

THE HERALD

March 2021

Getting Back to (a new) Normal

So where are we now....coping with Covid?

At Heritage we are....beginning to look at turning the corner to (eventually) getting back to a 'new normal'. Honestly though, only God knows when...that will be!

Some good news:

- Thanks to a PPE grant...(\$1,500 for our church from the government; THANK YOU Bruce Snyder and Sue Nelson for making this happen!)...we have purchased lots of hand sanitizer, stands for the sanitizer dispensers, masks, even some gloves and cleaning solutions... When we are back in the sanctuary you will see evidence of these enhancements to our health....in front and back (and pretty much all over the building)!
- Our congregation has largely escaped (not totally...but mostly) being directly affected by the virus.... As soon as you feel comfortable.... **please get the vaccine**. And here's a tip to sign up for that; go to this website....
<http://covid19.lincoln.ne.gov/>
....and it's easy peasy. Honest, it's simple; it'll probably take you less than two minutes. (This gets you in line; they will contact you later when your time comes!) Some good news here, four of our folks (all elders who happen to be First Responders) have all received their two shots. So we've got a start. *Yay!*
- Continue to be tested. And, if you've not done this lately, this is SO easy; incredibly easy! (I've been tested four times but, this last time I went online, there was a test time ready for me in thirty minutes....and they sent me results online that afternoon, two hours later!) Do what you need to, please; we want you and your church friends to be and feel safe!... And then, once we open back up...as soon as you feel comfortable please feel free to return to live, in person worship.
- The 'reopening the church after covid sub-committee' will meet (sometime.... before April is my guess?) to talk about what we will do/how we will plan details to come back to live worship. (I'm certain that both testing and vaccinations will be part of that....and continuing to take precautions!)

The truth is, Beloved....God's light shines in the darkness. And come heck or high water, come covid or vaccine, no matter what and no matter when....the darkness has not overcome it. And will not. Ever!

The time will come, the time is coming when we can say:

Welcome back...to us.

Let the loving continue...

And the catching up begin!

In God's grip, Jeff



MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 04 – Linda Clark
- 09 – Melinda Brage
- 14 – Adriana Miller
- 16 – Karen Minks
- 22 – Ron Miller
- 27 – Sydney Miller
- 29 – Patty Kouba
- 30 – Robert Hill



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.

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

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget your Fair Trade coffee and tea products to keep you warm on these cold days! 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). 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, Love Buzz, French Roast (price varies \$6.50 - \$7.50)
- Chocolate bars: Dark chocolate minis (5/\$1)

B I N G O

14	25	31	56	71
9	30	32	53	62
7	24	Free Space	49	74
15	20	33	51	75
3	27	37	57	64

SAVE THE DATE!

BINGO Game Night
Friday, April 9, 2021

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Mission Committee would like to send out MANY THANKS to everyone at Heritage for an awesome Souper Bowl of Caring event!

- Our soup makers for the tasty soups -- Andy Singaas and Lew Sieber.
- Sydney Miller and Karen Griffin-Sieber for organizing the event.
- Everyone who ordered soup, delivered soup and/or donated money or food items.
- The DUCS who served up over 80+ bowls of soup.

Over \$600.00 was collected for Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach and 192+ items for the Heritage Food Pantry!

How can you continue to help the Heritage Food Pantry?

- Donate gift cards so families can augment the food with fresh meat, milk and produce.
- Continue to donate food, cleaning and personal care products and \$\$\$\$ is always helpful.

THANK YOU! Heritage for your generosity!!

ZOOM TRIVIA NIGHT

Join the mission committee on March 5th for Zoom Trivia Night! You can enter a 5-person team for \$20, or enter individually for \$5 and be put in a team the night of (admission fees should be sent to Heritage with 'mission trivia' written somewhere on it). Since this event is virtual, we encourage you to create teams including non-Heritage people. Teams that do this will start the game night with a bonus of 5 points! You have until March 4th at 5 PM to use the following link to sign a team up: <http://bit.ly/HPctrivianight>

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ZOOMING!

Age 3 through 5th grade are welcome to join us at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings for a 20-30 minute session. Please check the Facebook group for the Zoom meeting ID.

If you need the worksheets, please contact any Sunday School teacher.

REACH OUT TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

During this time of social isolation, please take a few minutes to call members of our church family who are self-isolating to protect their health. Or send a card to let them know that someone is thinking of them. Together we will get through this pandemic!

ONE 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. Please help us reach our \$600.00 goal to support the PDA for all that is done during natural disasters!

Please feel free to mail your donation to the church office during this time of "social distancing" – just be sure to write OGHS on your check.

ADULT LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

March 15, 22 & 29 | Zoom Online Meetings at 6:30 p.m.

Hello Heritage,

Join your sainted sisters and beloved brothers for a three session study (online) for the end of Lent.

It is titled **Reflecting on Holy Week** and will undoubtedly lift our spirits as we enter the end of this sacred season.

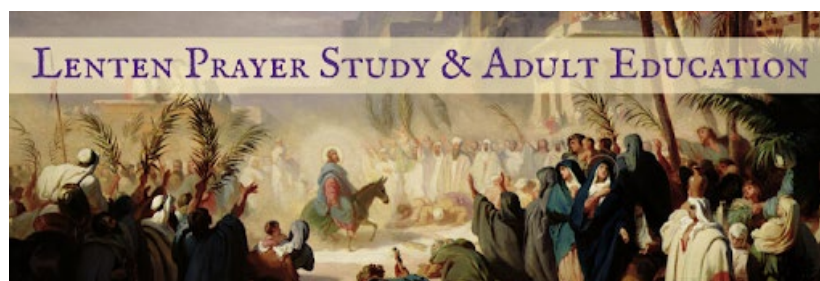
If you would like to join us online via Zoom for these three sessions....please let us know. We will meet at **6:30 p.m. on Mondays, March 15, 22, and 29**...(that last one will be during **Holy Week**).

Blessings to you and yours during these dark days of the soul; here's to God's Light at the end of this tunnel.

- Rev. Jeff Hopson

p.s. We will be glad to send you (now/early) all six sessions to your e-mail if you would like....to **add even more meaning to your/this early part of Lent**. Simply be in touch and we will get it to you. (If you are not online we will make hard copies and mail them to you. Plus, you can always call in via phone to a Zoom meeting....)

Paper copies are available in the church office. Contact Sue or Jeff for more information.





March 5: Zoom Trivia Night

April 9: BINGO Game Night

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
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April 25, 2021

Items received after this
date may not be included!

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MARCH 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	1 <i>First Day of Women's History Month</i>	2	3	4	5 10:30 AM Al-Anon Zoom Trivia Night	6
7 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	8	9	10	11	12 10:30 AM Al-Anon	13
14 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	15 6:30 PM Adult Lenten Bible Study	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19 10:30 AM Al-Anon	20
21 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	22 6:30 PM Adult Lenten Bible Study	23	24	25 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	26 10:30 AM Al-Anon	27
28 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	29 6:30 PM Adult Lenten Bible Study	30	31	1 <i>Maundy Thursday / Communion</i>	2 10:30 AM Al-Anon	3

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