

Preparing for Lent!

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DEAR FRIENDS,

During the last two weeks the Finance Team and Session of Heritage Presbyterian Church have had to make a difficult decision.

Based on current anticipated income and actual expenses, the Finance Team recommended a reduction in the size of our staff.

On Sunday, January 24, our session received a recommendation from the Finance Team to eliminate the Ministry of Music staff position. The session reviewed the recommendation, and, with a heavy heart, voted to eliminate the Ministry of Music position for financial reasons.

Mr. Fortney was informed of the session's decision on Monday.

I am thankful for Rick's ministry and appreciate his work with us over the last 2 ½ years. He has helped the choir and the congregation to worship God, grow in faith/discipleship, and he has helped the choirs to offer their best to God and then to rest in God's love and grace.

Rick shared the following remarks in a letter written to our choirs on Wednesday, January 27:

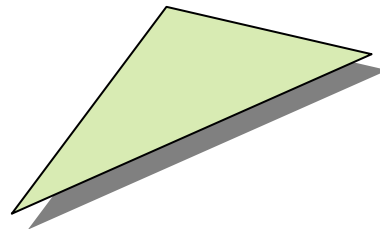
"Sometimes change is difficult and change in leadership is a pain... however... I truly believe all happens for a reason and it is truly God's gift and timing for each of us to learn and grow accordingly from the Session's prayers, wisdom and decision-making. Take advantage of this opportunity, love and grow stronger."

I will pray for the music ministry, the leadership of the church, our finances and for church growth. We have a beautiful facility on prime property that connects to many regions through Route 2... be patient. I see great things ahead! ...in His time.

It is with fond memories and a thankful heart in which I close this letter. I look forward to the possibilities of sharing in ministry together through the community, Christian and music events in the future. My thanks and love to each of you..."

Rick, thank you for your ministry in our midst.

In Christ's love,



*Note: The Worship Service Coordinating Team met this week and invited two of our members, Ernest & Bernadette Hisey, to assist in our Music Program with Sandy Tucker. More detail will follow.

Please see the letter from Chairman of the Finance Team, Alex Visnyai, on the next page.

IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!

January 27, 2010

Dear members and friends of Heritage Presbyterian Church,

I am sure everyone has heard more than their share of the financial situation that presently exists at our church. For the past year we have presented various appeals to generate more income to maintain the status quo of our various programs at Heritage Presbyterian. Unfortunately, the response has not been sufficient to support those programs.

The reasons we are in this situation are varied: our building maintenance costs have risen, we have lost the income of significant donors for various reasons, the present economy has caused other members to cut back on expenses including church contributions, we have incurred unforeseen expenses for repairs to our buildings and there are other maintenance costs which must be done.

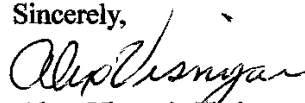
The finance team has been diligent in monitoring our spending, but at this point in time, our income does not meet our expenses. All monies that have been contributed to special accounts: ie; steeple, memorials, Heritage hall furniture, etc; are on deposit in separate accounts.

The finance team has run out of options and has no choice but to make some hard decisions to balance our budget. Pastor Jim has volunteered to absorb a ten percent pay cut, which is a tremendous help. The finance team has to cut expenses and with the sessions' approval, has decided to eliminate the position of Minister of Music, which is a savings of \$11,200 per year. We also had an increase in Support of Vision Pledges for 2010. These actions reduced our forecasted deficit of (\$31,806) to (\$17,586). We cannot afford to use our savings to balance the budget as we did in 2009. If we do, we'll have to close our doors in a short time.

The only answer is to increase our income. We appreciate those who have increased their giving weekly or by their outright gifts. We ask everyone to revisit their budget and attempt to possibly increase their donations. Our goal is not only to create a balanced budget, but to establish a mutual growth fund that will continue to appreciate in value and provide our church with a steady income to offset these down times in our economy.

We have a beautiful facility and grounds, many programs to appeal to various groups and a wonderful, friendly congregation. If we all stay connected to each other and trust in the Lord, we can carry on the work God has assigned to us.

