

THE HERALD



From the Pastor:

October 2017

Recently I was asked about the vestments that I wear, the white linen Alb and the black pulpit robe. Some churches, such as the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches, have ornate clergy vestments, and may have layers of vestments. Other churches, particularly those that follow the Anabaptists, eschew the wearing of any clergy vestments. In the Presbyterian Church, there is no particular guidance as to what clergy and other leaders in the church can or should wear, other than what we find in our Directory for Worship (a section of our *Book of Order*): “We offer creative gifts in worship as well, including music, art, drama, movement, media, banners, vestments, vessels, furnishings, and architecture. When such gifts only call attention to themselves, they are idolatrous; when, in their simplicity of form and function, they give glory to God, they are appropriate for worship.” (W-1.0204) In the PCUSA the wearing of vestments is usually the personal choice of the pastors.

The white Alb is probably the most ancient of Christian vestments. Its origins are traced to the Roman tunic. It did not become a specifically Christian vestment until the beginning of the fifth century. In the early church, when someone was baptized, they often received a bright white robe as a symbol of their spiritual washing. The Alb is the garment of the baptized and is appropriate for any baptized Christian who is taking part in leading worship. In the book of Revelation, we read of the multitude dressed in robes, who “have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” (Rev. 7:14). As one pastor wrote, “The image reminds believers that they now stand clothed in the righteousness of Christ and proclaims the hope that someday we will stand with that white-robed multitude washed in the blood of the Lamb.” After the fall of the Roman Empire, the Alb became a garment unique to the clergy as normal dress. Because the black robe has an academic history to it, I wear the white Alb whenever we are celebrating one of the sacraments, the Lord’s Supper or Baptism.

The black pulpit robe is the Geneva gown. It receives its name from the University of Geneva. John Calvin, one of the Protestant reformers of the sixteenth century, and considered the patriarch of the Presbyterian Church, lived in Geneva. He adapted the Geneva gown for use by the clergy. The Reformers generally objected against ornamentation in the church, including the rejection of ornate liturgical vestments. They favored the simple academic gown. It signifies an academically trained person. The Presbyterian Church has always stressed education, especially the academic training of its clergy. The black robe has been more popular in churches that do not see themselves as “liturgical” as other churches. It is perhaps the most well-used vestment among PCUSA clergy.

The stole is worn around the neck and hangs down the front. Originally, it was a neck scarf used to wipe the face and to chase away insects. It represents the yoke of Christ: “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Often times stoles are the colors of the liturgical year, blue, white, green, purple, and red, and are worn corresponding to the colors of the liturgical season.

Raymond A. Meester

Pastor Ray announced to the Session at its meeting on September 19 that he plans to retire on June 30, 2018. We will keep you posted and keep you informed about the process in calling new pastoral leadership.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

04 Sebastian Newman
 06 Shawna Haas
 08 Andrew Singaas
 10 Dawn Thompson
 12 Haylea Lowe
 17 Judy Guilliat
 18 Frances Beurivage
 20 Sharron Scheidt
 20 Mark Smith
 22 Curtis Pester
 23 Levonne Salisbury
 28 Ron Smith
 28 Harvey Traudt
 28 Clint Werner
 29 Patrice Gaines
 30 Melanie Haas
 31 Sharon Baker
 31 Sherill Quist

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



HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

**Congratulations to new & renewing
 Heritage Birthday Club Members
 Eunice Sintek, Ilah Harmon,
 Ilah Singaas, Finn Singaas**

Consider renewing or joining Heritage's Birthday Club. Donations (usually 1 dollar per year of life) are made to our endowment fund.



ANNIVERSARIES

03 Tom & Patty Doering
 03 James Robertson & Jane Bitney
 05 Bruce & Dehnia Bullerdiek
 06 Arnold & Sharon Wells (56 years)
 09 Duane & Barbara Bratt-Kennedy
 09 Andrew & Kate Singaas
 19 Dwight & Amanda Easterly

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Breannah Weyers on her recent engagement to Nathan Roth. The couple plans to wed October 19, 2019.

BEST CHOICE



We currently have 995 Best Choice UPC's towards the 1,000 needed to send in for our next redemption. Thanks to all who continue to save them to help raise funds for our youth. **Only Best Choice UPCs can be redeemed. No other UPCs are accepted.**

ONGOING YOUTH FUNDRAISERS PLEASE SAVE BEST CHOICE UPCs AND USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle will met on October 3 in the Gibson Room at 10:00 a.m. All women are invited to join us in this Bible Study.

JOIN US FOR FOOD SUNDAY!

Join us on October 8 for Food Sunday as part of Food Week of Action and World Food Day sponsored by the Presbyterian Hunger Program. PHP is asking churches what is being done to end hunger and poverty in the community or across the globe. We invite you to join us in one, two or all of the following:

- Share a meal with others at a potluck lunch after the morning worship (congregation outreach)
- Donate a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry (community outreach)
- Bring our coins for the Cents-Ability for the Food Bank's backpack program (community outreach)
- Participate in the CROP Walk by walking or donating to another who is walking (community and global outreach)

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS:

Heritage will be providing the volunteers at the Eastridge Food Pantry on Wednesday, November 8. We need 3-4 people to help 3:00-6:00 pm (please arrive by 2:45 for training). Please sign up on the Mission bulletin board if you can help. Thanks!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are working on updating our church directory. If you wish for any of your personal information such as email or phone numbers to be excluded from the directory please let the office know by the end of October.





