

THE HERALD

April 2023

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

We have finally come to that time in our Christian calendar where we mourn the death of our savior before rejoicing in the triumph of his resurrection! I look forward to discovering what this Eastertide will bring us here at Heritage.

This past month, I spent a week in Little Rock, Arkansas at the Ferncliffe Camp and Conference Center for a CREDO conference. The CREDO program, offered through the Board of Pensions, has several different times of conferences, and the one I attended was for recently ordained pastors. I was able to meet others within the first five years of ministry, as we all learned about physical, emotional, spiritual, financial, and vocational health and discerned where in our lives those areas fit. One of the biggest takeaways was posed to us the first night; "in our ordination vows, we vow to serve the people with Energy, Intelligence, Imagination, and Love. Do you consider yourself one of the people you are to serve?" I invite you to ask yourself the same. How are you serving yourself as one of the beloved children of God?



This month, I will be travelling to Lexington, KY to preach at the installation of one of my best friends, who is being installed to a new church. It is a great honor to be invited to preach at someone's installation and I am excited to do so and to see my friend in person after a long time apart. I will be driving there, so your prayers will be greatly appreciated. For this trip, I will be gone from April 19th to 24th.

May our resurrected Lord walk with you towards your own renewal this season and shower you in the grace and love freely given by God.

Blessings,
Pastor Erica



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
 15 – Steven Kruse
 16 – Lil Jurgena
 16 – Duane Kennedy
 16 – Chase Piel
 17 – Zoe Tomas
 24 – Greg Mason



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Heritage easter egg hunt will be on April 8th at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to donate candy, please have it dropped off at the church by Friday, April 7th.

FISH BANKS

Thank you to those who have been using the Lenten calendar and fish banks to collect coins for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Please bring the fish banks to worship on Easter Sunday!



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

13 – Robyn & Greg Mason
 27 – Karen Griffin Sieber & Lew Sieber



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

- The Annual DUC's Lock-in will be April 22-23rd. Watch emails for details!
- Youth Sunday is April 16th. Please attend and show your support for our awesome youth!
- Thank you for your previous participation but the DUCs will no longer be collecting used ink cartridges for the Cartridges for Kids program.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

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



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

Save the Date:
Friday, May 19 –
Picnic at Holmes Lake Park

EARTH DAY

April 22, 2023



In honor of Earth Day:

- ❖ Find ways to reduce paper use and save trees – print on both sides, read news online, ask to have financial reports sent in digital format, and stop unwanted junk mail.
- ❖ Plant a garden, even a small one on a patio or porch.
- ❖ Run your dishwasher only with a full load.
- ❖ Cut down single-use paper and plastic in the kitchen.
- ❖ Plan vehicle trips to avoid unnecessary miles. Carpool if possible.
- ❖ Replace light bulbs, even if still working, with LEDs.
- ❖ Turn the water off when brushing your teeth.

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.

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!

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**

April 25, 2023

Items received after this
date may not be included!

APRIL 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31 10:00 AM Al-Anon	1
2 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	3 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> <i>Girl Scouts 20306</i>	4 10:00 AM Women's Circle	5 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	6 6:30 PM Worship w/ communion <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	7 10:00 AM Al-Anon	8 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt 6:30 PM Lincoln Assoc. of the Deaf
9 10:30 AM Easter Worship	10 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	11	12 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	13 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	14 10:00 AM Al-Anon	15
16 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	17 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i> <i>Girl Scouts 20306</i>	18 <i>Girl Scouts 28791</i>	19 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	20 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	21 10:00 AM Al-Anon	22 DUCs Lock-in
23 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship DUCs following worship	24 <i>Piano w/ Sydney Miller</i>	25	26 5:30 PM Choir 6:30 PM Bell Choir	27	28 10:00 AM Al-Anon	29
30 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	1	2	3	4	5	6

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