



THE HERITAGE HERALD

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Worship Opportunities & Activities

LENT:

- ♦ Lenten Soup and Spirit will begin on March 5th. We will meet on Thursdays from 6-8 for 5 weeks. We will gather at 6 for a soup supper and 'table talk', but if you can't make it that early, supper will be served until 6:45. Join us when you are able!
 - ♦ This year's program will be 'Finding the Treasure of Heritage Christian Church'. We will be getting to know each other (and ourselves!) better through conversation and fun activities. Contact your elders for more information!
- ♦ Easter Lilies will go on sale on March 8th. Deadline for ordering lilies this year is March 22nd. Please contact Eleanor Warburton for more information: (301) 604-1316

April:

- ♦ Palm Sunday – April 5th Special musical guests and our children will help us prepare for Holy Week.
- ♦ Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 on April 9th. This year we've created a very powerful and dramatic service that you will want to experience!
- ♦ Easter – Sunday, April 12th Don't forget to bring flowers to create our flower cross!



Lectionary Readings for March

March 1 First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17	Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15

March 8 Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38

March 15 Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22

March 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21

March 29 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33

A Caring Congregation

Please email all joys and concerns to the pastor at hamm_laura@yahoo.com or call 240-750-0990 before Thursday so that we can print them in the bulletin.

New Joys and Concerns:

Lenora Few has suffered a resurgence of lung cancer.

Jim Cole's friend and principal member of Southern Maryland, **Frances Rohland**, is battling cancer.

Jean Taylor's MAPS prayer partner **Mary Remein's** mother passed away.

Ginny Hamilton's friend **Peggy Gonzales** is receiving chemotherapy for bone marrow cancer.

Joanne Jamsa is suffering from various health issues.

Curtis Martin has returned home and his wife **Pat** needs continued prayer support.

Pat Carroll's grandson **Mikey** had successful follow-up surgery on February 13.

Alex Saunders' ex-wife Mary had surgery.

Nonniekaye Shelburne's mother, **B J Finch**, was admitted to the hospital with suspected blood stream infection, is doing better and is in town now helping Nonniekaye.

Frank and Jeanne Taylor request prayers for the family of their friend, **John Manzo**, whose mother passed away.

Lori Kaufman's friend, **Terry Miller**, is experiencing health issues but has had good news!

Jean Miller's daughter-in-law, **Son Mi**, is still doing well, thanks to your prayers.

Buffy Stutz has been suffering from an unknown ailment that is causing tremors in her arms and legs.

Buffy's friend **Lori's** husband lost his job in November, her father-in-law needs bypass surgery and she has not been successful in her efforts to become pregnant.

Shirley Canada, Pat Martin's sister, is recovering from surgery.

Ongoing Joys and Concerns:

Michele Cornwell's extended family member, **Tom Howard** has cancer throughout his body and will be on experimental drug therapy, he also lost his job.

Shirley and Joe Bartell, friends of **Sue Reed** face serious health problems.

Alex's ex-wife Mary's mom is struggling with physical and mental stress.

Arlene Franks is doing better but is still in the hospital recovering.

Raymond Thomas and Ivy Rhym, both family of **Vanessa Brown-Seay**, are going through some hard times and need our prayer support.

Master Alvarez, a special needs child whom **Jeanne Taylor** is helping, is having a hard time adjusting to Middle School.

Ginny Hamilton's son **Jim** returned to Iraq on February 4th.

Congratulations to **Lenora Few** on her new 10 pound 8 ounce granddaughter!

Keith Hamilton is joyfully back at work and in an Assistant Manager training program!

Judy Robinson's daughter-in-law's mother **Jane** has been diagnosed with rapid on-set Alzheimer's

Nonniekaye Shelburne's friend **Valerie** needs prayers for putting her life back together as a survivor of domestic violence.

Bill Nelson's stepmother is deeply grieving the loss of her husband.

The wound from **Curtis Martin's** knee surgery is infected.

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Clara Holcomb, sister of **Gloria Hicks**, is in severe pain from fibromyalgia.

Sue Reed's 11 year old cousin, **Laura Nickell**, has aplastic anemia. She will be going to Duke University in February for a bone marrow transplant.

Pat Carroll's grandson, **Mikey Harris** has ongoing health problems from birth.

Bob Snyder, Mike Shelburne's friend was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease.

Fred Detmer, Sue Reed's friend, is on dialysis.

Connie Craven, Alex Saunder's friend has liver cancer.

Pedro Sera, Bruce Cornwell's friend, has lung cancer.

Marian Forney, the Shelburne's friend, has cancer.

