

April 2011

THE HERALD



For some months now we have been considering whether to install a projection system in our sanctuary. This does NOT mean we are going to a contemporary worship service. I think we all have the tendency to equate projection systems with contemporary worship. I do not plan on throwing the hymnals out and projecting the words onto screens. There may be times when we may project a song that is not in our hymnals. I do not plan on projecting an outline of the sermon with bullet lists and graphics. We are not going to have a "PowerPoint" worship service. I have been in some worship services where I found the projection system distracting and it was a hindrance to worship.

We do have a projector and a screen. However, it takes a lot of work to set it up for each worship service. Using it is inconvenient because the projector sits in the center aisle and, we have to run cords along the floor which is hazardous. It is distracting to raise and lower the screen and having someone at the projector turning it on and off. And the choir needs to move to see the screen.

So why are we thinking about a projection system? First of all, we are becoming more and more a visual world. You have seen the pictures of families gathered around radios in the pre-TV days, listening to an important news story or being entertained. Families don't gather around their radios any more to get the news or to be entertained. (There are some exceptions. On Saturdays I love listening to *Click and Clack, the Tappit Brothers; Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me*; and Garrison Keillor's *Prairie Home Companion*.) Think of how visual our communication is today with television, smartphones, PowerPoint, DVDs, and DVRs. A visual media is the ultimate communication tool for today's culture. A projection system is a tool for ministry and nothing more.

Using visuals can increase retention. As Tim Eason wrote in his book, *Media Ministry Made Easy: A Practical Guide to Visual Communication*, "Numerous studies have shown that using visual media to reinforce a message can increase retention by over fifty percent. At the same time, it provides a more dynamic environment for learning and worship." There have been a number of times when I wish I could have shown a short video clip during a sermon to help make a point. Announcements and other information could also be projected before worship starts.

A good projection system is not cheap! We have two estimates that are between \$10,000 and \$11,000. Because of the size of our sanctuary, we need a bigger projector and screen. A control panel will be placed in the balcony, and a flat panel TV will be placed so the choir can see the images. Our Memorial Fund currently has about \$8,000. However, Session may choose to use the Memorial Fund for other purposes. We will not install a projection system until we have the money!

And we will need people. We will need people who are willing to prepare the media and to learn different programs such as PowerPoint. And we will need people to operate the system. Being a smaller church, this might be difficult! If you are interested in preparing the media or operating the system, please let me know.

We would like to hear your comments and have your input. You may talk to me or to any member of the Session.

Raymond A. Meester

SPRING CLEANING AT THE CHURCH

The Building and Grounds Committee has set up April 16th at 1 PM for spring cleaning at the church. This follows the Easter Egg Hunt and light lunch.



April Birthday Greetings

- 01 Carl Plants
- 06 Carson Pierce
- 06 Wyatt Kendle
- 07 Leanne Miller
- 08 Barbara Geistlinger
- 13 Shalene Weyers
- 13 Stephanie Newman
- 17 Zoe Tomas
- 24 Greg Mason

Congratulations to Renewing Heritage Birthday Club Members

**George Neill; Scott Gaines;
Barbara Kennedy;
Ron, Leanne, Sydney, & Adriana Miller;
Karen Storks**

Congratulations to all our Birthday Club Members!
(See List Posted on Bulletin Boards 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.



April Anniversaries

- 17 Richard and Cathy Wright
- 26 Rodney and Melody Ell
- 27 Lew Sieber and Karen Griffin-Sieber

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



Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons were received
into membership on March 13, 2011:

**Fred Jr. and Jeanne Bonnett
Robert and Phyllis Foreman
LaVerne Whitmarsh**

NEWSLETTER ON WEBSITE

You can receive an email notice when the new monthly
newsletter is posted on the website for viewing.
Thanks to those of you who are already taking
advantage of this money-saving, earth-friendly, and
convenient way to communicate with each other!
Please provide your email address to Lil Jurgena in the
church office if you wish to do this.

Black and white printed copies will continue to be
available to members and friends who wish to receive a
printed copy. They will be made available on the last
Sunday of the month. Picking yours up that Sunday
will also save on postage costs. Those not picked up
are mailed out on the following Monday.



The Heritage Book Club

The book club has selected "Half
Broke Horses" by Jeannette Walls for
discussion at the next meeting on
April 11 at 7 PM in the Gibson
Room. *Everyone is welcome to
attend.* Please direct questions about the book club to
Audre Nielson.

