

THE HERALD

First Things First:

January 2019

First things first: Happy New Year!

Where did you think you would be in 2019? What did you think you would be doing? And, more importantly, how can you (how can we all) 'adhere to God here' at Heritage?

I remember actually applying some simple arithmetic to my age and Y2K (back oh maybe 40 years ago now) and figuring out how old I would be when the second Millennium came. It seemed ages away. An eon. As if I would be an old man and it was still out of sight.

Then, surprisingly, it was upon me (and my calls to the Marriott Marquis in Times Square where I'd planned to ring in the New Millennium, revealed to me eventually that my name had been put in a drawing along with other scores of thousands who wanted to do the same thing.) Now, astonishingly, it is long years in my rear view mirror; two decades already!

The point is time flies! Time flies here, now in secular society. Time flies when the Eternal o'ertakes the temporal!

It is hard for me to fathom that I have been here at Heritage as your Interim Minister now for five months. Almost half a year! Already? Yes, already!

In that time (less than half a year; it will be six months on January 27th that I drove into town to stay, stay for the interim.) In that time we have selected a Self Study Team. We've publicized the process for what comes next (the Pastor Nominating Committee to be elected as soon as the Study is done). And we've not neglected the day to day ministry needs here at Heritage: Communion has been taken shut-ins; visits (to long time and near term) members have commenced apace. Worship has been superb (so much as I can see; I'm still kind of blown away and in awe of your worship staff: both lay and church staff. I love being able to 'sit and be spiritually fed' on Sundays when Pris, Cal and Company are employing their gifts!).

Still, juggling the contemporary does not release us from thinking of and preparing for Infinity! What does God want for us? Here? Now?

I seem to be hearing a growing chorus of understanding (a glimpse, I believe you are seeing and sharing with me) that 'in many churches today the buildings, the brick and mortar are becoming albatross around the congregation's budget'. Hmm...hard to acknowledge. Especially in a building as beautiful and beloved as this stable at 880 S. 35th St.

But if we are people of Faith then 'what does God require of us'? What 'leap into the unknown' might the Lord require of us? Only you can prayerfully answer that. Only we all together (all the saints at Heritage) can fully answer that!

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. First. Last. And always!

I love you,

Jeff

And that will suffice; God is always enough. "For while we were yet in darkness, God loved us **First!**" And the best is yet to come!



JANUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

05 Alexis Hunzeker
 07 Isaiah Guillatt
 07 Lilah Lowe
 10 Karen Griffin-Sieber
 12 Missy Bahr
 14 Barbara Crawford
 15 Miley Smith
 17 Patricia Doering
 18 Helen Weber
 19 Randy Smith
 20 Shirley Dively
 21 Liam Sexton
 22 Jane Bitney
 22 Elisabeth Wahlgren
 23 Patricia Wahlgren
 27 Phyllis Foreman
 28 DeMari Holt
 28 Sharon Wells
 31 Bruce Hunzeker

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 Loretta Neill 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 not meet in January. Please join us when we reconvene on February 6 at 10:00 AM in the Gibson Room.



ANNUAL MEETING

Please plan to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting January 27 following Worship.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS



HAT, GLOVE, & MITTEN
DRIVE



As 2018 draws to a close, the Mission Committee is grateful to all those who have supported our many projects throughout the year, including our Christmas projects as we helped spread the joy of the season:

- A wonderful assortment of gifts (clothes, toys, gift cards) was donated to two local community families – a mother with a 9 month old girl, a 6 year old boy, and a 9 year old girl and another mom with two young girls. (Special thanks to Heidi Singaas for wrapping many of the gifts!)
- Gift cards and gifts for a church family to help a loving grandmother and her grandson.
- \$301.26 was given to the Christmas Joy Offering, one of the four special offerings of our national church. Our donations will be distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs to retired church workers and to the Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.
- Our hat, glove/mitten was a huge success with many items being donated to the children at Randolph Elementary School.
- Sixteen backpacks were delivered to Randolph School for students to take home for the Christmas school break – thank you for donating cereal, pudding, can of vegetables, can of fruit and a can of soup. A \$5.00 food voucher was also included in each backpack.

