

THE HERALD

Who More than Their County Loved

July 2019



Fourth of Julys were always big when I was a kid. We six Hopsons would get up early, excited for the day ahead! Gram (my mom's mom owned the ranch) would have gone FAR to shop (2 ½ hours one way to the Safeway in Raton a few days before) to get a plethora of plums and a fine, frivolity of mixed fruits: nectarines, peaches, white grapes, watermelon and cantaloupe. One of her contributions to the huge picnic at The Mill in Cimmaron was a fruit platter that always blew away ranchers and friends from all o'er northeastern New Mexico. She always used a sterling silver platter and it was laden, heavy, piled high (and yes, running over) with fresh fruit - very, very hard to find in land locked, dry earthen tierra where we lived.

We would drop off the fruit at the mill and insure it was chilling, and begin to see a smattering of cousins and friends doing the same, all of us on the way to the fairgrounds. Then we would get to the rodeo: wild cow milking, bronco racing, and all the usual. (Did I tell you my dad was the national champion Brahma bull rider the year I was born? He won at the Cow Palace in San Francisco and, during my childhood, he judged rodeos all over New Mexico).

At lunch we would break from the action, pouring out of the white washed, wooden grand stands and leave the dusty racetrack and arena behind; we would exchange it for shade under the tall cottonwoods by the stream running into the old mill and gather with maybe a hundred family and friends. It – was – fun. *Delicious!*

We would go back to the remainder of the rodeo then. About 5 PM we'd all caravan down the canyon to the family ranch by the pool under the cottonwoods and stars where maybe 300 of us gathered and we kids were given thousands of sparklers once it got dark.

The whole day was dedicated to the 4th of July and Patriotism had its place. I have some, in my heart, but scripture makes clear. "**Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord**"! So, a deeper question is, is God (before whom "all nations are as a drop in the bucket") welcome in America? Or Iran? Or Israel? Really?

If you are like me, you too are moved by humility. By those **true patriots who love their friends and fellows more than even themselves!** Who are willing 'to lay down their life for a friend'?

I love the pomp and parades of July 4th. But deeper than that, I always wonder if God looks on us and wonders on such days are we looking up to whence all blessings flow? And what are we doing to 'do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly' with our Lord?

Jesus got it. **Jesus lived it!** And died to show us the way of true love so that others might be free.

Amen

Jeff



JULY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

03 Kay Schweitzer
 06 Nicole Ramirez
 07 Lew Sieber
 07 Lariah Smith
 07 Dave Thompson
 10 Jeanette Emert
 10 Mary Louise Gillispie
 16 Barbara Queen
 18 Larry Baker
 23 Loretta Neill
 24 Katrina Kendle
 29 Adam Bahr
 30 Raymond Meester



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

05 Norman & Pat Zink (54 years!)
 11 Wade & Deb Kendle

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



HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

Consider being part of the 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.

BEST CHOICE



ONGOING YOUTH SERVICE
 Saving Best Choice UPCs is a great way to help our youth. Every 1000 UPCs we collect are sent in for redemption. Keep saving, every little bit helps! Thank you to Judy Guillatt for offering to help count the UPCs. ***Only Best Choice UPCs can be redeemed. No other UPCs are accepted**

PER CAPITA IS \$45.00 PER MEMBER

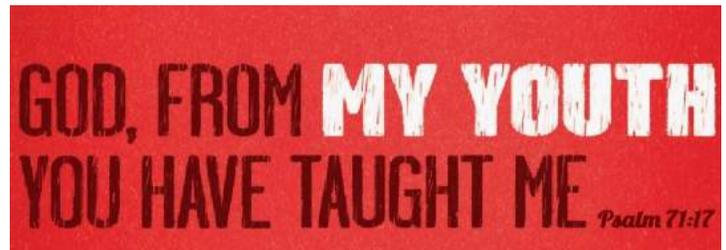
Per Capita helps support the regional, national, and global ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Many members contribute their per capita in addition to their general giving. We have received \$2,344 of the \$5,850.00 we have to pay the Presbytery. This greatly helps us to meet our budget. Thanks for going above & beyond!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Volunteer office team needed. Occasionally, our Administrative Assistant, Amber, needs to be out of the office. We would like a team of volunteers that we could contact on a same-day basis who would come to the office in these instances to make sure phones are answered, etc. Amber's scheduled hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 1pm. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact Candice Minks at candice.minks@gmail.com or call Candice at 402-730-4392.

JULY BIRTHDAY BASH

Please join us for our monthly Birthday Bash on July 28. There will be a potluck after service and cake will be provided. Do not miss out on this wonderful fellowship opportunity.