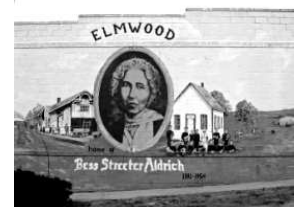
Heritage Book Club Selections

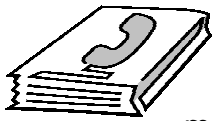
- May 9: "A Funny Thing Happened on my Way to the
Future" by Michael J. Fox
- June 13: "A White Bird Flying"
by Bess Streeter Aldrich
- July 11: "One Thousand White Women"
by Jim Fergus
- August 8: "The Thirteenth Tale" by Diane Setterfield
- September 12: "Tears of the Giraffe"
(No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency, Book 2)
by Alexander McCall Smith



On Sunday, March
13 a group from Heritage
toured the Bess Streeter
Aldrich Home and Museum
in Elmwood, Ne.

Previously the Heritage
Book Club had read the book
"A Lantern In Her Hand" by
Bess Streeter Aldrich.





March 2011 Heritage Church Directories are now available. If you would like a copy, you may pick one up at the back of the church or from the church office.



SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY CARE

The Nursery needs help. We are looking for 2 or 3 more people who would be willing to be a back-up for Brenda and/or Jessica when they are not able to be there on Sunday mornings. If you enjoy spending time with little ones, please consider helping out. You can contact the church office (402-477-3401), or Karen Minks (402-261-5117).

Devotionals—These Days

April, May, June Issue—are now available and you may pick one up at the back of the church while they are available.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Let joy motivate us to share our resources to help build homes, schools, medical clinics, reliable food sources, and stronger futures for survivors of disaster and people in poverty. Our gifts will support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People, and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

Members wishing to help the earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan may contribute directly to the PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) by writing "Japan" on the One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes that will be available in the pews during April. Let sharing joyfully change you as you help change the world. Missions Committee



OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS GO OUT :

to the family and friends of **May Robinson** who died March 18, 2011.

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR

Pat Zink; Nicole Zink,
Leanne's friend, Nancy,
Miland Hanquist,
Emily Schmucker,
Elly Propp, Eveline Meester,
Family of May Robinson



Please update prayer requests with Marilyn Smith or the church office weekly.

We are updating the prayer chain list. If you have not already signed up and wish to receive email notices of prayer requests, please let the church office know, or if you wish to receive phone calls for the "Prayer Line" contact Marilyn Smith

THANK YOU - from the Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach Program. "...for participating in the 2011 Souper Bowl of Caring and for the generous total gift of \$254.80..."

THANK YOU - "...on behalf of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Maternal Child Health Services, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of baby items and money...". Shirley Terry

THANK YOU - I would like to give a big "thank you" to Jeanette Emert for helping me serve the food for May Robinson's funeral. Also to Jeanette, Sharon Baker, JoAnne Lahm, Kay Sweitzer, Bev Traudt, and Patrice Gaines for fixing salads for the lunch. Thanks again.

Kay Traudt

THANK YOU - Thanks to my church family for all the cards, visits and prayers during Gary's battle with cancer. The funeral services were very nice. Thanks to all that helped with the luncheon and provided food. .Gary Emert Family

EASTER SEASON

April 16th – 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt followed by a hot dog lunch

sponsored by the Christian Education Committee.

April 17 – 10:30 AM Palm Sunday – Worship and Communion

April 21 – 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion

April 24 – 6:30 AM Sunrise Service followed by a light breakfast following

hosted by HEARTeam.

April 24 -- 10:30 AM Worship and Communion

Deadline to submit articles for the next Herald Newsletter is May 15: Articles received after that time may not be included in the next Newsletter.

Please check the Heritage Calendar on-line for activities and events. Throughout the month the calendar is updated as necessary.

EASTER LILIES



Lilies are such a beautiful addition to the Sanctuary on Easter morning. If you haven't already filled out an order form, we hope you will consider ordering one or more plants in memory or in honor of someone special in your life. The plants are being provided by Oak Creek Plants & Flowers, and the cost per plant remains at only \$9.00. Your check for the total number of plants ordered should be made payable to Heritage Presbyterian Church, and indicate that it is for Easter lilies. You can either place your order form and check in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or mail it to the church office. Deadline for ordering is **Monday, April 11, 2011**. Please call the Church office (402-477-3401) or Karen Minks (402-261-5117) if you have any questions.

2011 Easter Lily Order Form

Share the joy and beauty of Easter by ordering a lily to be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday

I/We _____ wish to order
_____ Easter Lily plants at a cost of \$9.00 per plant.

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Please check one of the following:

I/We will pick up our Easter Lily after the 10:30 AM worship on Easter Sunday.

I/We would like our Easter Lily to go to an elderly, homebound, or hospitalized person.

Check enclosed in the amount of \$9.00 (per lily) made payable to
"Heritage Presbyterian Church, Easter Lily"

Order deadline is April 11, 2011. We will not be able to accept orders after the deadline.

Check # _____ received in church office on _____ for \$ _____.