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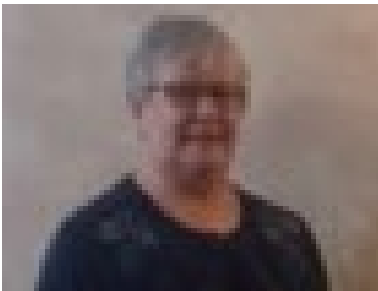
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FROM THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB PRESIDENT The Rev. Deacon Judy Graves



As we start the year 2025, The Church Periodical Club thanks all of you for the constant contributions we have received throughout 2024. With you and your contributions, we have been able to assist many organizations, people and seminarians throughout the world with grants for books.

We will have our Quilt Raffle from now through March 8. Please continue to buy raffle tickets for the wonderful quilts we have again this year. We have 8 quilts donated for this raffle and look forward to raffling them off. Please see the pictures below of the quilts and a short history on each quilt.

As we start the year 2025, we now have updated our Bylaws, Policy and Procedures and Manual. These will continually be updated as things change throughout time. I want to thank the CPC Committee that worked so diligently throughout the past two years to get these items updated, especially Cai Armstrong, Clara Gillentine, Phenie Golatt and Char McCreight. There were many rewrites done and now they are finished.

As we look forward to 2025, The Church Periodical Club has now started a new Fund for the Diaconate. This is for Vocational Deacons. If you know of any Deacon who needs financial assistance for books, please contact Rev. Deacon Judy Graves, President (cpcpresident1888@gmail.com) or Rev. Deacon Robin Newman, Chairperson for the Diaconate Book Fund (robinewman@gmail.com). We have separated the Seminarian Book Fund with Betty Morris as the Chairperson from the National Book Fund with Maryfran Crist as the Chairperson (maryfrancrist64@gmail.com). The Seminarian Book Fund is for Seminarians in the Seminaries (bmorrisgig@gmail.com). We look forward to 2025 with the donations that we have received, and will receive, for the four funds (National Book Fund, Miles of Pennies Fund, Seminarian Book Fund and the Diaconate Book Fund). Please check our website for further updates on these funds.

There will be another training session for Diocesan Directors in January 2025 and the

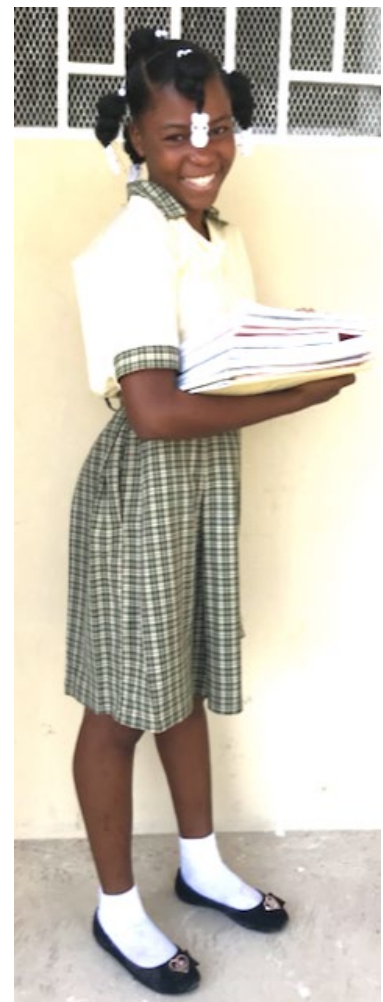
President will send out a notice for this. Also, we will be having a training session for the Provincial Representatives in January 2025. If anyone has any questions regarding these positions, please contact the President.

I hope everyone has had a Holy and Blessed Christmas and will have a Holy and Blessed New Year!

**FROM THE MILES OF PENNIES CHAIRPERSON,
Francesca Onyejuruwa**

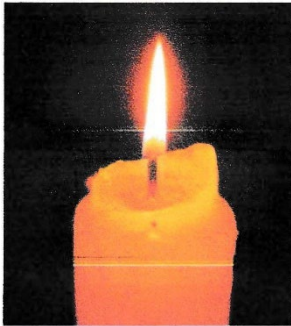
form, presumably after telling them what the form said. Below are photos of three ninth graders Estephania Marcellus, Franco Simeus, and Michemana Julien with their new textbooks. The Haiti Ministry at Grace Church, Amherst in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts sponsored an MOP grant for L'Ecole St Matthieu, Bayonnais, Haiti that was funded in January 2024. They were able to purchase books for their eighth & ninth graders with the sum of \$844.80 grant received.

