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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear members and friends,

I hope that all is well for you and your families in the New Year. There have already been a lot of changes and we can probably expect many more. I'm sure many of you have made, and broken, New Year resolutions. Well, resolutions come and go. How about making a resolution that you can keep? Not exactly a resolution, but more of a promise that your family will "Renew" their Faith and Commitment to God and to their church!

Make it a habit to attend at least two church services every month. It will be time well spent. We all have very busy lives, but, it is in our best interest to put God before **anything** else. To show Him that He comes first in our lives. Sports, instruments, vacations, and resting, YES, resting, can wait. God shouldn't have to.

Many people feel as though they hold church in their hearts and homes, but there is nothing that can replace fellowshiping with members of your congregation. Nothing compares to being in the company of others who believe in and love God.

If you have children, bring them to Sunday School! You know they love it! Maybe you can even volunteer to be a teacher on one or two of the Sundays you've committed to coming. Your church and your children always need teachers. Who better to help guide them in the way of the Lord if not you and your church family? No one can deny that our children are in dire need of guidance and support in order to make the right decisions. Certainly the news will show you that!

With your help and a strong faith base, they can be prepared to handle "bullying," "sex-ting," and just about anything else the world can throw their way. They will know, without a doubt, that they are somebody because "God don't make no JUNK!" Not only does it help them, but God rewards us for rearing our children in the way they should go.

Everything going on in the world and in our churches shows that we need God more than ever. Accept the challenge to be a better parent, a better parishioner, a better teacher, and a better friend to your family and to your church. Now is the time! RENEW, RENEW, RENEW. God misses you and so does your church.

May God bless you and your family now and forever!

*P.S. The **Congregational Meeting** is TENTATIVELY scheduled for **SUNDAY, MARCH 27**. All information for the **ANNUAL REPORT** is due on or before **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**!

ADULT ED

"The Thoughtful Christian Series"

General Description:

The Adult Education Series of Heritage Presbyterian Church will be turning its attention to some "Short Looks at Hot Issues Facing Today's Christians." New Instructors will be sharing materials published online by John Knox/Westminster Press of the Presbyterian Church, USA. Background reading materials will be available in the Narthex (church entryway) on Sundays prior to the Sunday when particular topics will be covered. It will be an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about the relevance of your faith to contemporary issues.

Plan to join us in the Conference Room from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and be sure and bring your "thinking caps!"

Topics & Schedules:

Feb. 6- Session # 2 - "So What's The Christian Response?" Some say: "We should provide shelter, medical care, education, refuge centers. Others say: "No! We have laws on the books about legal entry and application for citizenship. Shortcuts or civil disobedience are inappropriate for Christians." What do you think and why?

"WHAT IS SPIRITUALITY? WHY IS IT SO POPULAR?"

Instructor: Kelly Sagert

Feb. 13- Session # 1 - "SPIRITUALITY 101: WHAT IS IT? WHY IS IT?" Seems increasing numbers say that "spirituality" is far more important than correctness of theology, be it Reformed, Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, etc. What is "spirituality" and what is its place in Christian life?

Feb. 20- Session # 2 - "SHOULD I BE INTERESTED? WHY OR WHY NOT?" Does my faith require "spiritual growth?" If so, what are key pathways being pursued?

Following these exciting programs will be a five-week course, "THE CALL OF THE MINARET - ISLAM: ITS ORIGINS, TEACHINGS, PRACTICES." This year's opportunities will conclude with some serious theological reflection on "THE APOSTLES' CREED: ITS MEANING - YESTERDAY & TODAY!"

If sound faith involves the intellect, as well as the emotions and willingness to act in certain ways, you might want to make time for serious engagement with these important issues. Get these opportunities in your datebook now! The unexamined faith is not worth holding!

Heritage Display Case New Addition



Last month's newsletter included a review of the contents of the Heritage Display Case that is in the hallway between the Gathering Area and the Narthex. We have had a recent addition that was donated by the Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Malcolm Peel. It is a very interesting lamp as explained below.

2nd Century CHI RHO Lamp

From The

Catacomb of St. Domitilla On The Via Ardeatina in Rome, Italy

The Catacombs, or cave-like burial places that stretch several hundred miles around the city of ancient Rome, were revered depositories of the

remains of both Christians and non-Christians in the first century A.D. and later. Some forty such catacombs survive.

