

# THE HERALD



*From the Pastor:*

*November 2016*

With November almost here, our thoughts turn to the holiday season, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. There will be family gatherings with way too much good food, and holiday parties with friends, co-workers, families, and neighbors. For some, this might be the only time of the year that we see some of our relatives, our cousins, uncles and aunts. All the festivities can make for a joyous time of the year. But we must also be aware that for some, it is not a time of celebration for many reasons.

Of course we begin the holiday season with Thanksgiving. It is a season of gratitude. We are hearing about stores that will NOT be open on Thanksgiving Day. Burlington, Lowes, Menards, Office Depot and Office Max, Petsmart, Staples, and Sam's Club have all announced that they will not be open on Thanksgiving Day. I am grateful that many stores have opted not to be open. This allows their employees to spend the day with families and friends. I am also grateful that I do not go shopping on black Friday!

Gratitude is a characteristic that we all should possess and express. As Christians we believe that all that we have is a gift from God. We are to be thankful for the gift of life and for all God's gifts that sustain lives, for food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education. We are to be thankful for God's redemption, that God loves us. Many of us, including myself, take God's gifts for granted. Some have a sense of entitlement to God's gifts. They feel they deserve what they have and are proud of their own accomplishments. Many do not acknowledge that God is generous. They have a bootstrap mentality, thinking they can lift themselves up by their own bootstraps, negating God's intervention in our lives.

Some have difficulty being grateful for they see what they do not have. They compare themselves with others. They don't have as big a house as a relative has, or as new a car as a co-worker, or cannot afford to wear the stylish clothes their friends wear. Many have this sense of scarcity, that there simply is not enough to go around. When we live with the paradigm of scarcity, we compete and strive to make sure we get our share, if not more than our share. We are more concerned about making sure we have what we need and want, while ignoring the needs of others. 80% of the world's people live on less than \$10 a day. 22,000 children die each day due to poverty. This world that God created has enough resources to provide for all of God's people to enjoy. We can live with a sense of gratitude.

Perhaps we need to remember the words of refrain of the old hymn, *Count Your Blessings* (written in 1897 by Johnson Oatman, Jr.):

Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
Count your blessings, see what God has done!  
Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

I like the last two lines of the first verse:

Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

In this season of thanksgiving, surprise yourself, "Count your blessings, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

*Raymond A. Meester*



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 02 Kirk Schjodt
- 03 Preston Pierce
- 04 Carolyn Pester
- 05 Kelly Jack
- 07 LaVerne Whitmarsh
- 09 Mike Lagueux
- 10 Denise Lagueux
- 10 E. Jean Strobe
- 11 Jim Pester
- 12 Ariel Weyers
- 14 Lorraine Een
- 18 Nita Babcock
- 19 Emily Crouch
- 20 Jay Weyers
- 22 Virginia Dzerk
- 25 Kennedy Hunzeker
- 27 Delia Thompson
- 28 Gina Meester



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 07 Chuck & Linda Clark
- 19 Mike & Denise Lagueux

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

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

BEST CHOICE



Thanks to everyone who has helped with our Cartridges for Kids fundraiser! This fundraiser is ongoing, but the rules of the program have changed slightly. Accepted inkjet cartridge brands are Canon, Dell, HP and Lexmark. However, if you're not sure, just drop them off and we'll sort them. We have to have a minimum shipment before we can send them in, so no funds have been redeemed yet. We are awaiting a redemption check for our last submission of UPC symbols. Keep saving them! Each Best Choice UPC nets 3 cents for our Youth! Thanks for supporting the DUCs!!

### GIVE YOURSELF TIME!

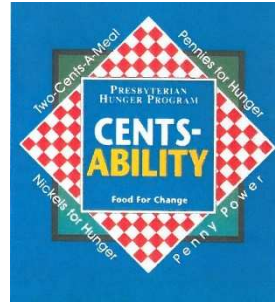
You may need to allow extra time to get to church on Sun., Nov. 6 due to the Good Life Halfsy Race.

## HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

*Congratulations to new  
Heritage Birthday Club Member  
Haylea Lowe*



Consider renewing or joining Heritage's Birthday Club. Donations (usually 1 dollar per year of life) are made to our endowment fund. These gifts will be used to ensure that our ministry can continue in the future.



### Cents-Ability

The Cents-Ability collection collected on October 9th totaled \$191.28 for the Presbyterian Hunger Fund. Additional items and money were donated to the Eastridge Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!



