

THE HERALD

April 2020

New Life... is Coming!

Get Ready for New Life! Happy Easter, beloved! It's a strange season; is it not? It's not something we could have anticipated or hardly conceived as little long ago as Christmas. (not many months back and yet....'seems ages ago and worlds away)

Here's the truth. (and hold onto your heart for this!!) The truth, the eternal Truth is....God is always creating. Recreating. Reforming life. Healing was sewn into Creation at Genesis. Life will find a way.

Give me a virus or plague and I will show you (always and all ways) a way around it. To new life. New purity. New hope. New success. It's going to happen again; just watch!

Growing up on the ranch I gained a healthy respect for nature. True, snake bites happen. Brush fires come and devastate pastures (and canyons; they turned school out one week for us to help fight it and I remember a box canyon where, when the temperature reached a certain high degree, each cedar tree would 'explode' as it ignited....up the canyon slope). I've seen cancer eyes and hoof rot, wombs shot from mother cows (which my parents patiently sewed back inside until she was able to be whole again. I've watched dogs caught in coyote traps heal and lope happily through the rest of life with three limbs.

It's true. Get used to it. It's a fact. It takes just a tiny seed of faith to apprehend God will bring something new on the other side of a set back!and maybe something better. One of the elders said to me last week, "I'm wondering if we might see some good things come out of this?" And as I watch (with all of you)....I think I am seeing that. We are checking on each other more than we were. Young people who date are....taking more time to get to know each other. (And yes, you can have a glass of wine online....)

Had you heard that our 'online views' were 120 the first Sunday?! That's almost three times more than we have sitting in the pews. I don't want to get wild about this (I know it's going to be up and down)....but even more people watched the second Sunday. And the feedback/comments/e-notes....have been heartwarming! (And a huge thanks to the 'Godsquad' as one member called it...who are making this possible.)

We're looking at new possibilities for Holy Week (watch online for details as they are announced...but for sure...almost certainly....we will offer worship online for all three services: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter).

I have been checking on every member and family and, thus far....we all seem to be hanging tight. And getting the support and love we need. (And....take out your church directory and call folks if you can; we would ALL love to be MORE connected now...than we might be sitting in the sanctuary....)

Here's the Truth; this viral season could be something God uses to 'force us into some purity and love and fellowship we've not anticipated'!

No matter how dark the night, it's always darkest before dawn. Easter is coming. For sure. For certain.

Life will win. He will rise indeed...and we with him. Alleluia.... Amen!

Jeff



APRIL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

06 - Wyatt Kendle
 07 - Sloane Gibson
 07 - Leanne Miller
 08 - Barbara Geistlinger
 12 - DeKobie Holt
 13 - Stephanie Newman
 13 - Shalene Shepard
 13 - Larissa Vaughan
 16 - Lillian Jurgena
 16 - Duane Kennedy
 16 - Chase Piel
 17 - Zoe Tomas
 24 - Greg Mason

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



13 - Greg & Robyn Mason
 13 - Tylor & Shalene Shepard
 17 - Richard & Cathy Wright
 26 - Chase & Shay Piel
 27 - Lew & Karen Griffin Sieber

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.

THANK YOU...

To all who attended the Ash Wednesday pancake supper -- \$157.00 was donated to support the Heritage and Eastridge pantries!

To all who attended the Games & Groceries events in January and February and brought food items for the pantries!

To all who bring non-perishable food items for either the Heritage or Eastridge pantries!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

*"You shall be called repairers of the breach"
 (Isaiah 58)*

Please join churches around the world in donating to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Past donations have been used for:

- Assistance following catastrophic floods and hurricanes in the USA through the PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance)
- Relief projects in South Sudan following years of famine and violence
- Built a seed bank to share seeds and aid in recovery from disasters or diseases affecting crops in Myanmar.

With our support, OHGS will continue to be a reminder that through the simple act of sharing, we are blessed and experience God's abundance in surprising ways. Please help us reach our \$600.00 goal to support the PDA for all that is done during natural disasters!

