

THE HERALD

Christmas Traditions

December 2019

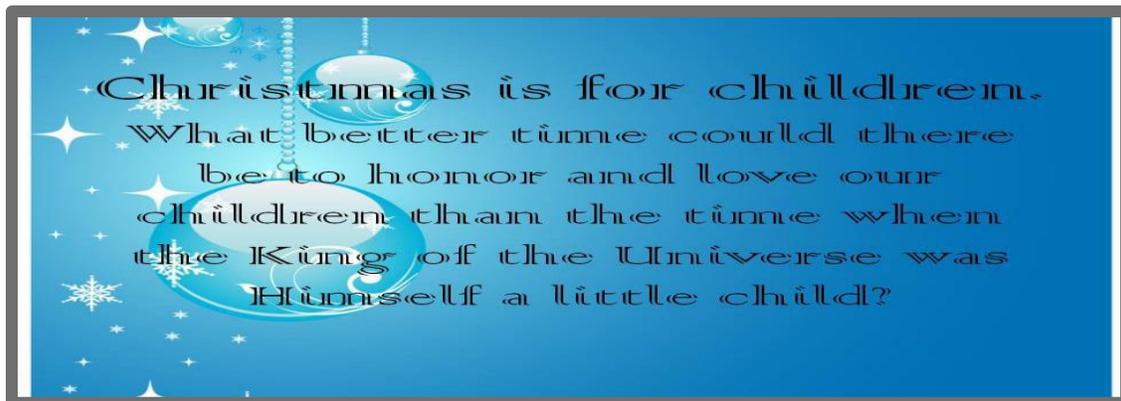
I'd love to taste a cuppa Christmas Tea with you! Do you have time?



I'd love for us to share Christmas Traditions and swap stories that melt our hearts and lift our spirits!

I've already told you some of mine: we 4 J's coming in to the living room in reverse order Christmas morning; the ceramic angel from Germany carefully hung over the ten foot pinon tree in the corner of the big, old room with the wood fireplace warming us. But there are scores of other memories, maybe even hundreds. Gram (who was ½ German) brought rich traditions of Santa arriving at midnight and he brought the tree, fully decorated (the first time the children saw the tree it sprang alive full of lights and ornaments and tinsel on Christmas morning). Gram also made Christmas cookies (thirteen dozen each of thirteen different kinds; it took her all of November and early December to get them done; we kids LOVED helping her. She carefully stored them in white, dairy bins in the cool pantry until unpacking them around December 6 and then putting them in Christmas tins (carefully arranged so everyone got all the samples) and shipping them off all over the nation. Fortunately, that still left us with maybe ¼ of them so we could have plenty for our own parties and selves! Oh gosh I miss those cookies: the little almond paste, green colored wreaths with egg white on top, 3 red cinnamon dots and 'holly leaves' made from green cherries. Luminarias. Taking turns, unwrapping gifts one by one, from each person around the room. Stockings in the Salita (think "den"; that is "little living room in Spanish) to open (about noon finally after the traditional Triangle Ranch Christmas breakfast of little pig sausages, Zimmit Kuhen (German coffee cake), orange juice, fresh grapefruit, and coffee in the living room first.

And always, always the power of family under the watchful eye of the precious angel.
Beloved, Christmas is for children. The child in all of us



I hope your sense of wonder glows this season. I hope you find and feel someone you love looking at you with warmth. And, more than that, I hope you feel His presence born again in you!

Merry Christmas!

Jeff



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

08 Scott Helvie
 09 Jennifer Dirks
 12 Jemma Mason
 12 Piper Mason
 14 Priscilla Kliever
 16 Barb Shaeffer
 17 Bev Traudt
 20 Earl Robinett

HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB



Thank you to Vivian Jones for renewing your Birthday Club Membership. Anyone may renew or join Heritage's Birthday Club. Donations (usually 1 dollar per year of life) are made to our endowment fund.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BASH

Please join us for our monthly Birthday Bash on December 22. There will be a potluck after

service and cake will be provided. Do not miss out on this wonderful fellowship opportunity.



FIESTA DEL TACOS

The Mission Committee would like to THANK everyone who helped with our annual taco and silent auction fundraiser! Special thanks to Lew Sieber, taco chef extraordinaire and Ron Miller for his help making sure the auction runs smoothly! Thanks to all who came and ate tacos, donated items, and bid on items. With your generous donations, we were able to raise \$1299.00. We will also be donating \$201 from Mission funds, so a total of \$1500 will be donated to Homestead Presbytery for Disaster Relief right here in Nebraska! We would especially like to thank those who:

- prepared the food and helped with clean up
- donated items for the silent auction
- purchased auction items
- and/or ATE TACOS!

BEST CHOICE



ONGOING YOUTH SERVICE

Saving Best Choice UPCs is a great way to help our youth. Currently we have 1000 UPCs and will be sending them in for redemption.

