

THE HERALD

Learning the Word:

February 2019

So, let's talk about the Lectionary. Do you know it?

It was conceived long years ago (and revised in the 50s and 60s) and is a universal plan for all Christians to read through the Bible (all sixty-six books) over a three year period. The advantage of 'preaching the Lectionary' is that it 'forces you into the opportunity of hearing and learning the height and depth of scripture; it misses nothing.

So, let's dive in for today.

I normally 'write' my Pastor's Page on the tenth day of each month. (When I'm on time it aids me getting a jump on the month and allows our Administrative Assistant to not have to wait. Too often there is a wait on articles when deadlines loom.)

The Lectionary reading for February 10, 2019 is:

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 10, 2019

- Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)
- Psalm 138
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Luke 5:1-11

See how that works? The arrangement of the readings is:

1. Old Testament selection, occasionally a New Testament reading (i.e. Acts in Easter)
2. A Psalm portion
3. A New Testament lesson other than a Gospel reading, most often an Epistle
4. A Gospel reading

Let's take today Luke 5: 1 – 11 (see above)

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

5 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. **2** He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. **3** He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. **4** When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." **5** Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." **6** When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. **7** So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. **8** When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" **9** For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, **10** and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." **11** So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

It's a bit long to add to an already long pastoral page but it's worth it!

I don't know about you but sometimes it feels as if the church is casting a net. And coming up empty. Over and over.

Lately it feels as if church is less and less a priority. But HARK, people do not live by fish alone but BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD!

There have been days when I'm down in dumps (not often) but reading the Psalms both calms and lifts me. There has come Wisdom from Proverbs that has sometimes startled me with its uncanny insight and practical counsel. I am always inspired by the Gospels. I never hear enough about Jesus and how he lived (and showed us the way).

The truth is (truth is) that the Word of the Lord is sufficient for all seasons. Word!

All millennia. All eras of history and dips and turns, twists and paths.

Our task, Faithful, is to simply rest in the Lord. To study the Word. And to follow where God calls us to mission.

That is where the harvest lies. That is where we will grow like mustard weeds! Seeds that sprout and thrive and are fruitful beyond our meager imagination.

Wait upon the Lord and you will not grow weary; your arms, feeling like rubber bands from casting nets, will gain sinew and vigor from the Word which is able to always show us the way ahead. Amen.

Jeff



Congratulations to our class of 2021 Elders and Deacons: Jay Weyers (E), Candice Minks (E), Enrique Ramirez (E), Christie Werner (D), and Loretta Neill (D)



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

02 Benjamin Kendle
 02 Nancy Weyers
 05 Zella Sexton
 07 Tamra Broeder
 07 Dehnia Bullerdiak
 09 Crysta Sexton
 10 Sue Nelson
 12 Willis Duerksen
 12 Jim Newman
 17 Ramona Meester
 19 Diane Olsen
 22 Savanna Newman
 22 Ken Olsen
 25 Bob Foreman
 27 Barbara Bratt-Kennedy

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



02 Jay & Nancy Weyers
 24 Bob & Phyllis Foreman (56 years)

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

OUR CONDOLENCES



We send our condolences to the family of Sherill Quist (Sharon Bakers sister) who passed away January 13, 2019.



HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

Thank you to Bruce Hunzeker and Bev Traudt for your donation toward the Birthday Club. Anyone may join or renew their membership in Heritage's Birthday Club. Donations (usually 1 dollar per year of life) are made to our endowment fund.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle will meet Feb. 5 at 10:00 AM in the Gibson Room. We invite all women to join, even if you have not attended before.

BEST CHOICE



ONGOING YOUTH
 Saving Best Choice UPC's is such an easy way to help our youth. We do have 2,000 Best Choice UPCs ready to send in for redemption. We received our bonus certificate so we can receive an additional \$30 when we submit them. **Only Best Choice UPCs can be redeemed. No other UPCs are accepted**



WINTER WEATHER HAPPENS

Please check:

<http://www.kfornow.com/weather-closings/> or local TV stations to see if Worship will be cancelled due to inclement weather. They will have information by 8:00 AM Sundays.

HERITAGE MUGS FOR SALE:

Stop by the coffee corner to buy your very own Heritage mug for only \$10.00. Proceeds will help support future Mission projects. (Special thanks to Nicole Ramirez for adding the Heritage logo to the mugs!)



NEED A VALENTINE'S DAY GIFT FOR A "SPECIAL SOMEONE"?

Consider a gift of chocolate! Mini-chocolates, large chocolate bars and hot cocoa all are available with special packaging for Valentine's Day. Check out the narthex on February 3 and 10.

PER CAPITA

Each church in PCUSA helps support the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) in Louisville, Kentucky. This office is funded through "per capita". Congregations pay this "per capita" based on the number of active members they have. Our total cost for the "per capita" is about \$5,000, which comes from our general fund. Currently, 51 members pay the per capita for themselves, which amounts to \$1980. **Session is asking everyone to consider donating their individual portion - \$45- of the per capita for 2019.** This will help give our general fund a little cushion if everyone will help cover the cost of the per capita.



