



## Pastor's Page

At its August 8, 2010 meeting, the Session developed a new vision statement based on the ministry review that the session has undertaken the last number of months. The vision of Heritage Presbyterian Church is to be "a neighborhood church making an impact on the world." And so I want to share with you the next few months how I see Heritage Church doing this. This is only my reflection and does not necessarily reflect the beliefs of the Session.

What about the impact we are making on our environment? This is one area where we want to reduce our impact! Ever since the first Earth Day in 1970, we have been hearing more and more about being "green," reducing pollution, conserving energy, and sustainability. We recognize that we need to reduce our carbon footprint. This is what it means to be good stewards of God's earth. In the creation account God instructed us to use the earth, not abuse it. Here are some of the things Heritage is doing to be good stewards of God's earth.

- All of our furnaces are high efficiency furnaces. In the winter, all thermostats are set at 55 degrees when a room is not in use. In the summer time, the air conditioning is turned off in areas when it is not being used. We have timed thermostats so that the heat and cooling comes only when we need it.
- Some years ago we replaced our exit signs (which were using about 40 watts) with LED exit signs, that use two watts.
- We are replacing some of our light bulbs with CFL's (compact fluorescent lamps) and quite a bit of our lighting is already done by fluorescent lamps, which use less electricity. You can help lessen our impact by seeing to it that lights are turned off when you leave a room or the building.
- We are just starting to install some rain barrels. This helps reduce runoff into the storm sewers and is a source of water for our flowers and grass. We are also considering planting some rain gardens, which will also reduce water runoff. Rain barrels and water gardens help reduce the amount of pollution that flows into our streams and rivers.
- We are recycling our waste paper and cardboard. You can help by depositing your unwanted bulletins in the boxes in both foyers after worship.
- We are printing fewer newsletters now as many of our members now get the newsletter electronically on their computers. So we are using less paper and reducing postage costs. If you are willing to get the newsletter electronically, please contact the church office.
- A few years ago, when we installed a new roof on the "older" section of our building, we had insulation installed below the roofing. Insulating our facility is quite a challenge with it being an older building!

There is more we can do. For example, we use a lot of Styrofoam cups. These cups are not good for the environment because they do not break down quickly and are difficult to recycle. Would it be better if we would use "real" cups and plates? The downside is that those need to be washed. Perhaps we should consider installing a commercial dishwasher? We had one, but we removed it because repairing it was going to cost as much as buying a good used one.

Do you have any further ideas how we can have less of a negative impact on our environment? If so, please share them with the pastor or members of the Session.

*Raymond A. Meester*



## September Birthday Greetings

- 01 John Dzerk
- 04 Tatiana Urzedowski
- 08 Lacey Smith
- 09 Alberta Worth
- 09 Gary Cooper
- 12 Evon Koeppen
- 12 Mary Lund
- 13 Gary Emert
- 14 Cayten Brown
- 14 Linda Stansberry
- 16 Debbie Kendle
- 16 Ethel Boese
- 17 Mason Carpenter
- 18 Samantha Griffin
- 19 Eveline Meester
- 22 JoAnne Lahm
- 22 Lloyd Gritz
- 23 Jackie Smith
- 24 Jacob Bahr
- 24 Mason Smith
- 25 Patricia Zink
- 26 Kayden Burianek
- 28 Tanya Wilksen



## September Anniversaries

- 01 Cory and Evon Koeppen
- 01 Larry and Melinda Brage
- 03 Ken and Diane Olsen
- 03 Patrick Lambrecht and Rachel Kornfeld-Lambrecht
- 13 Jim and Carolyn Pester
- 15 Gene and Ilah Harmon (62 yrs.)
- 20 Bruce Snyder and Jan Crouch
- 21 Terry and Christie Werner
- 22 Scott and Candice Minks
- 25 George and Loretta Neill (55 yrs.)
- 25 Matt and Amber Brown
- 25 Darrell and Shirley Dively (63 yrs.)

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

### Income & Expenses for January 1 to July 31, 2010

**Income: \$68,893.50**  
**Expenses: 95,710.85**  
**-\$26,817.35**

# Thank You

I didn't have any idea my first funeral dinner would be the tragic accident of Alexandria (Alley) Nora-Maree' Wright, the daughter of Cathy and Richard Wright and sister of Aaron Wright.

There were so many people to thank for helping me. I could not have done the dinner without all of you. I would like to thank you very much for everybody that helped—Wednesday night, for the setup; for everyone that helped with food setup and me in the kitchen; and the people that took down tables, chairs, and helped clean up. Thanks to businesses that gave me help – Super Saver at 48<sup>th</sup> and "O" St., Brian Hays, Manager; Pat McCashland at Butherus-Maser and Love for lending us centerpieces; Tom Allman, Sr., owner of Paramount Laundry.

God Bless you all – Kay Traudt.