PENTECOST OFFERING: BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH

Thank you to all who gave to the Pentecost Offering! Your donations of \$270.00 will help young people begin life with a strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. The mission committee will direct our congregation's 40% to youth programs of OutNebraska, which is statewide LGBTQ+ organization that celebrates and empowers thriving LGBTQ+ communities. Their major program areas are to Educate, Advocate, and Celebrate.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR RANDOLPH

Take advantage of the back-to-school sales for the following items: #2 pencils, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, spiral notebooks (wide or college ruled), loose-leaf paper, yellow highlighters, crayons – we will donate them to Randolph Elementary in August.



FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Do not forget your Fair Trade products this summer! Items of the month will be:

- July – olive oil
- August – tea

Of course we still have chocolate, teas, and Heritage mugs. Check out the display in the narthex each month to find recipes using the featured items.



SUMMER MISSION CHALLENGE

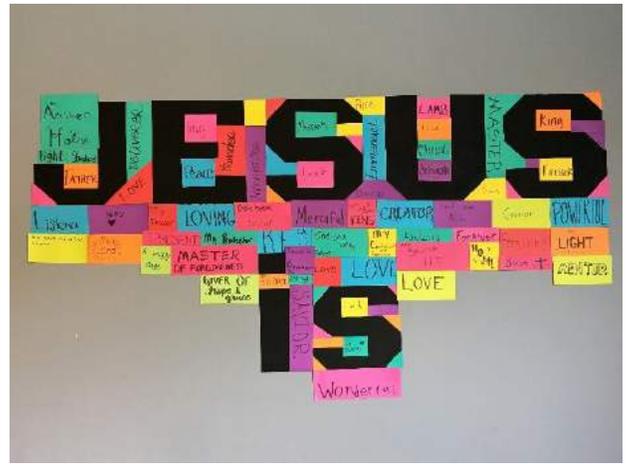
Remember to help us document all the mission projects that our congregation does this summer. Anytime you do a Mission Activity (doesn't have to be a big one), write it on a sticky note or take a picture and we will cover the back window of the church with our HERITAGE SUMMER MISSION. Examples of things you can do (but not limited to) are participating in the church service (usher, acolyte, projector, and summer music), going to/donating for VBS, visiting a shut-in, picking up trash. Put your name and the activity on the sticky note and anyone who submits a picture or sticky note will be entered for a drawing at the end of the summer.



“FILL THE DRAWERS”

The Mission Committee is asking for help “Filling the Drawers” with undies, drawers, unmentionables-

whatever you want to call them. We need socks and underwear for either men, women or children! These items will be donated to the Lincoln City Mission or St. Monica's. Please place donations in the “drawer” in the narthex – we will be collecting items through the middle of July. Please help us fill the drawers!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We welcome all children ages 3-5th grade to join us for Vacation Bible School. You do not have to attend all sessions, if you miss one, we still want you back the following week! We will meet July 11, July 18 and July 25 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Each week we will learn different ideas of what Jesus is to us. So come have fun and see how Jesus is out of this world!



WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR TALENT

The Choir year has wrapped up and it is time to display the talents of the members and guests of Heritage.

During the summer, there are several Sunday's in which you can

share your time talent with the congregation. If you are interested in signing up for a Sunday, please sign up using the sheet on the door across from the office (the directors' door). If you need accompaniment, please indicate as such so that Pris can connect with you for practice time. We do have the capability to use a sound track as well if you would prefer.

TREASURER'S REPORT (THROUGH JUNE 23)

Jan-June 2019 Income	\$46,700.78
Jan-June 2019 Expenses	\$64,805.72
Net income (loss) 2019	(\$18,104.94)
Jan-June 2018 Income	\$71,473.69
Jan-June 2018 Expenses	\$73,300.32
Net income 2018	(\$1,826.63)

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

August 11
 October 16
 November 3
 November 24
 December 24



July 11, 18 & 25: Vacation Bible School

July 21-26: Synod School at Buena Vista University

July 28: July Birthday Bash

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

July 24, 2019

Items received after
this date may
not be included!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 AM Town Hall Meeting 12:00 PM July Birthday Bash	1	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED 	5 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	6
7 10:30 AM Worship	8	9	10	11 6:30 PM Vacation Bible School	12 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	13
14 10:30 AM Worship	15	16 6:00 PM Girl Scouts (tentative)	17	18 6:30 PM Vacation Bible School	19 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	20 12:00 PM Lincoln Deaf Club meets in Fellowship Hall
21 10:30 AM Worship	22	23	24	25 6:30 PM Vacation Bible School	26 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	27
28 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 AM July Birthday Bash	29	30	31	1	2 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	3 2:00 PM L. Neill Private event

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