

# THE HERALD



## ***From the Pastor:***

***September 2016***

Starting on September 4, I begin a series of sermons which will go through until the first Sunday of Advent (November 27, 2016). I am using a new resource called, *A Preacher's Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series*. The series will be "Christ's followers are known not as much by what they believe as what they do."

| <b>Date</b>        | <b>Sermon Title</b>                          | <b>Scripture</b>   | <b>Theme</b>  |
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| September 4, 2016  | Disciples Take Faith Seriously               | Luke 14:25-33      | Move beyond nominal Christianity.                           |
| September 11, 2016 | Disciples Seek People for Christ and Church  | Luke 15:1-10       | Evangelize with Integrity.                                  |
| September 18, 2016 | Disciples Resist Greed                       | Luke 16:1-13       | Love God more than money.                                   |
| September 25, 2016 | Disciples Practice Generosity                | 1 Timothy 6a:6-19  | Practice generous financial stewardship.                    |
| October 2, 2016    | Disciples Take their Faith Home.             | 2 Timothy 1:1-14   | Disciples take their faith home.                            |
| October 9, 2016    | Disciples Make the Best of "Babylon"         | Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 | Redeem our current circumstances.                           |
| October 16, 2016   | Disciples Live with Hope                     | Jeremiah 31:27-34  | Our hope is based on God's omnipotence                      |
| October 23, 2016   | Disciples Don't Judge                        | Luke 18:9-14       | Leave judgment to God                                       |
| October 30, 2016   | Disciples Practice Radical Hospitality       | Luke 19:1-10       | Extend God's welcome to all                                 |
| November 6, 2016   | Disciples Affirm Resurrection Hope           | Ephesians 1:11-23  | Celebrate All Saints' Day                                   |
| November 13, 2016  | Disciples Take Their Faith Public            | Isaiah 65:17-25    | Faith impacts both the personal realm and the public realm. |
| November 20, 2016  | Disciples Give Ultimate Allegiance to Christ | Colossians 1:11-20 | Make Christ the center of everything.                       |

There will probably be a Sunday or two that I am off during this time, so the pulpit supply will more than likely not follow the series.

I hope you will read the Scripture passage during the week before. Read it each day and reflect on that passage. Tell your friends and neighbors. They may be interested in hearing some of these sermons.

I would appreciate your input on what you liked or did not like about a series of sermons.

*Raymond A. Meester*

***On Sunday, September 11 (10:30 AM), We will be celebrating communion and dedicating our beautiful stained glass windows. Please also plan to stay for a pot luck dinner in our Fellowship Hall following worship.***



## September Birthday Greetings

- 01 John Dzerk
- 01 Bridget Sexton
- 08 Lacey Smith
- 09 Gary Cooper
- 12 Mary Lund
- 14 Linda Stansberry
- 16 Debbie Kendle
- 18 Samantha Griffin
- 22 JoAnne Lahm
- 23 Jackie Smith
- 24 Jacob Bahr
- 24 Ilah Singaas
- 24 Mason Smith
- 25 Pat Zink



## September Anniversaries

- 01 Larry & Melinda Brage
- 03 Ken and Diane Olsen
- 12 Fred & Jeanne Bonnet
- 13 Jim & Carolyn Pester
- 15 Gene & Ilah Harmon
- 20 Bruce Snyder & Jan Crouch
- 22 Scott & Candice Minks
- 25 George & Loretta Neill

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



### OUR SYMPATHY TO...

the family of Ruby O'Mara (former Fairhill church member) who died August 15. And to Bev Traudt whose Aunt Esther Spomer Heine died recently.

Please update prayer requests with Marilyn Smith or the church office weekly.

### Ongoing Youth Fundraisers

**Reminder to save Best Choice UPCs.** They may be placed in the box at the back of the church. We receive 3 cents for each UPC we redeem. As of this printing we have received a total of

\$2,037.00 for our youth program. **And Used Printer cartridges** are also being collected which will be redeemed for money for the youth.

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## HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB

*Congratulations to renewing and new Heritage Birthday Club Members  
Alan Shuman, Eunice Sintek,  
Raymond Meester, & Ilah Harmon*



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.

### Thank You!

Received 8/3/2016

Dear Heritage Faith Family-

We deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy and your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

In His Love,

Candice and Scott Minks.

Received 7/14/2016

For the prayers, concern, cards, and calls, Gene and I say a sincere "thankyou". After his fall with 8 broken ribs and pneumonia, recovery is slow.

Gene and Ilah Harmon



**Lincoln's Annual CROP Hunger Walk**  
*...will be Sunday*

*afternoon, October 9.*

Walkers from our church are needed to draw attention to hunger issues in our community and the world. Last year Heritage had 15 walkers and raised \$566.00. Please consider joining your Heritage friends this year. The walk is approximately 3 miles and will take place "{rain or shine"! Names of heritage walkers will be posted and included in upcoming Sunday bulletins. If you are unable to walk with us, you can still help by sponsoring walkers with a financial gift & including them in your prayers. Contact Ramona Meester for more information or to register for the walk.

