

THE HERALD



From the Pastor:

February 2018

The 222nd General Assembly (2016) formed the 2020 Vision Team, whose task was to “develop a guiding statement for the denomination.... Such a guiding statement will help us to name and claim our denominational identity as we seek to follow the Spirit into the future.” Recently they wrote a draft statement that is subject to change. (Space does not allow me to include the entire statement.)

God calls the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to be:

Prayerful

- *Confessing our sin before God and to those we have wronged, we accept our responsibility for the brokenness in the world and in ourselves. In Christ we are assured of forgiveness and freed to forgive others.*
- *We ask the Holy Spirit to direct and guide us as we actively listen to Scripture and fully engage in the joys and challenges of life in this present world.*
- *In Christ we are bound together by grace, cleansed in the waters of baptism, nourished at the Lord’s table, and sent out to share the Good News.*

Courageous

- *Reformed and always being reformed, we follow the Holy Spirit in new and imaginative ways to places we have not yet been.*
- *We foster the hope of reconciliation in Christ that brings healing to individuals and communities, which transforms the world.*
- *We work for God’s justice and peace for all people in every land, prioritizing the vulnerable, the marginalized, and the abused.*

United

- *As members of the Church universal, we are Christ’s disciples, called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit.*
- *Against forces that seek to divide, Christ compels us to bear witness to a love that sustains community across great differences.*
- *Striving to love all of our neighbors as ourselves, we approach others in a spirit of openness and trust as we follow Jesus Christ in respecting the freedom of other religions, worldviews, and traditions.*

Serving

- *As followers of the One who washed his disciples’ feet, we listen to and serve our neighbors, working to meet their practical needs.*
- *We partner with others to become the hands and feet of God in the world, showing compassion and generosity to all creation.*
- *We venture beyond the familiar, meeting people where they are as we share Christ’s transformative love.*

Alive

- *We are a people of the resurrection: though death surrounds us, we are not afraid because we follow the One who was raised from the tomb.*
- *The Holy Spirit gives us courage to build a community that reflects the fullness of God’s image in humanity: beautifully diverse and no longer divided by age, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender identity, sexuality, physical and mental ability, geography, or theological conviction.*
- *In the sure and certain hope of resurrection, we testify that the Church and its members are called to follow Christ’s model by risking all, even life itself, for the sake of the Gospel.*

And so, God calls the Presbyterian Church (USA) to be: Prayerful, Courageous, United, Serving, Alive.

Thanks be to God.

Raymond A. Meester



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 02 Benjamin Kendle
- 02 Nancy Weyers
- 05 Zella Sexton
- 07 Tamra Broeder
- 07 Dehnia Bullerdiek
- 09 Crysta Sexton
- 10 George Neill
- 10 Sue Nelson
- 12 Gale Cooper
- 12 Willis Duerksen
- 12 Jim Newman
- 17 Ramona Meester
- 18 John Jack
- 19 Diane Olsen
- 22 Savanna Newman
- 22 Ken Olsen
- 25 Bob Foreman
- 25 Karen Hartman
- 27 Barbara Bratt-Kennedy

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES



- 02 Jay & Nancy Weyers
- 24 Bob & Phyllis Foreman (55 years)

Please notify the church office if your birthday or anniversary was 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.



THANK YOU!

Thank you again for letting our family get together in Fellowship Hall. When I got home, I made a count of how many were there, it was 45 family members-about 19 cars in the parking lot! We had such a good time. Even though I was there almost 4 hours, it seems I did not get to visit with each family enough. Thank you very much!

-Loretta Neill

PER CAPITA FOR 2018 IS \$40.00 PER MEMBER

Per Capita helps support the regional, national, and global ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Many members contribute their per capita in addition to their general giving. This greatly helps us to meet our budget. Thank you for your partnership in spreading the gospel.

BEST CHOICE



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

Saving Best Choice UPC's is such an easy way to help our youth. We do have 1,000 Best Choice UPCs ready to send in for redemption. We are waiting for our bonus certificate so that we can receive an additional \$30 when we submit them. **Only Best Choice UPCs can be redeemed. No other UPCs are accepted** ****Labels for Education program will end in May 2018. We will discontinue collecting these after spring.**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle will meet Feb. 6 at 10:00 AM in the Gibson Room. We invite all women to join, even if you have not attended before.

