

THE HERALD



Introducing Rev. Jeff Hopson:

August 2018

Jeff Hopson was born on November 23, 1951 and raised in Northeastern New Mexico on a ranch. His parents (Harry and Lindit') taught him and his siblings (the four J's altogether) to believe they were just as close to God on a horse, riding through a pasture, as sitting in a Cathedral. He still believes that.

Jeff was the only student in Second Grade; there was no telephone or television at Triangle Ranch then. It didn't really matter though because there were great friends in the headquarters' library books. As he moved through school each town and class was larger. Graduating from Oklahoma State University (Poli. Sci.) in 1977, Jeff returned to Albuquerque where he entered Politics. Although he'd not been raised in the church (it was 2 ½ hours to the closest congregation from the ranch) he eventually became more and more active in the three First Presbyterian Churches to which he belonged over the years.

Finally, in April of 1983 God got Jeff's attention and said, "No, not sometime. Now!" The sense of call was overwhelming and he graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1987. Jeff served five Presbyterian churches in Pennsylvania before being pastor at First Congregational Church, Stockton, CA (UCC), and he is now delighted to be back home at Heritage in the PC/USA!

Jeff will be providing his monthly Sermon plans so everyone knows what to look forward to. The following are the Sermon Gist for August.

5th Eagle Nest Summer

Luke 9: 28-36

Here is a reminder that, no matter how down and close to out we feel, the Spirit still whispers and lifts us always! Even in the darkest hours (perhaps especially when it looks darkest for us) the Light will shine, and the Spirit will break through with the quietest whisper, sometimes surprising us with a lift into the purple dark of dusk beyond Eagle Nest Lake. Come, lend your ear. Hear New Life as she quietly sails in.

12th Music by EPIC

Come enjoy a musical lift to your spirit as Song soars in our sanctuary. Heritage Saints will again hear the Word delivered by EPIC, a vocal ensemble formed in 2012 as a ministry of the Lincoln Berean Church. EPIC seeks to share the gospel and love of Christ as they return with another hour of worship and praise. (*Directed by Melissa Moates and accompanied by Marilee McPherson and our own Priscilla Kliewer.*)

19th When Failure Is an Option

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Some accuse us, this generation and a couple to follow, of becoming "soft". I think it's true probably. Some schools have adopted a "no-zero" policy; everyone gets a trophy. But in life, failing can help us to understand our limits and gain valuable knowledge about ourselves and others. Failure is a valuable option; we grow from it.

26th Listening For Abel

Hebrews 11: 1 – 6

Over the course of my early ministry at Third Church, Washington (PA) I ached to 'move ministerial mountains' for one family in their grief. In the course of my own search for how to help them I 'happened across' this scripture, or was it predestined? In turn, this scripture was solace for their anguish. What does it mean for us when we ache to hear those who have died?! God's Word here is "in faith Abel is still speaking."

This sermon is in honor of a family who lost a twenty-five year old twin to suicide.



AUGUST BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

02 Bruce Snyder
 04 Brian Sexton
 05 Kay Traudt
 06 Barbara Duerksen
 07 Alan Shuman
 09 Eunice Sintek
 10 Matthew Robertson
 11 Scott Minks
 16 Chuck Clark
 16 Laurel Helvie
 17 Freddie Bonnett
 17 Haileigh Shepard
 17 Dean Smith
 18 Bill Bahr
 18 Rylan Shepard
 19 Matthew Crouch
 19 Kate Singsaas
 20 Ilah Harmon
 24 Enrique Ramirez
 24 Finn Singsaas
 26 LaVonn DeBus-Greene
 28 Nash Jack
 28 Marilyn McDonald
 29 Tylor Shepard
 31 Danny Broeder

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



HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

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



ANNIVERSARIES

01 Jeff & Patty Wahlgren

WELCOME POTLUCK



Please join us following Worship on August 5th as we welcome Rev. Jeff Hopson to the Heritage family. This will be a great time

of fellowship and a great opportunity for everyone to meet Jeff.

MISSION SUMMER FOCUS

The Mission Committee has asked for your help this summer as we have focused on different giving opportunities:

- June – PDA Cleanup Buckets and Hygiene Kits -- thank you to all who donated items – we will be sending at least 5 hygiene kits and 1 cleanup bucket to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- July – School supplies for Randolph school – thank you to all who donated items – we will be accepting supplies until August 12 so that we can get them to the school
- **August – The Well Project – join other churches in Homestead Presbytery as we raise money to build wells in South Sudan and Niger that will provide water and save lives**

Thanks again for all your support of our mission projects!

