



After the worship on Sunday, June 21, the Session led the congregation in a forum on what to do with the manse. Some information was shared with those who were there that day, and I think it is important for the rest of the congregation to have the information. What follows is the information sheet that was handed out at the forum. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact Pastor Ray or any member of the session.

The session feels that the manse is at a crossroads and is seeking input from the congregation. Here are some of the issues involved:

- Scott and Candice have moved out
- The manse has ongoing maintenance issues
- The roof needs to be replaced
- A support beam in basement needs repaired or replaced (\$3,000-\$5,000)
- Many other smaller current maintenance issues
- \$9,000 a year rental income with \$2,700 tax bill plus maintenance costs.
- Taxes are slated to go up depending on valuation protest on June 23.

Possible courses of action:

- Re-rent (would require performing deferred maintenance)
- Convert to church use: Sunday school, relocate office. We could take it off take rolls, but would still require maintenance and utilities
- Sell outright with lot (market valuation by realtor came in at between \$118,000 and \$128,000) (requires congregational and presbytery approval)
- Sell building to someone who would move it (probably no value, would be difficult to do because of brick construction)
- Demolish and use for green space (community garden?) (Requires congregational approval)
- Demolish and use for parking (requires congregational and city approval)

Notes:

- A very rough estimate for demolition is \$16,000 (could be as high as \$27,000)
- Borrowing money to perform any of the above would require Presbytery approval.

Session has made increasing worship attendance one of the goals for this year. Attendance generally drops off during the summer months, but I would encourage you to keep regular attendance if possible and to bring your friends.

Challenge: Let's try to have at least 100 worshipers in church each Sunday in July and August!



July Birthday Greetings

- 01 Maxine Wolf
- 02 Lane Gibson
- 03 Audre Nielson
- 03 Kay Schweitzer
- 05 Karli Gaines
- 06 Jim Wies
- 07 Craig Doering
- 07 David Thompson
- 07 Dawn Liphardt
- 07 Lariah Smith
- 07 Lew Sieber
- 08 Caden Koeppen
- 10 Jeanette Emert
- 10 Mary Louise Gillispie
- 11 Wilma Cooper
- 12 Christopher Nosky
- 12 Tate Ele
- 16 Barb Queen
- 16 Mary Crouch
- 18 Jessica Smith
- 18 Larry Baker
- 20 Josh Ele
- 23 Allan Donsig
- 23 Loretta Neill
- 24 Katrina Kendle
- 28 Fern Barker
- 29 Adam Bahr
- 30 Raymond Meester
- 30 Theresa Baker
- 31 Martin Liphardt



July Anniversaries

- 01 Rod & Malinda Combs
- 05 Norman & Pat Zink
- 11 Wade & Debbie Kendle
- 25 John & Kelly Jack
- 27 Martin & Dawn Liphardt
- 27 Ken & Cynthia Smetter

Please notify the church office if your birthday or anniversary was omitted or incorrect so we can make the necessary changes.

All VBS Volunteers are invited to attend the Orientation meeting at 11:30 AM Sunday, July 12th in Fellowship Hall. Help Heritage Help the Food Bank

Thank You

The family of Bill McDonald would like to THANK Ray & Ramona and all the other members, who said prayers, sent cards, called, and attended the service for Bill. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness at this sad time. We had 140 people say that was the "BEST SERMON" they have ever heard at a funeral. "Kudos" to Ray.

Marilyn & family

Dear Rev. Meester & Session Members:

Many thanks for yet another fantastic experience with my students at Heritage Presbyterian. The Kids seemed to have even more fun than ever & learned a great deal. None of this could have happened without your generosity in allowing us to use your facility.

I will submit an article to the LJS Neighborhood Extra & be sure to credit your community outreach. You truly reach many lives. You are truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Donna Baddeley

Heritage Deacons –

Thank you so much for the beautiful blanket and book. Also to Barb Bratt coming to visit us in the hospital. We are very grateful for the love and support we get from our Heritage family!!

Love,
Wade, Deb, Belle, Katrina, Ben, & Wyatt

Our Deepest Sympathy

To Helen Weber on the death of her great nephew John Atkinson.

It's not too late to register for VBS.
The cost is now \$10.00 per child.
Please contact the church office to register.

VBS needs – 16 oz or 20 oz. plastic pop bottles with caps. We need only 23 more!!!



The Heritage Book Club will meet on July 7 at 7:00 PM in the Gibson Room to discuss ***The Man Who Loved China*** By Simon Winchester
Contact Audre Nielson or the

church office for more information about the book club.



**New Birthday Club Members:
Anne and Lois Wies**

Congratulations to all our Birthday Club Members!

(See List Posted on Bulletin Board at Church.)

If you have a birthday coming up, why not think about donating to the Birthday Club? All funds donated to this club are transferred to Heritage's Endowment Fund to help ensure the future of our church. Suggested donation is one dollar per year of life, but any donation will be accepted. What a nice way to honor someone who already has everything that they need.

To date we have received **\$1077** from the Best Choice UPC redemption program! We receive 3 cents for each Best Choice UPC so that is a lot of labels!!!

The money received from this project goes to the Designated Youth Fund.



August 23rd will be the grand opening of the new "**Coffee Corner**". In addition, we are also looking for donations of small tables and chairs (they don't have to match.) Please, contact any HEARTeam member

Donations will be accepted until July 1st.

How would you like to help the Lincoln Food Bank while listening to some great music? The Mission Committee is looking for some people to help collect donations for the Food Bank at the Southpointe Pavilion concert series. We need 5-6 people for each of the five Fridays in July (July 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31). Volunteers will walk among the concert goers with "buckets" collecting donations from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Report for instructions at **5:45 PM**. There is no age limit so families are welcome to sign-up together. Sign-up sheets are posted on the Mission bulletin board. Thanks for your help

Save these Dates!
Heritage Helps with Habitat for Humanity
Saturday, September 26
Lincoln's Annual CROP Walk
Sunday, October 11



SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC is still needed:

Please sign up on the sheet outside the music office, or visit with Jan Malone at church on Wednesday evenings/ Sundays, or call her at home at #483-5323

(evenings/weekends) or e-mail her at: janetmm121@gmail.com. If you would like to share your talents some Sunday morning. **Thanks!**

Thanks for supporting the Pentecost Offering: We surpassed our goal by receiving a total of \$603.69. \$241.48 of that total will be given to the Lighthouse which is a community based after-school program for youth in 6-12th grades. The Mission Committee.

We're **GOING GREEN!!!**

Plans are being made to transition the way the monthly newsletter is distributed. Beginning with the November newsletter, monthly newsletters will be printed only for those requesting a printed copy. Plans are for the printed newsletter to be available for picking up at church on the last Sunday of the month. Those not picked up on the last Sunday of the month will be mailed on Monday.

Please help us develop a list of those willing to receive an emailed version of the monthly newsletter by providing the church office with your email address. Another option is to be sent an emailed notice when an updated newsletter has been added to the church website



Treasurer's Report – January -May, 2009

Income	\$60,075.71
Expenses	<u>\$73,097.83</u>
Revenue (under)	(\$13,022.12)

Per Capita of \$6,657.12 has been paid.