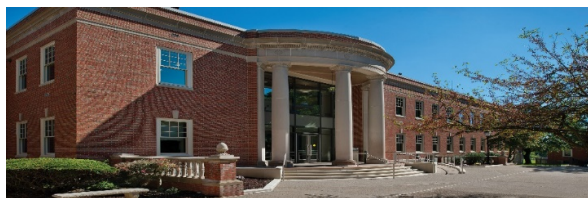


THE HERALD

June 2020

After the Storm

On each side of the double doors at the entrance to the library at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary....there stood two, huge scripture carvings.



On one side, the left before you entered the three story building containing one of the world's largest repositories of religious periodicals, not to mention a safe room, hermetically sealed to guard against temperature and humidity for the hundreds of valuable, antique books (including a copy of the Gutenberg Bible)...was an Old Testament Scripture On the right side was a quote from the Pauline letters: 'I am sending for my cloak that I left at Troas, along with the scrolls and especially the parchments. And do your best to come before winter'." In other words, "bring me the Word"; above everything else....bring me God's Word!

Remember Paul? Remember the hazards he faced? "Three times the Romans beat me with a heavy rod, once my enemies stoned me. I have been shipwrecked three times, and I even had to spend a night and a day in the sea."

You and I, friends, have had a season of trial here....under this covid quarantine. (Although honestly, it has been so much easier for us here in Nebraska...than many of our friends in surrounding states. You have heard those stories too, right? You have witnessed the trial and tribulation, the anguish and heartache?)

Still and all, it has been a season of testing for us: nationally. And in the world!

I'm not sure anything has brought humanity together in the last two millennia more than this virus. We have been more together as a species in the last three months than any time I am aware of in the last three decades, maybe three centuries! Apparently we all want to be first (nation against nation) until we have a common enemy; then watch us band together to overcome the odds of battling an invisible but earth shaking opponent. Covid may be tiny and invisible but multiplied by the billions; still, it will not stand in the face of human ingenuity. I don't know how long it will take but finally, in the end, science will win. More to the Truth: faith...will conquer!

If there is anything good that can come out of this trial....God will bring it. The Spirit will refine it out of our tears and spiritual stress. The finest steel is tempered in the hottest fire; silver is for the fire and gold comes from the furnace.

And after the storm, after all is said and done....we will find that 'clinging to the cross', to the purity and essence of the divine Image within us, will bring us home. Believe it: even now....God is preparing you for the New Life to come.

Amen.

Jeff



JUNE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

02 – J. Mitchell Robertson
 04 – Jeanne Bonnett
 11 – Jan Crouch
 12 – Jessica Broeder
 12 – Mora Singaas
 14 – Miranda Smith
 16 – Robyn Mason
 16 – Liam Tomas
 19 – Corinne Crouch
 21 – David Crawford

MAY ANNIVERSARIES



02 – Danny & Tamra Broeder
 06 – Scott & Lori Helvie
 09 – Bruce & Ruth Hunzeker
 11 – Ray & Ramona Meester
 12 – Dave & Dawn Thompson
 21 – Bill & Missy Bahr
 28 – Larry & Sharon Baker

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



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.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women's Circle meetings have been suspended until further notice due to COVID-19.

THESE DAYS

Days like these (sometimes darker now with the unrest going on; already a challenge with the COVID crisis)... These days need faith to enlighten them. Your quarterly Devotional These Days... are in. Stop by the church (Tuesday or Friday, 9 am to 1 pm) and pick up your copy.

THANK YOU, FRIENDS!

Glenice Gibson has been in touch to thank all her church friends at Heritage Church. She called Jeff to expressly express her gratitude for you reaching out to her during this time and asked me to pass on her thanksgiving.

Plans are pending for Dick's services. As you can imagine, this season makes it challenging to plan much of anything. When they are announced she and we will pass them on to you.

And finally, if you have not but would like to be in touch with her, she asked Jeff to pass on her contact information. It is:

Glenice Gibson
 14214 W Parada Dr
 Sun City West, AZ 85375

Email: glenicegibson13@gmail.com
 Cell: 402-489-1285

CONDOLENCES

Sending our thoughts and prayers to the family of Linda Stansbury, who passed away on May 14. Her memorial service was held on May 25.