WHAT'S EVEN BETTER THEN A BOX OF CHOCOLATES?



Fairly traded, organic chocolate, coffee, & tea from small farmers! Valentine Bags with 25 chocolate minis are available for \$5. Surprise your valentine

with some fair traded chocolate this Valentine's Day. Make sure to stop by each week as we currently have some discounted items.

HELP WANTED!

Are you good at repairing furniture? Santa's chair needs fixing! The springs have sprung and the seat cover is worn, so if you would be interested in tackling this task, please contact Bev Traudt at 402-489-1973.

DUC POND (YOUTH GROUP NEWS)



"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

Donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring will be collected on Sunday, February 4, 2018. DUCs will be holding soup pots in the Narthex and at the South Entrance. 100% of donations will be given to a local agency that assists those who are hungry. Thank you for your support of this Heritage DUCs tradition!



The Annual DUCs youth group Lock-In will be Saturday, February 24, concluding with worship Sunday, February 25. Start time for the event will be

announced through email. Youth wanting to participate need to have a signed CURRENT (2018) permission waiver on file. These will be available during Sunday School.



FREecycle FEBRUARY 25

Bring items that you know longer want or use to share with your friends. Leave them on the table in Fellowship Hall when you arrive at church and pick up any of your remaining items when you leave. Anyone may take an item that they want - no need to bring anything and there is no charge for anything. If you feel particularly blessed with something that you take, you are welcome to put an additional donation in the offering plate.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY



Please check: <http://www.kfornow.com/weather-closings/> or local TV stations to see if Worship will be cancelled due to inclement weather. They will have information by 8:00 AM Sundays.

3RD ANNUAL CHILI/SOUP COMPETITION

The 3rd Annual Chili/Soup Competition will be held following worship on February 25th. Bring your entry in a crock-pot to the kitchen before worship for a chance to win the 'Golden Ladle' award, or just come join us to eat and vote for your favorite. This is not a fundraiser, just an opportunity for fellowship hosted by the DUCs. Plan to attend!



GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

"You shall be called repairers of the breach"

(Isaiah 58). Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts:

- assist Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to work within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters;
- help the Presbyterian Hunger Program take action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes, and helps create access to healthy food for entire communities; and
- allow the Self-Development of People to partner with people and communities with tools for development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice.

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 give!

LENTEN CHALLENGE

The mission committee would like to issue a challenge to Heritage to help the Food Pantry during the upcoming Lenten season by:

- Attending the pancake supper prior to Ash Wednesday services on February 14, 5:30-6:30 – freewill donations to the Food Pantry
- Bringing at least one non-perishable food item during Lent

We are asking everyone to "give up" one food item during Lent – one food item to help the hungry in our community!

RANDOLPH SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM

Thank you to all who donated food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas backpacks for Randolph School. Next up is spring break -- we need at least 16 sets of:

- 1 box of cereal
- 4 pkgs of Ramen noodles
- 1 can of soup
- 1 pkg of pudding
- 1 can of fruit

Please bring donations to the church by March 4 for delivery later that week.

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FEBRUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Congregational Meeting 3:00 PM Soup Supper	29	30 Monthly Deacon reports due	31 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	1	2 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	3 12:00 PM C.Sexton Private Event in Fellowship Hall
4 Souper Bowl of Caring 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	5 6:00 PM Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	6 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women in Gibson Room	7 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	8 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 Dens meet in Fellowship Hall and Calvin Room	9 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	10
11 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship & Communion	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday & Valentine's Day 5:30 PM Pancake Supper in Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	15 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 in Fellowship Hall	16 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	17 12:00 PM Lincoln Deaf Club
18 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Mission Committee meets	19 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 PM Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall	20	21 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	22 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack 39 Dens meet in Fellowship Hall and Calvin Room	23 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	24 6:00 PM DUCs Lock-in Fellowship Hall
25 9:15 AM Sunday School & FreeCycle 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM 3 rd Annual Chili/Soup Competition	26	27	28 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	1	2 10:00 AM Al-Anon in Gibson Room	3 5:30 PM Private Event in Fellowship Hall

MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATES

Updates:

- Peace and Global Witness Offering: \$270.00 (our congregation's 25% share directed to Lincoln's 2018 Peacemaking Workshop)
- Christmas Joy Offering: \$446.00
- Food Sunday: \$68.18 for the backpack program during Cents-Ability collection, numerous food items
- CROP Walk: ten walkers raised \$746.00
- 29 hats, 43 mitten/glove sets and 7 scarves were delivered to Randolph Elementary School after the annual hat/mitten drive
- Fundraiser: over \$800.00 was raised at the Fiesta del Taco event on November 12
- Our congregation helped spread the joy of the Christmas season to a church family and a community family by donating toys, clothes, books/games and gift cards to the families
- Provided 19 backpacks of food to Randolph Elementary students for the Thanksgiving school break and 16 backpacks for the Christmas school break

Discussion:

- Fair Trade: Ramona Meester discussed with the committee the process of ordering products through Fair Trade. She is also willing to train another person(s) to assume those responsibilities after Pastor Ray's retirement. The committee approved her suggestion to sell products currently in stock that are beyond their "best before" dates at a reduced price.
- Eastridge Food Pantry Board: Annual training of food pantry volunteers is now required. Pat Zink, Leanne Miller, Barb Shaeffer and Ramona Meester all attended the January 20 training. Another training session is to be held on January 30. Karen will contact Heather to see if Heritage could volunteer to staff the food distribution on either March 7 or 14.

Decisions Made by the Committee:

- PDA Hygiene Kits and Cleaning Buckets: Approved donating \$50.00 to Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church for expenses related to the delivery of hygiene kits and cleaning buckets to the Arkansas warehouse of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- One Great Hour of Sharing: A goal of \$600.00 was set for this special offering. Minutes for Mission will be scheduled for March 11, 18, 25, and April 1. Bryce Wiebe, PCUSA Director of Special Offerings,

will be the guest preacher on March 25. If it works into his schedule, the Mission Committee will host a potluck after worship on that day.

- Randolph School Backpack Program: Due to the positive response of the congregation at Thanksgiving and Christmas, it was decided to provide backpacks to students on the waiting list for the upcoming spring break. The congregation will be asked to donate soup, pudding, Ramen noodles, cereal and canned fruit prior to March 4 for delivery to Randolph later that week. \$5.00 Super Saver vouchers will be purchased from mission funds.

YOUR INVITED!

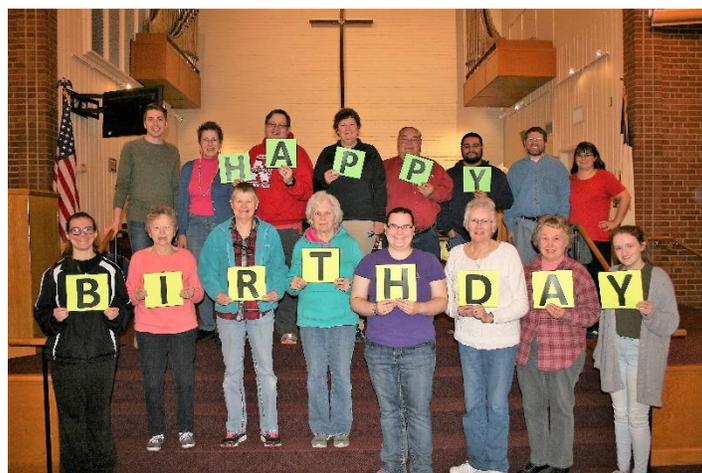
Join us and meet Rev. Rhonda Kruse, Mission Advisor and Debbie Braaksma, Africa Area Coordinator, to hear how we Presbyterians are working to fix the water crisis. This event will take place at Westminster Presbyterian Church (2110 Sheridan Boulevard) on February 24, 2018 at 5:30 PM-7:00 PM. There a meal provided. You will need to RSVP to this event by Feb 16. Please see the flyer on the Mission bulletin board for registration information or contact the office.



HELEN WEBER TURNS 100!

Helen Weber turned 100 years old January 18

and she celebrated with family and friends gathered around her at an open house. We had had many members who attended, as well as birthday greetings from the choir to help make her feel special!



LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY

February 4 – Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 11 – 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 18 – Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

February 25 – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

SAVE THESE DATES

March 25th – DUCs meet at 11:30 AM (games/lunch)

March 29th – Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM

March 30th – Good Friday Service 7:00 PM

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NEXT HERALD**

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