My thanks for the cards, calls, and Ray's visits during my "vacation" of a hip replacement. Since it was also my birthday, my cards brought humor and joy.

– Ilah Harmon

### Be in prayer for:



Jane Bitney; Gary Emert; Eveline Meester; Ilah Harmon; "Ann" who has leukemia; Richard, Cathy and Aaron Wright; Alex Williams in Iraq; Eunice Sintek; Audra Nielson; Rev. Jim Goble (Fourth Presbyterian Church); Roxanne O'Neill (Robyn Throckmorton's mother); Robyn's Uncle Dan; Cheryl Rennick, whose father passed away after an illness; Shawn, who has war wounds (nephew of Larry and Sharon Baker).

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



### Congratulations to Birthday Club Members: Scott Rogge and Alan Shuman!

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.

### A SURPRISE PRESENTATION

Session Clerk, Karen Minks makes a surprise



presentation during worship on August 8<sup>th</sup> to Pastor Ray for his completing the Omaha School for Pastors offered by the Omaha Seminary Foundation in Hastings during June.



## The Heritage Book Club

### Upcoming Reading List:

September 13 "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" by Barbara Kingslover

October 11 "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett

November 8 "Going Rogue" by Sarah Palin

Contact Audre Nielson or the church office for more information about the book club.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A big "THANK YOU" to all who helped with this year's VBS and who took over when I was unable to participate in the activities. Individuals who were involved were... Scott & Candice Minks; Matt & Emily Crouch; Kelly & Nash Jack; Jan Malone; Patrice & Karlie Gaines; Cindy Pierce; Leanne Miller; Chanell & Haylee Carpenter; Dawn Thompson; Pat & Nicole Zink; Barb Shaeffer; Deb Kendle; Nancy Weyers; Jeanne Bonnett; Tamra & Emily Broeder; Karen Paulson; Brenda, Lariah, Lacey, & Miranda Smith. We had as many volunteers as we had children. WOW! What a terrific group of people. Bev Traudt

Thank you to all who provided cookies and money for Bible School and the substitute helpers; JoAnne Lahm, Nicole Zink, and Stephanie Geery-Zink. Barb and Pat



## PRESFEST 2010 --- Heritage Presbyterian Church

A day of food, games, and old-fashioned fun! Invite your family and friends to the first-annual Heritage PresFest.

**September 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at  
Holmes Lake Park**

Games include egg races, sack race, water balloon toss, hoola hoop contest, bubble gum blowing contest, bingo, ladder golf, horse shoes, and more! There's something for everyone so sign up today to play!

Fried chicken & drinks will be provided by the HEARTeam. Bring a covered dish to share. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit back and watch the fun.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>

We have classes for children from age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. We are currently in need of leaders for the Middle and Sr. High classes. Please call me if you care to be involved in the education of our children.

Bev. Traudt 489-1973

BEST CHOICE



## BEST CHOICE LABELS

We just sent in another 1,000 Best Choice UPC Symbols for redemption. That means we will be receiving another check for \$30.00 for our youth program soon. Thanks to all who save the Best Choice UPC symbols and deposit them in the box in the narthex (behind the sanctuary.)

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS



### Congratulations

To Shalene Weyers on the birth of her daughter Haileigh Rae. Proud grandparents are Jay and Nancy Weyers;

To Dawn Stansberry on the birth of her son, Monte Earl. Proud grandparents are Don and Linda Stansberry.

### Our Sympathies

To Richard and Cathy Wright, parents of, and Aaron Wright, brother of, Alexandria (Alley) Nora-Maree' Wright who died in an automobile accident August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### Holy Baptism

Dakota Lee Stansberry, son of Jessica Stansberry and Wayne Martin

### New Member

Jessica Stansberry

**September 15:** Articles received after this time may not be included in the Newsletter.

## **August Session Highlights (Next Meeting September 12)**

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- Approved Dave & Dawn Thompson's request for use of Fellowship Hall on 9/5/10 for family baptism celebration
- Approved request for baptism of Dakota Lee Stansberry on August 15, 2010.
- Approved use of Fellowship Hall by the following Scout Groups:
  - Dens 3 and 4 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays during 2010-2011 school year.
  - Pack 39 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month for Pack 39 committee meetings during the 2010-2011 school year
- Approved "God is in Charge. Listen to the Spirit. Spread the Word!" as the church's Mission Statement. Approved "A neighborhood church making an impact on the world" as the Vision Statement. Goal priorities for 2010 to (1) administer a spiritual gift assessment annually; (2) plant the seed to involve groups that use the building for worship, and (3) continue to build the team approach to assist in committee work.
- Appointed Jim Newman as Chair of Worship & Music Committee.
- Accepted Don Stansberry's resignation as Chair of Building & Grounds Committee, and appointed Lew Sieber as Chair.