

# THE HERALD



*August 2011*

***From the Pastor:***

As you may know, the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is called the *Book of Order*. Within the *Book of Order* is the Form of Government, which gives guidance on how we are to govern ourselves; the Directory for Worship, which gives guidance as to how we are to worship; and the Rules of Discipline, which give guidance in how we practice discipline in the church. A motto of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is that we do things “decently and in order!” (That phrase is one that the apostle Paul penned in 1 Corinthians 14:40.) The *Book of Order* helps us do things “decently and in order.”

The last number of years the General Assembly appointed a committee to review the Form of Government. The terminology has changed. The committee did extensive work, and the new Form of Government was approved by a majority of the presbyteries and became effective July 10, 2011.

Ministers are no longer called “ministers of word and sacrament.” Instead they are now “teaching elders.” Elders are now “ruling elders.” We refer to congregations, presbyteries, synods and General Assembly as the “councils” of the church. In the past we referred to them as “governing bodies.” No longer will pastors, elders, and deacons be called ordained officers. Instead, they are now “ordered ministries.” “Increased flexibility in structures and procedures in a less regulatory environment is the major change that has occurred. The new Form of Government (nFoG) allows councils to increase their focus on God’s work and how the church can most effectively participate in that work in each situation, rather than being focused on an increasingly lengthy and burdensome list of requirements.”

What this means for the local church is that “sessions will need to create a manual of their policies and procedures that will, at the least, need to define certain discretionary powers now given to them.” Because the nFoG removed quite a bit of the “regulations,” the local churches will need to work on their own policies and procedures, a manual of operations. Such revisions do not need to be made immediately. And there will be suggested policies and procedures to help sessions create their policies and procedures. This gives the local sessions more flexibility in how the church does mission. But it will require some work in creating and adopting policies and procedures and may require some changes in our bylaws.

The focus on this change is to help local churches focus more on ministry and mission, and less on regulations. Hopefully more flexibility will give us more opportunity to do mission. The nFoG emphasizes that the congregation is the basic unit of mission in the Church and has all the gifts of the Gospel necessary to be the Church. In our baptism each of us is called to do mission. The only difference between pastors, elders, deacons, and lay members is that of function. There is no hierarchy of leadership.

If you would like to read more information about nFoG, read about it at <http://oga.pcusa.org/formofgovernment/>

I hope that these changes will help Heritage to be “a neighborhood church making an impact upon the world.”

*Raymond A. Meester*



## August Birthday Greetings

- 01 Cindy Pierce
- 01 Eva Abbey
- 02 Bruce Snyder
- 04 Rachel Kornfeld-Lambrecht
- 05 Kay Traudt
- 06 Barbara Duerksen
- 06 Betty Kent
- 07 Alan Shuman
- 08 Madysin Brown
- 09 Eunice Sintek
- 10 Matthew Robertson
- 11 Scott Minks
- 14 Monte Earl Stansberry
- 14 Scott Rogge
- 17 Dean Smith
- 17 Freddie Bonnett
- 17 Haileigh Rae Shepard
- 18 Bill Bahr
- 19 Kate Singaas
- 19 Matthew Crouch
- 20 Ilah Harmon
- 22 Mary Jane Bonebright
- 23 Janet Malone
- 24 Finn Kurtis Singaas
- 26 LaVonn DeBus Greene
- 28 Marilynn McDonald
- 28 Nash Jack
- 29 Brady Gaines
- 29 Tylor Shepard
- 30 Donna Beccard
- 31 Dan Broeder



## August Anniversaries

- 01 Jeffrey and Patricia Wahlgren
- 11 Don and Linda Stansberry
- 12 Larry and Arlene Toombs
- 24 Dean Smith and Brenda Palecek-Smith
- 28 Kent & Bettina Burklund

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



## PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR

Elly Propp at Madonna;  
 Margaret Timpone in cancer treatment;  
 Ron Miller's Uncle Charles "Skee" who has cancer;  
 Kay Traudt's sister, Lois Pomeroy has parkinsons;  
 Wade Kendle's mom, Barb Kendle torn hamstring  
 and is having physical therapy;  
 "Charlie" – she had surgery to rebuild thumb;  
 Please update prayer requests with Marilyn Smith or  
 the church office weekly.

*To: Heritage Presbyterian Church/ Lincoln Association of the Deaf: Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. It was so nice to have something so beautiful to brighten the room on such a sad day for us. We thank you for your kindness.*

*Dave, Jennifer, Denzel, & Sienna*



## OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

TO the family and friends of Mason Bowes who died Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mason is an Uncle to Jan Malone.



