide the urban/suburban partnership aspect of this ministry at Wayne Presbyterian Church.

I urge you to be in touch with co-chairs Frank Rottier and Pat Leidy, or with any of the other committed team members — Susan Aggarwal, Shirley Alrich, George Aman, Jane Beatty, Diane Carey, Jerry Clampett, Beth Coulter, Amanda Clarke, Rev. Carol Clarke, Susan Fitzpatrick-Brown, Peter Grim, Sally Hudson, and Carolyn Wallis. Thank them for their tremendous involvement and ask how you might help.

In addition to our team in Wayne, CityLights now has an equally dedicated CityLights Leadership Team that provides direction for the network of organizations in the city. The CLLT is currently completing a strategic plan that will potentially lead to the estab-

lishment of a separate non-profit in Southwest. They will then be able to seek funding beyond WPC for collaborative projects that will enhance the quality of life in the neighborhood. I will likely serve as a consultant during the transition process, and hopefully new staff will be in place by the end of the year.

As I close, I want to invite you to come CELEBRATE CityLights! I hope you will plan to come and celebrate with me what God has done through our church and urban partners to forward his beloved kingdom.

With gratitude,  
*Carey Davis*

### **Memory Book for Carey Davis**

If you would like to write a letter to Carey expressing gratitude for her service at Wayne, please send it to Carol Clarke by June 13, so that we can present a memory book to her at the reception on June 14.

## **Good Neighbors**

**By Betsy Boston**

Sandi and Kirk Gorman were listening to the news of Hurricane Katrina when they heard about the response of a small rural town reaching out to help the victims by hosting them in their community. They thought, if THAT town can do it, T/E surely can as well.

They emailed 20 local friends and within 24 hours had commitments from 15, each bringing different skills to the venture. Housing was located for the prospective transplanted families, money raised, schooling arranged, and non-profit status set-up for an organization called “Tredyffrin & Easttown Care.” The word quickly spread and the community was very generous — offering jobs, medical services, clothing and general support to the three families who relocated to T/E from New Orleans.

As the 2005 holidays approached,

the community's desire to help exceeded the need of these three families from New Orleans, and there was a realization that similar needs existed in local families. Contacts with the local schools anonymously identified a few families with special requirements. Lists of these needs were disseminated through T&E Care, and almost all were met.

"It was a natural thing that just fell into place through friends," said Sandi. "The timing was right – five years earlier, Kirk and I would not have had the time; five years later, I would not have had the important initial contacts."

Sandi served on the T/E school board for ten years, and there was a relationship of trust in place with school counselors and other community groups. "I was oblivious to the true poverty in T/E but realized we should be willing to help others right under our noses."

So as the needs of the three Katrina families waned, a new board evolved to address local needs. "There were good people wanting to do good things," Sandi reflected, "and it grew beyond our circle of friends."

T&E Care became an official non-profit and has helped local families who face difficult situations. Ninety-nine percent of our referrals come through the schools and other community groups.

"Some families need temporary help to get over a 'hump.' Others are in more dire straits, and the organization is evolving as we discern how to address various needs." The T&E Care network generally is mobilized to respond to specific needs within the community, rather than searching for such needs. There are about 550 people on the T&E Care email list, and Sandi has been learning how to manage a complex amount of data.

When encouraged to comment on her motivation, Sandi responded, "God put me here to help others. Kirk has been the brains behind much of the work, an incredible partner and terrific contact for many families." Her advice to others wanting to follow their dreams? "Know your limits and skills."

If you live in the T/E area and

would like to get involved, see the extensive T&E Care website (<http://www.tecare.org/>) or e-mail Sandi or Kirk at [sgj1566@aol.com](mailto:sgj1566@aol.com). John Dautrich, another Wayne Presbyterian Church member, also serves on the T&E Care board.

If you live outside Tredyffrin/Easttown, the Gormans would encourage you to consider a similar outreach in your own community, and would be willing to assist you in getting started.

## Sabeel Conference Drew Record Crowd



The Friends of Sabeel in North America sponsored the April 25-26 conference at Villanova University. Attending from Wayne were Revs. Mary Ann McPherson and Carol Clarke and Presbytery Peacemaking Committee member Don Clarke. Speakers of various ethnic backgrounds and nationalities shared perspectives on how to bring justice and peace to the situation in Israel-Palestine. The International Director of Sabeel is Rev. Naim Ateek, who lives in Jerusalem but came to Villanova for the meeting.

## Healthcare Professionals Network Meets May 14

By Jo Williamson

Where does "care" come from for the Healthcare Professional?

