

THE HERALD

July 2020

One Nation, Under God

I have been watching (with some mild discomfit) the conflict growing between sides in our country....over how to reopen the nation. And WHEN!

You've seen the television video I'm sure: the crowd without masks at a pool in Lake of the Ozarks, the confrontation between beach goers (with and without masks, observing and not observing social distancing). The conflicts in New York and Georgia couldn't be further from each citizenry in tone and restraint...or lack thereof.

STOP: hold the press!

I wrote those first lines above....back in April...planning to write my newsarticle for July. As I reread them today, I recognized how prescient they were. Are. (Do you believe in predestination; how about prophecy?) Apparently covid has just more clearly revealed our divisions.,

It makes me sad. No, more accurately...it angers me that we are still here....after 250 years of American history. Apparently the original sin is not erased! Apparently it's still fine for a white policeman to kill an unarmed black man by slow asphyxiation as he kneels on his back and neck for 8, almost nine minutes.... In front of the world. (I swear, I could almost see his chest puff out as the video caught him. He had no fear, none at all....that he was doing the wrong thing.)

Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe I don't get it. Maybe they (they? Who???) are wrong to protest, or resort to property damage in such frustration, despair, and resentment. But... Do I get it? I do. **I sure as Heaven DO!**

All evil needs to prosper is for good people to do nothing. Our silence...is complicity! Our inaction....is support to evil! The only way change is going to come is if we (all) force justice for all, not just for some.

Over and over what inspires me these days is that little adage you see stitched on face masks, hand painted by children on yard signs, and said by sages and families everywhere: ***we will get through this together.***

True that!

Those stand tallest who stoop to help others up. The Psalms say, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Patriotism to me these days...looks like 'justice for each one'. It always looks like that. And falling short of it....there will be no peace.

I'm angry. I'm upset. And, with Jefferson, I too ***"have sworn on the altar of God almighty..eternal vigilance...against every form of evil over the mind of man."***

Happy Independence Day.
I hope.

Rev. Jeff Hopson



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 – Norm & Pat Zink
 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

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.

PUT YOUR EMPTY PILL BOTTLES TO GOOD USE!

Many times, the pills people receive in developing countries are wrapped in paper scraps. They have no protection from moisture or the elements. And they certainly are not safely out of the reach of small children – you can't really safety-proof a piece of paper. Those pill bottles we take for granted are gratefully received in many part of the world.

Please save your empty pill bottles – we will be collecting through September!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We have purchased an online VBS program called BOLT for this summer. We are still unsure if we will be able to host an in-person VBS or if it will need to be on-line. Watch the August newsletter and the Heritage Facebook page for updates.

SESSION UPDATES

The tentative date for returning to church in person is July 26. We encourage you to stay home and watch on-line if you aren't feeling well or don't feel comfortable returning quite yet. There are a few things that will be different:

- Session has voted to require masking for anyone in attendance. Don't worry if you don't have a mask. We will have some for you use.
- Family units may sit together, but please make sure there are 6 feet between each family.
- We will not be singing until our choir director approves it.
- There will be hand sanitizer everywhere, please use it!
- We encourage you to go outdoors to socialize after the service, observing social distancing and/or masking.

There will be no birthday bashes for a while.

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget your Fair Trade products during this time of virtual worship! 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 or 402-488-2847). 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

Mini Chocolates: Milk chocolate or Dark chocolate (5/\$1)

FLAT JESUS

The Christian Education committee is encouraging everyone to get out (even if you don't leave Lincoln). Take Flat Jesus with you and take pictures to post on our Facebook page. You can use the one below or use your own.





July 26: Tentative date for resuming in-person worship

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

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Items received after this
date may not be included!

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JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 10:30 AM Virtual Worship	29	30	1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>
5 10:30 AM Virtual Worship	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10:30 AM Virtual Worship	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 10:30 AM Virtual Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>
26 10:30 AM Worship <i>(Tentative date for resuming in person worship)</i>	27	28	29	30	31	1

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