

THE HERALD



From the Pastor:

November 2011

On Sunday November 6, I have a 1:00 PM flight out of Lincoln to go to Louisville, Kentucky. On November 7-9, all the new stated clerks of the Presbyterian Church will be trained at the national headquarters of our church. (Nothing like learning the job five months after you start!) The next flight out of Lincoln would not get me into Louisville until very late that night (late for me). It will mean that I may have to leave before the worship service is over. November 6 is All Saints' Sunday, and I wanted to be here for that service.

I was not very comfortable with having to leave worship early until I realized that this was a great opportunity to express our belief in the priesthood of all believers. "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2: 9) The priesthood of all believers was one of the central doctrines of the church that led to the Protestant Reformation in the 16th Century, when the Protestant church split off from the Roman Catholic Church.

Ministry is a shared responsibility of clergy (now called "teaching elders" in the Presbyterian Church), elders (now called "ruling elders"), deacons, and church members. In the *Directory for Worship* in our *Book of Order* (constitution of the Presbyterian Church) we read, "In Jesus Christ, the Church is a royal priesthood in which worship is the work of everyone.... It is appropriate to encourage members and those in ordered ministry with such abilities to assist in leading worship." (W-1.4003.) "Ordered ministry" is a new term used to refer to those who are ordained: ruling elders, deacons, and teaching elders. This is simply expanding what our liturgists are currently doing: leading the call to worship and the prayer for illumination and reading some of the scripture lessons. If you are interested in being a liturgist, please contact me. Periodically we do some informal training of our liturgists. Usually the liturgists sign up for a month's commitment.

Yes, there are certain acts of worship that are to be led by the clergy, particularly officiating at our sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. And yet there are exceptions. A ruling elder who has been commissioned to pastoral service can administer the sacraments. A ruling elder commissioned to pastoral service is commissioned by the presbytery to serve in a validated ministry of the presbytery. An example of such a commission is when presbytery may authorize a ruling elder to serve a small church as their pastor. In some presbyteries that have many small churches, such as Central Nebraska Presbytery, many of the churches are pastored by ruling elders who have been commissioned to pastoral service.

Raymond A. Meester

NOVEMBER 6TH ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY,

10:30 AM WORSHIP & COMMUNION – GIVING TABLE

4:30 PM SOUP SUPPER

NOVEMBER 13TH 10:30 AM – CONSECRATION SUNDAY

11:30 AM ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



November Birthday Greetings

- 02 Ann Watkins (90th)
- 03 Preston Pierce
- 04 Carolyn Pester
- 05 Kelly Jack
- 06 Cathy Wright
- 06 Wanda Smith
- 07 LaVerne Whitmarsh
- 07 Nicole Zink
- 08 Duane Schweitzer
- 09 Mike Lagueux
- 09 Taylor Muehlhausen
- 10 Denise Lagueux
- 10 Jean Strobe
- 11 Jim Pester
- 12 Ariel Weyers
- 14 Lorraine Een
- 15 Ruth Johnson
- 17 Mary Wenzl
- 18 Cindy Treffer
- 18 Nita Babcock
- 19 Emily Crouch
- 20 Jay Weyers
- 22 Virginia Dzerk
- 27 Delia Thompson
- 27 Mabel Hibbert
- 28 Chanell Carpenter
- 28 Gina Meester



October Anniversaries

- 04 Les and Mary Brown

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



OUR SYMPATHIES

...To the family and friends of Beverly Bonnet who died 9/30/11. Beverly is the mother of Freddie Bonnet.

...To the family and friends of Elly Propp who died 10/2/11.

...To the family and friends of Charles Foreman who died October 14th. Charles is the brother of Bob Foreman.



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR

Traci, double lung transplant

Amber, brain tumor

Rocke (Barb Kennedy's son), COPD

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

CONGRATULATIONS



Haylea Jade Lowe was born October 12th weighing in at 4 lbs. She is the daughter of Miranda Smith, granddaughter of Dean Smith and Brenda Palecek-Smith, & great-granddaughter of Ron and Jackie Smith.

HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

Congratulations to

JoAnne Lahm and Pat Zink

for renewing their membership in the Heritage Birthday Club. Will you consider renewing or joining Heritage's 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.



Christmas Boxes for Heritage Shut-ins

We will continue to collect shoe boxes and old Christmas cards to make Christmas boxes. We can also use recent issues of magazines that you no longer want, and tissue paper. Cash donations will be accepted and will help to purchase fruit and goodies for the boxes. Some of the helpers have picked up the boxes and are decorating them at home – Call Kay if you are interested in doing this. Items may be brought to the church or contact Kay Traudt (402-489-6010) and she will be happy to pick them up and answer any questions you might have.



CONSECRATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13TH

Plan to worship with us as we celebrate God's gifts to us and offer our stewardship commitments for 2012.

Scott Gaines, Chairman Stewardship Committee



Heritage Book Club Selections

The book club meets in the Gibson Room at 7:00 PM.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The following selections have been made:

November 14: *O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather

December 12: *Can't Wait To Get To Heaven*
by Fannie Flagg

January 9: *A Voice in The Wind* by Francine Rivers

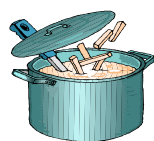
February 13: *Song Without Words* by Ann Packer

March 12: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
by Rebecca Skloot

Lincoln's Annual CROP Hunger Walk

The CROP Hunger Walk was a huge success. \$1,091.00 was raised for CROP/Church World Service.

Thanks for your support to help end hunger in our community and the world. We are blessed to have so many generous donors of time and/or money.



ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER

You won't want to miss this!

