

THE HERALD



September 2011

From the Pastor:

You may not be aware of the fact that the Presbyterian Church (U.S. A.) has adopted a new Form of Government, referred to as nFoG. The Form of Government is one part of the constitution of the PCUSA, the Book of Order. The other two sections of the Book of Order are the Directory for Worship and the Rules of Discipline. As Carol Hunley, a member of the General Assembly committee that worked on nFoG wrote, nFoG “allows the church to be the church and teach the Word and spread the love of our Lord and Savior without worrying about meeting detailed operational requirements that have been amended, and then amended again to the point where there are those in the church that cannot meet them.” nFoG is shorter than the old Form of Government. The concept was to remove much of the “regulation” out of the old Form of Government, allowing churches, presbyteries, synods, and GA more flexibility in doing mission.

For example, in the past to call a congregational meeting required “public notice of the meeting shall be given on two successive Sundays. The meeting may be convened following the notice on the second Sunday.” Thus, if a church called a meeting on Sunday 1, but on Sunday 2 worship was cancelled because of a snow storm and thus public notice was not given on Sunday 2, public notice of the congregational meeting had to be given again on Sunday 3 and on Sunday 4, and the meeting could not occur until Sunday 4, two weeks later. Now nFoG requires that “adequate public notice of all congregational meetings shall be given. Congregations shall provide by their own rule for minimum notification requirements and give notice at regular services of worship prior to the meeting.” Under this new rule, if worship was cancelled on the Sunday scheduled for a congregational meeting, the congregational meeting can take place the following Sunday. Another example is the Committees on Representation. In the old Form of Government each presbytery, synod and the GA were required to have Committees on Representation and there were very strict rules about the makeup of these committees and their work. Now no such committee is required. Instead, the nFoG now states that “The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shall guarantee full participation and representation in its worship, governance, and emerging life to all persons or groups within its membership.”

Some of the terminology has also changed. There is a theological basis for these changes, but I don't have space here to explain them. However, I do want you to be informed of the new terminology. Elders are now called ruling elders. “Ruling elders are so named not because they ‘lord it over’ the congregation (Matthew 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life.” It makes it clearer that ruling elders are to be spiritual leaders, not just members of a non-profit board. Pastors are now called teaching elders. “Teaching elders shall be committed in all their work to equipping the people of God for their ministry and witness.” Sessions, presbyteries, synods and GA previously were called “governing bodies.” They are now called “councils.” Deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders are no longer called “ordained officers,” but “ordered ministries.”

I am sure this is more than most of you wanted to know! However, I wanted you to be aware of some of the changes going on in the Presbyterian Church.

Raymond A. Meester

On Sunday, September 11, 2011 (10:30 AM), the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11, our worship service will be a service of remembrance. In a letter from some of our denominational leaders to the Presbyterian Church, they suggested it is a time to reflect on the questions, “Where is God? How can we be where Christ is redeeming the brokenness with both forgiveness and a call for justice?” Please join us September 11th as we remember that day and consider how we, as Christians, can respond.



September Birthday Greetings

- 01 John Dzerk
- 04 Tatiana Urzedowski
- 08 Lacey Smith
- 09 Alberta Worth
- 09 Gary Cooper
- 12 Mary Lund
- 14 Cayten Brown
- 14 Linda Stansberry
- 16 Debbie Kendle
- 17 Mason Carpenter
- 18 Samantha Griffin
- 22 JoAnne Lahm
- 22 Lloyd Gritz
- 23 Jackie Smith
- 24 Jacob Bahr
- 24 Mason Smith
- 25 Pat Zink



September Anniversaries

- 01 Larry & Melinda Brage
- 03 Ken and Diane Olsen
- 03 Patrick Lambrecht &
Rachel Kornfeld-Lambrecht
- 12 Fred & Jeanne Bonnet
- 13 Jim & Carolyn Pester
- 15 Gene & Ilah Harmon
- 20 Bruce Snyder & Jan Crouch
- 21 Terry & Christie Werner
- 22 Scott & Candice Minks
- 25 George & Loretta Neill
- 25 Matt & Amber Brown
- 25 Darrell & Shirley Dively

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



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!



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR

Elly Propp moved to nursing home; Please update prayer requests with Marilyn Smith or the church office weekly.

BEST CHOICE



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.

HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

Congratulations to renewing and new Heritage Birthday Club Members

**Scott Rogge
Alan Shuman
Eunice Sintek**



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.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Dan & Tamra Broeder,
Emily & Jessica
2804 NW 7th St.,
Lincoln, NE 68521

Christmas Boxes for Heritage Shut-ins and St. E's and Tabitha Hospice Programs

It's again time to start collecting items to make Christmas boxes for Heritage shut ins at and the hospice programs at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Tabitha Home. We need shoe boxes, old Christmas cards, old magazines, and tissue paper. Cash donations will also be accepted. Items may be brought to the church or contact Kay Traudt (402-489-6010) and she will be happy to pick them up.



**Worship is too time for
home improvement**

Vacation Bible School



A large thank you to all who volunteered for this year's VBS, including food and snacks. As you can see by the following list of names, it really does take a village --- more helpers than attendees--- to have a successful VBS:

Patrice, Dawn, Kate, Karen,

Nancy, Deb, Jeanne, Pat, Barb, JoAnne, Keelan, Scott, Candice, Adriana, Haylee, Jan, Kelly, Cindy, Chanell, Brenda, Bev, Norm, Joy, Ilah, Gene, Marilyn, Kay, Lariah. Hope you enjoyed it as much as the youngsters did.

Bev, JoAnne, Barb, and Pat

THE HERITAGE BOOK CLUB

The book club did not meet in August so both the selection for August, *"The Thirteenth Tale"* by Diane Setterfield, and the selection for September,



"Tears of the Giraffe" (No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency, Book 2) by Alexander McCall Smith, will be discussed at the September 12th meeting. The book club meets in the Gibson Room at 7:00 PM. **Everyone is welcome to attend.** Please direct questions about the book club to Audre Nielson



Lincoln's Annual CROP Hunger Walk

...will be

Sunday afternoon, October 9.

Walkers from our church are needed to draw attention to hunger issues in our community and the world. Last year Heritage had 15 walkers and raised \$538.00. Please consider joining your Heritage friends this year. The walk is approximately 3 miles and will take place "{rain or shine"! Names of heritage walkers will be posted and included in upcoming Sunday bulletins. If you are unable to walk with us, you can still help by sponsoring walkers with a financial gift & including them in your prayers. Contact Ramona Meester for more information or to register for the walk.

Mark Your Calendars

IN JUST A COUPLE OF DAYS.....

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!



Pre-sale ticket prices are \$5.00 (age 11-adult) or \$3.50 (age 5-10). Tickets may still be purchased at the church after worship service on August 28th or at the church office for a few more days....OR you may purchase them at the door for \$6.00 (age 11- adult) or \$4.50 (age 5-10). Children 4 & under are free.

In conjunction with the Waffleman event A Silent Auction!

The Mission Committee is also sponsoring a silent auction. You can submit bids in person till noon on September 4th. Prior to that you can also submit bids via the phone or email anytime before September 3rd. Pictures and information are on facebook; but if someone doesn't have facebook, contact Leanne Miller and she will print the pictures for you. Items will be displayed at the church ONLY on September 4th. Bidders need to register with Leanne to get their bidder number (Leanne Miller - 475-240 or pip_pb@yahoo.com)



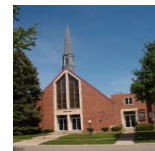
MISSION TRIP

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.



**Download your worries;
get on-line with God**

**CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIMES THIS FALL
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11TH
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM; WORSHIP 10:30 AM**

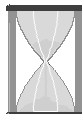


**COFFEE CORNER EACH SUNDAY MORNING
COOKIE FELLOWSHIP 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
However, No cookie fellowship September 4 due to Waffleman Event.**

AUGUST 14, 2011 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved using money from the Youth Fund to pay for Dave Ramsey – Generation Change, for Nancy Weyers to use to teach the Middler Student group.
- Approved Toastmasters Group' use of Fellowship Hall on September 26, 2011 from 6-9:30 PM.
- Approved Jay and Nancy Weyers' donation of a 7 ½ foot pre-lit Christmas tree and a game table.
- Approved Erin Hansen's request to join the church.
- Appointed Jeff Pierce and Jay Weyers to a task force with Pastor Ray to review the Session handbook to recommend changes.
- Proceeds from Virginia James life insurance policy will be placed in the Endowment Fund.
- Approved the purchase of a new crib that meets the current safety standards and regulations.

**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**



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