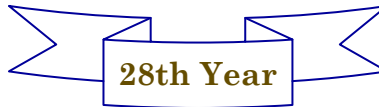
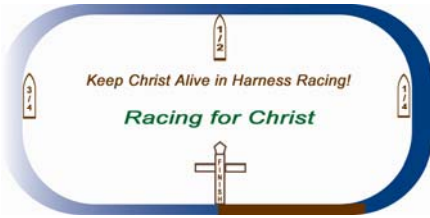


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From Kate Walker

2013 Everyone: get a large canning jar and every time The Good Lord Blesses you, place a brief description note of the blessing in it. Then at the end of 2013, open the jar, read the notes and reminisce. You will see the tapestry of our life.



It's Not My Problem By Chaplain Lee Alphen

No, it is not my problem that we are becoming a Godless nation, that kids are shooting each other in school or that my family is not perfect. Sure, there are lots of problems in the world, but they are NOT my problems and I am choosing not to worry about them. Yes, I am serious.

A study by Dr Walter Calvert on worry that is much quoted on the internet shows that only 8% of our worries are really legitimate concerns.

30% of our worries are about events in the past
40% of the things we worry about never happen
12% of our worries are unfounded health concerns
10% of our worries are over minor and trivial issues
Only 8% of our worries are real, legitimate issues

Study by Dr. Walter Calvert

So, why do we worry? Why do we spend our time upset, anxious and complaining about things that have already happened, are not likely to happen or really are no big deal? We would do better to not even think about these things.

Paul gives us a much better idea in Philippians 4: 6-9. "Have no anxiety about

anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Here Paul is not just saying to run to God and tell him HOW to fix everything so we don't have to worry. Rather, Paul is saying to constantly give thanks to God just for being God. Leave our concerns with God, and then always be thinking about all the wonderful, lovely, praiseworthy things God puts in our lives.

Then, "The peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Yes, there are many problems in the world and even in our families. Yes, it is good to be aware of them so we can turn them over to God trusting God to bring good from all things.

Everything in our lives is of concern to God. God really wants to be part of all our decisions, big and little, all our relationships, work, hobbies, and everything else. God also wants to work powerfully in our world to make it a better place free of violence, sickness, suffering and pain. John encourages us with visions of the "New Jerusalem" in Revelations 21.

Please join me in giving God all our "problems". That's what God wants.

Letter from Matt Cline

The past year has been full of exciting changes. I have changed schools, moved into a new apartment, and finalized my major. I am now attending The Ohio State University. The change has been a welcome one. Being closer to home definitely has its advantages, not the least of which is the surplus of home-cooked meals offered by the various family members and friends. People often overlook the benefits of a family dinner. After a long week of class it is nice to be able to vent to someone who knows what is happening in your life. This change has reassured me of the value of the strong family support that I have received throughout my



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Letter to a Grieving Nation

By Rev John E Prescott

The next few weeks and months will occupy the soul of a nation to try to fathom the unspeakable tragedy that took place at Newtown. The debate has already started blaming gun control laws and inadequate mental health systems. While these considerations are important, I believe they do not address the root of a problem that continues to worsen. Outlaws have overrun our nation using sophisticated weapons that any army in the world would be proud to wield.



Rev John Prescott

And if the trend *Cont. pg 3*

Obituaries

Please pray for the families of these harness racing friends:

Lea Bell, 76, of Kensington, P.E.I. passed away on Dec. 28.

Marty L. Brimmer, 55, of Rome, OH, died Dec. 12 after a two year battle with cancer.

Robert L. Collins, 78, of Salisbury, Md., died Dec. 23.

Irvan Edward Clayton, 75, of Johnstown, Ohio, died Dec. 28.

John Como, owner of Scenic View Acres in Towaco, N.J., died on Wednesday, Dec. 5. He was 88.

Tom Courtemanche, 66, who with his brother Dan campaigned the big winners Bobnoxious, Earl's Glider, NF Quotable, Jake's Nordic and Jojo N Goliath, died Monday, Dec. 3.

Pompano trainer **Clayton Faurot, Sr.**, 76, died Dec. 17.

Standardbred breeder and owner **Charlotte Sheppard DeVan**, 92, whose father Lawrence B. Sheppard founded Hanover Shoe Farms, died Tuesday, Jan.1.

Roderick L. Cushing, 68, of East Wilton, ME died peacefully at his home with family at his side Dec. 4. Rod's sons, Ron and Michael, and brother, Bo all race in Maine.

Larry L. Foureman, 77, of Arcanum, Ohio, died Jan. 14.



Maine horseman **Raymond V. Ireland**, 84, who campaigned many top horses including 2005 Pennsylvania Sire Stakes championship runner-up Kerogen, died Dec. 21.