Elderly or Homebound:

Alice Hardin, Margaret Moore, Irene Hensel

Deaths

Glenn Dunnivant, Kay Slonaker's uncle.

From the PCCM Counseling Center

--Kathy Kohl, Pastoral Counseling and Care Ministries

In the Lenten season we remember and reflect upon Christ's forty days in the wilderness. We have our own wilderness experiences when we feel the sadness of our lives and struggle with our demons. We, like Jesus, can feel abandoned by God during these times. Many times, we are able to push on during these times, willing them to go away. Nevertheless, we may find ourselves feeling lonely and uncomfortable.

Yet, when we come out of the wilderness, there is often a renewal of energy for us (even if God's resolution of our problem is not what we expect). It is somewhat like childbirth...after the waiting and the labor, we are given a gift. We are resurrected from the darkness and discomfort; we may feel reborn.

God may be asking us to struggle in order that we may truly appreciate the gifts that appear. It is up to us to see the gifts and learning we have received from our wilderness experience. Often, quiet joy is birthed from the struggles of our lives. And it is good.

Our lives are cyclical – ups and downs, struggles and joys. It is the nature of God's good design. If you feel that you are lost in a wilderness time, please ask for help. Find someone to "abide" with you during the difficult times. And if you think counseling might be helpful, please talk with Pastor Laura or contact me in the Counseling Center at 1-888-626-2273, Box 3.

Board of Directors

--Cathy Berlett

The Board met on February 9th. Kathy Kohl attended the meeting and brought us up to date on the Counseling Center which uses the library in Heritage. As a part of her presentation she told us about the client assistance fund other churches have established to support the services she provides to clients who can not pay the full fee they are charged. She requested financial support from Heritage. Our Outreach Committee will review her request and make a recommendation to the Board about supporting the fund.

There is a need for someone to do the minor work and small repairs like replacing light bulbs on an as-needed basis. Our former secretary's husband had been doing those things for us. If you are willing to help out in this way please let Pastor Laura or Cathy know.

Estimates are being finalized by the contractor selected by Bartlett Roofing and their insurance adjuster for the work to repair the inside damage to the building during the roof replacement. We are also obtaining the estimates for the original problems caused by the moisture in the building. This work will include removing all of the wall paper in the choir room and office, cleaning and painting the walls. The ceiling in Pastor Laura's office must be removed. We have also asked for cost estimates to build out and insulate the walls in Pastor Laura's office and the library.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, March 9th.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is chaired by Kristy Petersen, chair of the Elders; Nonniekaye Shelburne as Deacon chair is also a member. Gloria Hicks, Lori Kaufman, and Ginny Hamilton have also agreed to serve. The election of the 2009-2010 officers, Elders, and Deacons will take place in May.

Heritage Giving for February

Pledges - \$11,554

Loose - \$135

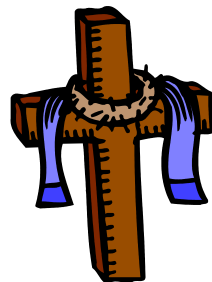
Church Use - \$1,200

Roof Fund - \$925

Roof Fund to date - \$1,563.95

Capital Campaign/Building - \$150

Building Fund [cumulative total]- \$20,392.31



Pastor's Letter

As we enter into the season of Lent this week, we also enter into preparation for Easter. As with Advent, the temptation is to jump past the suffering right to the bunnies and chocolate that Hallmark and CVS would have us believe this season is, ultimately, all about!

But we know differently. We have the stories of faith and perseverance. We have the songs about the suffering savior. We have the expectation that there is more to discover in this season, if we give it the space and time to open up for us.

It is not a journey that we must travel alone, although solitude and silence are important parts of a complete Lenten discipline. There are some daily meditation books on the magazine rack in the entryway for your personal use. An interactive and fun Soup and Spirit will meet each Thursday. Our worship theme for Lent is "Treasure" and we will be exploring what treasures God has given us to guide us along our journey of faith. In addition to these resources, we've book-ended the season with some amazing worship opportunities that you can read about in this newsletter.

Most importantly, as we look toward the season of Lent, let us prepare ourselves to be able to receive the grace that God gives us through the death and resurrection of Christ. Let us prepare for this grace together, as a community of believers who are seeking an ever deeper, closer relationship with God and each other.