Unlike pagan burial loculi (niches), those of Christians were not filled with gifts of bread and wine for spirits of the deceased but were often the places where simple lamps, such as the one in the display case, were left. It was a powerful witness to their faith and hope: "Christ, the Light of the World," would give them eternal light and life in the hereafter.

In daily use, much larger lamps were used to illuminate households. Oil in the bowl was drawn into a wick that would be lit. The "handle" of this lamp reflects the faith of the dead: the "Chi Rho," the first two letters of the Greek Name "CHRISTUS." The Catacomb of St. Domitilla was named for a Roman matron of the Imperial Familia, Flavia Domitilla, whose grandmother and mother were the wife and daughter of the Emperor Vespasian who reigned from 69-79, the time of Jerusalem's destruction by Roman Legions. Domitilla, a Christian, had been banished to the island of Pandateria. Following her death, her remains were interred in this catacomb.

Dr. Peel explained to me that the actual lamps used in the Catacombs were similar in size and construction to the one in the display case. Note size comparison to cup!

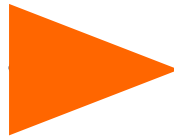
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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!

Barbara Shauck and Gay and Bob McDonald continue to work on the project of shipping boxes to our soldiers overseas. The actual mailing of the boxes is done by the American Legion Post of Amherst. Heritage has been doing this for four years. For the next shipment, items will be collected the entire month of February. Look for the baskets in the Gathering Area. Small items including toiletries, canned food, reading materials, and CDs are the easiest to pack. Use your imagination! Soldiers also like small toys to give to the children, but they are very appreciative of anything they get.

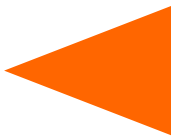
● Good idea: Go to Dollar General stores.

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SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKETS!

Gay McDonald and her team, LaShawnda Lee, Jamie Roth, Bob McDonald, and the Food Co-Op distribute Christmas baskets to families in need. The turkeys and the hams were contributed from our church outreach program, and the food from the Food Program's supply. The team delivered baskets to the nine homes, and it was a "wonderful feeling" to hear all the "Thank You's!" We received a special heartfelt letter, outlining how each part of the turkey was eaten or made into broth and meat stock. Come join us next year!



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NEW MEMBERS – EXPLORING PRESBYTERIANISM CLASS

Begins Sunday, February 13, at 9:45a.m. in Heritage Hall. Anyone interested in joining Heritage Presbyterian Church as a member or as a friend or anyone who just wants to explore the meaning of being a Presbyterian, please contact John Powers or call the office. The class will last three weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee hour following worship, in Heritage Hall.

Strengthening Families meets in Heritage Hall, Mondays,
February 7—21, at 5:30 p.m.

PW Women's Study meets in the Conference Room, Tuesday,
February 8, at 9:30 a.m. Ethel Moyers will be the study leader,
Joan Leckrone will lead devotions, and Daralyn Kniceley & Ruth Rohlke
will be the hostesses. Please read lesson #7.

Food Pantry Set-Up & Distribution in Heritage Hall, Thursday,
February 10, at 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Please submit newsletter information before **Wednesday, February 16.**

Boy Scouts will hold a bake sale in Heritage Hall, Sunday, February 13,
following worship.

Book Group meets on **Tuesday, February 15**, at the home of
Cathy Dickerson, 501 N. Woodhill, Amherst. We will
discuss *Mozart's Sister* by Rita Charbonnier. Please RSVP at 988-4602.

Boy Scouts will hold their Blue & Gold Banquet in Heritage Hall, Sunday,
February 27, at 3:00 p.m.

ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION DUE FEBRUARY 27.



UPDATE REGARDING PASTORAL SUPPLY FOR FEBRUARY

6 - Rev. Jessica MacMillan

13-To be announced

20-To be announced

27-To be announced

Rev. Peel will serve as moderator of Session and provide pastoral care.
He can be reached at (440) 988-7238.

February 2011

Renew Your Faith!