### COFFEE CORNER

Please purchase fair traded items such as coffee, tea, olive oil, and chocolate in our Coffee Corner. Remember: Your purchase of these products helps support small farmers and their communities.

### SAVE THESE DATES

- November 6<sup>th</sup>**- Daylight Savings Time ends  
Dedication of Heart of Heritage (Stained Glass)  
All Saints' Day Remembrance during Worship  
Taco del Fiesta & Silent Auction Mission Fundraiser
- November 8<sup>th</sup>**- Election Day
- November 9<sup>th</sup>**- Potluck at 6:00 PM followed by presentation of the movie "God's Not Dead" in Gibson Room at 6:30 PM
- November 19<sup>th</sup>**- DUCs meet at 3:30 PM
- November 20<sup>th</sup>**- Hanging of the Greens
- December 18<sup>th</sup>**- Choir Cantata and Children's program during Worship
- December 24**- Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion at 5:30 PM

### UPCOMING DUCs EVENTS

- Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>**- Helping with Fiesta del Taco
- Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12<sup>th</sup>**- Optional "Fear Not" Youth Retreat at Camp Calvin Crest
- Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>**- Helping with reception following worship
- Saturday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**- DUCs meeting 3:30-8:30 (watch emails for possible time change)

## 2016 CROP WALK



Thanks to our 16 Heritage Walkers: Sharon Cape; Ben, Katrina, Wade, & Wyatt Kendle; Ramona & Ray Meester; Leanne & Sydney Miller; Andy Singsaas; David, Dawn, Delia & Dexter Thompson; Elisabeth & Patty Wahlgren. With your generous support, we raised \$568.00 in this year's CROP Hunger Walk. Since 1997 we have raised over \$13,000 to raise awareness and provide direct support to those in need in Lincoln and around the world.

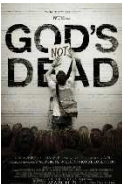
## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Circle will meet on November 1<sup>st</sup> in the Gibson Room at 10:00 AM.

All women are welcome even if you have not come before.

## JOIN US FOR MOVIE NIGHT!



Wednesday, November 9th we will be having a movie night featuring the movie "God's Not Dead" There will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM and the movie will start at 6:30 PM in the Gibson Room.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

Thanks to all who donated to this year's Peace & Global Witness Offering. The offering's theme, *Come to the Table of Peace*, invited all of us to be a part of the work for peace in our world. We raised \$425.00. 25% of that total will be donated to St. Monica's, a local behavioral health treatment organization dedicated to serving women.

## CONGRESSIONAL MEETING

At the Congregational Meeting following Worship October 16 the following people were elected to serve on the nominating committee: Jane Bitney, Jackie Smith, Deb Kendle, and Lew Sieber.



## ALL SAINTS' DAY BANNER

The All Saints' banner is located in the Narthex. You may add a bell with a red ribbon to the banner to remember a loved one who has passed away. Please add the name of the deceased person you are remembering to the list when you add a bell to the banner. Names received by Wed., Nov. 2 will be printed in the Nov. 6 bulletin insert.



## HAT & MITTEN DRIVE

Winter is approaching which means cold weather is right around the corner. We would love to help others get through the colder months by donating hats and mittens to Randolph Elementary School. Please place your donations in the crate in the Narthex.

## INTERESTED IN SERVING HERITAGE IN A DIFFERENT WAY?

Do you want to represent your church family in the affairs of the church? The nominating committee is looking for three individuals to join the Session. If you are interested and would like more information talk to any Session member or email Robyn Mason at [robynkt@gmail.com](mailto:robynkt@gmail.com).



## FIESTA DEL TACO & SILENT AUCTION

The mission Committee invites you to join them Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM for Fiesta del Taco & Silent Auction. This fundraiser will benefit various mission activities as well as the DUCs. The cost for the taco bar is only \$5! Any donations for the silent auction need to be given to Leanne Miller ASAP. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are able to donate any items toward the taco bar.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Rev. Mr. Dennis Hett is leading the Adult Sunday School class. This class meets Sundays at 9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to attend at any time as perfect attendance is not required.

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**DEADLINE FOR THE  
NEXT HERALD**



November 21st

Items received after

November 21<sup>th</sup> may not be included

**Please refer to the online calendar for upcoming events.**

## **Lectionary for November:**

**November 6<sup>th</sup>**—Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21; Psalms 98; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

**November 13<sup>th</sup>**—Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

**November 20<sup>th</sup>**—Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79 Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**—Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalms 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Remember to set your clocks back!**