*A reminder to save these labels. They may be placed in the box at the back of the church. All monies received will be used for our youth. We have received a total to our youth program of \$1,407.00 as of 4/17/2011.*

**BEST CHOICE**



## HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

Will you consider renewing or becoming a new member of the Heritage Birthday Club? Donations (usually 1 dollar per year of life) are made to our endowment fund. These gifts will be used to ensure that our ministry can continue in the future.



## RESERVE THIS DATE

**Sunday, September 25, 1:00 PM**

The Meester Family will be forming a team to raise money for this walk.

Please contact Ramona if you would like to join their team or to make a contribution. Thanks!



## Hygiene Kits & Cleanup Buckets



The Giving Table on July 10<sup>th</sup> was a big success – thank you to all who donated! With just a few more combs, nail clippers and towels, we will have 15 complete *Hygiene Kits!* And we have a good start on at least 3 Cleanup Buckets! *The Mission Committee will continue to collect items for either the Hygiene Kits or the Clean up Buckets through the end of August.* Be sure to check the display in the Narthex for specific items that are needed.

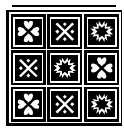
The *Hygiene Kits* will be shipped for use by the PC(USA) Disaster Assistance Center. The *Cleanup Buckets* will join others collected by our Presbytery to be distributed to those affected by the Missouri flooding.



## Kids Against Hunger

**Thank you** to all those who came together on Sunday, July 10, to help *feed the*

*hungry around the world...and around the corner!* Those who attended helped pack hundreds of specially formulated rice-soy casserole meals that will be distributed to starving children in more than 40 countries and even here in Lincoln



## 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BBQ & QUILT AUCTION Saturday, August 27, 2011

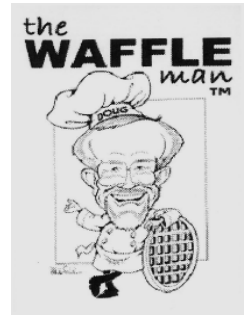
At Camp Calvin Crest & Conference Center, Fremont, Nebraska. Proceeds benefit various Calvin Crest projects and program.

Schedule includes:

- 10 AM: - Quilts on display;
- 10 AM: – 2 PM Silent Auction;
- 12-1:30 PM: - BBQ Lunch (\$8.00 adults \$4.00 children 4-9);
- 1 PM: - Quilt Auction in a/c Proett Center

## Mark Your Calendars

Spread the word: the Waffleman is coming to Heritage on September 4! Bring your friends and family to eat yummy all-you-can-eat waffles and help us raise money for an upcoming mission trip by church members! Ticket prices will be \$5.00 (age 11-adult) or \$3.50 (age 5-10). Tickets will be for sale before and after church services in August or by contacting the church office.



## In conjunction with the Waffleman event A Silent Auction!

We are looking for people who can donate craft items, goods, or services for the auction. Deadline to submit auction items is August 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact Leanne Miller if you have any questions 475-2240. Items may be dropped off at the church office or at Leanne Miller's home.



## MISSION TRIP

Would you be interested in working with other church members on a mission team to help those affected by a natural disaster? The Mission Committee would like to organize a team and plan a mission trip for sometime this fall. Due to the many tornado and flood disasters so far this year, we know that such a team will be needed somewhere in the US this fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Karen Griffin Sieber.

## THE HERITAGE BOOK CLUB

The book club has selected "*The Thirteenth Tale*" by Diane Setterfield.

for discussion at the next meeting on August 8th 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 Selection for discussion at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be "*Tears of the Giraffe*" (No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency, Book 2) by Alexander McCall Smith.



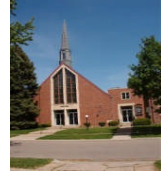


## COOKIE FELLOWSHIP 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH August 7th

Join us for cookies and coffee and fellowship after worship.

### CHANGE IN SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

Sundays at 9:30 AM through Sunday, September 4 (Labor Day Weekend).  
Also, There will be no Sunday School during that time.



## PANDAMANIA! Vacation Bible School

*Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>  
from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM*

The VBS Mission Project this year concerns the Red Panda which is an endangered species. The Lincoln Children's Zoo works with the national project; so, since our VBS curriculum is entitled "Pandamania", we are asking the children to bring an offering each day (Saturday and Sunday) which will be given to the Zoo to use toward this project.

**HELP WANTED:** *Would you be able to donate any of the following for lunches?*

*Chips, hot dogs, hot dog buns, carrots, cookies, or money to buy pizza?*

*We are also in need of cookies for our treat time and they do not need to be home made.*

*Please contact Pat Zink 402-488-2847 or Barb Shaeffer 402-488-3930.*

*Thanks for your help.*