***Only Best Choice UPCs can be redeemed. No other UPCs are accepted**



God is with us. – Matthew 1:23

The Christmas Joy Offering celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the “perfect gift,” as well as the gifts of church leaders – past, present, and future. Jesus came to live among us, bringing light into darkness, and reconciliation to God and to one another. **A perfect gift from a gracious God.** A Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings. The donations from this Offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs to retired church workers and to the Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges. The Mission Committee has set a goal of \$500.00, so please give generously and joyously.



FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Check out the gift set display using Equal Exchange products in the narthex! Give a gift of tea, coffee or chocolate this year. Do your shopping without going to the stores or malls!



LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN CANDY

Do you have an excess amount of Halloween Candy leftover, or did your kids get too much? Please do not throw it away! We are looking for any candy that you are willing to donate so we can use it for our Christmas goody bags. Your donation is appreciated!



JOIN A COMMITTEE

Friends and Faithful, if you would like to serve on any of our committees it would help our mission so much! Please feel free to be in touch with any committee chair and volunteer your services; no doubt they would welcome your offer of service.



HAT AND MITTIEN DRIVE

Thank you to all who donated the many mittens, gloves, and hats for the children of Randolph Elementary School. They will help keep the children warm during the cold and snowy winter weather!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

There will be no Circle Meeting in January. We will resume meeting the first Tuesday of the month on February 4.



GIVING TREE

Check out the Christmas tree ornaments in the narthex to see how you can share the joy of Christmas with a neighborhood family here in Lincoln and others around the world! Just pick an ornament, purchase the item(s) and then bring it back to the church by Sunday, December 15. Our family includes grandparents who are now raising their FOUR grandchildren – an 8 year old boy, 6 year old girl, 5 year old boy and 2 year old. They are currently living in a one-bedroom apartment so space is tight so they are asking for clothes and small toys. If you don't have the time or don't like to shop, gift cards will be accepted.

World mission ideas are from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog – chickens, seeds, farm tools – all things to assist people around the world better their lives in their own communities.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan-Nov. 2019 Income	\$89,910.10
Jan-Nov. 2019 Expenses	\$122,148.63
Net income (loss) 2019	(\$32,238.53)

Jan-Nov. 2018 Income	\$119,585.76
Jan-Nov. 2018 Expenses	\$131,549.33
Net income (loss) 2018	(\$11,963.57)



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Poinsettias are such a beautiful addition to the Sanctuary during the Christmas Season. If you haven't already filled out an order form, we hope you will

consider ordering one or more flowers in memory or in honor of someone special in your life. The plants are being provided by Oak Creek Plants & Flowers, and the cost per plant is remaining at \$8.25/plant. Your check for the total number of plants ordered should be made payable to Heritage Presbyterian Church, and indicate that it is for poinsettias. You can either place your order form and check in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or mail it to the church office. Deadline for ordering is **Monday, December 16, 2019**. Please call the Church office (402-477-3401) or Karen Minks (402-304-3934) if you have any questions.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM REHEARSAL

The Children will be having a rehearsal on December 14 at 10:00 AM. Please join us as we prepare for the Children's Program which will take place during Worship on December 15. Lunch will be served immediately following rehearsal.



COOKIES ARE NEEDED

Please consider donating cookies for our visit from Santa Sunday, December 15 following the Children's Program. Cookies do not have to be homemade, we will accept them all! Thank you for so kindly answering the call when a need arises.



HEADS UP SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS!

There will be NO Sunday School on either the 22nd or 29th of December.



December 14: Children's program rehearsal/lunch

December 15: Children's Christmas Program

December 22: Choir Cantata, December Birthday Bash-No Sunday School

December 24: Christmas Carols & Christmas Eve Service with Communion

December 29: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 1: Office Closed

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
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December 26, 2019

Items received after
this date may
not be included!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	2 6:00 PM Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall	3 10:00 AM Circle meets	4 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	5	6 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	7
8 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 Holiday Potluck in Fellowship Hall followed by caroling	9 6:00 PM Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall	10	11 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 8:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	12 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 Dens in Fellowship Hall & Calvin Hall	13 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	14 10:00 AM Children's Program rehearsal/lunch 11:00 AM Lincoln Association of Deaf Holiday Dinner
15 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Program 11:45 PM Santa visits 1:00 PM Recital-Pris	16 Poinsettia orders due 6:00 PM Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall	17 4:00 PM Recital-Pris 6:00 PM Daisy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Session meets	18 6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	19 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 in Fellowship Hall	20 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	21 12:00 PM Lincoln Deaf Club meets in Fellowship Hall
22 No Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Choir Cantata 12:00 PM December Birthday Bash	23	24 4:30 PM Christmas Carols/goodies 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service/Communion	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 	26 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 Dens in Fellowship Hall & Calvin Hall	27 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	28
29 No Sunday School 10:30 Worship	30	31	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	4

Please refer to the online calendar or weekly insert for updated/changed events.