Henry D. Mayer, 85 passed away peacefully Dec. 29 in Orlando after battling bone cancer.



Ann Mossbarger, 88, wife of Dr. Don Mossbarger at Midland Acres, passed away Jan. 6.



Ruth E. Norton, 92, wife of the late Loring Norton, of ME died Dec. 18. Ruth and Loring brought nephew, Bruce Ranger into harness racing.



Hall of Famer **Walter Russell**, a son of a Hall of Fame horseman who chose to make his mark in harness racing in the judges' stand instead of on the track, died Saturday morning, Dec. 22, at the age of 86.



Sandra Kay (Norvell) Teague, 70, died Dec. 12 in OH.



Trent Elliott Tharps, Sr., 51, of Lebanon, Ohio, died Dec. 27.



Carol E. Yohn, 65, wife of U.S. Trotting Association director, Robert Yohn, died on Friday, Dec. 21. Carol was our CHHA Prayer Partner coordinator for a while.



Cline cont. from pg. 1 life.

The second big change of the year is that I am living in an off-campus apartment. The change has been pleasant. Getting away from the hustle and bustle of campus is a nice change of pace. There is nothing like trying to get some studying done with the neighbors screaming at the tv during an epic Madden tournament. And not to brag, but I am much happier cooking for

myself than making my way to the dreaded cafeteria every day.

Finally I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. I have decided to finalize my major after four years of searching. The world of computers has always caught my attention, but after exploring a few classes in the field of computer science, I have decided programming is for me. The vast openness and opportunities in the field

intrigues and motivates me.

The year has been full of change, but the help of family friends, and God have kept me motivated and excited at the same time. I look forward to finishing the year, so the real excitement of summer can begin, long warm days full of fairs and racing, helping others and spending time with family.

Prayer Corner

Please pray for all the people on our Prayer List who are battling cancer, especially:

Doug Ackerman, Debbie Boardman, Gary Bryant, Rick Carson, Jimmy Derue, Jan Donovan, Chaplain Tom Farley, Shirley Fiske, Greg Gehman, Marilyn Hankins, Mary Haskell, Betty Haws, John Hufford, Betty James, Bob Kinsey, Larry Lederman, Wilma Mattuci, Joyceann McClelland, June McLaughlin, Michael McDonnell, Stephen McDonnell, Corey Murphy, Suzanne Murphy, Fran Nori, Jay O'Neil, Dee Parsons, Doris Perzolla, Dr. Art Reynolds, Pete Richards, Rose Sinclair, Jimmy Summers, Fred Ward, Sr., Joyce Zeasapolowski and Will.

Please continue to pray for **Weldon Stockwell**.

These friends are also in need of our ongoing prayers:

Lois Boyken, Mary Burton, Joyce Cardoza, Carol Ann Case, Faye Clayborn, Joan Collins, Dale, Dick, Mr. DiDonatto, Dennis Drenth, Billy Dubois, Nora Fenner, Barbara Elrod, Barbara Fowler, Debbie Gray, Harry Harvey, Nancy Haskell, Ruby Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Paul and Mrs. Hershey, Carol Heusinkveld, James Heyman, Donna Holterman, John Hostler, Jesse Hughes, Thelma and Winthrop Klark, Kenny Kane, Irving Liverman, Katherine Lonager, Faye Mackey, Pedro Martinez, Jr., Dean Miller, Bill Parker, Elaine Parlin, Waverly Parsons, Ralph Rosenberry, Rev. and Mrs. James Slack, Abe Stoltzfus, Tony, and Bill Wick.



Please pray for those serving in the military, especially: Sgt. Joshua Hankins and Chris Petruccio.

Helen Collins is undergoing chemo.

John Timothy Hufford's cancer is back.

Chaplains Kelly Blanton and Rich Heffington recently had surgery.

Kenny Kane, mid 70s, has serious pancreas and liver problems.

Jimmy Summers has leukemia.

Drivers **Brad Forward and Anthony MacDonald** were both badly hurt at Flamboro Downs.

Ron Rivers has been experiencing some hard times.

Sydney Sturn is going for testing for a pancreas problem.

Janice Dehart has problems related to her cancer.

Suzanne D'Ambrose asks for prayers for her **Shark River Hills, NJ** neighborhood for a quick recovery from Hurricane Sandy.

Praise Reports Dr. Bob Schwartz is recovering nicely from his January quadruple by-pass surgery.

Paul Jenkins's surgery went very well too. Praise God!

Marilyn Ross completed all of her radiation treatments, and tests indicated a very low chance of reoccurrence.

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Send us your name, address, phone number and email with your donation to be entered in our Thursday February 28, 2013 drawing at Rockingham Park. You do not have to be present to win. The winner will be announced in our March newsletter.

