

# THE HERALD

May 2020

## Finish the Race with Faith....

Scripture says, "***Set yourself to run the race with faith. And finish it with faithfulness.***"

Hebrews 12:1

So, where are we now? In the race set before us.....towards finding a new pastor, here's where we are:

At the start (August 1, 2018)..... We were off.....and the Session set a Self - Study Committee of three.....to gather the initial research required by our denomination. The national average for the entire, two-step process is....about 18 months (sometimes as few as nine but....it can be as many as three years or more). Our faithful trio talked with local wise persons, did a demographic survey, and carefully asked you.....what your thoughts and priorities are for us here at heritage. Do you remember the two town hall meetings?

Since then we have entered the final step of the process. The PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee; that is the original three but more added by the congregation in a meeting) after using all your input and coordinating research... has written the MIF (Minister Information Form), submitted it to COM (Committee on Ministry for Homestead Presbytery), and had it approved. Then it went to national (the PC/USA offices in Louisville, KY) and is now online....for potential candidates to find, and send their resumes to the PNC. Shortly there should be inquiries and even applications coming in for our faithful folks to search, pray through, and carefully select the candidate for your approval. (I spoke yesterday with our liaison to COM who wondered aloud/via phone of course....how the quarantine might affect searches nationally. No one but God really knows....right now...)

So that's one topic. Frankly, that is the topic I planned to write about right now. BUT....something else has happened to intervene. And it is affecting...*the whole world!*

The scripture still applies. God's Word always applies! Let's hear it again....expanded a bit: ***12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and temptation that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.***

How are you doing, faithful? Sincerely?? How are your spirits? It is scary; isn't it? How is your apprehension doing these days; are you anxious? Some are. Many are more than anxious and, with some folks able to trumpet their worry to the world, it is easy to get sucked in to the inter-web (sic) of human anxiety. I would argue it is maybe now at its worst since the Holocaust. (What a tangled web we weave.)

But stability of mind, peace of heart, and uplifting Spirit....is always, always, and all ways...the way through any quagmire, quicksand, "slough of Despond" (Have you read Bunyan's Pilgrim Progress?)

Paul encourages us to apprehend (catch a glimpse of or 'hear with our spirit') the witnesses in the cloud around us. They made it. So will we! This is not the end of the world....although we will surely be changed for this pandemic.

So let's 'continue the course set before us' ....with faith. Faithfully running....or walking if that is all we can do....to the finish line. Let us hold in our hearts those who may not finish the race with us. Let us be gentle with one another.

And read and hear GOOD news....all day long.  
All through the night.  
Until a new day dawns!

You are loved.  
I can't wait to see you again in person!  
God bless you and keep you safe,

*Jeff*



## MAY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

07 – Dexter Thompson  
09 – Hayley Stansberry  
10 – Emily Broeder  
10 – Dorothy Hill  
12 – Dennis Hett  
12 – Christie Werner  
13 – Wade Kendle  
14 – John Gibson  
14 – Audrey Schneider  
14 – Aaron Wright  
15 – Arnold Wells  
18 – Leif Tomas  
19 – Sonia Colberg  
19 – Scott Hunzeker  
19 – Ella Lowe  
20 – Tony Trotter  
22 – Candice Minks  
22 – Cynthia Smetter  
26 – Ruth Hunzeker  
26 – Ryan Miller  
28 – Norm Zink  
29 – Isabella Kendle



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05 – Mark & Rebecca Smith  
07 – Jim & Stephanie Newman  
07 – Enrique & Nicole Ramirez  
21 – Orval & Lil Jurgena  
24 – Ron & Leanne Miller  
26 – Harvey & Kay Traudt

*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.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women's Circle meetings have been suspended until further notice due to COVID-19.

## CONNECT WITH YOUR CHURCH!

Would you like to connect with your church more during this season of being apart? Let's check-in with each other, have a prayer, and lean on the Lord... until we see each other again face to face!

Join Pastor Jeff on Tuesday, April 28 at 6 PM and connect with your church via Zoom!

Visit <https://bit.ly/HPC-042820> to join the meeting. (Meeting ID: 743 8916 3956; Password: HeritagePC)

## THANK YOU...

to the Easter Bunny and everyone who drove through to see him and get Palms on April 4.

Visit our Facebook group to view more photos from the Easter Bunny "Chase" & Drive-Thru Visit.



## PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The pastor job listing (MIF) is now live on the web for applicants. The PNC will review applications as we receive them. Zoom interviews will be conducted as needed for candidates we would like to get to know better.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL MAY SERVICE

Scott Minks is putting together a special Mother's Day project together and needs your help! If you have a mom or are a mom (human, furry, slimy, etc.), send Scott ([scott.minks@outlook.com](mailto:scott.minks@outlook.com)) photos of you and your mom/kids by May 1.

On May 10, we will be recognizing our mothers and Sunday School students and teachers during the worship service.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

Heritage Presbyterian is continuing to host online virtual worship. Join us on Sundays at 10:30 AM in our Facebook group for our worship watch parties. Online virtual worship can also be streamed online at <http://bit.ly/HPCworship>.

To submit prayer requests, you can call the church, contact Pastor Jeff, or fill out the online form at <http://bit.ly/HPCprayer>.

## TITHE CHALLENGE

We have been issued a friendly challenge! One of our members is going to give a tithe of the Government Stimulus (\$1,200 per taxpaying adult; remember?) to the church. And he or she... is challenging us all to do the same.

Not everyone will be able to do this; we surely recognize that; some of our folks may badly need this financial help right now!

Still, if you are able to give \$120 (a tithe or portion of that stimulus) to the church to help... that would be wonderful!

And, as always, we thank you for your giving to Heritage Church. We always need your time, talents, and tithing...to help, howsoever you can.

## THANK YOU FROM BARB KENNEDY

*Thanks to Jeff for all his prayers, cards and visits. Also him and Leanne for giving Rocke communion. Thanks Jeff for your cards, calls, prayers, and all the help for me.*

*Thanks members for your cards, prayers and memorials for his family and church. Thanks to Wade and Janet for the beautiful music.*

*Thanks again,  
Barb Bratt Kennedy & Rocke's Family*

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thank you to all who joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Together, our gifts will:

- assist Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to work within communities, including Nebraska and Iowa communities, as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters;
- help the Presbyterian Hunger Program take action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes, and helps create access to healthy food for entire communities; and
- allow the Self-Development of People to partner with people and communities with tools for development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice.

If you would still like to contribute, we will be accepting additional donations through the month of May.

## FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Fair Trade Day is May 9 – If we are back to church by then, the Mission Committee will be giving everyone at church a mini-chocolate bar on May 10. Remember that chocolates, tea or coffee make great gifts for the mothers in your life! Check-out the displays in the narthex of our Fair Trade products.

## 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 parts of the world.

***Please save your empty pill bottles – the deadline for collection has been extended to early October!***

## MOTHER'S DAY DONATIONS – MAY 10

We will continue our Mother's Day tradition of donating items to help other mothers in our community who need a little extra help and encouragement.

Currently the Healthy Families Home Visiting staff provides education, support, and resources to many families in our community. The families often: are poor, and/or speak a different language, and/or have mental health diagnoses, and/or have PTSD from witnessing horrible events, and/or haven't had the privilege of a positive parenting role model.

This year the program would like to request donations of hooded baby towels, baby wash clothes, hypoallergenic baby wash/shampoo, or learning toys for children up to 3 years of age. Monetary donations help with formula, lice treatment, prenatal vitamins, and bus passes. Donations may either be dropped off at the church or just bring them once we are able to meet again at the church!

## PENTECOST OFFERING – BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH

The Pentecost Offering is all about helping 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. This offering will be received until Pentecost Sunday on June 7.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Robyn Mason's friend's dad (Ron) who tested positive for COVID-19.
- Jeanne Bonnett's friend's son (Kyle) who was in the ICU and is now out.
- Sonia Colberg's son who lost his job.
- Dick Gibson and his family – Dick passed away on April 26.

As always, be sure to check our Facebook group for additional prayer requests.



**May 9: Fair Trade Day**

**May 10: Mother's Day & Sunday School Recognition**

**DATE PENDING: Roaring 20's Trivia Night**

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**DEADLINE FOR THE  
NEXT HERALD**

**May 25, 2020**

Items received after this  
date may not be included!

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# MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>26</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Fair Trade Day</i>
<b>10</b> <i>Mother's Day            &amp; Sunday            School            Recognition</i> <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Worship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Worship	<b>25</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> Newsletter Deadline	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Virtual Worship						

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