

# THE HERALD

February 2023

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

As we move through the month of February, we come closer to, and eventually begin, the season of Lent. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, where we will enjoy a pancake supper together before receiving the ashes. Lent is often a time where people think about giving something up in their life. If you are interested in doing this, I invite you to consider how this practice of denial opens you up to the presence of Christ.

In March, I will be away from the 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> as I have been invited to attend a CREDO conference. CREDO is a program put on by the Board of Pensions and is intended for newly ordained clergy as a chance to spend intentional time in reflection, rejuvenation, and prayer amid their first few years of ministry. There will be a second weeklong trip in 2024. I will be at the Ferncliff Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas and while I should have access to my phone and emails, I will not be able to pay consistent attention to them.

On a personal note, I am overjoyed to announce that I will be adopting a cat on February 9<sup>th</sup>. His name is Ollie, and he is nine years old. He's been living at the Cat House for six years now and I am excited to provide a home for him. Please pray for us as we get to know each other better and he gets settled into my home.

I am continually encouraged and emboldened by all of you and the faith and love you continually show. May the Spirit guide our way as we continue to walk alongside Christ as Heritage Presbyterian Church!

Blessings,  
Pastor Erica





## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

02 – Benjamin Kendle  
 02 – Nancy Weyers  
 07 – Tamra Broeder  
 07 – Dehnia Bullerdiak  
 10 – Sue Nelson  
 12 – Jim Newman  
 17 – Ramona Meester  
 19 – Diane Olsen  
 22 – Savanna Newman  
 22 – Ken Olsen  
 25 – Bob Foreman  
 25 – Jett Hennings  
 27 – Barbara Bratt-Kennedy



DUCs have again selected Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach as our recipient of donations for the 2023 Souper Bowl of Caring. Donations can be made at church on Feb. 5th and 12th (placed in soup pots instead of offering plates). You can also donate items by using their [Amazon Wish List](#).

## GAMES AND GROCERIES

Join us for a night of food, games and fellowship on Friday, March 10. Donations of food items for the Heritage Pantry are encouraged.



## FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget your Fair Trade coffee and tea products to keep you warm on these cold days! Tea, coffee, oil and/or chocolates are available in the narthex. If you are unable to come to the church and would like your order delivered, please call Karen Griffin Sieber (402-430-2872) or Pat Zink (402 560-0917).



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING LENTEN CALENDAR

The Heritage Lenten Calendar returns in 2023! The calendar features Bible readings, random acts of kindness, prayer suggestions and ways to support the OGHS. We ask that each family use a "Fish Bank" to place coins as they follow the suggestions on the calendar. The calendar is included with this newsletter; calendars and fish banks will also be available at the church by mid-February.



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

02 – Nancy & Jay Weyers  
 22 – Emily & Matthew Hennings  
 24 – Phyllis & Bob Foreman



## HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

Anyone may join or renew their membership in Heritage's Birthday Club. Donations (usually 1 dollar per year of life) is made to our endowment fund.

## ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Don't worry about fixing supper before Ash Wednesday services on Feb 22! The mission committee will start serving pancakes and bacon at 5:00 pm with freewill donations directed to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Serving will end shortly after 6:00 pm so that all can attend the service at 6:30 pm.

## DUCs

DUCs will be meeting for fun following worship on February 26th. Activities TBD.

# **PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH AND OUTSIDE GROUPS**

## **General**

- Social distancing encouraged
- Offering in the entry ways instead of passed
- Clutter in narthex cleaned up
- Encourage members to stay home if they have symptoms or don't feel comfortable

## **COVID-19 Risk Dial: Green (Low)**

- Business as usual – please stay home or wear a mask if you have symptoms or don't feel well

## **COVID-19 Risk Dial: Yellow (Moderate)**

- Masks recommended (unless required by city directed health measures)
- Social distancing
- Coffee Corner with masks recommended
- Communion – regular
- Potlucks/other communal meals with masks recommended
- Encourage members to stay home if they have symptoms or don't feel comfortable

## **COVID-19 Risk Dial: Orange (High)**

- Masks required
- Signs between pews (social distancing)
- Coffee Corner with masks
- Potlucks/communal meals with masks
- Communion with pre-made packets
- Reduce congregational responses/hymns
- Encourage members to stay home if they do not feel comfortable attending

## **COVID-19 Risk Dial: Red (Severe)**

- Zoom/other online platform church services (including Sunday School and DUC's)
- Choir to meet at the director's discretion (with pastor/session approval). They will follow social distancing and masking rules.
- No potlucks/communal meals
- No Coffee Corner
- Outside groups with more than 5 will not meet without pastor/session approval

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**DEADLINE FOR THE  
NEXT HERALD**

**February 28, 2023**

Items received after this  
date may not be included!

# FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>30</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Al-Anon  <b>6:30 PM</b> Trivia Night (online)	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>6</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>9</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>13</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>16</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>18</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Presbytery Meeting
<b>19</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>20</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship with Communion  <b>5:00 PM</b> Pancake Supper	<b>23</b> <i>Boy Scout                      Troop 39</i>	<b>24</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship  DUCs following worship	<b>27</b> <i>Piano w/                      Sydney Miller</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>6:30 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>4</b>

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Heritage Presbyterian Church</b> <b>Lenten Challenge</b></p> <p><i>OGHS Fish Banks will be available at the church. Please place coins in the bank following the suggestions on this calendar. Bring banks to the church on Easter.</i></p>			<p><b>Feb 22</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <i>Attend the pancake supper and donate to the One Great Hour or Sharing</i></p>	<p><b>Feb 23</b> Many people in the world live on less than \$1.25 per day. Can you contribute \$1.25 today?</p>	<p><b>Feb 24</b> <b>Act of Kindness</b> Hold the door open for someone today.</p>	<p><b>Feb 25</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> Creation story Genesis 1:1-2:4a</p>
<p><b>Feb 26</b> <b>PDA Blue T-shirt</b> <b>Sunday</b> Wear your shirt to church!</p>	<p><b>Feb 27</b> Pray for those who have experienced natural disasters in the US and around the world.</p>	<p><b>Feb 28</b> ."We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord. . Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love."</p>	<p><b>Mar 1</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> The Great Flood Genesis 7:1-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13</p>	<p><b>Mar 2</b> In a disaster, electricity is the first utility to be lost. Add a coin for each outlet or light switch in one room of your home.</p>	<p><b>Mar 3</b> <b>Act of Kindness</b> Check in on a neighbor or a church friend.</p>	<p><b>Mar 4</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> Abraham is Tested Genesis 22:1-18</p>
<p><b>Mar 5</b> <b>Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday</b> Add a coin for each special woman in your life.</p>	<p><b>Mar 6</b> Pray for the health of the children worldwide who suffer from malnutrition.</p>	<p><b>Mar 7</b> Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." Add one coin to provide bread for those who hunger.</p>	<p><b>Mar 8</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> Deliverance at the Sea Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21</p>	<p><b>Mar 9</b> Not everyone has access to clean water. Add a coin for each glass of water you drink today.</p>	<p><b>Mar 10</b> <b>Act of Kindness</b> Write a note of appreciation to a friend, coworker, or family member.</p>	<p><b>Mar 11</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> The Wisdom of God Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6</p>
<p><b>Mar 12</b> Pray for those who are hungry today. Set a goal of zero food waste today.</p>	<p><b>Mar 13</b> Pray for the estimated 27 million people who are trafficked for forced labor or sexual exploitation.</p>	<p><b>Mar 14</b> 1 in 4 children worldwide are stunted by chronic malnutrition. Give one coin for each child you hold dear.</p>	<p><b>Mar 15</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> The Free Gift of Salvation Isaiah 55:1-11</p>	<p><b>Mar 16</b> Many families utilize food pantries to survive. Add a coin for every 5 cans of food in your pantry.</p>	<p><b>Mar 17</b> <b>Act of Kindness</b> Smile at everybody. It's contagious!</p>	<p><b>Mar 18</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> The Garments of Salvation Isaiah 61: 1-4, 9-11</p>
<p><b>Mar 19</b> "We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord. . Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love!"</p>	<p><b>Mar 20</b> <b>Mr. Rogers Day</b> Celebrate by showing kindness to a neighbor.</p>	<p><b>Mar 21</b> Many refugee camps do not have latrines. Add 2 coins for each bathroom in your home.</p>	<p><b>Mar 22</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> A New Heart and Spirit Ezekiel 36:24-28</p>	<p><b>Mar 23</b> Many do not have beds to sleep in. Add a coin for each bed in your home.</p>	<p><b>Mar 24</b> <b>Act of Kindness</b> Donate unused clothing or household items</p>	<p><b>Mar 25</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> The Valley of Dry Bones Ezekiel 17:1-14</p>
<p><b>Mar 26</b> <b>Earth Hour</b> Participate by switching off all electricity at 8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Mar 27</b> Pray for those who suffer in mind, body or spirit.</p>	<p><b>Mar 28</b> Many children go to bed cold and hungry. Add one coin for each blanket in your home.</p>	<p><b>Mar 29</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> The Deliverance of Jonah Jonah 1:1-2:1</p>	<p><b>Mar 30</b> 1 in 7 people go to bed hungry. Add one coin for each night this week you didn't go to bed hungry.</p>	<p><b>Mar 31</b> <b>Act of Kindness</b> Send a card or letter to a loved one</p>	<p><b>April 1</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> The Gathering of God's People Zephaniah 3:14-20</p>
<p><b>April 2</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> The Triumphant Entry Matthew 21:1-11</p>	<p><b>April 3</b> Pray for refugees and immigrants who flee oppressive or dangerous situations.</p>	<p><b>April 4</b> Many homes are destroyed by natural disasters. Add one coin for each home you have lived in.</p>	<p><b>April 5</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ Romans 6:3-11</p>	<p><b>April 6</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> The Lord's Supper Matthew 26:17-30</p>	<p><b>April 7</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> The Crucifixion Matthew 27:27-61</p>	<p><b>April 8</b> <b>Bible Reading</b> The Resurrection John 20:1-18</p>