The photos were taken in early October, shortly after the start of school. Suzannah Muspratt translated the permission form into Haitian kreyol and sent it to the school principal. He collected their signatures on a spreadsheet he made.



FROM THE NATIONAL BOOK FUND CHAIRPERSON, Maryfran Crist

Grant applications for adult written materials are now being accepted until March 1, 2025. Connect to the NBF webpage for more information: <https://churchperiodical.com/national-book-fund-history/> Contact Maryfran Crist at Maryfrancrist64@gmail.com when you have questions. Note that adult applications are accepted only once a year. These are known as National Book Fund (NBF) grants.



THE OBITUARY OF JOHN (JACK) O. PIERCE

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of John (Jack) O. Pierce, husband of the Reverend Patricia Daniels Pierce, retired Rector of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Pitman New Jersey.

Jack passed away on 07/20/2024. He was 86 years of age. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, the Reverend Patricia! Daniels Pierce, and was loved and will be missed by his family; son Christopher (Lillian), daughter Kimberly (JM), 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandbaby.

Until his retirement, he was the administrator for the Church Periodical Club (CPC) for the national Episcopal Church.

The funeral was a private ceremony, remembering Jack in the presence of his family. May he Rest in Peace.

Donations in his memory may be made to CPC - Church Periodical Club. The Church Periodical Club is an independent affiliated organization of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, dedicated to providing free literature, grants and related resources, such as prayer books, textbooks and educational materials.

You may visit their website at churchperiodical.com or by contacting them at: CPC, S. 3rd Ave., #903, Sioux Falls SD 57104.

PROVINCE VII NEWS from Shetwan Robison

One of the ladies at the Province VII board meeting shared that they collected books and sold them over two Sundays at church.

The paperbacks sold for \$1, hardbacks for \$2, and cookbooks were sold for \$3. They raised \$400 and all proceeds were sent to CPC. I do not remember which diocese it was from. She was sharing how they raised money for CPC.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB QUILTS RAFFLE

The raffle opens through Rally Up on January 23, 2025, and the drawing will be on March 9, 2025. The link is <https://go.rallyup.com/cpc2025/Campaign/Details>

Tickets are \$10.00 for 10 tickets, \$25.00 for 30 tickets, \$50.00 for 75 tickets or \$100.00 for 200 tickets. If you add an extra \$2.00 bonus to help pay for the Rally expense, will receive 5 extra tickets.

Recycled hearts are folks that find a way to reuse materials, etc. They share items and all items are donated where there is a need. They usually use a table cloth or sheet for their backings, sometimes a curtain. It is a loose organization without an email or website



One quilt is 65" x 88, full/ queen. It has not had its wash yet. That is a special way of doing it bathtub then rinses and hanging out to dry. It is from recycled hearts.



Next is an unfinished vintage quilt top with a double wedding ring pattern from about 1900-1920.



A 1980 rolling fence quilt is partially completed. It includes the pattern and all materials, even thread. It comes from a family estate. The quilt booklet cost \$1.29 from a store called the Busy Bobbin.

An Americana tied quilt was made in Fort Dodge Iowa by group that recycles material They make them for donation to the homeless shelter. You can see the backing is pieced as well. The quilt is 58x80.



Two quilts are from quilt "hunters" who are Mennonite Lutheran and Episcopal people who assist in making or finding quilts for the nonprofits that they assist.

This morning quilt was obtained in central Illinois. It was made circa 1970 to 1990. It is unusual with rectangular blocks with machine appliques. We do know it was to represent native circles with feathers.



This quilt has long arm stitches of hearts. It is 102 x 86. One photo is a close-up to show stitched hearts.



Maryfran met the quilters' guild of Southwest Chicago suburbs. They gave her a new Holly Hobbie child's tied quilt made with vintage material.



"I honestly can say the intricate work that goes into a quilt is amazing. I took to sewing the border on a quilt. It took me two hours to get one side done. Others there did piecing etc. If I go again, I'm going to ask to be the ironing or cutter person. I'm glad that the altar guild had prepped me to do the stitch. But this isn't a hobby that I'm going to start."