November 6th from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Have some delicious chili or chicken noodle soup, relishes, pie, and bread. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults; \$3.50 for 3 to 12 years of age and under 3 are free. Tickets are available on Sunday morning at the church, or the church office during the week. You may also call 477-3401 for tickets..Proceeds will go for kitchen updates.

PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE PROJECT

A new shipment of fairly traded products has been received. We do again have chocolate bars which make nice stocking stuffers. Any of the products make nice "hostess" gifts. A limited quantity of Organic Jasmine Green Tea is available on sale for \$2.50. Stop by the coffee corner in the back of the church to purchase your fairly traded products

Join the 2012 Delegation to Nicaragua

From January 7-14, 2012, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Equal Exchange will lead a Fair Trade delegation to visit coffee, clothing, and craft cooperatives in Nicaragua. For more information go to: pcusa.org/delegations. Rumor has it that some members from Heritage will be applying for this trip. Hurry! Registration deadline is November 22, 2011.



2011 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



December 10th – Children's Program Rehearsal

December 11th – Children's Program

December 18th – Choir Program

December 24th – (Christmas Eve)

Candlelight/Communion Worship Service
at 5:30 PM

December 25th – (Christmas Day) No Worship
Service nor Sunday School

HATS AND MITTENS FOR EVERETT SCHOOL

We are currently collecting donations of hats and mittens through early November. Hopefully we can get these hats and mittens on the children before it gets really cold and snowy!



OUR GIVING TABLE ON NOVEMBER 6TH

...will be the final day of the Hats & Mittens Drive as we ask church members to donate hats, mittens, or gloves to be given to the children of Everett Elementary School. Please help us to remember "to give as we are given" during the sacrament of communion. You do not need to donate to take part in communion.

PEACEMAKING OFFERING

Thank you to all who donated to the Peacemaking Offering. Even though we did not meet our goal of \$500.00, we still had \$187.36 given to this special offering of our national church. Our 25% share of this offering will be used to help purchase recycling bins for our church as we *make peace with the earth*.

FOOD PANTRY

This is a very important ongoing program. Your donations are appreciated. Places to put the food are provided in the narthex and the south entrance of the church.



BEST CHOICE



BEST CHOICE – UPC UPDATE

We just received another \$60.00! Thus far \$1,467.00 has been received for our youth program.



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM; WORSHIP 10:30 AM

COFFEE CORNER EACH SUNDAY MORNING



**THE NOVEMBER COOKIE FELLOWSHIP (1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH) IS
CANCELED DUE TO THE SOUP SUPPER**



Thank you to the following who provided salads for Elly Propp's funeral: Bev Traudt, Karen Sieber, Pat Zink, Nancy Weyers, Ramona Meester, JoAnne Lahm, Kay Schweitzer, Kay Traudt.

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER 2011

November 6th: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

November 13th: Joshua 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Matthew 25:14-30

November 20th: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

November 27th: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13, 24-37

OCTOBER (10/9/11) SESSION HIGHLIGHTS:

- Approved putting the funds received from the Juanita Drake estate into the Endowment Fund
- Approved using memorial funds for the purchase of a new crib for the nursery which is safety compliant.
- Scheduled the Annual Congregational Meeting for November 13, 2011
- Approved not holding a worship service on Sunday, December 25, 2011 (Christmas Day)
- Approved proceeds from the November 6, 2011 soup supper be used for additional kitchen updates

OPERATION: UNDERCOVER CHRISTMAS



Would you like to help us spread the joy of Christmas? Do you know of another church member that may need a "little extra joy" this holiday season? Maybe it is someone who is struggling through this economy . . . maybe it is someone who feels alone . . . or maybe it is someone who always puts others before him/herself. Whatever the reason, please forward the name(s) to Pastor Ray, along with any gift ideas you may have by November 30. We will then display the gift ideas on our "Giving Tree" for church members to purchase or donate. Gift ideas may include books or gift cards for groceries, gas, restaurants, movies, etc. All names will be kept confidential and all gifts will be given anonymously from the

mission committee. Thanks for helping us "take care of our own" as we go undercover to make sure that everyone has a joyous Christmas.



LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE??

We are looking for adventurous young people, male and female ages 14 to 20 that are looking for something new and different to do. Venturing is a program that helps young people to seek out adventure in our world. If this sounds like fun, please contact Lew or Karen Sieber. We will be hosting an informational get together at the climbing wall in the Boy Scout Outdoor Education Center by Walton. Come test your climbing skills, get information, and have a blast!!!!!!! November 13th at 2:00 PM.

Call Lew or Karen at 402-470-3669.

NEEDED

The Sunday School Elementary Department is in need of C.D. players for each classroom. If you have one you would like to donate, we would be most happy to receive it.

.....Bev Traudt



ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1 is All Saints' Day, the day the church remembers all those who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. Some refer to it as the "Memorial Day" of the church. As one pastor wrote, "Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. ... It is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year." Many churches, including Heritage, celebrate All Saints Sunday on the first Sunday in November. During our worship on November 6, we will be remembering those of our church who have died in the last year. This year we will be remembering our church members Reinhold Heinbigner, Helen King, Helen Moser, Gary Emert, May Robinson, Virginia James, Eveline Meester, and Elly Propp.

If you would like to remember a friend or a loved one who is deceased, you are invited to write their name on a sheet in the foyer and attach a bell to the special banner we will have for that day. If you cannot come to the church, please call the church office, 402.477.3401, or email Lil at assistant@HeritagePres.org, and we will include their name on the sheet and attach a bell to the banner for you. The deadline is 9:00 AM, Thursday, November 3. The banner will be displayed during the worship on November 6, and the names will be listed in the bulletin that day.



The Lincoln area Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. The service will be at 7:00 PM with Rev. Richard "Doc" Wyatt Preaching. Fourth Presbyterian is at 5200 Francis St.