

THE HERALD

Hippity – HOPpity!

April 2019

Here comes Peter Cotton Tail. Hopping down the bunny trail. You can tell that Easter's on its way. And none too soon, right?! The way this winter has gone it will be great relief to not have to find green eggs in snow banks two feet high. It might have been fun sledding but we're ready for a Spring break!

When I was a child, my parents went all out for holidays. We didn't have a phone or TV but we had the traditions. And Easter was special!

For just one instance (I could go on and on about Easter Egg Treasure Hunts and poetic clues and the golden egg but) we raised rabbits. White rabbits, actually.

And for Easter, mom, dad, and Gram would carefully (and with lots of love and warm water and bottles of blue and red food color) dye the girl bunnies pink and the boy bunnies blue. We had a large yard, maybe two acres fenced in above the Cejita Creek. Before we would start the egg hunt on Easter morning, our parents would turn the little bunnies loose in the yard. They ran around with us four Js (Jeff, Jill, Jay, and Joy)

It was

SO
MUCH
FUN!

But, when I became a man I 'put away the things of childhood and the meaning of Easter came much clearer. Sure, you can delve into the ephemeral meaning of the eternal in the chicken or the egg, the baby bunny or the rabbit pulling resurrection out of a cross but well, nothing exceeds like the Word of God, reading it in the Gospels.

According to Luke:

24 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they, and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. 5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, 7 saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' "

Beloved, it's Easter. All kinds of strange things can happen. Miracles. New Life.

The Lord is Risen.

He is risen indeed!

For all God's children indeed: Hippity - HOPpity, Easter's On Its Way!

Amen.

Jeff



APRIL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

06 Wyatt Kendle
 07 Leanne Miller
 13 Stephanie Newman
 13 Shalene Shepard
 16 Duane Kennedy
 17 Zoe Tomas
 24 Greg Mason

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



13 Greg & Robyn Mason
 13 Tylor & Shalene Shepard
 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

Thank you to Barb Bratt-Kennedy 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) is made to our endowment fund.

THANK YOU!

- To all who attended the Ash Wednesday pancake supper -- \$148.00 was donated to support the new Heritage pantry!
- To Pat Zink, Andy Singsaas, Loretta Neill, Sue Nelson, Jeff Hopson, Karen and Lew Sieber for assisting at the Eastridge Food Pantry on March 27!
- To all who attended the Games & Groceries event and brought food items for the Heritage pantry!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle will meet April 2 at 10:00 AM in the Gibson Room. We invite all women to join, even if you have not attended before.

Town Hall Meeting



The Self-Study committee requests your attendance at one of these meetings, **April 28 & May 19 following service**, as part of the continuing process for calling a new pastor. We will review the results of our recent survey and also ask you to consider the following questions:

- What is God calling us to do in the next phase of our ministry?
- What are the needs of our community and how is God calling us to meet those needs?
- What specifically will we do to strengthen our ministries in the next year?
- What must our pastor and lay leaders do to help that happen?
- What types of skills, experience, and personal characteristics do we need in our pastor?

BEST CHOICE



ONGOING YOUTH SERVICE

Saving Best Choice UPCs is a great way to help our youth. We are currently awaiting payment for the 2000 UPCs we submitted. Keep saving, every little bit helps!

***Only Best Choice UPCs can be redeemed. No other UPCs are accepted**



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt that will take place on Saturday, April 13 (Saturday before Palm Sunday) at 11:00 AM. There

will be a hotdog lunch with chips, cookies, and drinks immediately following. We are accepting any wrapped candy donations that you may have for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please put your donations in the Church Office.

PER CAPITA IS \$45.00 PER MEMBER

Per Capita helps support the regional, national, and global ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Many members contribute their per capita in addition to their general giving. This greatly helps us to meet our budget. Thanks for going above & beyond!



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. Due to the flood disaster in Nebraska, we have raised our goal to \$1000.00. Please help us support the PDA for all that do during natural disasters!



MOTHER'S DAY DONATIONS—MAY 12

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.

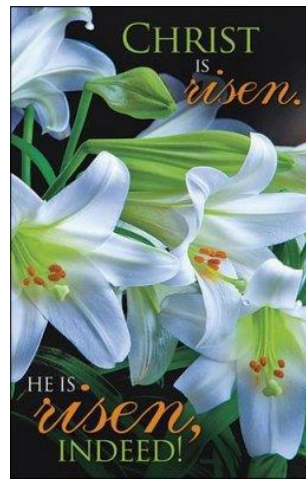


HERITAGE MUGS FOR SALE

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!)