Please feel free to mail your donation to the church office during this time of "social distancing" – just be sure to write OGHs on your check.

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 – we hope to collect them by Sunday, April 19!

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

In the most recent step in the Pastor Search process Presbytery has approved our Ministry Information Form (MIF). The next step is for us to post the MIF for applicants to review. Soon after, we hope to begin receiving applications.

RANDOLPH PANTRY

If you have items for the Randolph pantry, please leave them on the stage if possible. If you don't have access to the church for delivery, let Ron Miller know and he will meet you there. We need just about everything at the moment: soap, canned tomatoes, ramen, tuna, canned fruit, laundry soap, toothpaste, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, toothbrushes, mac & cheese, box potatoes, pasta, chicken, toilet paper, canned soup, cereal, peanut butter.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The traditional Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled for this year, but there is a fun alternative! The Easter

Bunny has been visiting places around Lincoln and taking pictures. Everyone is encouraged to visit these same places and then take your picture in the same location. The kids will be disappointed that they "must have just missed" the Easter Bunny! Visit our Facebook page to see where the Easter Bunny has been! He will be handing out candy in our parking lot on Saturday, April 4 from 1-2:30 p.m. Participants will stay in their cars but receive a bag of candy (while supplies last).

If parents are interested in some Christian Education activities to enjoy from home, please let Leanne Miller know. Also, make sure the kids are watching the service with you, as Pastor Jeff is still doing a wonderful Children's message.



ROARING TWENTIES FUNDRAISER – DATE PENDING

Get a team of 6-8 people together to answer trivia questions of the 1920's decade while you enjoy appetizers, desserts and a

mocktail bar! Since it is a mission fundraiser, there will be a registration cost of \$10/person. As an incentive to invite family and friends outside the church, their registration cost will be just \$5/person. We will ask for freewill donations for the food and drinks.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE MISSION COMMITTEE EVENTS!

Fair Trade Day – Saturday, May 9

We will celebrate on Sunday, May 10, by sharing a mini chocolate with the congregation.

Mother's Day Donations – Sunday, 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. Like last year, the items will be donated to the Healthy Families Program. Items most in need are large size diapers, diaper rash creams, wipes, and money for crisis funds.

Neighborhood Block Party – Sunday, June 28

We are making plans to host a block party for the neighborhood on the afternoon of Sunday, June 28. Preliminary plans include games, some food and FUN! But the mission committee can't do this by ourselves – we need your help. Please let us know if you would like to help, if you have any great ideas or would like to donate food or candy prizes.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Heritage Presbyterian is transitioning away from in-person gatherings for worship and other ministries for the time being. For the latest information regarding worship, sign up for our email updates at <http://eepurl.com/uQoB>.

Online virtual worship can be streamed online at <http://bit.ly/HPCworship>. While we are hosting virtual worship, we will try to host a watch party on Facebook at 10:30 AM to help keep everyone connected.

To submit prayer requests, you can call the church, contact Pastor Jeff, or fill out the online form at <http://bit.ly/HPCprayer>. Pastor Jeff will receive prayer requests. Requests can be included in our Sunday virtual worship or can remain private.

EASTER LILIES

We will NOT be placing an official order for lilies this year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions.



April 4: Easter Bunny “Chase” & Drive-Thru Easter Bunny Visit

April 5: Palm Sunday

April 9: Maundy Thursday

April 12: Easter Sunday

April 12: One Great Hour of Sharing

DATE PENDING: Roaring 20’s Trivia Night

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

April 25, 2020

Items received after this
date may not be included!

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APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 10:30 AM Virtual Worship	30	31	1	2	3	4 1:00 PM Easter Bunny "Chase" & Drive-Thru Easter Bunny Visit
5 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10:30 AM Virtual Worship	6	7	8	9 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 11 AM-1 PM & 5-7 PM Drive-Thru Communion	10 <i>Good Friday</i>	11
12 <i>Easter</i> 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 Virtual Worship	27	28	29	30	1	2

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