There are many varied positions in the healthcare industry that are impacted by the very nature of the industry. Whether a nurse, therapist, secretary, doctor, accountant, or any of many occupations, the industry has demands that are unique. In healthcare, you deal with various clinical

services to people in need, socioeconomic problems and funding issues.

All of this has impact on a professional attempting to deliver a quality service under these pressures. If you are one of these folks and would like an opportunity to give/receive support, exchange helpful information and receive strength from scripture, then the Healthcare Professional Network is a group made for you.

Please join us the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. When we meet on May 14th, Dr. Eric Greenhow will lead a Bible Study on *Healing Narratives: The Centurion's Servant*.

## Career Day at Mitchell Elementary Friday, June 6th

This question is often answered in terms of occupation.

As children learn about various professions, they begin to find answer to that question for themselves.

Mitchell Elementary School staff believe that all children need to feel that they can aspire to whatever profession they want and need to hear this message early in life.

This year, you can share the rewards, joys, surprises, frustrations and training of your career with 4th and 5th graders Friday, June 6 from 9:00-11:00 am at Mitchell Elementary School on Kingsessing Avenue, one of our CityLights partners in Southwest Philadelphia.

Whether you are a caterer, nurse (or other health related professional), a carpenter (or part of any other construction or home repair business), accountant, business executive, sportscaster, a lawyer or paralegal, a landscaper, or any other professional, come to Mitchell June 6th. You will make three or four 15-20 presentations during the morning and will be invited for lunch at 11:00 am.

Contact Jane Beatty, 610-688-7529, [janebeatty@mindspring.com](mailto:janebeatty@mindspring.com) with questions or to sign up.

## CityLights Events

### Gardening Volunteers Needed May 31

We need your help with Spring planting and cleaning at the Kingsessing Place Garden in SW Philadelphia on Saturday, May 31st, from 9:30 am – Noon. Bring either bags of topsoil, a flat of sun-loving plants, shrubs from your garden or just yourself and family. Call Carolyn Wallis at 610-225-0184 or Susan Fitzpatrick-Brown at 610-293-1416 if you can help.

### Urban Issues Book Club Set for June 12

We invite you to read *The Shame of the Nation*, by Jonathan Kozol, a book about the current segregation and “apartheid” reality in our public schools. There will be a panel and group discussion on Thursday, June 12 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm with participants from Wayne Pres and schools in SW Philadelphia. Books are available for \$10 at the CityLights Table in the Connector on Sundays or from Carol Clarke during the week.

### Fifth Graders Honor First Genesis Church By Betsy Boston

Rev. Samuel and Erma Moore show us the colorful banner created by the 5th grade girls Sunday School class at Wayne Presbyterian Church,



led by teachers Nancy Dever and Tom Edkins. The banner was delivered in time for Easter services.

“The banner is hanging in the back of the First Genesis Baptist sanctuary for all to see,” said Mrs.

Moore. “Everyone says it is beautiful and uplifting. Thank you so much!” First Genesis Baptist Church, founded by the Moores 19 years ago, is a CityLights partner.

### Pakistan Country Network Started Here



A Pakistan Country Network inaugural meeting was held at Wayne Presbyterian Church on

March 11, 2008. Attending [from left] are Peter Grim and Susan Aggarwal of the Wayne Mission Executive Committee, Rev. Dr. Maqsood Kamil (Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan), Mrs. Veeda Javid (Executive Director of the Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan), Carol Clarke and Dorothy Wilder (retired mission worker who served with her husband, John, for 40+ years in Pakistan). The teleconference meeting also

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*Mission Outreach Ministry*

included Dr. Insik Kim (PCUSA Mission Area Coordinator for Asia), Dr. Will Browne (President of the Medical Benevolence Foundation), and Marilyn Borst, Global Mission Director at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

The purpose of the network is to allow Presbyteries and congregations that are involved with PCUSA mission partners in Pakistan to collaborate and cooperate where possible. The PCUSA relates to the 250,000 Presbyterians who minister through the churches of the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan (PCP) and institutions like Forman Christian College, Presbyterian Education Board, media and Bible correspondence ministries and Christian hospitals.

### Broad Street Ministry Third Birthday Party May 18 at 6:00 pm

Our friends at Broad Street Ministry are inviting us to the festivities. We will celebrate with special music, movement and a few other surprises. Pastor Bill Golderer will present a meditation from Ephesians 3 entitled “No Longer Strangers.”

Broad St. Ministry is located at 315 South Broad St. (across the street from the Kimmel Center and University of the Arts). If you are available to drive or would like a ride, we can carpool from Wayne PC leaving promptly at 5:15 pm. If you are interested in attending, notify Carol Clarke in the church office.