

# THE HERALD

March 2023

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

Welcome to the time of Holy Lent! We had an excellent pancake supper together before starting the season with Ash Wednesday and receiving the sign of the cross on our forehead. Many thanks to the Mission Committee for pulling that delicious meal together! This Lent I am reading A Season for the Spirit: Readings for the Days of Lent by Martin Smith. So far, I have been impressed by how poignant the readings are despite being short (and in keeping with what we learned on Sunday Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, does not have readings for Sundays!).

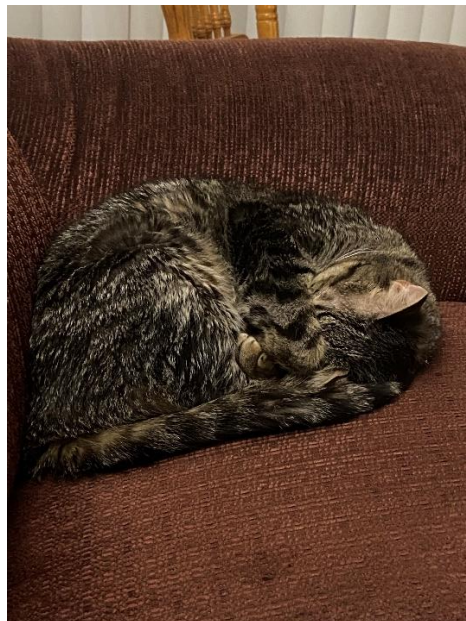
I will be out of the state from March 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. I am attending a CREDO conference. These are conferences offering by the Board of Pensions to newly ordained pastors as a chance for renewal and discernment within a first call. I will be spending the week at Ferncliff Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas and look forward to the program they have set up for us. I will have limited access to phone and email.

Ollie is settling down nicely and we are figuring out a good routine together. He has plenty of toys and warm, comfy places to sleep!

I look forward to this season of Lent with you all, as well as a turn in the temperature for warmer Spring weather. May the Spirit move among you this month and inspire you in your daily life.

Blessings,

Pastor Erica





## MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

04 – Linda Clark  
 09 – Melinda Brage  
 12 – Zachary Werner  
 14 – Adriana Miller  
 16 – Karen Minks  
 22 – Ron Miller  
 27 – Sydney Miller  
 30 – Robert Hill



## 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.

## DUCs

DUCs will meet for fun on Sunday, March 26th following worship.

March 12th will be a joint Sunday School with younger kids meeting with the DUCs for a Resurrection Egg Hunt.

Looking ahead: Youth Sunday will be April 16th.



Thank you for your donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring. We were able to donate \$248 to Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach!

## GAMES AND GROCERIES



Join us for a night of food, games and fellowship on Friday, March 10, at 6 pm. We plan to order pizza, so please let us know via

Facebook if you plan to attend – sides and desserts are welcome too! Don't forget to invite your friends and bring your favorite games and non-perishable food items for the Heritage Pantry!

## LENTEN CALENDAR

Check out our Lenten Calendar for Bible readings, random acts of kindness, prayer suggestions and ways to support the OGHS. We are asking each family to use a "Fish Bank" to place coins into using the suggestions in the calendar. Calendars and fish banks are available at the church.

## EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS

Don't forget to support small farmers by your purchase of Equal Exchange products.



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.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING PROMOTIONS

Providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

*"You shall be called Repairers of the Breach"* – Isaiah 58



## In recognition of Blue Shirt Sunday (March 26) ... When is a blue tarp not just a blue tarp?

When they are used after disasters to:

- Cover and protect belongings of those put out of their homes by disasters
- Protect volunteers and relief workers from the sun, rain and wind
- Serve as basic shelter for refugees and displaced person

Please give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering!

## REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR PER CAPITA!!

The Per Capita this year is \$46. This offering helps the work of our General Assembly, Synod of Lakes and Prairies and Homestead Presbytery.

Heritage does not have a budget line item for the per capita, so please make sure to pay in \$46 for each church member in your family. Please contact Pastor Erica or any session member if you have questions. Thanks for your assistance with this important ministry!

## EASTER LILIES

Lilies are such a beautiful addition to the Sanctuary on Easter morning. We hope you will consider ordering one or more plants in memory or in honor of someone special in your life. The plants are being provided by Oak Creek Plants & Flowers, and the cost per plant will be \$12,00. Your check for the total number of plants ordered should be made payable to Heritage Presbyterian Church, and indicate that it is for Easter lilies. You can either place your order form and check in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or mail it to the church office. Deadline for ordering is **Monday, April 3, 2023**. Please call the Church office (402-477-3401) or Karen Minks (402-304-3934) if you have any questions.



Don't forget to change your clocks on Saturday, March 11.

## 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**

**March 28, 2023**

Items received after this  
date may not be included!

# MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	1 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	2	3 10:00 AM Al-Anon	4
5 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	6 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>  <i>Girl Scouts 20306</i>	7 <i>Girl Scouts 28791</i>	8 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	9 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	10 10:00 AM Al-Anon  6:00 PM Games & Groceries	11
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Please refer to the online calendar for updated/changed events.