Peace be in your hearts this Lenten season,
Pastor Laura

BIRTHDAYS IN March		15	Elizabeth Goshorn
2	Chris White		Richard Turek
5	Chuck Sanders	17	Sophia Sinclair
7	Cheryl Hedgman	18	Mary Sugar
	Adrianna Evanzz	25	Kevin Bennett
9	Lauren Turek	29	Joanne Jamsa
	Janet Ulrich	30	Laura Hamm Peterson
12	Ginny Hamilton		
13	Michael Cornwell		
	Sam Stutz		
		ANNIVERSARIES	
		22	Dede & Richard Turek

News

Flowers for Easter

It's that time of year when we prepare for Easter. Traditionally we commemorate Easter by providing lilies in honor or in memory of friends and relatives. This year we will try something a little different. Lilies do not grow well year-round in this area so we are offering you a choice to either purchase a different plant such as hydrangeas, tulips, hyacinths, azaleas, or mums. These plants would be purchased individually by you, or you may order the traditional lily. In the next week or two an order form will be available for you to indicate whether you will be ordering the traditional lily (5-7 blooms for \$10.00) or buying a separate plant. We are looking forward to everyone taking part in our Easter program.

In addition, we need your cut blooms to make our Easter Cross on Easter Sunday morning.

--Eleanor Warburton & Cathy Berlett

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The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will meet in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 26-August 2. For information and registration go to www.disciples.org or see Pastor Laura.

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Colesville "Meals on Wheels" needs volunteers to deliver meals 5 days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Commitment is flexible. For more information call Sarah Day at 301-384-5735.

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HELP! Our church is desperate for a new television! Our Bible Study class is at our wit's end trying to learn by looking through stripes and straining to hear through fuzzy sound. If you have an old or extra TV at home, or are in the market for a new one, please consider letting us use it, instead of sending it to the landfill. Thanks!

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Note from Siggie:

Dear Pastor Laura and Friends,

My husband and I sincerely enjoyed the service last Sunday. The reception in my honor was such a delight. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing everybody again. I was very saddened by saying "goodbye" to so many wonderful and loving people. Know that I will be praying for you.

Thank you again! Back to packing!

Love and prayers,

Siggie Ogan

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
GREETER	Josh Kelley	Josh Kelley	Mark Grzeszkiewicz	Kevin Bennett	Esco Garner

ACOLYTE	Danny Cornwall	Charlotte Seay	Paige Shelburne	Grace Harvey	Jack Stutz
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WORSHIP LEADER	Vanessa Brown-Seay	Judy Walter	Esco Garner	Lori Kaufman	Joanne Jamsa
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DEACONS	Ginny Hamilton [A]	Bill Nelson [A]	Nonniekaye Shelburne [A]	Ginny Hamilton [A]	Bill Nelson [A]
	Josh Kelley [A]	Josh Kelley [A]	Judy Robinson [A]	Chris White [A]	Josh Kelley [A]
	Kevin Bennett [B]	Esco Garner [B]	Mark Grzeszkiewicz [B]	Kevin Bennett [B]	Esco Garner [B]
	Sam Kaufman [B]	Janet Ulrich [B]	Anna Slonaker [B]	Dennis Stutz [B]	Janet Ulrich [B]

ELDERS	Eleanor Warburton	Vanessa Brown-Seay	Kristy Petersen	Lori Kaufman	Jeanne Taylor
	and Kristy Petersen	and John Slonaker	and Wally Duncan	and Pat Martin	and Eleanor Warburton

CHILDRENS' CHURCH	Nonniekaye Shelburne	Lori Kaufman	Diana Vogelsong	Jeanne Taylor	Kay Slonaker
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SOCIAL HOUR	Pat Martin	Lori Kaufman	Nonniekaye Shelburne	Louada Chisholm	Barbara Turek
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COUNTERS	Cathy Berlett	Sue Reed	Robert Turek	Lori Kaufman	Sue Reed
	and Diana Vogelsong	and Chris White	and Vanessa Brown-Seay	and Andrew Berlett	and Diana Vogelsong

Schedule of Services:

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
 Social Hour: 11:30 a.m.

Pathways Church uses HCC on Sundays
 from 1:30 til 4:00 p.m. and Thursdays from
 7:00 - 10:30 p.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 Elders' Circle	2	3 9:45 a.m. Bible Study	4 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	5 6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup & Spirit	6	7 Salt and Light Conference 9:00-3:00 at National City
8 Daylight Savings Time starts	9 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	10 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00-11:30 a.m. Prayer Group	11 6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	12 6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup & Spirit	13	14
15 Newsletter articles due	16 6:30 p.m. Elders' Circle	17 9:45 a.m. Bible Study	18 7:30 p.m. MAPS 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Choir Practice	19 6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup & Spirit	20	21
22	23	24 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00-11:30 a.m. Prayer Group	25 6:30-7:15 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice	26 6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup & Spirit	27	28
29	30	31 9:45 a.m. Bible Study				