February 16: Presbytery Meeting at Heritage Presbyterian

March 6: Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper & Worship

March 15: Games & Groceries returns with St. Patrick's supper

March 27: Help with Eastridge Food Pantry

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
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February 25, 2019

Items received after

this date may

not be included!

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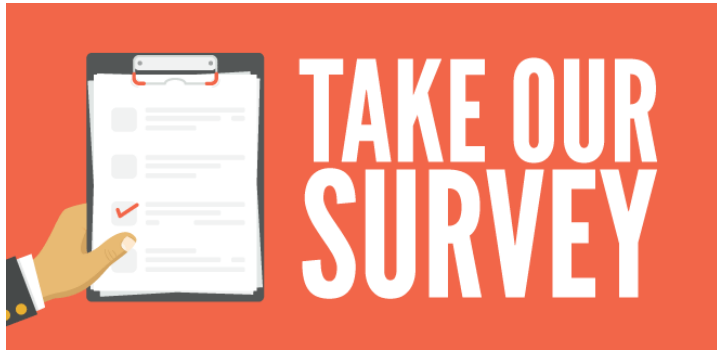
2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 PM Congregational Meeting 12:00 PM January Birthday Bash	28	29	30 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	31	1 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	2 12:00 PM Private Event in Fellowship Hall
3 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	4 6:00 PM Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall	5 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women meet in Gibson Room	6 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	7	8 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room 5:30 PM Session Retreat at P. Zink's	9 8:15 AM Session Retreat in Gibson Room 12:00 PM Lincoln Deaf Club in Fellowship Hall
10 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM Deacons Retreat at Brewskys	11 6:00 PM Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall	12	13 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	14 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 Dens in Fellowship Hall & Calvin Hall	15 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	16 8:00 AM Homestead Presbytery Assembly
17 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12PM: February Birthday Bash	18 6:00 PM Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall	19 6:30 PM Session Meets	20 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	21 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 Fellowship Hall	22 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	23 5:00 PM DUCs Lock-In
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Please refer to the online calendar or weekly insert for updated/changed event



WE'RE CELEBRATING YOUR BIRTHDAY
 The ❤️eam would like to invite everyone to join them in celebrating birthdays monthly with a potluck. Cake will be provided so please bring your favorite dish to share. February birthdays will be celebrated on February 17 following Worship.



CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

We will be sending out a Congregational Survey February 3 via email. The idea behind this survey is to help us understand further where we are as a church today and also to help us identify potential areas for the future. The survey will be available February 3 through the end of February. If you need a paper copy of the survey, please contact the office. However, we would prefer that you fill out the survey online.



EASTRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

Heritage continues to support the Eastridge Food Pantry and their needs are great this time of year. The immediate needs at this time is cereal, any kind that children would eat, back stocks have been used up. In addition, the usual needs of peanut butter, jelly/jams canned chicken and tuna, mac and cheese, canned dinners like stew, ravioli, chili, toilet paper, feminine products, boxed dinner like hamburger helper, condiments, dressings, flour, sugar, oil, and treats like cookies are also appreciated. If you are unable to purchase items yourself cash donations are always welcome, they aid the food pantry in the purchase of needed food. Thank you for the continued support of the food pantry!

DUCs UPCOMING EVENTS



The Annual DUCs youth group Lock-In will be Saturday, February 23, concluding with worship Sunday, February 24. Start time for the event will be around 5 PM, though watch your email for changes. Youth wanting to participate need to have a signed CURRENT (2019) permission waiver on file. These will be available during Sunday School.

We also have the following dates/activities planned:

- March 31 following Worship till 2 PM
- April 27-28 Offsite retreat
- May 19 following Worship till 2 PM

FROM THE GENEROSITY TEAM:

We want to personally thank those who returned pledge cards for the 2019 year. Your giving gift is very important to the church, and we are sure it is important to you also. We want to acknowledge and express appreciation for your decision to give to your church. Every commitment and gift says something about where we are in our faith and keeps us moving forward in our spiritual growth. Please continue in prayer for the church. We want to ensure the future of our church and we cannot accomplish that without everyone's support.

2019 COMMUNION DATES:

- March 6-Ash Wednesday
- April 18-Maunday Thursday
- April 21-Easter
- June 9-Pentecost
- August 11-Feast of the Transfiguration
- October 6-World Communion Sunday
- November 3-All Saints' Day
- November 24-Christ the King
- December 24-Christmas Eve

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan 2019 Income	\$6,417.56
Jan 2019 Expenses	\$10,360.85
Net income (loss) 2019	(\$3,943.29)
Jan 2018 Income	\$11,735.59
Jan 2018 Expenses	\$11,053.32
Net income 2018	\$682.27