

# THE HERALD



*From the Pastor:*

*March 2017*

Lent is traditionally a season of fasting and prayer. During this time, Christians pay close attention to spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world. As a church, we spend time together hearing about and praying for the ministries of compassion and justice done through our support of One Great Hour of Sharing.

The One Great Hour of Sharing was originally an ecumenical offering of various denominations to help in the reconstruction of Europe following World War II. On Saturday evening, March 26, 1949, President Harry Truman (a Presbyterian) encouraged the listeners to attend their local church the next day, and make a contribution to the churches' relief efforts. Now many churches, including the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), each have their own relief appeal relative to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are refugees, who are dealing with oppression in society.

Every gift made to this offering will meet the needs of people, and you will hear about just a few of these individuals over the coming weeks—in bulletin inserts and minutes for mission. These stories will help us to see the face of those whose lives have been changed by our gifts, but they are only a few of the thousands and thousands of people served in this important ministry.

I would also like to invite you to visit the One Great Hour of Sharing website ([www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs)) to find out more information on how your support of OGHS helps people all over the world, and offer prayers for the projects and people who receive them.

That brings me to the challenge, which also relates to our support of One Great Hour of Sharing. While we trust our OGHS programs to respond to the needs of our poorest and hungriest neighbors, those programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. I challenge each of you to give strong consideration to increasing your gift to the offering—you'll see how giving opens your heart to God's work in your own life. During the Season of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017, and ends on Easter Day, April 16, 2017, I encourage you to contribute to this offering. You may mail your donation to the church, or drop it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning. Please make your check payable to Heritage Presbyterian Church, and be sure to mark it clearly for "OGHS." I hope that you'll join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing.

*Raymond A. Meester*



## MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

04 Linda Clark  
 07 Celeste Sexton  
 09 Melinda Brage  
 12 Zachary Werner  
 14 Adriana Miller  
 16 Karen Minks  
 19 Dylan Wiedenfeld  
 22 Ron Miller  
 27 Maya Jack  
 27 Sydney Miller  
 29 Patty Kouba  
 29 Jeff Pierce

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

## HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

**Congratulations to new  
 Heritage Birthday Club Members:  
 Patty Wahlgren, Elisabeth  
 Wahlgren, Helen Weber,  
 George Neill**



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

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Brian and Celeste Sexton on the birth of their baby girl, Zella Ann Grace, on Feb. 5th.

## OUR CONDOLENCES

We would like to extend our condolences to David Thompson, as well as other family and friends of Donita Thompson who passed away Feb. 1st.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Lori Helvie, Ramona Meester, Barb Shaeffer, Pat Zink, and Nancy Weyers for their great help with the Thompson funeral.

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



Thank you to everyone who participated in the "Souper Bowl of Caring". We raised \$358 which will be donated to Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach.

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

We are collecting the following inkjet cartridges for the youth fundraiser: Canon, Dell, HP and Lexmark. You may place them in the box in the Narthex.



**BEST CHOICE** Keep saving Best Choice UPCs! Each Best Choice UPC nets 3 cents for our Youth! We have received the certificate that will double the amount received on 1,000 Best Choice UPC's, and we will be submitting it soon.

## COFFEE CORNER

Fair Trade products are sold at our Coffee Corner in the Narthex. We have olive oil, coffee, teas, and **CHOCOLATE!**



Fair trade products share the bounty of the coffee trade with those who grow the crops, helping them build a better future for themselves and their communities.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle will meet March. 7 at 10:00 AM in the Gibson Room. We invite all women to join, even if you have not attended before.



## SPRING GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Plan to attend the Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women at Southern Heights Presbyterian Church in Lincoln on April 22nd from 9 AM-12:30 PM. Register by April 12 (lunch is \$8.00) Registration forms are in the Narthex.

## MISSION TRIP

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is busy working on flood recovery in Louisiana. If you would be interested in participating in a mission trip to Louisiana in the spring of 2017, please contact Karen Griffin Sieber or Leanne Miller. All those interested in going will work together to plan and schedule the trip.



