

THE HERALD

Skin- a'-o:

March 2019



“And the Word of God “skin-a’-ohed” with us in the wilderness!”

Let me tell you about Dr. Bob Kelley. Bob was a Greek Professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He was good at Greek of course, but, more than that, he was simply just an awesome instructor. He was a Master at learning, no wonder he taught so well!

One of Dr. Kelley’s secrets was that he kept a running compendium of every student on campus. And everyone he met!

If you stopped to talk with him on the way across Highland Avenue, pretty much as soon as he turned the corner (if you spied him at the right time or caught him after he had just talked with someone else), he would take out a 3 x 5 index card and make a note on it about the student and some of the content of the conversation. He remembered everything! Birthdays. Anniversaries. Debts. A failing grade, worry about a call to a church, Dr. Kelley didn’t miss anything. Ever. And because he took those cards home and transferred his notes to an alphabetical file (and then, from time to time, read through them so as to be up to date on all these copious notes) his awareness of God at work in the world of seminarians was, well, it felt almost omniscient!

All of this to tell you about just one of his teaching points.

One day in Greek we came across this scripture where ‘the Word of God “skin-a’-ohed” in the wilderness. You can find it referred to in the Old Testament too. The Word ‘skin-a’-ohed’ (tented) in the Tabernacle traveling with the Hebrews from place to place as they set up and then broke camp in the Egyptian desert.

In the New Testament ,and our point...as we enter Lent, is that “straightaway the Spirit drove Jesus into the dessert and there it “skins*-a-hoed” with Him those forty days and nights. The angel of God “tented” like the skin of a tent with Jesus in the wilderness.

Beloved, God MOVES with us. The Spirit is here of course at 35th and F. But God doesn’t stop at the door of our brick and mortar. The Spirit moves with us out into the world. God’s word “tents” with us wherever we go.

It will always be true. No matter what happens to church buildings, the Spirit will always surround us: before and after, left and right “tenting” around us: protecting us, encouraging us, guiding us. A Light to our path and a torch unto our feet.

God is everywhere. Always. No matter where we go.

So too God dwells with us in the desert. In the drought. In the parched, dry and barren season of church or personal journey. God is with us: deep and high, wet and wide! Drenching us with Living Water.

A Word that runs like a quenching river.

Here's to your Lenten journey, beloved.

The Word is tenting with you, with us all.

Amen.

Jeff

Join us this sacred season of Lent to grow in Spirit...through worship and the Word:

March

6 Strange Temptations

Ash Wednesday

A short service in the front of the sanctuary where we will 'burn our sins'

10 Eat and Be Merry

First Sunday in Lent

An ironic beginning to Lent: merriment

17 Heal!

Second Sunday in Lent

Deeper into Lent: help for our journey

24 The Iron Rule

Third Sunday in Lent

The pain of not forgiving

31 Can These Bones Live?

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Dem dry bones gonna hook up and walk!

April

7 The King Who Served

Fifth Sunday in Lent

The profound power of the King who suffered as servant

14 Terminal Velocity

Palm Sunday

Wave the banner today but remember the price to pay

18 Ordinary Magnificence

Maundy Thursday

Full Communion in a darkened Sanctuary

19 I Commit My Spirit!

Good Friday

A brief but powerful rendering of that day/front of sanctuary

21 Tell Us the Old, Old Story

Easter

The greatest story ever told; He is alive!





MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

04 Linda Clark
 07 Celeste Sexton
 09 Melinda Brage
 12 Zachary Werner
 14 Adriana Miller
 16 Karen Minks
 22 Ron Miller
 27 Sydney Miller
 29 Patty Kouba
 30 Robert Hill

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries in March



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

THANK YOU

We would like to thank those that gave love, support, and memorials for Sharon Baker's sister Sherill Quist.

We truly appreciate it! A special thank you to Rev. Hopson and Leanne Miller for the visits and prayers.



HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB



Thank you to Sue Nelson 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.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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



ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AND SERVICE

Don't worry about fixing supper before Ash Wednesday services on March 6! The mission committee will be serving pancakes and bacon 5:30-6:30 pm with freewill donations directed to our Heritage pantry. Service begins at 7:00 PM.

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ONGOING YOUTH

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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!)