A package from somewhere in NYC came with a printed note that said, "I can't quilt but here is a crocheted afghan." The size is 42 inches by 72 inches long



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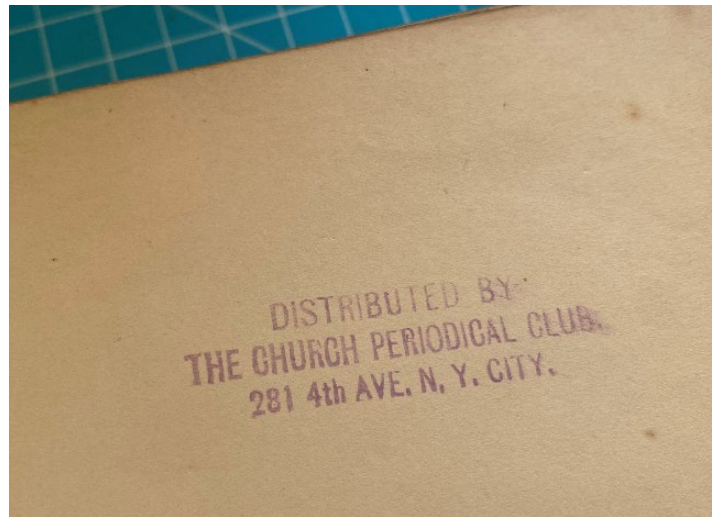


Here is what a tower of CPC quilts looks like!

Editor's note: Thank you very much, Maryfran for your hard work and creativity; you found so many beautiful quilts! Thank you also, Christine, for our wonderful link in RallyUp!

BOOK FROM 1839 DONATED TO CPC From: Cammie Ledbetter

Subject: Book of Common Prayer, 1838,
formerly of the Church Periodical Club...
Original Owner History (*excerpts*)



This is no ordinary book. No, not at all.

The original owner of this book was, for lack of a better term, American royalty - an elite heiress with close connections to several founding fathers.

The inscription at the top of the title page reads "Mary R. Van Rensselaer, December 25, 1839."

Mary Rebecca Tallmadge Van Rensselaer was born in 1817. Her father was James Tallmadge Jr. He was a lawyer and fourth Vice President of the United States under Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. Mr. Tallmadge made several trips abroad with his daughter and only surviving child, Mary, including to the court of Nicholas I in Russia. They also visited the court of the newly crowned Queen Victoria, where word spread that Miss Tallmadge became one of the Queen's favorite companions.

Mr. and Miss Tallmadge were in London in 1838, which is the probable publication date for this book. (This book, as far as I can discover, was only in print 1838-1840.)

On October 17, 1839, Mary Tallmadge married Philip Stephen Van Rensselaer. Mary Van Rensselaer gave birth to six children, only two of whom survived into adulthood.

On August 3, 1872, Mary died in Albany, New York at the age of 56.

Their son James passed away suddenly in Boston in August 1899. Although the Van Rensselaer family were members of the Dutch Reformed Church, James Tallmadge Jr.'s burial from Grace Church in Manhattan implies the Tallmadge's (and likely Mary Tallmadge Van Rensselaer) were Episcopalian, like much of the "bon-ton" of New York society. It is most likely that this is the time when the book passed into the hands of the Church Periodical Club. The stamp in the book lists the address of [281 Fourth Avenue](#), (now Park Ave.) New York City. The Church Mission House opened for use in January of 1894, housing the Church Periodical Club from that date until the 1960's.

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- ⌘ Life Member dues are \$250, paid once or by \$50/year for five years.
- ⌘ Church and Organization Life Member dues are \$300.

Membership dues help fund operating costs. The goal is to have enough members so that all unrestricted gifts can be used for book fund grants. Thank you very much for your support of this ministry! To learn more email cpcpresident1888@gmail.com.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB PRAYER

Bless O Lord, The Church Periodical Club, that it may be an instrument for the spread of your Word throughout the world. Grant to its officers wisdom and patience, to its members perseverance and the spirit of sharing that asks no return. Bring more to take part in its mission and ministry. Bless our gifts and those who receive them, to the enrichment of individual lives, that we all may be servants of the risen Lord. Amen.