LINCOLN'S ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK

Lincoln's Annual CROP walk will be Sunday, October 8 with registration

at 1:30 PM. Please support Karen Sieber, Leanne Miller, Judy Guillatt, and our youth group in this year's annual CROP Hunger Walker. Checks may be made to CWS/CROP and given to any walker or they may be made to Heritage with the memo "CROP" and put in the offering plate. Your generous donations help with hunger issues both near & far away.



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Peace & Global Witness Offering. The offering's theme, *Proclaim the Peace of Christ*, invited

all of us to be a part of the work for peace in our world. We do not know yet if we met our goal of \$500.00, but our congregation's 25% share will be directed to the 2018 Peacemaking Conference/Workshop, an annual Lincoln event. **THANK YOU!**



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Please mark your calendars that the Children's Choir will be singing during worship on October 8.



GOOD COFFEE FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

Fair Trade is a program utilized by coffee

importers and food companies to create an alternative market for traditionally disadvantaged producers in developing countries, usually small scale farmers. Your purchase of fairly traded coffee helps build pride, independence and community empowerment for small farmers and their families. Visit our coffee corner for fair traded coffee (whole bean and ground), tea, chocolate, and olive oil.

ORGAN REPAIRS

Our organ has been in need of some wind chest repairs. Wind chests are like boxes into which air is pumped, and supplies the air to the pipes. Bedient Organ, who built much of our current organ, has informed us that the organ is in need of major repair. The wiring in the system is no longer "in code," being wiring that is covered with a material that is no longer allowed. This will also require updating from mechanical switches to digital switches. The estimate is \$80,000 to \$120,000! We will be seeking more information and will keep you posted on our options.

BACKPACK PROGRAM AT RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Did you know that there are currently 17 children/families on the waiting list for a backpack of food each week at Randolph Elementary School? The Mission Committee has been discussing how we can help, but we need your input on the following options:

1. Do nothing.
2. Pledge or donate money to the backpack program through the Food Bank – however this will not impact the number of backpacks available at Randolph.
3. Donate backpacks of food using guidelines provided by the Food Bank every week or on long weekends – this would require volunteers to donate items or money, shoppers to pickup items not donated, volunteers to pack the backpacks and volunteers to deliver the backpacks to the school.

Please give us your input by contacting a Mission Committee member or by joining us at our potluck after worship on Food Sunday, October 8.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



The Food Pantry is always looking for non-perishable food donations. There are lists of needed items available on the table in the Narthex and by the parking lot entrance.



HERITAGE FREecycle

Heritage will be having a Freecycle event on Sunday October 22. Please bring items that you would like to give away and place them on the table in Fellowship Hall when you arrive at church. Anyone can take what they want or need. **Please take remaining items home when you leave.**

UPDATE ON GINA MEESTER



Gina Meester has started her second year at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (LPTS) with a full course load. She continues to nanny for one family and will work as a nursery attendant for a Sunday evening

worship service most Sundays. She has received a scholarship to help with the cost of her schooling and living expenses. Her peers voted her to be a student rep with the Student Government this year. She hopes to complete her program in May 2019. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers and feel free to reach out to let her know you are wishing her well! Church members may get her address or phone number from her parents or the church office. (Information provided by Sue Nelson, Session liaison to Gina).

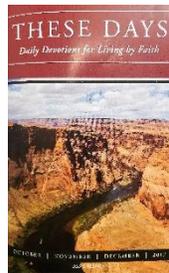
SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM 9-19-2017

- Approved the bid of \$1,355.00 of Tom Shockey to replace the 4 downspouts and gutters on the north side of the church.
- Recommended that people be given the option to exclude some or all information from the church printed directory and that people must request a copy to reduce excess printing.
- Approved the salary of Cal Cross as choir director.
- Approved authorizing a church credit card for administrative assistant, Amber Rumbaugh.
- Approved providing only the required benefits such as medical coverage, pension payments, disability and life insurance for the pastor through the Board of Pensions.
- Received a report from Pastor Ray that he will be conducting a Confirmation class (8 sessions) on Sundays this fall.
- Approved the request of Sue Nelson to offer the use of the Fellowship Hall as a meeting site for a high school age youth PRIDE group. Sue will serve as a liaison with the group to work on additional details.
- Pastor Ray announced that he is planning to retire as pastor in June 2018.



THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

Third graders received their Bibles on September 10th. Pictured are Pastor Ray with third graders Wyatt and Alexis.



THESE DAYS DAILY DEVOTIONALS

These Days Daily Devotionals are now available for Oct-Dec. in the Narthex and on the table in the parking lot entrance



DUCs REMINDER

The DUCs will meet Sunday, October 8 at 11:30 AM for board games and lunch before the CROP Walk. Their next meeting will be November 12 at 11:30 AM. We will watch "God's Not Dead 2" while enjoying popcorn and lunch.

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER

October 1 – Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

October 8 – Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 15 – Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

October 22 – Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 29 – Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

SAVE THESE DATES

October-November - Hat & Mitten Drive for Randolph Elementary School

November 5 – All Saints' Days remembrance during Worship

November 12 – *Noche del Taco*-Fundraiser for Mission trips

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NEXT HERALD**

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