		1 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center	2-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Cub Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Family Center-	3 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Deacons-6:15 p.m. -Conference Room-	4-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.	5
6-Guest Speaker Rev. Jessica MacMillan Communion Exploring Presbyterianism 9:45 a.m.-Heritage Hall- Sunday School 11:15 am Cub Scouts & Carnations	7-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Strengthening Families 5:30 p.m.-Heritage Hall	8 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. PW Women-9:30 a.m. -Conference Room- -See Page 6- Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center	9-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Cub Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Family Center-	10 Food Pantry Set-Up 8:30 a.m.-Heritage Hall- Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Food Distribution 10:00 a.m.-Heritage Hall-	11-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.	12
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1-Carolyn Keefer
4-Paul Gray
5-Aiko Porter, Margaret Woodings
8-Xavier Duprey, Mike Ireland
9-Patrick Wood
11-Garnett Shockey
13-Jason Smucker
14-Carla Hawkins, Jodi Phelan
15-Steve Meyer
16-Betty Gillespie
17-Gary Garner
20-Jere Boyer, Colleen Sirb,
Colleen Watkins
22-Olivia Hisey, Lindsay Hopkins
23-Karen Miraldi
24-Donna Ireland, Jared Johnson,
Judy Kalb
25-Andrew Doane
28-Amanda Ireland

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1-Dale & Linda Graber
7-Tom & Jere Boyer
24-John & Patty Kernohan
25-Mike & Donna Ireland

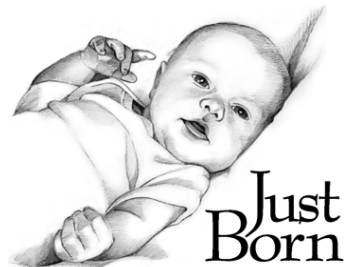
Congratulations!

Andrew & Nakita Doane on the birth of
Addisyn Renee Doane.

Addisyn was born on December 27, 2010.

Proud grandparents are

Dave & Fran Doane and Gabriel & Shar Carrion.



THANK YOU!

This corner sends “A BIG THANK YOU” to the people who make a difference in our church. It also may draw your attention to an area of the church that you may want to visit to see what is being done to improve the church. Then give the people involved a personal “Thank You.”

A **HUGE “Thank You”** to Barbara Shauck and Bob and Gay McDonald for working on the on-going project of shipping boxes to our soldiers overseas. **“Thank You”** Jim & Carol Snyder for the donation of two new electric roasters to our Food Program.

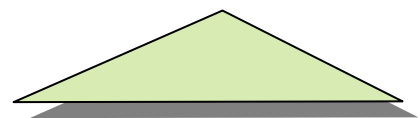
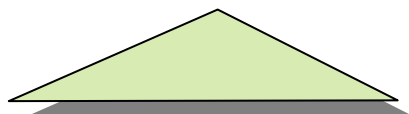
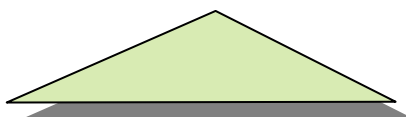
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“Thank You” to David Sayre for his work in making up our curbside advertising signs for various church events especially our Christmas sign. **“Thank You”** to Gordon and Barbara Brown, Nancy Curci, Dale and Linda Graber and Jim and Carol Snyder for taking down and putting the Christmas decorations away for next year. **“Thank You”** to Bea Norris and those people who helped her put the luminaries out for the Christmas Eve Service.

A **VERY SPECIAL “Thank You”** Bella Piechota for refreshing the “Quiet Bags” for the small children during church services. They are available in the back of the Sanctuary. Please return them after worship. **“Thank You”** Kary Davis, Erin Isenberg and Bob and Gay McDonald for supplying the January bulletin covers. Keep them coming!

If you know of some group or someone to whom we should be saying “Thank you,” put a bug in my ear or contact LaShawnda (988-9409).

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SESSION

Doug Isenberg, elder
Michael Kacsandi, elder
Anita Maiden, elder
Diane Medve, elder
Kelly Sagert, elder
Rev. Malcolm Peel, moderator
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James Gates, treasurer
Michael Ireland, asst. treasurer
Garnett Shockey, financial secretary

DEACONS

Dolores Hirst, chairperson
Nanci Berman
Brian Gates
Nancy Maiden
Cheryl Poyle



Child Care Available

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Adult/Youth Education, 9:45 a.m.
Adult/Youth Worship, 11:00 a.m.