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

We will be having Worship April 18 at 7:00 PM for Maundy Thursday and April 19 at 7:00 PM for Good Friday. There will be Communion served at the Maundy Thursday Worship.



EASTER LILIES

Lilies are such a beautiful addition to the Sanctuary on Easter morning. If you haven't already filled out an order form, we hope you will consider ordering one or more plants in memory or in honor of someone special in your life. The plants are being provided by Oak Creek Plants & Flowers, and the cost per plant will remain at \$9.25.

Your check for the total number of plants ordered should be made payable to Heritage Presbyterian Church, and indicate that it is for Easter lilies. You can either place your order form and check in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or mail it to the church office. Deadline for ordering is **Monday, April 15, 2019**. Please call the Church office (402-477-3401) or Karen Minks (402-304-3934) if you have any questions.



EQUAL EXCHANGE "PRODUCT OF THE MONTH" – OLIVE OIL

This olive oil is made from Nabali olives, an indigenous Palestinian variety that produces one of highest quality olive oils in the world.

It is grown and pressed by

Palestinian farmer cooperatives in the West Bank.

Purchase a bottle (500 mL) for \$12.00 in the Coffee Corner in April and receive several recipes using the oil!



FUNDS REQUEST

Please let us know if you have a request for funds from our church budget. Session is working to be careful with our

finances and we need your help; please make any requests for funds six months in advance. If possible, go through the committee (chair) which oversees the area in which you are requesting help. Thank you in advance for helping us in the church's mission.



April 28: Town Hall

May 12: Mother's Day Donations

May 19: Town Hall & Monthly Birthday Bash

May 21: Session meets

July 21-26: Synod School at Buena Vista University

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

April 22, 2019

Items received after
this date may
not be included!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM DUCs meet 12:00 PM March Birthday Bash	1 6:00 PM Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	2 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women meet in Gibson Room	3 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	4	5 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	6
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14 Palm Sunday 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	15 6:00 PM Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	16 6:00 PM Session Meets 6:30 PM Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	17 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	18 Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service & Communion	19 Good Friday 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	20 12:00 PM Lincoln Deaf Club meets in Fellowship Hall
21 Easter Sunday 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Communion	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	25 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 Dens in Fellowship Hall and Calvin Hall	26 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	27 DUCs Retreat
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Please refer to the online calendar or weekly insert for updated/changed event

MISSION COMMITTEE & PDA FLOOD RECOVERY

How is the Mission Committee planning to assist with flood recovery?

- We are contacting Homestead Presbytery for information on what the PDA team that has been deployed to the area recommends on where assistance is needed. If you would be interested in joining a team from Heritage to deploy to an affected area, please contact Karen Sieber. Or if you have family/friends in an affected area who can help us identify a need, please contact Karen also.
- We will also encourage monetary donations to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program as part of the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering.

What is PDA doing? From the PC(USA) website:

"I expect PDA will be involved at several levels," said Greg Smith, a member of the PDA National Response team deployed to the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley to assess damage from flooding that has affected 70 percent of Nebraska, as well as significant portions of Iowa and Missouri.

The flooding, caused by heavy rains and rapid snow melt, has resulted in more than \$1 billion in damage and at least three fatalities, according to Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts, in news reports.

Smith is part of two PDA National Response teams currently deployed to the Midwest to assess flood damage. In addition to the Presbytery of Missouri River Valley, PDA personnel are working with the Homestead Presbytery in Central Nebraska and the Presbytery of Des Moines.

At this time, as the situation is still unfolding — the Missouri River is due to crest over the weekend — Smith says the most effective way Presbyterians can help is to contribute to recovery efforts through the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering at their churches or online. A major portion (32 percent) of that offering goes to the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Smith says he does expect there will be long-term PDA involvement in Nebraska and Iowa and said people who would like to volunteer to aid recovery can expect those opportunities soon.

Kirk says the team met with presbytery leaders as well as pastors and congregations involved in storm recovery.

"I continue to be amazed at the level at which local Presbyterians become engaged in response," Kirk says. "They reach out beyond their walls to those impacted."

ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER



EASTRIDGE PANTRY HELPERS



TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan-Mar 2019 Income	\$22,510.97
Jan-Mar 2019 Expenses	\$41,552.17
Net income (loss) 2019	(\$19,041.20)
Jan-Mar 2018 Income	\$30,487.85
Jan-Mar 2018 Expenses	\$40,163.32
Net income 2018	(\$9,675.47)