

THE HERALD



From the Pastor:

April 2018

With my retirement on May 31, the session is working on obtaining the services of an interim/transitional pastor. Whereas the congregation elects an installed pastor, sessions hire interim/transitional pastors. In the past, they were referred to as interim pastors. Now the term “transitional” is more commonly used. Most Presbyterian churches will have a transitional pastor when an installed pastor leaves. Homestead Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry will resource the session to help them in finding a transitional pastor. Unfortunately, there seem to be a shortage of interim/transitional pastors. Some church members have asked why do we need a transitional pastor? Why cannot we begin the work to call an installed pastor? Those are fair questions.

What is the role of an interim/transitional pastor? The following is copied from the PC (USA.) website. (You can find more information about interim/transitional ministry at: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/ministers/interim-pastors/#expectations>)

Like all pastors, Interim/Transitional Pastors offer to the congregations they serve:

- Worship leadership and preaching
- Pastoral care
- Work with the session to provide for the life and ministry of the congregation
- Administrative work including supervision of other staff persons
- Staff support for programs and committees of the congregation

In addition, an Interim/Transitional Pastor leads a congregation during the transition time after an installed pastor has departed, helping the congregation prepare to welcome the leadership of a new installed pastor. Interim/Transitional Pastors understand the dynamics of a congregation in transition, including feelings of grief, loss, and, sometimes, relief or anger.

Interim/Transitional pastors will help the session provide for continuity of essential programs, and may assist the session in assessing needs for changes in programs and ministries of the congregation.

Ordinarily, an Interim/Transitional pastor is not eligible to serve as the next installed pastor, or co-pastor, or associate pastor of the congregation. The Interim/Transitional pastor may, if the session and the Committee on Ministry approve, work with the session in a mission study or assist the Pastor Nominating Committee in gathering data for the writing of the Ministry Information Form. With those possible exceptions, the Interim/Transitional pastor may not be involved in the work and discernment of the PNC.

A good Interim/Transitional pastor will “hit the ground running,” beginning his/her time with the congregation with intensity and energy, and will leave with intentionality, engaging in a “good goodbye” with the congregation and its staff. A good Interim/Transitional pastor is fully present with the congregation from the beginning, and really leaves when she/he leaves.

Transitional pastors are specially trained for this ministry. A transitional pastor lays the groundwork to help the church discern its future and to enable a healthy transition from the previous pastor to a new pastor, and enables the future pastor’s ministry to be a successful ministry.

Raymond A. Meester



Communion will be celebrated each Sunday in the season of Easter



APRIL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

06 Wyatt Kendle
 06 Carson Pierce
 07 Leanne Miller
 13 Stephanie Newman
 13 Shalene Shepard
 16 Duane Kennedy
 17 Zoe Tomas
 24 Greg Mason

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



13 Greg & Robyn Mason
 13 Tylor & Shalene Shepard
 27 Lew & Karen-Griffin Sieber

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



HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

**Congratulations to new
 Heritage Birthday Club Members:
 Barb Bratt-Kennedy**

Consider renewing or joining Heritage's Birthday Club. Donations (usually 1 dollar per year of life) are made to our endowment fund.

THANK YOU!

Leonard Pitts, Jr. comes to Lincoln for his second Interfaith Peacemaking Workshop on Sunday, April 15. Thank you for being one of the lead donors to support the 36th Annual Interfaith Peacemaking Workshop. Your commitment to supporting the Interfaith Peacemaking Coalition events is so vital to Lincoln & Lancaster County.

-Brenda Bland, Chairperson & Martha Gadberry, Co-Chair



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Lincoln Fire and Rescue FAO Jay Weyers for being recognized as the Lincoln East Rotary Outstanding Firefighter for 2018!

Way to go Jay!

BEST CHOICE



ONGOING YOUTH FUNDRAISERS PLEASE SAVE BEST CHOICE UPCS AND USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES

We just submitted 2000 Best Choice labels for redemption and we are awaiting a check for \$90. Thanks to all who continue to support this program which provides financial assistance to our youth program.

