

THE HERALD

January 2021

What a Difference A Year Makes

Where were you one year ago? What hopes did you have; did you maybe have some dreams for 2020? And then....

And then that year hit. That...was the year that was! Most of us who remembered our history classes knew it wasn't a first, not by a long shot: the Dark Ages infested with mice and parasites, Bubonic Plague, the London Death...SARS (my partner in Pittsburgh had a friend whose boyfriend in China....led that nation's reponse to SARS; we actually met him. Fascinating!), H1N1.... The list goes on. And inevitably....will continue.

So 2020 came and...we held on. For dear life....many of us! Do you know someone affected by it? We did have friends of the church who did not make it through. We had a few families where there was a case here or there but mostly....they (we all here at Heritage) made it safely through.

Then, on January 1 we turned the calendar page. We tore off the last of the old year and...voila! New Life is born. Right? Yes! In God....all things are made new! There is a vaccine. Heavens: there are many vaccines (at least six approved now; right? With more coming.) First Responders are beginning to get the first shots in the rollout, a bit over 4esponders are beginning to get the first shots in the rollout, a bit over 4 million as of this writing. (Hopefully that will ramp up. A LOT!!)

I can almost hear our collective breath. One committee is already looking at 'what worship will look like after' (Yay!!!) I can sense, in the nation around us, a.....what? A relief that is still....almost too hard to trust. A sense that yes, we will get back to some kind of normal. But how long? Another year? Longer?

Here's the truth. Make that: here's the Truth!

God gives us New Life. Not just in the New Year; yes, now....but in all seasons. In all situations. Life...will win. In the end....the arc of history bends slowly...towards justice. And purity. And peace. Maybe not soon enough for our wishes but inevitably YES: there will be new life.

Beloved, grab onto 2021 and get ready to rumble. Stay safe in your home for a bit but, soon enough, we will be ready to dance! Honestly: New Life is coming!

Amen. And Amen!





JANUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 05 – Alexis Hunzeker
- 07 – Isaiah Guillatt
- 10 – Karen Griffin Sieber
- 12 – Missy Bahr
- 14 – Barbara Crawford
- 17 – Patty Doering
- 19 – Randy Smith
- 20 – Shirley Dively
- 20 – James Robertson
- 22 – Jane Bitney
- 22 – Elisabeth Wahlgren
- 23 – Patty Wahlgren
- 27 – Phyllis Foreman
- 28 – DeMari Holt
- 28 – Sharon Wells

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE...

THANK YOU to those who donated to the Christmas Joy Offering. A Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings. The donations from this Offering will be distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs to retired church workers and to the Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges. You offered your gifts during the Advent Season to the Christmas Joy Offering because God shows us the power and importance of being together, of “being with.” We might not be able to meet face to face with those who need the support that our gifts provide, but we are very much still together. We see the potential of students of color who will become our leaders and we seek to come alongside them, to encourage them, to be together with them. And we see church workers who have critical financial needs and we come alongside them, to assist them — we are with them. We thank God for being “with us” through the gift of Jesus and for joining us together as the Church and, through our gifts, with those who have need.



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.

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

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 for pick-up or delivery. Please call your order to either Karen Griffin Sieber (402-470-3669) or Pat Zink (402 560-0917). We will either deliver to your home or arrange a time for pick-up from the church office. The following products are available:

- Teas (\$2.50/box): Mint Green, English Breakfast, Irish Breakfast, Peppermint, Green tea with Ginger, Earl Grey, Chamomile, Chai
- Coffees: French Vanilla, Bright Day Brew, Toffee Caramel, Breakfast Blend, Love Buzz, French Roast (price varies \$6.50 - \$7.50)
- Chocolate bars: Dark chocolate minis (5/\$1)

THANK YOU to those who donated money or gift cards to share with the Randolph School community. Your gifts allowed us to “share the JOY of Christmas” with others outside our church walls.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ZOOMING!

Age 3 through 5th grade are welcome to join us at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings for a 20-30 minute session. Please check the Facebook group for the Zoom meeting ID.

If you need the worksheets, please contact any Sunday School teacher.

REACH OUT TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

During this time of social isolation, please take a few minutes to call members of our church family who are self-isolating to protect their health. Or send a card to let them know that someone is thinking of them. Together we will get through this pandemic!

FROM OUR HERITAGE FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Thank you for your visit last week. In these trying times, a smiling face is always nice. Let those who filled the "pretty bag" with many items was very thoughtful. Also thank the little girl or boy who drew the ocean scene for me. Some day they might be a famous artist. You all made my day.

- Shirley Dively

My blessings have overflowed. I was so very lucky to have received a wonderful bag by a dear Angel, Pat Zink delivered it with smiling eyes and compliments that made me feel like I was Queen for the day! My what a blessing that beautiful bag contained; so many things I needed. How did you know? Were you peeking in my window? My hands were like sandpaper and that heavenly tube of hand cream, I really needed, also a new mask, I know all those sweet treats I gained pounds. I had ran out of Kleenex and was using a roll of toilet paper and how did you know I had finished my word search book a few days before. Bless your hearts for the oh so wonderful "these days" books – I'm truly blessed. You really show God's love in so many wonderful ways. Please thank those children for the wonderful letter from them. About smiles and staying strong and their wonderful art work of smiling face and arm muscle. Thank you Nishan Panwar, Alexis and Kennedy with colorful flowers made by them too. How nice!! How thoughtful and so artistic, really brilliant. Thank you and bless you, children and also the "Mission Girls." May God bless you all for the wonderful gifts and thoughtfulness.

Lovingly, Marilyn

Heritage Presbyterian Congregation,

Your food pantry, with Ron's help, has been a Godsend to us when "life" suddenly throws a family into chaos. We are so grateful for all you do!

- Randolph Staff & Students

Thank you Jeff, for all your help with Rocke's funeral. You being with us at the hospital really helped. Then all the calls and cards to Rocke and myself. Don't know if I would have made it without your help.

God bless you, Barb Kennedy

Thank you to the Heritage mission committee for the nice goody bag, was a great surprise and we enjoyed all. Thanks Pat for bringing it, was so good to see someone and get to talk. Sorry I am so late with the thank you. I pray all stay well.

Thanks, Barb and Duane Kennedy

Mission Committee –

Thank you so much for the fantastic bag of assorted goodies that was left on my doorstep. It was like an early Christmas present!! Many thanks for your thoughtfulness!

- Kay Schweitzer

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JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 10:30 AM Worship	28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2
3 10:30 AM Worship	4	5	6	7	8 10:30 AM Al-Anon	9
10 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	11	12	13	14	15 10:30 AM Al-Anon	16
17 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	18 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	19	20	21	22 10:30 AM Al-Anon	23
24 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	25 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	26	27	28	29 10:30 AM Al-Anon	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

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