

THE HERALD

September 2020

What's News Here at Heritage?

Do you feel like it's been foreeeeeeeeverrrrr since we saw each other? Do you think this COVID quarantine will evvvvveeeeeeer end?! (Come on; be honest!) I've been feeling a bit of that 'downcast in my soul' myself, if I'm truthful.

By nature I'm pretty much an optimist. And of course...there will be an end to this thing. (Really!) But for now we are pretty much in the thick of itand it kind of feels and even looks...like we can't see the end in sight.

You could be forgiven for lamentation. You could find good company in the Psalmist right now who, like a deer, pants...for the waterbrook. (You should see Jayce pant on a hot day. My heart kind of feels like that too, running fast...looking for air conditioning, desperate for ice water! And at the same time, *t i m e i s s l o w l i n g d o w n*....

Yet life goes on. Thank God!

Here at Heritage your leaders are still busy: session is meeting, adult studies continue, the DUCs are leading worship (and will host a garage sale as soon as they can). The Deacons are checking on shut ins; there's even a plan for Summer Vacation Bible School. AND....Sunday School....in a new way.

By and large we have escaped most of COVID's challenges. We have had a member who had it...and recovered (and is back at work). We have had a few whose work has slowed or changed.... But mostly, mostly....our main challenge has been the 'staying safe' bit. Social distancing. I think WE are all wearing a mask. That's just who we are. And we like to care for others, keeping them safe....

And boredom? Not too much, really.... My sense is that what I have mostly observed is we are keeping busy: getting the mail for others and delivering it, taking trips to the lake to camp, helping our college students juggle moving and school.... Life keeps on keeping on.

I am praying for a vaccine; we all are! I can't wait until we get back to in person worship; I think we ALL want that! And we're keeping close watch on both COVID numbers and scientific, new research on what's safe.... As soon as we can we will do that!

Until then what we can do is 'wait on the Lord' and pray. And, in so doing, we will 'rise up on wings as eagles'and see what the Lord sees: a New Life and land of promise.

In God's grip,

Jeff

And call me if you need support or let me know of others who need it....



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 01 – John Dzerk
- 01 – Bridget Sexton
- 08 – Lacey Smith
- 16 – Deb Kendle
- 23 – Jackie Smith
- 24 – Jacob Bahr
- 24 – Ilah Singaas
- 25 – Pat Zink

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 01 – Larry & Melinda Brage
- 03 – Ken & Diane Olsen
- 12 – Freddie & Jeanne Bonnett
- 12 – Ron & Jackie Smith
- 13 – Jim & Carolyn Pester
- 20 – Bruce Snyder & Jan Crouch
- 22 – Scott & Candice Minks
- 30 – Corinne Crouch & John Schmidt

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.

CROP WALK

The 2020 CROP Walk is going virtual! If you would like to "walk to end hunger", please contact Karen Sieber (karensieber@live.com or 402-430-2872). We will make the decision in late September if we will walk as a group or only allow individual or family walks.

WANTED:

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 – we will accept donations through September!

Empty pill bottles – Keep saving those bottles through September! We will add all those collected at Heritage with others from our Presbytery to be sent to developing countries to be used instead of paper scraps!

Empty pill bottles – The mission committee is looking at options that would allow this event to be held within social distance guidelines. It may be virtual or a combination of virtual and in-person. Watch for updates! Please contact any member of the mission if you have an item that you would like to donate (Andy, Barb, Karen, Pat, Robyn, Sydney).

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). 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: Milk chocolate or Dark chocolate minis (5/\$1), Large bars (\$2.50) – Dark Choc Almond, Dark Choc Caramel

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

This year's theme for the Peace & Global Witness Offering is *Peace at all Times in all Ways (2 Thessalonians 3:16)*. The Mission Committee invites you to join us to be a part of the work for peace in our world. This offering provides a concrete way to contribute to the work of peacemaking in our communities, region, and world.

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!

HERITAGE PANTRY

Now that school is back in session we will begin collecting items to replenish the pantry. We are in need of most items we normally stock. Common items include gift cards, peanut butter, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese, canned veggies, fruit, and beans, canned soup, canned tuna, canned chicken, cereal, toothpaste and tooth brushes, toilet paper.

WE'RE BACK!

Beloved Saints, Sibling Spirits here at Heritage. We are back! I look forward to seeing those of you who choose to worship in person on Rally Sunday 2020. You/we will continue to have all options available (live, online: Facebook and Zoom and stored on our church webpage)....but for those who want...we look forward to seeing you in the masked flesh on Sunday, September 13th.....Rally Sunday 2020. (we will have masks available at the entrance)

Sunday school is being offered (online, via Zoom) for all those who would like. And then, voila!.....we will worship again together in the flesh....for the first time in almost half a year. 10:30a.m. in the sanctuary....

- Masks will be required. If you do not have one, don't worry, one will be provided.
- Social distancing will be practiced. Families can sit together, everyone else must maintain at least a 6 foot distance.
- Please stay home if you do not feel well, have any COVID symptoms or have tested positive for COVID within 14 days.
- There will be lots of hand sanitizer available for your use.
- We will not be singing as a congregation.
- We encourage you to come in through the 35th Street doors via the center aisle and leave using the parking lot door. If you need the ramp to enter, you may use the parking lot entrance. We also encourage you to go outside to socialize (maintaining a proper 6 foot distance and wearing a mask).
- The church will be sanitized before each service.
- Sunday School will be held via ZOOM starting at 9:15 am on Sept. 13th.
- If you do not feel comfortable returning at this time, we respect your decision and hope you will keep in touch with Pastor Jeff and other congregation members. There will be an on-line option for those not quite ready to worship in person.
- Please contact the church office if you have any questions or concerns.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 13TH!

Elementary Students

In the interest of safety for our elementary students, the Christian Education Committee has decided that we will try ZOOM Sunday School, at least until Christmas.

If your child has been registered for Sunday School, you should be receiving 4 worksheets for him/her to be used during this time. Please contact Leanne Miller (pip_pb@yahoo.com or 402-450-8625) if your child needs worksheets. All ages will be meeting at the same time, but using age-appropriate worksheets.

Please join us at 9:15 on Sunday, September 13 for the first day of ZOOM Sunday School!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81148245328?pwd=Y2NoS3FwMkN6WHlpMVNjYmIzUE5sZz09>

Meeting ID: 811 4824 5328

Passcode: 782765

DUCs

We will meet in person at 9:30am (a little later to shorten our time together). We may meet in the Gibson Room so that we can 'social distance' better.

DUCS YARD SALE FUNDRAISER

The DUCs will be holding a Yard Sale fundraiser at church on Saturday, September 19 from 10am - 4pm.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for the sale. Additional items can be dropped off at the church on Sunday, September 13.



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**DEADLINE FOR THE
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September 25, 2020

Items received after this
date may not be included!

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SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 10:30 AM Virtual Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Rally Sunday</i> 10:30 AM Worship	14	15 6:30 PM Adult Study	16	17	18	19 10 AM-4 PM DUCs Garage Sale
20 10:30 AM Worship 5-7 PM Boy Scout Troop 39 Taco Feed Drive By	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	26
27 10:30 AM Worship	28	29	30	1	2	3

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