

THE HERALD

December 2024

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

We have come now to the time of Advent. As the nights grow longer and the cold deepens, we know that Jesus Christ is coming, is come, to light the way and to warm our hearts. I hope that this month is filled with the hope and joy of God as you move throughout the season. My Back to Basics sermon series will conclude on December 15th with the third of three sermons on the Confessions of the Church. On the 22nd, we will have a Christmas program and plenty of hymns! On the 24th, we will have our hymn-sing at 4:30 before our Christmas Eve service starts at 5:30.

On Christmas Eve, I will be using Psalm 46 as a focal point for the sermon that night. "God says, 'Be still and know that I am God,'" writes the psalmist and I think it is a much needed reminder, both for the season of Advent and for this season in our current society. There are a lot of fears and worries coming out of the election. There are a lot of stressors and struggles that come with this month. The nights grow longer and the winds colder. And yet...God tells us to "be still and know that I am God." God is there in the fears and in the stresses and the harsh nights. Christ is there to be the light in the darkness.

"Be still and know that I am God." Amen.

Blessings,
Pastor Erica

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

09 – Jenn Dierks
12 – Jemma Mason
12 – Piper Mason
14 – Priscilla Kliewer
16 – Barbara Shaeffer
17 – Bev Traudt



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.

CIRCLE

Circle will not be meeting in January.



MISSION COMMITTEE

Giving Tree Christmas Family

Please consider picking up an ornament and buying a gift for our Christmas family this year. Bring your gifts back to church by December 15th.



White Cane Foundation

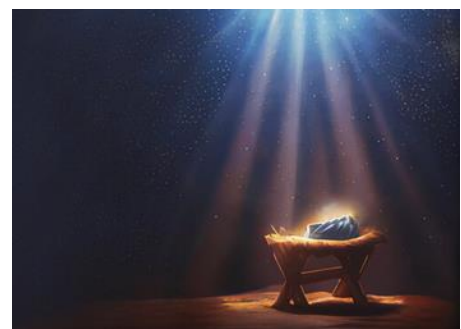
Randolph students (3rd-5th graders) are in need of hygiene supplies this Christmas season. Help us pack the hygiene kits with toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, 2 in 1 or 3 in 1 shampoo/conditioner/body wash, and deodorant. Please bring these items to church by December 15th.



Foster Care Closet Hat and Mitten Drive



The Foster Care Closet is asking for donations of hats and mittens for children in need this winter. Please bring items to church by December 15th.



Advent Calendar

Copies of the Advent Calendar are now available in the narthex and the parking lot entrance.



Equal Exchange Product Survey

Mission Committee is asking for your feedback regarding which equal exchange products you would be interested in. Surveys can be found in the narthex.

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget your Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolates available in the narthex!



Cooler weather is just around the corner – make sure you have your tea and coffee!

Taco Night Winners!



More Taco Night Fun!



We would love to include more pictures from events & activities in the newsletter. If you happen to take pictures during church functions please forward them to the church office – assistant@heritagepres.org

2024-2025 SESSION MEMBERS

Class of 2024: *Andy Singaas
Sydney Miller

Class of 2025: Amanda Miller
Lew Sieber

Class of 2026: Frances Beurivage
Belle Kendle

*denotes 2nd term

2024-2025 COMMISSIONED DEACONS

Christie Werner (Prayer Chain Chairman)
Ruth Hunzeker
Sue Nelson
Vivian Jones

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

December 31, 2024

Items received after this
date may not be included!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	2 <i>Girl Scouts</i> 20306	3 10:00 AM Circle	4	5	6 10:00 AM Al-Anon <i>Boy Scouts</i>	7
8 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	9	10	11	12 <i>Boy Scouts</i>	13 10:00 AM Al-Anon <i>Boy Scouts</i>	14
15 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship DUCs following worship	16 <i>Girl Scouts</i> 20306	17	18	19 <i>Boy Scouts</i>	20 10:00 AM Al-Anon <i>Boy Scouts</i>	21
22 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	23	24 4:30 PM Hymn sing 5:30 PM Christmas Eve worship w/communion	25	26 <i>Boy Scouts</i>	27 10:00 AM Al-Anon <i>Boy Scouts</i>	28
29 No Worship	30	31 January newsletter deadline	1	2	3 10:00 AM Al-Anon	4

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