### Congratulations to Tylor & Shalene



Shepard who welcomed their new son, Rylan John on August 18. He was 6 pounds 11 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long. He joins older sister Haleigh. Grandparents are John & Nancy Weyers. Great Grandparents are Bob & Phyllis Foreman. Many other relatives also attended Heritage.

## Presbyterian Women

Circle will resume on September 6<sup>th</sup> in the Gibson Room at 10:00 a.m. We will be studying John 10:

*Listening for the Shepherd's Voice.*

All women are invited to join us in this Bible Study

### THANK YOU, Heritage, for your wonderful support of our summer Mission projects!

- 76 items were delivered to the Food Pantry in July
- A clean-up bucket and three hygiene kits will be donated to the PDA from Heritage
- Numerous items (pots, jars, utensils) were donated to the church kitchen
- Randolph School will have an extra supply of pencils/paper/Kleenex for use by their students

### SUMMER BINGO



Thank you to all who participated in our 2016 summer BINGO game! We hope you enjoyed “putting an X” on all the activities that you or your family already do for the church and

for our local or national community. Or maybe it was a little bit of encouragement to give a little more! Whatever the reason, the mission committee thanks you for following in the footsteps of Jesus to **LOVE ONE ANOTHER** as he has loved us!

### PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

This year’s theme for the Peace & Global Witness Offering is *Come to the Table of Peace*. The Mission Committee invites you to join us as we work for peace in our world. This offering provides a concrete way to contribute to the work of peacemaking in our communities, region, and world. The mission committee has set a goal of raising \$500.00, with our congregation’s 25% share to be directed to St. Monica’s. Offering envelopes are enclosed in printed newsletters and available in the church pews or from an usher.

Join us in daily peace reflections and prayers by visiting [www.pcusa.org/seasonofpeace](http://www.pcusa.org/seasonofpeace)

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT HERALD**



Articles received in the office after 9:00AM September 19 may not be included in the October Newsletter.

## SAVE THESE DATES

**October 9** – *Come to the Table Sunday*: bring your coins for the Cents Ability collection or food items for the Food Pantry and stay for a potluck dinner after worship as we focus on the problem of hunger in our community and world

**October 9** – Lincoln’s Annual CROP/Hunger Walk  
**October – November** – Hat & Mitten Drive for Randolph School

**November 6** – Taco del Fiesta & Silent Auction Mission Fundraiser

Our apologies that there was no newsletter published in July. We bid farewell to Jody Hines on June 30 and wish her well. The Human Resources Committee along with Pastor Ray are in the process of hiring a new administrative assistant. Thanks to Ramona Meester for filling in as a “temporary” assistant.

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### “Who picks the music for worship?”

That is a question I am often asked. I do! The Directory for Worship, which is one section of the Presbyterian Church’s *Book of Order* (constitution) says: “The teaching elder as pastor has certain responsibilities which are not subject to the authority of session. In a particular service of worship, the pastor is responsible for ... the music to be sung” (W-1.4005a (4)).

I do try to choose music that the congregation knows. If it is a new song, I try to pick those that are easier to learn. I choose the music based on the Scripture readings for that day and the theme of the sermon. I also try to be careful that the words of the hymn are theologically appropriate. I realize that not everyone will like every song. Supposedly, Onward Christian Soldiers is both the most loved of hymns and the most hated of hymns! After worship one Sunday, a church member, greeting the pastor, and commented, “I hated every hymn this morning.” To which the pastor replied, “I did not know we were singing to you.”

However, I know we each have our favorite hymns. If you have some particular hymns you would like for us to sing, please email those to me, or write them on a piece of paper and mail or give it to me. Please don’t tell me after worship, for I guarantee I will forget it! I do ask that the hymn be in our new hymnal, *Glory to God*, or the paper back hymnal, *Sing the Faith*. I will try to do my best in working that hymn into a future worship service.

Pastor Ray

## **JULY 20, 2016 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

- Updates were received on the following building needs: water leak on the north side of fellowship hall, replacing the steps next to the ramp, and replacing some of the outdoor lighting with high-efficiency lights.
- Discussed whether outside groups who use our sanctuary (such as a piano recital) could use the sound system. It was agreed that if they want to use the sound system, they must pay for a sound technician from our church to run the system during the event.
- Approved the DUC's leading worship on August 28, which will include reports from the DUCs about their Triennium experience.
- Whether or not to give a memorial in memory of Jack Rogers was referred to the Mission Committee. Jack Rogers grew up in our church, taught in colleges and seminaries, authored many books, and was moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA). (Note: On August 3 the Mission Committee approved a \$100.00 donation to the mission funds of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in memory of Jack Rogers.)
- Approved regular worship time of 10:30 AM beginning on August 21 with Sunday School also beginning on August 21.

**Next Session Meeting: Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 PM  
in the Gibson Room**

### **Lectionary for September:**

September 4<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

September 11<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 16:1-13

September 18<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 25<sup>th</sup>: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; 91:1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

**Please check the online calendar for the church schedule.**