## DON'T FORGET TO SPRING AHEAD!

Do not miss church!  
 Remember to set your clocks  
 ahead one hour on  
**March 12th!**



## CALVIN CREST SUMMER CAMP

Summer schedules fill up quickly, and so do camp spots. Be a hero to your kids or grand

kids and carve out a week for them to spend some time outside in a great location. Please visit [www.calvincrest.org](http://www.calvincrest.org) for more information. There is also a flyer posted on the bulletin board.

## WANTED: FOOD PANTRY WORKERS

The mission committee has volunteered to staff several upcoming food distributions at the Eastridge Food Pantry. We are looking for 3-4 people to assist from 3:00-6:00 pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 15
- Wednesday, April 19
- Wednesday, May 17

A sign-up sheet is posted on the Mission bulletin board in the narthex. Training will be provided by Eastridge volunteers at the beginning of each shift.

## PER CAPITA FOR 2017 IS \$39.25 PER MEMBER

In 2017 our per capita assessment is \$5,769.75. So far we have received \$1,547.75. Thanks to all who donate their \$39.25 above & beyond their general giving!

## USHERS ARE NEEDED

Ushers are needed for worship on a weekly basis. Please consider volunteering your time. You may sign up with the Head Usher or contact the church office. We appreciate your help!

## LENTEN CHALLENGE

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

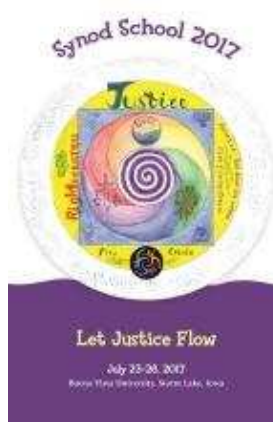
- Bringing our Cents-Ability cans of coins to church on Sunday, February 26
- Attending the pancake supper prior to Ash Wednesday services on March 1, 5:30-6:30 – freewill donations to the Food Pantry
- Bringing at least one non-perishable food item each Sunday during Lent

We aren't asking anyone to "give up" anything for Lent – instead we are asking people to "give" to help the hungry in our community!

## HOMESTEAD PRESBYTERY REPORT

Homestead Presbytery met on February 18 at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. All of the General Assembly Amendments were approved by Homestead Presbytery, and Deb DeMeester from the Synod of Lakes and Prairies was present to provide required training on boundaries. In addition to committee reports it was announced that the Rev. Teresa Bartlett's installation service will be held at the Wayne Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, March 5 at 3:00 PM. Please visit the presbytery website [www.Homesteadpres.org](http://www.Homesteadpres.org) or sign up to receive *The Homesteader* or *Running Notes* to keep up with what is happening in our presbytery.

## SYNOD SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Synod School will take place at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA from July 23-28. Course Catalogs are available in the Narthex. An intergenerational atmosphere offers excellent programs for children and youth in mission, as well as study and fellowship. Childcare for infants and toddlers is also offered. There

are \$50 scholarships for the first 64 first-timers offered as well. You can visit the Synod's web site [www.lakesandprairies.org](http://www.lakesandprairies.org) Registration is online beginning March 1 ([www.regonline.com/Synod-School-2017](http://www.regonline.com/Synod-School-2017)) however, the registration forms can also be submitted by mail or email to the Synod office.

## EASTER EGG HUNT CANDY NEEDED



Donations of wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt would be greatly appreciated. Please leave any donations that you have in the church office.

## DUC POND (YOUTH GROUP NEWS)

Mark your calendars now & plan ahead! The DUCs Retreat will be at Camp Ashland, March 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Patty Wahlgren or Andy Singaas for more information on this or other youth group events

# LECTIONARY FOR MARCH

March 5<sup>th</sup>-Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

March 12<sup>th</sup>-Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

March 19<sup>th</sup>-Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

March 26<sup>th</sup>-1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

## SAVE THESE DATES

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**-DUCS meeting at 3:30 PM

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**-Palm/Passion Sunday

**April 13<sup>th</sup>**-Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 PM

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**-Easter

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**-Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering at Southern Heights

**April 24-25<sup>th</sup>**-Church Growth Leadership Summit at Westminster

**April 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>**-Peacemaking Workshop at First United Methodist Church

**May 18<sup>th</sup>**-Homestead Presbytery meeting in Schuyler, NE

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**-Synod School

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**DEADLINE FOR THE  
NEXT HERALD**



March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Items received after

this date may not be included!