

THE HERALD



From the Pastor:

September 2017

The white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, was another reminder that racism continues in our nation. We are still dealing with the controversy of white police officers killing African Americans. Racial profiling by the police is a concern.

As Christians we believe there is one family of God, and we are all members of the one family. There is one race, the human race. God created a diverse people and God's diversity is to be celebrated. Hatred and racism are sins. There is no place for racism, hatred, or white supremacy.

Unfortunately, the church, at least part of the church, supported slavery, and participated in segregation. By 1815, Presbyterians declared slavery to be "inconsistent with the Gospel." The southern Presbyterian church separated in 1861 and became known as the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUS). The controversy over slavery was one factor causing the split. Some leaders in that denomination supported slavery and believed that for African Americans slavery was their lot in life. Like most of the institutions in the south, many churches participated in segregation and the Jim Crow laws following the end of the Civil War. Churches and presbyteries were segregated. In 1943 the PCUS declared that all commissioners to the General Assembly should be treated equally regardless of color. We need to remember that racism was not limited to the former confederate states. In 1983, over 120 years later, the "southern church" and the "northern church" were finally reunited and formed the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The church was involved in the Civil Rights movement. Many of the leaders of the movement were clergy, and many were Presbyterians. But, of course, not all Presbyterians supported the Civil Rights movement. In 1963, there was a statement written by eight white clergy leaders in Birmingham, Alabama, who were critical of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Civil Rights movement. One of the signers was a Presbyterian minister in the PCUS who was the moderator of the Synod of Alabama. However, this minister quickly became supportive of integration which resulted in he and his family receiving death threats and his car's tires were slashed. He was accused of "communist treachery" by a committee within the church.

As you can see, the Presbyterian Church has quite a diverse history concerning slavery, segregation, and the Civil Rights movement. We continue to struggle with racism and diversity. We are a predominantly white denomination. We need to work on becoming more diverse and we need to struggle with the issue of racism both within our church and within our nation.

The Presbyterian Church is in the midst of an ongoing campaign to address racial injustice, and is sharing antiracism resources to better equip the greater church to work against racism. You can find more information at: facing-racism.pcusa.org. The website reads, "Racism is the opposite of what God intends for humanity. It is the rejection of the other, which is entirely contrary to the Word of God incarnate in Jesus Christ. Racism is a lie about our fellow human beings, for it says that some are less than others. Because of our biblical understanding of who God is and what God intends for humanity, the PC(USA) must stand against, speak against, and work against racism."

Raymond A. Meester



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

01 John Dzerk
 01 Bridget Sexton
 08 Lacey Smith
 09 Gary Cooper
 14 Linda Stansberry
 16 Deb Kendle
 18 Samantha Griffin
 23 Jackie Smith
 24 Jacob Bahr
 24 Ilah Singaas
 24 Mason Smith
 25 Pat Zink

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 Alan Shuman & Loretta Neill

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



ANNIVERSARIES

01 Larry & Melinda Brage (55 years)
 03 Ken & Diane Olsen (51 years)
 12 Freddie & Jeanne Bonnett
 12 Ron & Jackie Smith (52 years)
 13 Jim & Carolyn Pester
 15 Eugene & Ilah Harmon (69 years)
 20 Bruce Snyder & Jan Crouch
 22 Scott & Candice Minks
 25 George & Loretta Neill (62 years)



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE!

Emma Traudt, granddaughter of Harvey & Kay Traudt, graduated from Lincoln Southeast High School. She is attending The University of Colorado in Colorado Springs.

BEST CHOICE



We currently have 515 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.**

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



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Circle will resume on September 5 in the Gibson Room at 10:00 a.m. We are on Lesson 19 (John 16:5-15) Secrets of the Spirit. All women are invited to join us in this Bible Study.

WOMAN'S RETREAT

Sue Nelson has planned a Woman's retreat which 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. All meals are included in the cost. Kathy Little will be the guest speaker for the event. If you are interested, please contact Sue Nelson.

THANK YOU, HERITAGE, FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT OF OUR SUMMER MISSION PROJECTS!

- 174 items were delivered to the Food Pantry on August 14
- A clean-up bucket and three hygiene kits will be donated to the PDA from Heritage
- Randolph School will have an extra supply of school supplies – 162 pencils, 18 packs of crayons, 80 markers, 16 highlighters, 55 notebooks, and miscellaneous glue sticks, colored pencils, hand sanitizers and Kleenex



LINCOLN'S ANNUAL CROP WALK

Lincoln's Annual CROP Hunger Walk will be Sunday afternoon, October 8.

Registration packets & promotional materials will be available beginning August 27. Contact Ramona Meester or the Mission Committee for more information or to register.

SUMMER MISSION BINGO!



Thank you to all who participated in our 2017 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. On the other hand, 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 OFFERING

This year’s theme for the Peace & Global Witness Offering is Proclaim the Peace of Christ. The Mission Committee invites you to join

us to be a part of the 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.

“So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.” — Ephesians 2:14-17



WE’RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD SUBS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

On occasion, our regular teachers need to be absent from their

classroom commitments. We need to have people available from September through May. If you would be available to teach a class of elementary aged children, please contact Bev Traudt at 402-489-1973.



GOOD COFFEE FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

The items available in our coffee corner provides a link between our congregation and people in other countries. Visit our coffee corner for fair traded coffee (whole bean and ground), tea, chocolate, and olive oil.



DUC'S YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Our mission projects for 2017 so far includes submitting

417 Box Tops for Education to Randolph Elementary (worth \$41.70), delivering 4,200 pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House, and purchasing a flock of ducks for a family through Heifer International. We will be continuing our mission projects this fall. Thanks to everyone who helps make our mission projects a success!

Sunday School resumes Sept. 10 at 9:15am in the DUCs Room. Our monthly activities for youth in grades 6-12 this fall will be held on SUNDAYS following worship until approximately 2:00pm. Our calendar includes the following upcoming events:

- Bowling outing---Sept. 17th (hot dogs & chips for lunch)
- Board games & CROP Walk---Oct. 8th (pizza for lunch) (*later end time)
- Movie (God's Not Dead 2)---Nov. 12th (tacos for lunch, popcorn with the movie)
- December meeting is TBD.

Watch the website <http://www.heritagepres.org/youth-group.html> and emails for any changes to this schedule. Any questions, ask Patty Wahlgren or Andy Singaas.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Food Pantry is always looking for non-perishable food donations. There are list of needed items available on the table in the Narthex and by the parking lot entrance.



HERITAGE FREECYCLE

Heritage will be having another Freecycle event on Sunday September 17. Please bring items that you would like to give away and place them on the table in Fellowship Hall when you arrive at church. Anyone can take what they want or need. **Please take home any items which you brought that remain at noon or when you leave.**

LOOKING AHEAD



Communion will be celebrated on September 10, October 1, November 26 & December 24.

LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER

September 3 – Exodus 3:1-5; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

September 10 – Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

September 17 – Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 24 – Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philemon 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

SAVE THESE DATES

October-November – Hat & Mitten Drive for Randolph Elementary School

October 8th – Lincoln's Annual CROP Hunger Walk, DUC's meet (board games, CROP walk, pizza lunch)

October 15th – Cents Ability collection

October 29th – Reformation Sunday

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NEXT HERALD**

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