Stockwell cont. from pg. 4 She was a faithful partner in ministry with Weldon who also served as the CHHA bookkeeper for 27 years. Besides being a devoted wife to Weldon, Nancy loved her family.

Nancy had the testimony that she "fought the good fight and finished her race" (II Tim. 4:7). Well done Nancy, you have been a faithful servant.

Paul gives the challenge to the believers in concluding this passage with a charge to keep focused on Jesus and continue in the work for the Lord. Nancy was faithful in serving her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We will miss her here, but this is not the end! She has left "the land of the dying and is now in the land of the living."

Nancy Stockwell went home to be with the Lord on December 11, 2012.

Memorial Contributions

Memorials are posted at www.chha.net.

In memory of **Nancy Stockwell** by Amy Bondon; Jerry Carroll; Kendra and Allan Casselman; Evelyn Collins; Bryan Grove; Max Heath, Sam Lilly; Charlie and Dot Morgan; Ohio Harness Horsemen's Assoc.; Weldon Stockwell; and Marsh and Betty Townley.

In memory of **Carol Yohn** by AFS Intercultural Programs; Daryl Crawmer; Sam Lilly; and Jim and Patrice Springer.

In memory of Ralph Hayward by the Cloverleaf SOA.

Towards the **John and Janet Klark Memorial Scholarship** by their good friend Craig Holterman.

We also received a memorial gift from someone wishing to remain **anonymous**.

continues how many more innocent children will be slaughtered?

Before 1960 the murder of children in classrooms was unheard of. So what happened in the 1960's that was different? In the early 1960's prayer was outlawed in the nation's classrooms. Once prayer was outlawed from the classrooms outlaws rushed in to fill the void. And not only outlaws with guns rushed in, but, so did Godless crusaders crafting school textbooks to reflect a Godless view of our nation's history. Changes which proved insidious did slowly assault the attitudes and character of God fearing generations. A nation formed upon the principals of the Bible, with gratitude to Almighty God for its protection and inception, now has become a nation outlawing the mention of God in classrooms and the assault of God in public places with the forbidding of lighted Christmas trees and the cross. Deep in our hearts we sense something wrong.

The only good in the world is the living Jesus. The only good in the world restraining evil is the living Jesus. The

only good in the world restraining evil in individuals is the living Jesus. Our government has effectively called evil good and good evil and has unwittingly or wittingly legislated evil into the laws. Even our President and many legislators have caved in to the evil, calling evil good and good evil, bowing to the popular culture and legislating evil into the laws. And worse many of our churches have set aside the foundation of the church, the Bible, to join the popular culture to call evil good and good evil. Sadly these events have been prophesied in the Bible, events hastening the demise of our country and the foretelling of an end.

I am sickened by the murders of precious children and teachers; I earnestly call upon you and a nation to call upon Jesus the only true change agent in the world.

In God's love, Rev. Dr. John E. Prescott

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The Christian Harness Horsemen's Association welcomes Rev. John Prescott as Chaplain at Vernon Downs.



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Win a complete Harness

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Nancy Stockwell Lives On...

Did you know Weldon Stockwell was a little bashful? Three times he went to a dealership on the pretense of buying a car when actually he was mustering up the courage to ask the bookkeeper out on a date. Evidently she said yes. That was 62 years ago.

Here are some more excerpts from Pastor Bryan Grove's Memorial Service for Nancy Stockwell...

This is a celebration of Nancy's life because of what Jesus said to Martha at an hour of death, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he die, shall live. And whoever lives and



Grandson Brody, Nancy, daughter Kathy, granddaughter Jennifer and Weldon

believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26). The apostle Paul wrote, "We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord" (II Cor. 5:8).

Nancy was a woman with a gentle, quiet spirit. *Cont. on pg. 3*



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Made a generous Christmas donation in the name of their loyal customers to the Christian Harness Horsemen's Association.

In lieu of Christmas Gifts the Stockwell family has made a generous contribution to CHHA in memory of Nancy C. Stockwell, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend of all. Weldon



Mitchell Farm Blessing

Chaplain Lee Alphen was called to the late Harry Mitchell's Farm in East Kinston, NH just before Christmas for a blessing. Kathy Auer and the others at Bucky Day's old farm thought a blessing would help start the farm off on the right hoof for the New Year.

After sharing some of the horsey scriptures, Chaplain Lee offered prayers for God's protection on all the people and horses associated with the farm. Then each person laid hands on their horses asking God to bless them. Chaplain Lee reminded them all that it might be a good idea to bless their horses on a regular basis. An idea would be to bless them with a quick prayer every day as they brushed them.



Farm Blessing December 23, 2012
Mitchell Farm, E Kingston, NH

This edition of the newsletter is published in memory of Nancy Stockwell thanks to the generosity of her family and friends.