BEST CHOICE

ONGOING YOUTH



Saving Best Choice UPC's is such an easy way to help our youth. We receive 3 cents for each UPC, and it is surprising how quickly that adds up!

Thanks to all who continue to save them to help raise funds for our youth. We will be sending in over 2000 UPCs once we have our double redemption certificate. **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!)

HIGHLIGHTS OF DEC. 4 SESSION MEETING:

- Approved the 2019 budget which will be presented to the congregation at the January congregational meeting.
- Directed the Human Resources committee to develop job descriptions for all paid staff and to develop attendance/time off policies without the use of time cards.
- Approved the removal of the following from the "active membership" rolls: LaVonn Debus-Greene, Jeanette Emert, Dee and Jane Ehrlich, John Jack, Kelly Jack, Mark and Rebecca Smith, Jennifer Dierks, Karen Hartman, Cynthia Smetter, Randall and Jean Strobe. These names will only be removed after one more contact is attempted with no response.
- Accepted the one-time donation of \$4000.00 from Richard Taylor, past member of the church.
- Elected Dehnia Bullerdiek as Clerk of Session for 2019.



FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Thanks to those who purchased Equal Exchange coffee, tea, or chocolates this holiday season. These purchases help provide small-scale farmers around the world the resources and opportunities they need to build a better future for their families and communities! We have a wide selection of coffees and teas available to help keep us warm during the cold winter days so be sure to check out the displays in the narthex! And don't forget the chocolates!

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. What does the OGA do?

- Assists with immigration & visa issues for pastors
- Provide training for Presbytery and synod stated clerks
- Manage the call process for pastors
- Coordinate relationships with other denominations and faith traditions
- Supports co-moderators of our denomination

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.



HEADS UP SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS!

Sunday School will resume on January 6 at 9:15 AM.



January 1: Office Closed

January 20: Annual Soup Supper

January 26: Homestead Day of Discernment at Calvin Crest

January 27: Annual Congregational Meeting, January Birthday Bash

February 16: Presbytery Meeting at Heritage Presbyterian

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

January 23, 2019

Items received after
this date may
not be included!



2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:30 AM Worship	31	1 New Year's Day-Office Closed	2	3	4 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	5
6 Epiphany 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Team meets 3:00 PM: Private event in Fellowship Hall	7 6:00 PM Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall	8	9 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	10 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 Dens meets in Fellowship Hall and Calvin Room	11 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	12 4:00 PM Nebraska Association of the Deaf meets in Fellowship Hall
13 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Communion 12:00 Deacons meet	14 6:00 PM Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall	15	16 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	17 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 in Fellowship Hall	18 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	19 12:00 PM Lincoln Deaf Club meets in Fellowship Hall
20 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM: Annual Soup Supper	21	22	23 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	24 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 Dens meets in Fellowship Hall and Calvin Room	25 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room 6:00 PM: Boy Scout Pinewood Derby in Fellowship Hall	26 11:00 AM Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby in Fellowship Hall
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

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. January birthdays will be celebrated on January 27 following the Annual Meeting.

CHOIR CANTATA-DECEMBER 16



DAY OF DISCERNMENT



We invite you to the Homestead Day of Discernment on January 26th at Calvin Crest Camp with the Synod to discern the direction of Homestead staffing, mission, and the Presbytery as a whole. Join us as we discuss how to be a

Presbytery. ALL members of a PC(USA) church in Homestead Presbytery are welcome and encouraged to come! There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided. It is important to REGISTER before the January 10th deadline so that we can give an accurate meal count to the folks at Calvin Crest.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan – December 2018 Income	\$131,294.52
Jan – December 2018 Expenses	\$134,512.55
Net income (loss) 2018	(\$3,218.03)
Jan – December 2017 Income	\$115,248.18
Jan – December 2017 Expenses	\$148,361.74
Net income (loss) 2017	(\$33,113.56)