

THE HERALD

March 2020

The Spirit Blows Where She Will

The bluster of March winds conjure up all kinds of change: kites blown to smithereens, snow in a blizzard deadening spring fruit petals, umbrellas toppled inside out.

But there is also something wonder-full....about the winds of change.....

I have just returned from two weeks in Florida. The foliage in such sunny southern climes is different than here, this time of year. Lying by the pool every morning in Key West the pool boy has to clean the algae off the tiles. A staff member busies himself climbing a ladder to carefully pluck old, browning palm branches. Another changes the orchids out so they are a never ending array of color 'neath the palms. Always and always.....The Creator is at work renewing life. Leaves shrivel. Plants die. Life turns....

New life...is *here* and everywhere around us now. Crocus blossoms. Daffodils poking yellow sun rays up from brown earth. Jayce leapt into my arms upon return as if the winter was over. We may have one foot in the eternal but even humans....are temporal and passing, transient upon this earth. *We - need - the warm breath of the Spirit* on our cold cheeks.

Both testaments testify to this truth, this eternal Truth. In the Old Testament the prophets cry, sometimes alone in the wilderness, before the people finally listen. The judges serve with integrity and inspire believers around them to 'do what is right in the sight of the Lord'. And in the New Testament, after the Holy Spirit blows the church alive for the first time (see Acts 2).....we are reminded again and again, "***The Spirit blows where she may.....and none knows God's will.***"

Change....can be good. Change can be....GODly!

I know not what God is leading Heritage to, nor where. But I am convinced that neither death nor all things passing.....can separate us from the love of God. And God's love is everything; Agape will lead us always....into new life.

Here's to spring at Heritage and in your life and in our world...bringing good news, NEW news....of better life to come: Heaven to earth, here...as it is in Heaven.

Jeff

Heritage Presbyterian Church

March 2020 Sermons

1st To Be Clean

2 Kings 5: 1 – 14

Is it true that 'cleanliness goes hand in hand with Godliness'?

At the start of Lent here's a Word about purity, our own purity. Come, let us approach the throne of Grace where sits the one Who 'is able to build us up and prevent us from falling'.

8th The Answer Is YES!

2 Corinthians 1: 18 – 22

As we journey deeper into the wilderness (of our heart's temptation towards brambles)...let's look for guideposts to God's grace. If we were more like Jesus we would more require justice of ourselves, and others around us. And always, always....mercy....is the answer we need.

15th Deceiving Appearances

Joel 2: 1 – 2, 12 – 17

Do you remember this proverb? "Appearances can be deceiving." True that. What appears at first glance may not be what really is; too many Trojan Horses are more than myth!

But, thank God, it works the other way 'round as well. Here comes Joel with a warning word, our Light in the darkness of Lent.

22nd Believing the Unbelievable

Romans 4: 13 – 16 a/22 – 25

On this fourth Sunday of Lent (even knowing, as we do now, where this is all headed)....it is hard to believe. We can barely apprehend where the Spirit is taking us on this journey! But Paul tells us (through his words to Romans) that 'faith'...will get us through anything. Anything!

29th Written on the Heart

Hebrews 5: 5 – 10

Once in awhile something happens that changes us forever. This morning, deep into Lent, Jeremiah anticipates a time for all God's people when Heaven seeks to straighten out the mess we have gotten ourselves into. God makes a new covenant with the people and, the Word says, will "write it on our heart".

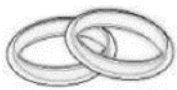


MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

04 Linda Clark
 07 Celeste Sexton
 09 Melinda Brage
 12 Zachary Werner
 14 Adriana Miller
 16 Karen Minks
 22 Ron Miller
 27 Sydney Miller
 29 Patty Kouba
 30 Robert Hill



Congratulations to our Class of 2022 Elders and Deacons! Jane Bitney (D), Ruth Hunzeker (D), Sue Nelson (E), Scott Hunzeker (E), and Barb Shaeffer (E).



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries in March

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



HERITAGE MUGS FOR SALE:

Stop by the coffee corner to buy your very own Heritage mug for only \$10.00. Proceeds will help support future Mission projects.



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.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle will meet March 3 at 10:00 AM in the Gibson Room. We invite all women to join, even if you have not attended before.



SAVE THE DATE

Join the Mission Committee April 24 for a Roaring' 20's themed trivia night fundraiser! Get a team of 6-8 people together and enjoy appetizers, desserts, and a mocktail bar. Stay tuned for more information!

BEST CHOICE



ONGOING YOUTH

Saving Best Choice UPC's is such an easy way to help our youth. We have sent in our 2000 UPCs and are waiting for our payment.

Since we had our bonus certificate, we will receive an additional \$30. **Only Best Choice UPCs can be redeemed. No other UPCs are accepted.**



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4 at 11 AM. Everyone will meet in Fellowship Hall to gather for the hunt. Hot dogs will be served afterwards. All are welcome - bring your friends!



NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Just a reminder that there will be no Sunday School on March 8! Enjoy your Spring Break!



SPRING FORWARD

Set your clocks one hour ahead on Saturday, March 7 before you go to bed!



April 4: Easter Egg Hunt

April 5: Palm Sunday

April 9: Maundy Thursday Service

April 10: Good Friday

April 12: Easter Sunday

April 12: One Great Hour of Sharing

April 24: Roaring 20's Trivia Night

April 26: April Birthday Bash potluck

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March 25, 2020

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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 in Fellowship Hall	3 10:00 AM Circle 6:30 PM Session Meets	4 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	5	6 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	7
8 10:30 AM Worship	9 6:00 PM Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	10	11 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	12 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 in Fellowship Hall & Calvin Hall	13 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	14
15 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	16 6:00 PM Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	17 6:00 PM Daisy Scouts in Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM Session Meets	18 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	19 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 in Fellowship Hall & Calvin Hall	20 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	21 12:00 PM Lincoln Deaf Club in Fellowship Hall
22 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship <i>Bell Choir Performs</i>	23	24	25 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	26 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 in Fellowship Hall & Calvin Hall	27 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	28
29 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Monthly Birthday Bash <i>DUCS Meet</i>	30	31	1 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	2	3 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	4 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

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