

THE HERALD

November 2020

Thank full for Thanksgiving

On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim... a day of thanksgiving, our first.

This was a faithful response to God's providence for caring for the colonists in a new world.... up against a freezing winter, illness so severe they died to dangerously low numbers, indigenous natives they did not understand (but who helped them plant and then.... joined in their Thanksgiving harvest).....

I've been thinking lately about the pandemic. Have you? "How do we sing the Lord's song...in a foreign land?" Psalm 137:4

We all have been asking this question of faith. It's been a "yell of a hear";; right?

And yet....

And yet I am grateful....for the grace which has come in 2020 in spite of Covid.In spite of the virus and quarantine, even in spite of the anguish and death.... Still, God comes:

- I am grateful for Christie Werner who is doing a bang up (fantastic) job as our chair of the reNEWed Prayer Chain.(Try it sometime; it is efficient and full of love and care-full-ness!)
- I am grateful for Nancy Regier's enduring spirit.....; she honestly may have some off the most -stick-too-it-iveness' I have ever found.
- I am grateful for our Session.Did you I know that, of the seven congregations I have served, THESE elders have the best attendance (and voting and service) records I've been privileged to moderate!
- I am grateful for Sue Nelson jumping in and just....'making it happen' when we were suddenly without administrative assistance.
- I am grateful for Danny and Tamra (and I miss seeing Philip); I am incredibly inspired by Tamra's cleaning.She is just simply 'over the top' wonderful when it comes to cleaning the church!
- I am so moved by the many (many!) 'helper elves' who worked (virtually or at a distance) to gather gifts to distribute to almost half our congregation.(Were you one of the lucky ones who found a gift of goodies in a bag on your doorstep?)
- I am humbled by watching Bruce Hunzeker endure and perservere, with humor!

The graces and gifts go on.....and on.....rolling out in a veritable list of evidence to God's goodness in this 'foreign land'. The witness is unquestionable!

It is in this spirit that I proclaim my gratitude for you, the saints here at Heritage! It is in this Spirit....that we gather this month to proclaim again our Thanksgiving to God...for Providence in this strange season of darkness.

I pray you are safe. I am thankful, thankful for you. And thankful to you...for your support and love to each other. And, above all, I am thankful for God who makes us bold in faith now....and always!
(*Maybe God is showing us a New thing.*)

Amen.

Jeff



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 04 – Carolyn Pester
- 05 – Vivian Jones
- 07 – LaVerne Whitmarsh
- 09 – Mike Lagueux
- 10 – Denise Lagueux
- 11 – Jim Pester
- 19 – Emily Hennings
- 20 – Phillip Voigt
- 20 – Jay Weyers
- 23 – Jeff Hopson
- 25 – Kennedy Hunzeker
- 27 – Delia Thompson
- 28 – Gina Meester

THANK YOU...

...to those who donated to the 2020 **CROP Walk**. Your support will help alleviate hunger in Lincoln and around the world!

...to those who donated to the **Peace & Global Witness Offering!** This year's theme of *Peace at all Times in all Ways (2 Thessalonians 3:16)* seems even more relevant in light of current tensions in our own country and around the world. Thank you for joining us to be a part of the work for peace in our world.

HAT & MITTEN DRIVE

The Mission Committee is once again asking for donations of caps and mittens for the students of Randolph School. Due to the limited access to the church, we have placed a tote/cooler outside the parking lot door at the church for people to place their donations. Thank you for helping to keep the kids cozy this winter!

We at Heritage hope all of you who are socially distancing and isolated are doing well. We are thinking of you. If you need anything, please let us know.



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.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 13 – Frances Beaurivage & Sue Nelson
- 19 – Mike & Denise Lagueux

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

ALL SAINTS DAY

In loving memory of Heritage's friends and family:

- Betty & Sam Mattering
- Willy & Will Derington
- Terry Werner
- George & Ellie Propp
- Gene Harmon
- Melvin Unkel
- Sherill Quist
- Beryl Lawson
- Alice Nutter
- Alma Minks
- Leora Allen
- Bettina Baker
- Vickie Gibson
- Loraine & Zeke Hunzeker
- Richard Kouba
- Pat Ryan
- Jim Archer
- Esperanza Latimer
- Eveline Meester
- Shirley Ryan
- Jack Treffer
- George Neil
- Glen & Levonda McAfee
- Harry & Lindit Hopson
- Arlene Toombs
- Bob and Camylle Taylor
- Russel (Buck) Kendle
- Chuck Stoughton
- Bob Cummins
- Ada Stoughton
- Burton & Ruby Copenhaver
- Dick Gibson
- Gene Minks
- Paul & Dorothy Fimpel
- Jeff Hunzeker
- Kenny Martin
- Carol Sieber
- Dennis Hett
- Elmer Neil
- Ronnie Ihde
- Jay Minks
- Curtis & Jennie Nichols
- Don Childress

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our 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 or Leanne Miller (pip_pb@yahoo.com) to have them emailed to you.

REACH OUT TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

During this time of social isolation, please take a few minutes to pick up your phone and 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!

PC(USA) VITAL CONGREGATIONS REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

Heritage Presbyterian is considering participating in the PC(USA)Vital Congregations Revitalization initiative. The program, which began in 2018, works with pastors, church committees and middle governing bodies to provide training, materials and consultation to revitalize and renew churches in the presbytery. Heritage would receive resources to assist with assessing the strengths and weaknesses of our congregation, capture stories of our members and lead us in discerning our vision of Heritage in the future. The future of Heritage will be determined by our congregation.

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/38b8kYs>.

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
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November 25, 2020

Items received after this
date may not be included!

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NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	2	3 <i>Election Day</i>	4	5	6 10:30 AM Al-Anon	7
8 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12	13 10:30 AM Al-Anon	14
15 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	16	17	18	19	20 10:30 AM Al-Anon	21
22 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	23	24	25 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	26 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	27 10:30 AM Al-Anon	28
29 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	30	1	2	3	4 10:30 AM Al-Anon	5

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