

THE HERALD



From the Pastor:

May 2017

The church relies on volunteers to be able to carry out its mission and ministry. There are many various activities that are performed by volunteers. These include Sunday School teachers and our youth group sponsors, people who sing in our choir, participate in the bell choir, operate the sound system and the projector during worship, and coordinate decorating the church with Easter lilies and poinsettias. We need ushers and liturgists for worship. There are those who prepare communion, serve communion, and those who tidy the sanctuary each week. People serve on committees, pull out weeds, plant flowers, and trim the shrubs. We have volunteers who fold the newsletters and bulletins, create and maintain our website, replace light bulbs and do light maintenance. There are those who prepare the coffee and host the coffee corner each Sunday, and help with potlucks and other dinners in the kitchen. One volunteer comes in weekly to change the sign board message and to gather the recycles. We have people who visit our shut-ins, coordinate our prayer chain, and provide transportation for worship and other events. We need people to count the offerings and do the bookkeeping.

I am intentionally trying to include many of the tasks to give you some idea of the vast number of things that are done in our church by volunteers. I am sure I missed some of the tasks done by volunteers, and I apologize if I missed one you are doing. If we had no volunteers, we could not even begin to be in ministry and mission! Can you imagine what it would cost us if we had to pay each of our volunteers? Again, we could not even begin to be in ministry and mission. I truly appreciate the work that each of you do for the church, no matter how big or little it may seem to you.

The church is the body of Christ, and this means that all the members and participants of the church are important and play their part. There are no tasks that are more important or less needed than others. Paul wrote about this in his First Letter to the Corinthians, and his imagery is almost comical. He compared the body of Christ to the human body and no part of the body can think other parts are not necessary or needed. Parts of the body cannot say to another part of the body, "We don't need you," nor can the foot say, "Because I am not an ear, the body does not need me." (Read 1 Corinthians 12.) The body of Christ, the church, needs each member, with each member doing their part.

Volunteerism is a part of our stewardship. We are to be stewards of both our possessions and our time. We need your financial contributions to pay our bills. When we receive a bill from Lincoln Electric System or the insurance company, we cannot reply by saying we had a total of 120 hours of volunteer time given to the church last week and ask that those volunteer hours pay the bill! Volunteerism is one part of our stewardship.

If you would like to volunteer, please let the church office know!

Raymond A. Meester

Have you thought about including heritage church in your estate planning?

On April 17, we received a check of \$20,000 from the estate of Marion Kantner, a long-time member of Heritage Church. This represents part of the proceeds Heritage will be receiving from her estate. We will be receiving more in the future, but do not know what the total will be. These funds will be placed in our Endowment Fund. We will keep you informed as we receive the funds. Her estate plan will go a long way to keep the mission and ministry of Heritage Church going for years to come.



MAY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 03 Larry Tombs
- 05 Gene Harmon
- 07 Dexter Thompson
- 10 Emily Broeder
- 10 Mason Pierce
- 12 Dennis Hett
- 12 Christie Werner
- 13 Wade Kendle
- 14 John Gibson
- 14 Audrey Schneider
- 15 Arnold Wells
- 18 Lief Tomas
- 19 Sonia Colberg
- 19 Scott Hunzeker
- 19 Ella Lowe
- 21 Randall Strope
- 22 Candice Minks
- 22 Cynthia Smetter
- 26 Ruth Hunzeker
- 26 Ryan Miller
- 28 Norm Zink
- 29 Isabella Kendle

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 & renewing
Heritage Birthday Club Members:
Greg Mason**

Consider renewing or joining Heritage's
Birthday Club.

Donations (usually 1 dollar per year of
life) are made to our endowment fund.



ANNIVERSARIES

- 05 Mark & Rebecca Smith
- 07 Jim & Stephanie Newman
- 10 Willis & Barbara Duerksen
- 24 Ron & Leanne Miller
- 26 Harvey & Kay Traudt (56th)

BAPTISM



Piper Jean and Jemma Lynn received the sacrament of baptism on Easter Sunday, April 16. We welcome the newly baptized. Parents are Robyn and Greg Mason.



COFFEE CORNER

Need a Mother's Day gift? Stop by our Coffee Corner to pick up "Proud Mama" coffee (other varieties available), a chocolate bar, tea or olive oil for the special mom in your life. All products are Fair Trade.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who donated lovely Easter lilies in memory or in honor of loved ones. They always make our sanctuary more beautiful as we celebrate the season of Easter.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle will meet May 2 at 10:00 AM in the Gibson Room. We invite all women to join, even if you have not attended before.

WOMAN'S RETREAT

Sue Nelson is planning a Woman's retreat. The retreat will take place at Camp Calvin Crest September 22-23. The cost of the trip is dependent on room occupancy. A single room is \$105/pp, a double room is \$90/pp, and a triple room is \$85/pp (includes all meals). Kathy Little will be the guest speaker for the event. If you are interested in signing up for the retreat, or would like more information please contact Sue Nelson.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United will meet May 5 at Christ United Methodist Church. Fellowship and coffee will begin at 9:30 AM with the program starting at 10:15 AM. This month's topic is - May Friendship Day "Kindling New Fires of Love."