EQUAL EXCHANGE GOODS WILL KEEP YOU WARM!

Since winter hasn't eased its grip on Lincoln, do you need a cup of hot tea to help keep you warm? We have the following Equal Exchange teas for sale for \$2.50 per box: Chamomile, Chai, Earl Grey, English Breakfast, Green Tea with Ginger, Irish Breakfast, and Peppermint. Find them at the Coffee Corner! Or if you don't like tea, what about hot cocoa? We have 12 oz cans of hot cocoa mix for \$4.50. Add marshmallows, cinnamon or whipped cream for a tasty drink to warm you up

**SAVE
THE DATES!**

April 14: Palm/Pasion Sunday
April 18: Maundy Thursday Service
April 19: Good Friday Service
April 21: Easter Sunday
April 27: DUCs retreat
April 28: April Birthday Bash potluck

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

March 25, 2019
Items received after
this date may
not be included!

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2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	25 Newsletter Deadline	26	27 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	28 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 Dens in Fellowship Hall	1 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	2
3 Transfiguration of the Lord 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 Ash Wednesday 5:30 PM Pancake Supper 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	7	8 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	9
10 Daylight Saving Time begins 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	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 6:00 PM St. Patrick's Day Supper/Game & Groceries	16 12:00 PM Lincoln Deaf Club meets in Fellowship Hall
17 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	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
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31 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 DUCs meet 12:00 PM March Birthday Bash	1 6:00 PM Girl Scouts meet 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

Please refer to the online calendar or weekly insert for updated/changed event



LENTEN CHALLENGE

The mission committee would like to issue a challenge to Heritage to help fill the shelves of the Heritage food pantry during the upcoming Lenten season by:

- Attending the pancake supper prior to Ash Wednesday services on March 6, 5:30-6:30 – freewill donations to the Food Pantry
- Bringing at least one non-perishable food item each Sunday during Lent
- Bringing a non-perishable food item to the Game & Groceries event on March 15

We aren't asking anyone to "give up" anything for Lent – instead we are asking people to "give" to help the hungry in our community!



GAMES AND GROCERIES

Games & Groceries RETURNS for a special St. Patrick's celebration on Friday, March 15! Join the

Mission Committee for a night of fun and fellowship beginning at 6:00 pm. All you need to do is bring your favorite card or board game and a food item for the Heritage pantry. We will also be serving a special St. Patrick's Day supper.

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

HERITAGE PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Randolph backpack program over the last several years. Randolph recently informed us that the Food Bank is now able to serve all of Randolph's backpack needs. However, we will continue to collect. In a collaboration with the staff at Randolph, Session has approved the Heritage Pantry food program. We will collect items donated to Randolph, store them at Heritage, and provide them to Randolph families as directed by their staff. Principal Jochum has indicated that the biggest issues facing her families are food insecurities and lack of winter clothing. Any type of non-perishable food is welcome. The Mission bulletin board by the office entry door will have a list of the most needed items based on current inventory. In addition to the food shelves, we have some space available for new or gently used winter clothing if you would like to donate those types of items. Please note, if you have items that you would to go to the Eastridge Food Pantry please label them so and we will be sure they are delivered.

FOOD PANTRY TRAINING AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It is the time of year for the annual Food Pantry training. This is required of all pantry volunteers each year. This training is for both NEW and CURRENT volunteers. There will be 2 sessions, held at Eastridge Church – you only need to attend one of them

- Saturday, March 2 at 10am
- Sunday, March 3 at 2pm

Please contact Heather at hrdouglas1@yahoo.com to get registered for training. Training will take about an hour. If you are new, there will be an orientation after the training in the pantry. Heritage has volunteered to assist with the food distribution at the Eastridge Food Pantry on Wednesday, March 27. We need 4-5 volunteers to assist the clients select their food items from 4:00-7:00 on that date. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Karen Sieber or Pat Zink.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan-Feb 2019 Income	\$13,277.01
Jan-Feb 2019 Expenses	\$21,872.95
Net income (loss) 2019	(\$8,595.94)
Jan-Feb 2018 Income	\$21,130.71
Jan-Feb 2018 Expenses	\$26,139.40
Net income 2018	\$(5,008.69)