FROM LORETTA NEILL

The online services have been WONDERFUL. All the church members who have been participating have given so much to our church with delight in their delivery. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!. I miss seeing you in church, but this has been very emotional to see first hand how much we all love OUR church. Scott, you brought tears to my eyes when you told the story of what happened when you sang at George's funeral. THANK YOU.

LOVE to you all.

Loretta

WORSHIP SERVICE DVDs

For those without access to our digital worship services online, DVDs will be available in the church library for check-out. Contact the church office for more information.

HERITAGE SUMMER MISSION

During this time of social restrictions, the Mission Committee would still like to encourage everyone to reach out to help others this summer. It can be as simple as a phone call or note to a friend, family or a church member. Other ideas are participating in a virtual church service, picking up trash in your neighborhood, donating to a non-profit of your choice, donate non-perishable food items, or any ideas that you might have!

We would also like to encourage giving to:

- The Healthy Families Home Visit program of the LLCHD -- Donations of hooded baby towels, baby wash clothes, hypoallergenic baby wash/shampoo, or learning toys for children up to 3 years of age can be dropped off at the church. Monetary donations help with formula, lice treatment, prenatal vitamins, and bus passes – add a donation to your church donation.
- School supplies for Randolph Elementary School -- Take advantage of the back-to-school sales for the following items: #2 pencils, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, spiral notebooks (wide or college ruled), loose leaf paper, yellow highlighters

HAPPY BELATED EARTH DAY!

Due to COVID-19, the mission committee had to postpone our celebration of Earth Day until now. We would



like to give the gift of wildflower seeds to all who would like to encourage bees and butterflies to visit their gardens or yards. We will have “envelopes” of a Midwest Wildflower Mix available at the church. You can stop by the church, give Karen Griffin Sieber a call (402-470-3669) or send an email to karensieber@live.com. Arrangements can then be made to deliver or mail the seeds.

The Midwest Wildflower Mix includes annual and perennials to provide color throughout the growing season and contains both native and non-native species.

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget your Fair Trade products during this time of virtual worship! Tea, coffee, oil and/or chocolates are available for pick-up or delivery! Please call your order to either Karen Griffin Sieber (402-470-3669) or Pat Zink (402-560-0917 or 402-488-2847). We will either deliver to your home or arrange a time for pick-up from the church office. The following products are available:

- Teas (\$2.50/box): Mint Green, English Breakfast, Irish Breakfast, Peppermint, Green tea with Ginger, Earl Grey, Chamomile, Chai
- Coffees: French Vanilla, Bright Day Brew, Toffee Caramel, Breakfast Blend
- Mini Chocolates: Milk chocolate or Dark chocolate (5/\$1)

PUT YOUR EMPTY PILL BOTTLES TO GOOD USE!

Many times, the pills people receive in developing countries are wrapped in paper scraps. They have no protection from moisture or the elements. And they certainly are not safely out of the reach of small children – you can't really safety-proof a piece of paper. Those pill bottles we take for granted are gratefully received in many part of the world.

Please save your empty pill bottles – we will be collecting through September!

PENTECOST OFFERING – BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH

The Pentecost Offering is all about helping young people begin life with a strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

Our congregation's 40% share of this offering will be directed to Camp Calvin Crest near Fremont for all their work with the children of our church and many of other churches. Since their camp schedule has been severely impacted by the pandemic, our support will be greatly needed.



DATE PENDING: Roaring 20's Trivia Night

DATE PENDING: The Session is considering resuming in-person worship services at the end of July. Stay tuned for more information!

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JUNE 2020

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--------|---------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------|--|
| 31 10:30 AM Virtual Worship | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 10:30 AM Virtual Worship | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 10:30 AM Virtual Worship | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 <i>Father's Day</i> 10:30 AM Virtual Worship | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Newsletter Deadline | 26 | 27 |
| 28 10:30 AM Virtual Worship | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 <i>Independence Day</i> |

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