

THE HERALD



From the Pastor:

August 2017

It is an exciting time for worship in the Presbyterian Church—at least for those of us who consider ourselves “worship nerds!” First of all, there is now a new Directory for Worship in the *Book of Order*, the constitution of the Presbyterian Church. The *Book of Order* is comprised of 4 parts, the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, the Form of Government, the Directory for Worship, and the Rules of Discipline. A few years ago there was a complete rewrite of the Form of Government. It was shortened and made more flexible.

The Directory for Worship:

- describes the theology underlying our worship;
- establishes standards and norms for worship;
- outlines appropriate forms for worship;
- negotiates the relationship between freedom and form;
- suggests possibilities and invites development; and
- encourages the continuing reform of worship.

The Directory for Worship does not provide liturgical texts that are used in worship; rather, it provides the principles by which resources might be ordered and designed.

At the 2016 General Assembly, a new Directory for Worship was presented, approved by the General Assembly, and then sent to the presbyteries for their vote. This change requires a majority of presbyteries to approve it. The presbyteries did approve the new Directory overwhelmingly, and it became effective June 25, 2017. (At last count the vote was 146 in favor, 9 opposed.) The new directory was ten years in development. There were seven principles that guided the directory’s development:

- Uphold essentials of Reformed faith, life and worship.
- Respond to changing contexts and congregations.
- Provide for more flexibility and more diverse expressions.
- Use “we” vs. “they” language for the people of God.
- Streamline contents and make organization more user-friendly.
- Simplify language and make style more accessible.
- Eliminate redundancy and reduce length.
- Enhance the directory’s usefulness as a teaching document.

Second, there will be a new edition of the *Book of Common Worship* available at the General Assembly in 2018 (June 16-23, meeting in St. Louis, Missouri). This book does contain liturgical texts to be used for worship. The current *Book of Common Worship* was published in 1993.

Worship is the central act of Christians. These new resources will continue the liturgical renewal we have been seeing in the church—not just the Presbyterian Church, but all churches—for the last few decades.

Raymond A. Meester



AUGUST BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 01 Cindy Pierce
- 02 Bruce Snyder
- 04 Brian Sexton
- 05 Kay Traudt
- 06 Barbara Duerksen
- 07 Alan Shuman
- 09 Eunice Sintek
- 10 Matthew Robertson
- 11 Scott Minks
- 14 Scott Rogge
- 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 (19 years)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join the Mission Committee after church on August 27 for an ice cream social. Help us celebrate the end of the hot summer and award the prizes for our summer bingo!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome our new members who were publicly received during our worship on July 23. They are

Enrique and Nicole Ramirez, Amanda Easterly, Jennifer Dierks, Randy Smith, and Vivian Jones. We are excited to have them in our fellowship! Additional pictures can be seen on backside of August calendar.



OUR CONDOLENCES

Maxine Wolf, who had been a long time member of Heritage Church before she transferred her membership to Eastridge Presbyterian Church, died on June 12 at the age of 95. She was very faithful in her worship attendance, was an elder and a deacon, active in Presbyterian Women, and sang in the choir. Services were held on June 30 at Roper and Sons Funeral Home by Rev. Dr. Carl Eskridge, with burial at Crown Hill Cemetery, Madison, Nebraska.



BAPTISM

Rylan John, son of Tylor and Shalene Shepard, received the sacrament of baptism on June 25, 2017. He is the great-grandson of Bob and Phyllis Foreman, and grandson of Jay and Nancy Weyers, and related to many others in our congregation! Additional pictures can be seen on backside of August calendar.

BEST CHOICE



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

We currently have 414 Best Choice UPC's towards the 1,000 needed for our next redemption. Thanks to all who continue to save them to help raise funds for our youth. Reminder: Only Best Choice UPCs can be redeemed. No other UPCs are accepted.



HERITAGE FREecycle

Heritage will be having another Freecycle event on Sunday, August 13 at 9:30 AM.

Please bring items that you would like to give away and place them on the table in Fellowship Hall.

Anyone can take what they want or need. **Please take home any items which you brought that remain at noon or when you leave.**

CHOIR DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Heritage Choir Members: Please join us Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 PM as we work with potential candidates for the Choir Director spot. At this time we have two candidates and will allow them each 30 minutes of instruction and 15 minutes for questions. You may want to bring water and sunglasses as it could be warm and sunny in the chancel.



MISSION BINGO!

Have you gotten a BINGO yet? If you have not picked up your own card, you only have a few more weeks left! Check it out to see how many of the 20 different activities

you and/or your family have completed during the summer months. Activities include things you can do at home, at the church or in our community. Some will cost nothing, some will be donations of items, some will ask for donations of money. Hopefully, we have included something for everybody! We will be asking that completed BINGO cards be turned in by Sunday, August 27, at our annual ice cream social. Be sure to turn in your card for a chance to win a prize. The more BINGO's you have the better your chances!

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 3 hygiene kits and 1 cleanup bucket to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- July – School supplies for Randolph school – thank you to all who donated items – the students and teachers will be very appreciative
- August – Food Pantry items – please help us restock the shelves of the food pantry

Thanks again for all your support of our mission projects!

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE JULY 18, 2017 SESSION MEETING

- Pastor Ray noted that the copier bill has decreased due to the new copier lease and that the church will be switching to Spectrum for internet and phone which will be less expensive than the current plan and does not require a contract.
- Drainage issue repairs and landscaping have been completed on north side of church by Lincoln Landscaping with no additional moisture seen in the Fellowship Hall since the repair.
- Moving forward with plans to move the library to the Gibson Room and redecorate the library room. Interested Session members will meet on Saturday, Aug 26, to sort through the books with the books not kept for the library offered to church members on the following Sunday or to be sold on the internet (sale organized by Scott Hunzeker).
- The Human Resources committee has received two resumes for the choir director position. Pastor Ray, Ron Miller and Scott Minks will meet with the candidates on August 9. The candidates will then meet with the choirs on August 16 with the HR Committee making the final decision.
- Due to budget concerns, did not accept/approve either of the two bids for the hardwiring of the projection system.
- Approved the bid from Capitol Heating and Air Conditioning to replace the twin air conditioners in the sanctuary for \$7440.00 using monies from the Trust fund. Replacement was needed since one of the air conditioners had quit working and it was felt that the unit was too old to repair.
- Approved the vacation request of Pastor Ray for August 1-7, 2017.
- Approved renewing the Facility Use Agreement with the American Red Cross to use the church building as a shelter or other service delivery site during a disaster.
- Accepted the resignation of Robyn Mason from the Session and the Generosity Committee. It was decided to leave the Session position vacant until January 2018.



LOOKING AHEAD

Communion will be celebrated on August 13

BAPTISM OF RYLAN JOHN SHEPARD - JUNE 25, 2017



RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS/BAPTISM - JULY 23, 2017



LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST

August 6 – Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 – Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 – Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

August 27 – Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

SAVE THESE DATES

September 10th – Sunday School begins

September 19th – Session meets

September 22-23rd – Women's Retreat at Camp Calvin Crest

October 8th – Lincoln's Annual CROP Hunger Walk

October 29th – Reformation Sunday

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

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August 21, 2017
may not be included
in September Herald