THE WELL PROJECT:

“I was thirsty – And you gave me water.” In South Sudan and Niger, millions of women and children trek up to eight hours a day to collect water from marshes, ditches or hand-dug trenches where water is often contaminated. The people often have no choice what to drink. However tainted, water is crucial for survival. Instead of going in, building the well and then leaving, the Presbyterian Church (USA) makes a long-term commitment to change the local culture in its understanding of water and sanitation.

- Local people are taught how to build and repair the wells.
- Local people are taught to maintain the wells so the source does not become polluted.
- Water conservation practices are introduced.
- Irrigation is introduced to grow more food.

Please take minute the next time you turn on a faucet to get a drink of clean water and think about those around the world who do not have that option. **We challenge you to give a penny, nickel, dime or quarter each time you take a drink during the month of August!**



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join the Mission Committee after church on September 9 for an ice cream social. Help us celebrate the end of the hot summer and award the prizes for our summer bingo!



MISSION COMMITTEE THANKS YOU!

We would like to thank you all for your generous support of the Mission Committee. We couldn't provide any of these services without your help- both monetary and volunteering! See below for a listing of some of the activities you help support! The Mission Committee has tried to focus on not just local mission, but also national and worldwide.

Local Mission:

- Eastridge Food Pantry- collecting food items and also helping staff once a month
- Randolph Elementary School- providing backpack food for the long breaks for the students on the waiting list; provide school supplies; provided Christmas gifts for one family in need; collect hats and mittens for student use
- Donation to a local charity from the Special offerings listed below

National:

- Collection of items for clean up and hygiene buckets for PDA
- Participate in the 4 special offerings (Pentecost, Christmas Joy, One Great Hour of Sharing and Peacemaking)
- Sent Mission group to Minot, ND to help with flood relief (2012 and 2013)
- Sent Mission group to Pilger, NE to help with tornado recovery (2014)

Global:

- Participate in CROP Walk; also sponsor a Heritage ad on the annual t-shirt
- Sell Fair Traded items in the coffee corner

Keep an eye on the bulletin, newsletter and the Mission bulletin board (located in the narthex near the stairs to Gibson Room) for these events coming up!

- Annual Taco Feed Fundraiser
- CROP Walk

If you have ideas for the Mission Committee or would be interested in joining, please contact Karen Griffin-Sieber, chair.



ALL ABOUT THE DUCs

Disciples Under Construction (DUCs) is the Youth Group focused on faith, fellowship and fun. Comprised of 6th – 12th graders, it is led by Andy Singaas and Patty Wahlgren. This group meets for Sunday School in their classroom at the end of the upstairs

hallway, where no two lessons are the same. Lessons range from art projects on the Presbyterian symbol, watching and discussing Christian themed movies, Bible trivia games, mission projects, or even making sand mandalas and discussing how other religions are similar to ours. In short, the youth show up on Sunday mornings not knowing what to expect! (To be fair, when working the youth the leaders often do not know what to expect either!!)

For additional fellowship, the group meets at least once a month for fun activities. These include, but are not limited to, scavenger hunts at the church, bowling, the CROP walk, and a WIDE variety of games where virtually every inch of the church building is used. (If you ever need to know where something in the church is---just ask a DUC!) A favorite event for the year is the annual Lock-In at church where the DUCs use their knowledge of the church to navigate the building playing games in the dark. The other big event is the offsite retreat which has been held for the last two years at Camp Ashland and was previously held at Camp Calvin Crest. Themes for this event include God's Army, Star Wars: May the Faith Be With You, and The LEGO Retreat: Think, Create, Grow.

Outside of these 'DUC' events, the youth are encouraged to be active in the church, participating in worship (candle lighters, ushers, communion helpers, and choirs), helping with church events and serving on committees. Every three years, youth who have completed grades 8-12 are eligible to attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University in Indiana. In 2016, seven youth attended PYT as part of the Homestead Presbytery delegation. The next PYT will be held next summer, July 16-20, 2019.

TREASURER'S REPORT

(corrected from last months Herald)

Jan – June 2018 Income	\$71,473.69
Jan-June 2018 Expenses	\$78,626.49
Net income (loss) 2018	(\$7,152.80)
Jan – June 2017 Income	\$60,864.57
Jan – June 2017 Expenses	\$84,935.74
Net income (loss) 2017	\$(24,071.17)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan – July 2018 Income	\$78,310.56
Jan-July 2018 Expenses	\$78,609.49
Net income (loss) 2018	(\$298.93)
Jan – July 2017 Income	\$70,209.14
Jan – July 2017 Expenses	\$98,975.70
Net income (loss) 2017	\$(28,766.56)

LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST

August 5 – 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 12 – 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 19 – 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 26 – 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

SAVE THESE DATES

September 9: Sunday School resumes

October 14: Annual Crop Walk

SESSION WILL MEET JULY 29 AT 11:30 AM

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