

May 2011

# THE HERALD



In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) every governing body—the session, presbytery, synod, and General Assembly has a clerk. The clerk is one of two officers required by the *Book of Order* (constitution) of the PCUSA. The clerks of the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly are called “stated clerks.” It is the clerk’s duty to “record the transactions of the governing body (take minutes), keep its rolls of membership and attendance, preserve its records, and furnish extracts from them when required by another governing body of the church.” Each governing body may add some duties to this position which Homestead Presbytery has done. Clerks are elected by the governing body for a designated length of time.

The Rev. Hal Rainey, the stated clerk of Homestead Presbytery, is retiring on June 30, 2011. Homestead Presbytery did a search for a stated clerk. I applied and was selected as the nominee. The election of Homestead Presbytery’s stated clerk will be on May 19. Opportunity must be given for nominations from the floor, so someone else could be elected.

This is a part-time position with a small salary. If I am elected, I will stay on as pastor of Heritage. At its meeting on April 17, Session supported my decision to be Stated Clerk. If I am elected, Session is suggesting that my annual salary from Heritage Church be reduced by \$2,000. I will still work full time for Heritage. The salary for the stated clerk is about \$8,000. Because this is a change in my terms of call, the salary change requires approval by the congregation.

Being stated clerk of the presbytery requires some travel. I will be away from Lincoln a few days each year. Each fall the General Assembly has a polity conference for executive presbyters and stated clerks. This fall’s meeting is three days in October in Pittsburgh. There is an annual two-day meeting of all the presbytery stated clerks of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies to review the minutes of each presbytery. These meetings are usually not over a Sunday. Stated clerks usually attend the General Assembly. This meets every two years and goes for about a week. That would mean missing one Sunday. The expenses of these trips are covered by the presbytery.

Session has called a congregational meeting for June 12 immediately following the worship. At that time we will consider two changes to Heritage’s by-laws. If I am elected stated clerk, the congregation will also act on changing my terms of call. You will be receiving more details concerning the proposed changes to the by-laws, and, if I am elected, the details about the change in my terms of call.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Raymond A. Meester*

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## **CHANGE IN SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES**

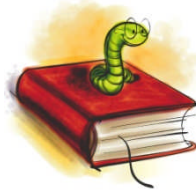
*At their April 17, 2011 meeting, the Session decided to change our worship time this summer. Beginning the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, May 29, and through the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, September 4, worship will be at 9:30 AM. (Worship on May 29 and September 4 will be 9:30 AM.) At the end of the summer, Session will evaluate whether changing the worship time is something we want to continue in future summers.*



**May  
Birthday  
Greetings**

- 03 Larry Toombs
- 05 Amanda Werner
- 05 Eugene Harmon
- 07 Dexter Price Thompson
- 09 Hayley Stansberry
- 10 Emily Broeder
- 10 James Watkins
- 10 Mason Pierce
- 12 Christie Werner
- 12 Darrell R. Dively
- 13 Wade Kendle
- 14 Aaron Wright
- 14 John C. Gibson
- 15 Arnold Wells
- 18 Leif Tomas
- 19 Scott Hunzeker
- 19 Sonia Colberg
- 21 Randall Strobe
- 22 Candice Minks
- 22 Cynthia Smetter
- 26 Ruth Hunzeker
- 28 Norman Zink
- 29 Isabella Kendle
- 29 Marion Kantner

**The Heritage Book Club**



The book club has selected "A Funny Thing Happened on my Way to the Future" by Michael J. Fox for discussion at the next meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> 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 June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting is "A White Bird Flying" by Bess Streeter Aldrich

***Donations to the Giving Table on May 8<sup>th</sup> during worship service will be directed to the Eastridge Food Pantry.***



**Congratulations to Renewing Heritage  
Birthday Club Members  
Robyn Throckmorton  
And Greg Mason**

Congratulations to all 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.

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**



go out to the family and friends of  
**Virginia James**  
who died March 26, 2011.

**PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR**

**Emily Schmucker;  
Elly Propp; Eveline Meester;  
Family of Virginia James;  
John Dzerk;  
Jordan Vander Hamm, young man in Afghanistan;  
JoAnne Lahm.**

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

**THANK YOU** – to Kay Traudt for making the centerpieces that can be used for funeral luncheons and other events.



**May  
Anniversaries**

- 05 Mark & Rebecca Smith
- 07 Jim & Stephanie Newman
- 10 Willis & Barb Duerksen
- 24 Ron & Leanne Miller
- 26 Harvey & Kay Traudt
- 31 Gary Greene &  
LaVonn Debus-Greene

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

**BEST CHOICE**



*We have received another check for \$30.00 for our Youth Program from saving & redeeming Best Choice UPC labels. To date we have received \$1,407.00.*



## **VBS is coming!**

Make plans now to participate by completing the enclosed registration form and turning it in to the church office by June 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing something a little different

this year. . . VBS will be held Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 2:00PM. Lunch will be provided. See you in August – Register NOW!!!

**Sunday School Attendance Recognition and Pentecost Party.  
Teacher Appreciation and Recognition**

***This all takes place on May 22nd***



## **Easter Egg Hunt and Hot Dog Lunch**

A fun morning was had on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt followed by a hot dog lunch.



## **CAMP CALVIN CREST**

It is not too early to think summer camp. Posted on the

bulletin board are the various camps that are offered. There are family camps; camp for those who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade with a parent; have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> grades; have completed 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grades; have completed 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades; and those who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades. There is a day camp for those who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades. There are partial scholarships available to those who qualify. Camps run from June through July. More information at [www.calvincrest.org](http://www.calvincrest.org).