WANTED: FOOD PANTRY WORKERS

If you would be willing to give a couple of hours to help others, please consider volunteering to assist with Wednesday food distributions at the Eastridge Food Pantry. We are in need of volunteers to help 3:00-6:00 pm on the following dates:

- Wednesday, May 17
- Wednesday, June 21

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.

BEST CHOICE



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

We are still awaiting our check for \$90.00 and are saving UPCs for our next redemption. Keep saving Best Choice UPCs! Each Best Choice UPC nets 3 cents for our Youth! Thanks to all who continue to support this mission and to Sonia Colberg for her help in cutting and counting many UPC labels!

LENTEN CHALLENGE UPDATE



Feeding the Community

The mission committee would like to THANK everyone who donated non-perishable food or personal items during our Lenten Food Pantry Challenge. A total of 190 items were brought to the church for an average of 27 items per week. Thank you for accepting the challenge!

SYNOD SCHOOL

It is not too late to register for Synod School, which will take place at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA from July 23-28. Course Catalogs are available on the bulletin board or in the Coffee Corner.

You can visit the Synod's web site www.lakesandprairies.org

Registration began online on March 1 (www.regonline.com/Synod-School-2017)

Registration forms may also be submitted by mail or email to the Synod office.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thank you to all who joined with millions of other

Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Together, our gifts will:

- 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.
- Heritage will be forwarding \$535.00 to our national church for this offering. We did not meet our goal of \$600.00, but we give our heartfelt thanks to all who gave!

DUCS (YOUTH GROUP NEWS)

The DUCs will meet on May 20 at 3:30 PM. Remember to watch for any emails in regards to date or time changes.

MOTHER'S DAY DONATIONS – MAY 14

We will continue our Mother's Day tradition of donating items to help other mothers in our community who need a little extra help and encouragement. This year the items will be donated to CEDARS Healthy Families Program. Items most in need are diapers, diaper rash creams, wipes, sippy cups, infant sunscreen, baby spoons, diapers or money.

WILLS AND WAFFLES

Thanks to Minner Serovy, representative for the Presbyterian Foundation and to Andrew Loudon, moderator of Homestead Presbytery's Planned Giving Task Force and a Trusts & Estates attorney with the Lincoln law firm of Baylor, Evnen for their presentation on wills and financial planning. We are hoping to have them back another time for those who missed this informative presentation.



RETURNING FOR SUMMER 2017 MISSION BINGO!

Join the fun this summer with the Mission Committee's BINGO game! BINGO cards will be available on May 21 -- see how many of the 20 different activities you and/or your family can complete 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! At the end of the summer, turn in your card for a chance to win a prize. The more BINGO's you have the better your chances!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Please plan to join us for a Congregational meeting following the worship on May 7 to make some changes in the by-laws. You can find the revisions on line at

<http://www.heritagepres.org/session.html> .

If you would like a paper copy sent to you, please call the church office, and one will be sent. The revisions are in red. That which is to be added is in red and underlined. That which is to be deleted is in red with a strikethrough.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PENTECOST

INVESTING IN OUR GREATEST RESOURCE

The Pentecost Offering is all about helping young people begin life with a strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering unite young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. This offering will be received until Pentecost Sunday on June 4. Forty percent of this offering can be directed by individual congregations to youth programs in their church or community. This year the mission committee has chosen to direct this portion to the Heritage DUC's so that they can continue to provide activities to the youth of our church. Please use the enclosed Pentecost offering envelope for your donations to this special offering.

Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEER ROCOGNITION LUNCHEON

The 2017 Heritage Session would like to invite you to join us for a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon following worship and the congregational meeting on May 7. We would like to treat everyone to a light lunch who is or has been in the choir, a Sunday School teacher, committee member, usher, worship leader, a supporter of any of our mission projects or if you have helped the church in any way! We want to thank everyone who has helped make Heritage the special place that it is!

THE EASTER EGG HUNT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!



Thanks to our DUCs and all who helped with this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Special thanks to all who cooked and served the hot dog lunch, to Penguin Pit Stop for providing cotton candy, to Jeanne Bonnett for face painting, to Bruce Hunzeker for twisting balloons, and to the Easter Bunny for posing for pictures.

DON'T FORGET: PER CAPITA FOR 2017 IS \$39.25 PER MEMBER

Per Capita helps support the regional, national, and global ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This greatly helps us to meet our budget.

GRADUATION TIME IS HERE, TIME TO CELEBRATE!



Everyone is invited to help celebrate the graduation of Adriana Miller from Lincoln High School on Saturday May 27 from 2-4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY FOR MAY

May 7 – Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-35; John 10:1-10

May 14 – Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

May 21 - Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20, 1Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

May 28- Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

SAVE THESE DATES

June 4th – Pentecost Special Offering will be received

July 23rd - 28th-Synod School

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

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS (MARCH 21, 2017)

- Approved replacing the current Solution One copier lease with Marco which would provide a Konica copier similar to the current copier. The change in the lease is estimated to save the church about \$25 or more a month.
- Sue Nelson was approved as the church liaison with Gina Meester while Gina is attending seminary.
- Approved the Finance Team's recommendation to authorize a financial review of the church to be completed by several members of the Finance Team and Cheryl Rennick, the Business Administrator at Westminster Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery treasurer.
- Approved suggested changes to the church bylaws to bring to the congregation for their vote at a congregational meeting on May 7th.

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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT HERALD**

May 21, 2017

Items received after

this date may not be included!