

# THE HERALD

November 2022

Blessed Siblings in Christ,

What a blessed October we've had. We started off the month with World Communion Sunday, where we also planted two new trees along F Street. I officiated a funeral for Shirley Dively and later officiated a wedding for Karen and Lew's niece. As a newer pastor, this was both my first funeral and first wedding. On November 6<sup>th</sup>, I will also be officiating my first baptism! It's an exciting time as a pastor and an exciting time as a congregation.

We have just a few short weeks before Advent and a lot of fun things coming up. Look for the Worship article for more details!

In November, we will finish off the last bible study within the Vital Congregations program. We're going to take a break for Advent and Christmas and then get back into the swing of things after the New Year. Homestead Presbytery has put their presbytery wide VC work on hold, so Heritage has joined up with a "virtual" presbytery. We are linked up with a church in Arizona and one in California to walk through this process together. We will have more information on what this program will look like for us next year.

Your session and I are working on end of year reports in time for our annual congregational meeting in January. Our first step is updating the church's bylaws. We will be finalizing those updates at our November 6<sup>th</sup> session meeting and sending them out the following week before a called congregational meeting scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>.

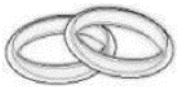
May the Spirit of the Lord move alongside us as we continue walking toward the light of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Erica



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



## 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.

## TACO NIGHT

Don't forget Fiesta del Tacos on November 13th from 5-7. Join us for eating tacos and bidding on silent auction items. Proceeds to benefit Randolph Food Pantry and future mission projects. Invite your friends & family!!

## FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget your Equal Exchange coffee, tea and chocolates available in the narthex! Be sure to have tea and coffee handy for the cooler fall weather!

## CROP WALK

Thank you to all who donated to the CROP Walk and thank you to the Heritage team who "walked to end hunger"!

– \$720.00 will be donated on behalf of our church to help end hunger in our community and around the world through Church world Service (CWS).



## FILL THE DRAWER

"Fill the Drawer" drive will end in early November! Please bring the following to support the children of Randolph School:

- ❖ Youth sized underwear (new only)
- ❖ Sweatpants (new or gently used)
- ❖ Larger youth sized socks (gender neutral)
- ❖ Youth sized slip-on sandals/slides

(This drive will replace the hat/mitten drive this fall.



Don't forget Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS/UPCOMING IN WORSHIP**

We are only a few weeks away from the start of the Christmas season. I don't know about you all, but my tradition is when the Choir starts practicing music for the Cantata, Christmas music finds its way into my house and my car. If it is good enough for church, it is good enough for me. There are a few things for you to keep in mind for the next couple of months as we head towards Christmas.

Starting November 2nd, the Choir will extend choir rehearsals by 30 minutes going from 5:30 to 7. Bell choir will practice after the chancel choir. Please talk to Adam if you are interested in giving either of the choirs a try...experience is not required.

All Saints Day will be celebrated on November 6. In addition to our traditional All Saints celebration there will be communion and the celebration of baptism.

November 13th will be the last of the Vital Congregations Bible Studies, come ensure your voice is heard as we discern the path for us here at Heritage. Christ the King Sunday will be on November 20th and that is the last Sunday before Advent.

Hanging of the greens will take place between Sunday, November 20th and Saturday, November 26th. If you would like to help decorate, please reach out to Jackie Smith for exact details.

The kids will again be asked to participate with the other choirs for cantata. Robyn Mason will be working with Adam to coordinate that, so if your kids are interested in participating, please talk to Robyn.

The choirs will have 2 Saturday rehearsals this year. First, December 10, rehearsal will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The second will be our dress rehearsal and will be on December 17, also from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Then, please join us for the Choir's annual cantata on December 18th during regular worship. This service takes a lot to put together and the choir is excited to share with you again. There will be Brass, Bells, Solo's, Organ, and Choir. Don't miss this special event.

The following week is the week of Christmas and we will have our traditional Christmas Eve Candle Light worship on December 24th at 5:30 p.m. We will again have a Christmas Hymn sing starting at 4:30 and will end approximately 15 minutes prior to worship. Because Christmas Eve is on a Saturday, the session approved not having a worship service on Sunday December 25th. Please enjoy this time with your family and friends. We will be back in worship on New Year's Day on January 1, 2023.

If you have any questions about any of the happenings with the worship team, please reach out to the office or Scott Minks. Looking forward to a happy and joyous Advent Celebration with you all.

## **PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH AND OUTSIDE GROUPS**

### **General**

- Social distancing encouraged
- Offering in the entry ways instead of passed
- Clutter in narthex cleaned up
- Encourage members to stay home if they have symptoms or don't feel comfortable

### **COVID-19 Risk Dial: Green (Low)**

- Business as usual – please stay home or wear a mask if you have symptoms or don't feel well

### **COVID-19 Risk Dial: Yellow (Moderate)**

- Masks recommended (unless required by city directed health measures)
- Social distancing
- Coffee Corner with masks recommended
- Communion – regular
- Potlucks/other communal meals with masks recommended
- Encourage members to stay home if they have symptoms or don't feel comfortable

### **COVID-19 Risk Dial: Orange (High)**

- Masks required
- Signs between pews (social distancing)
- Coffee Corner with masks
- Potlucks/communal meals with masks
- Communion with pre-made packets
- Reduce congregational responses/hymns
- Encourage members to stay home if they do not feel comfortable attending

### **COVID-19 Risk Dial: Red (Severe)**

- Zoom/other online platform church services (including Sunday School and DUC's)
- Choir to meet at the director's discretion (with pastor/session approval). They will follow social distancing and masking rules.
- No potlucks/communal meals
- No Coffee Corner
- Outside groups with more than 5 will not meet without pastor/session approval



Movie night - October 21, 2022

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**DEADLINE FOR THE  
NEXT HERALD**

**November 29, 2022**

Items received after this  
date may not be included!

# NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> <i>Girl Scouts</i> 28791  <b>10:00 AM</b> Circle	<b>2</b>  <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>3</b>  <i>Boy Scout Troop</i> 39	<b>4</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Al-Anon  Games & Groceries	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>All Saints Day</i> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship w/communion	<b>7</b> <i>Girl Scouts</i> 20306  <i>Piano w/</i> <i>Sydney Miller</i>	<b>8</b> <i>General</i> <i>Election Day</i>	<b>9</b>  <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>10</b>  <i>Boy Scout Troop</i> 39	<b>11</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>12</b>  <i>Association of</i> <i>the Deaf</i>
<b>13</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship  <i>Taco Night &amp;</i> <i>Silent Auction</i>	<b>14</b>  <i>Piano w/</i> <i>Sydney Miller</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Girl Scouts</i> 28791	<b>16</b>  <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>17</b>  <i>Boy Scout Troop</i> 39	<b>18</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship w/communion  <i>DUCs to Matt</i> <i>Talbot</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Girl Scouts</i> 20306  <i>Piano w/</i> <i>Sydney Miller</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir	<b>24</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING</b>  <i>Boy Scout Troop</i> 39	<b>25</b>  <b>10:00 AM</b> Al-Anon	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship	<b>28</b>  <i>Piano w/</i> <i>Sydney Miller</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>5:30 PM</b> Choir  <b>7:00 PM</b> Bell Choir			

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