## **Malley Keelan & Friends 11<sup>th</sup> Annual**

### **“A Mother’s Day Bouquet of Song”**

**Sunday, May 8, 2011 at 7:00 PM**

**Heritage Presbyterian Church**

**880 So. 35<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Ne**

Hosted by singer Malley Keelan and featuring award-winning actor/writer Pippa White in several portrayals from her one-woman event entitled “Woman’s Work.” Ms. White founded “One’s Company” productions and has toured the United States presenting one-person shows and is a member of Actor’s Equity.

Also performing are Kristen Blankley, soprano soloist; Nicholas Soutsos, tenor; Andrew Last, bass-baritone; Jennifer Lee Muse, flutist. Karen Howland, Jack Cole, Jan Malone and Nic Engel are accompanists.

The concert features popular songs from the 1920s and 1930s, several classical and sacred musical selections, and several hymns with the audience.

**Admission is \$12.00 for adults and all proceeds go to “Voices of Hope”**

## **SAVE THE DATE!**



### **“The Stars Are Out” Gala**

Friday, May 13, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

Embassy Suites Ballroom

Save the date on your calendar to join us for our annual gala event. Invitation to follow.

For more information ~  
Phone: 402-420-2540  
Email: [kris.hall@alz.org](mailto:kris.hall@alz.org)



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## **Spring Fest 2011**

**You are invited to a Girl’s Day!**

Fourth Presbyterian Church,  
5200 Francis Street, Lincoln

May 1, 2011 at 3:00 PM

*A program that celebrates each girl and woman in the Church with song, scripture, and fellowship.* Refreshments will be served. Please join us to have fun on May Day! Please call Jenny Stuhmer with questions: 402-450-3549



## February 13, 2011 and April 17, 2011 Session Highlights:

- Approved the Worship Team with reassigned duties
  - Approved building use requests for groups that normally use the facility be authorized by Ray since the Session is now meeting bi-monthly.
  - Approved various building requests:
  - Approved purchase of new lawn equipment for use in upkeep of the church property.
  - Approved purchase of electronic keyboard with memorial funds to be used by the music staff during worship services.
  - Approved waiving the By-Laws requirement that the Session must meet monthly and change the Session meeting to bi-monthly in 2011.
  - Approved Gene and Ilah Harman on Heritage Church History Team.
  - Approved changing the time of worship to 9:30 a.m. during the summer months, beginning Memorial Day through Labor Day.
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**NEW ADULT CLASS TO BEGIN MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>** .....Pastor Ray will be leading a 4 session study on "Sabbath Keeping," beginning on May 8. This class will be in the Gibson room and meets during the Sunday School hour: 9:15 to 10:15 AM. If you are interested in participating, it would be helpful if you would contact Pastor Ray so that you can receive the materials, however it is not necessary. The course description is as follows:

Sabbath keeping is a distinctively Jewish art form. It is, however, a practice and a discipline that has long preoccupied Christians who have responded to a core requirement of the God of covenant. It is unfortunate that in U.S. society, largely out of a misunderstood Puritan heritage, Sabbath has gotten enmeshed in legalism and moralism and blue laws and life-denying practices that contradict the freedom-bestowing intention of Sabbath. Such distortions, moreover, have led to endlessly wearying quarrels about "Sunday activities" such as movies and card playing and, in some states still, purchasing liquor on Sunday.

All of that common lore in U.S. society, of course, amounts to a pitiful misrepresentation of Sabbath keeping as an art form. When taken seriously in faith by Jews--and derivatively by Christians--Sabbath keeping is a way of making a statement of peculiar identity amid a larger public identity, of maintaining and enacting a counteridentity that refuses "mainstream" identity that itself entails antihuman practice and the worship of antihuman gods. Understood in this way, Sabbath is a bodily act of *testimony* to alternative values and *resistance* to pervading values and the assumptions behind those values. In these sessions, consideration will be given to Sabbath keeping as testimony and resistance, acts of faith commonly shared (in different forms) by Jews and Christians.



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO 2011 GRADUATES**

*Haylee Carpenter, daughter of Darren and Chanell Carpenter.*

Graduates from Lincoln Southeast High School.

Will attend UNL, majoring in advertising. Is currently employed @ Williamsburg HyVee.

*Karli Gaines, daughter of Scott and Patrice Gaines.*

Graduates from Lincoln Southwest High School.

Will be attending UNL.

*Lacey Smith, daughter of Dean Smith and Brenda Palecek-Smith.*

Graduates from Lincoln Southeast High School.

Plans to go into film editing.

*Ariel Weyers, daughter of Jay and Nancy Weyers.*

Graduates from Milford High School.

Plans to attend College of Hair Design in Cosmetology/Aesthetics.

*Aaron Wright, son of Richard and Cathy Wright.*

Graduates from Lincoln High School.

Plans to attend UNL majoring in International Business and Business Administration.

*J. Mitchell Robertson, son of Jim Robertson and Jane Bitney*

Graduates from Chadron State College.

Plans to attend graduate school in South Dakota.

(You may copy this registration form and mail to Heritage Presbyterian Church,  
880 South 35<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Ne 68510



Are you ready for  
**PandaMania?**

Where God is **Wild** about You!

August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> -- 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Heritage Presbyterian Church  
880 South 35<sup>th</sup> Street -- 402/477-3401

*Children Age 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome*

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone where Parent(s)/Guardian can be reached during VBS \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Child's food allergy or medical concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings who will also be attending VBS:

2. Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Child's food allergy or medical concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Child's food allergy or medical concerns? \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed registrations before June 27<sup>th</sup>. Registrations received after this date will be charged \$10.00.