****Labels for Education program will end in May 2018. We will discontinue collecting these after spring.**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle will meet April 3 at 10:00 AM in the Gibson Room. We invite all women to join, even if you have not attended before.



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 hurricanes in the USA and the Caribbean
- 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 the mission committee reach our goal of \$600.00. Thank you to all who have already given or please consider giving to this special offering!



WELCOME
 NEW
 MEMBERS

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Mora Singaas and Isaiah Guillatt will be confirmed during worship on Easter Day. Isaiah will also receive the sacrament of

baptism. Please greet them and share their joy at a cake reception in Fellowship Hall following Worship.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO....

- To all who donated items or money to fill 16 backpacks of food for students at Randolph School!
- To Pat Zink, Barb Shaeffer, Ramona Meester and Laurie Helvie for assisting at the Eastridge Food Pantry on March 7!
- To all who have participated in our Lenten Challenge to increase the number of food items donated to the Food Pantry during Lent!



SPRING CLEANING AT THE CHURCH

Please join us Saturday, April 7 as we do Spring Cleaning at the Church

from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex as well as on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, contact Lew Sieber, Sue Nelson or Leanne Miller.

POTLUCK & ALL COMMITTEE MEETING

It has been decided that with Ray's retirement, committees will be taking an even more important role in the life of the church. All committees should plan on meeting Sunday, April 29 from noon-12:45. At approx. 12:45, chairs will need to plan on getting together for 15-30 minutes to report and coordinate. We don't want any excuses for not being able to attend, so please bring a potluck dish to share. Everyone (even non-committee members) are welcome to participate in the potluck. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Miller.

PLATTE AND NIOBRARA RIVERS HISTORY

James "Mitchell" Robertson, son of Jim Robertson and Jane Bitney recently appeared in "Rivers of Nebraska" a 2018 production of NET Television which aired in March. If you missed it, you may view it on NET Passport or watch for future rebroadcasts. It was a great show about the Platte and Niobrara Rivers, their history and their value to our environment.

TIME TO PLAN FOR RAY'S RETIREMENT

We will be celebrating Ray's retirement on Sunday, June 3 (more info to come on that). If you have pictures of Ray (weddings, baptisms, confirmations, etc.) that we can use for a slide show, please e-mail to Amber (assistant@HeritagePres.org). If you do not have digital pictures, please get them to the church office so they can be scanned. Also, if you would like to make a donation towards a retirement gift, please just make a note on your check "Ray's retirement".

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 12

- Received the report that the stair railing at west entrance has been replaced.
- Received the report that the decision was made to remain with Brotherhood for the church insurance with a premium reduction of \$2800.00.
- Received the report that the Stewardship Drive started on Sunday, March 11, with limited pledge response to date.
- Approved the endorsement of Denise Lagueux as a commissioned pastor as required by the Presbytery Committee on Ministry.
- Directed the Worship & Music Committee to research repair options for the organ to present to the Session.
- Approved the re-activation of the Heart Team as a social committee and to follow-up with visitors.
- The next meeting of the Session will be May 29, 2018, starting at 6:30 pm. All committees will meet following the worship on Sunday, April 29.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Please check out the books on the table in the narthex. They are all FREE to a good home! Be sure to check back often because the selection will change every couple of weeks.

2018 YOUTH RETREAT APRIL 21-22

- Open to 6th-12th grades, as well as 'alumni DUCs'
- Location: Camp Ashland, but transportation will be provided from Heritage
- Times/activities and other specifics will be discussed in Sunday School on April 8th and provided through emails
- Contact Patty Wahlgren pwahlgren@netzero.net for more information

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL

April 1 – Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Isaiah 25:6-9; John 20:1-18

April 8 – Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

April 15 – Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

April 22 – Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

April 29 – Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

SAVE THESE DATES

May 15: Primary Election

May 20: Pentecost, last day of Sunday School, DUCs Movie Outing (tentative)

June 3: Pastor Ray's retirement celebration

July 22-27: Synod School at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA

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NEXT HERALD**

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may not be included

in May Herald