Sincerely,



Alex Visnyai, Chairman Finance Team

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“CONTEMPORARY ISSUES FOR CHRISTIANS”

Presented by Ernie Hisey with Panelists
(10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in the Conference Room, behind Sanctuary)

#5—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7- “Islam, Judaism, Christianity”

A Common Beginning and Historic Conflict, Similarities and Differences
Panelists; Rabbi S. Brand, Oberlin College, Law Professor David Forte - Cleveland State,
Dr. Malcolm Peel, Theologian, Law Professor Steven Werber - Cleveland State,
Prof. Ali Yedes, Oberlin College

#6—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14— “World of Conflict and the Bible”

Submission vs. Conflict—War, Capitalism, Business, Sports



"THE REFORMATION THAT CHANGED CHRISTENDOM"

Videos, Discussion, Leadership by Dr. Malcolm Peel, February 21 - March 28.
(In the Conference Room, behind Sanctuary, Sundays at 10:00 A.M.)

Ever wonder where Protestantism got its start?
And who were its major forerunners and proponents?
How did the Lutheran Church get started? Or the Reformed (from which Presbyterians)?
Or the Anglican Church (Church of England)?

Join us as we meet such towering historical figures as:
John Wycliffe, "The Morning Star" + John Hus, the Czech Martyr for Liberty
+ Martin Luther, "Here I Stand" + Ulrich Zwingli & John Calvin, Swiss Reformers
+The Anabaptists, The Radical Reformation + William Tyndale, "God's Outlaw"



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Food Co-Op Set-Up in Heritage Hall, *Wednesday, February 10*, at 8:30 a.m.

Food Pantry Distribution in Heritage Hall, *Thursday, February 11*, at 10:00 a. m.

Humana Seminar in Heritage Hall, *Tuesday, February 16*, at 10:00 a.m.

Communications Team meets in the Conference Room, *Tuesday, February 16*, at 6:30 p.m.

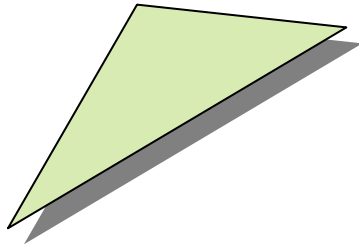
Ash Wednesday Service in Heritage Hall, *Wednesday, February 17*, at 7:00 p.m.

Deacons will meet in the Conference Room, *Thursday, February 18*, at 6:15 p.m.

Lenten Service at St. Peter's Church, Amherst, *Wednesday, February 24*, at 7:00 p.m.

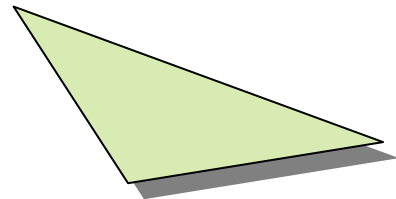
Emergency Food Distribution in Heritage Hall, *Thursday, February 25*, at 10:00 a.m.

New Member Reception in Heritage Hall, *Sunday, February 28*, following worship



WELL CHILD CLINIC

Due to the retirement of Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Terri Gies, effective *February 1, 2010*, the Lorain County General Health District will no longer hold Well Child Clinic until further notice. Child Immunization Walk-In Clinics are offered at convenient locations throughout the county. Fees vary; however, no one will be denied immunizations due to the inability to pay. Please visit www.loraincountyhealth.com for the monthly child immunization calendar or contact the Lorain County General Health District at (440) 322-6367.



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

Begins, Monday, February 1.

Is it your intention to spend more time together as a family in 2010?

Heritage Presbyterian Church hosts a 7-week program on Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for youth ages 10-14 and their families. We start with pizza, so parents don't even have to cook! The program itself is geared to topics of importance to youth of this age and their families. There are many family interactive activities. We also can provide child care if requested. If you want more information and to register, please call Lynn at 960-0471.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

PW Women's Study Fellowship

Meets in the Conference Room, *Tuesday, February 9, at 9:30 a.m.*
Cheryl Poyle will be the study leader of lesson 6, Daralyn Kniceley will lead devotions, and Edna Scott and Joan Leckrone will be the hostesses. All are invited!

Girl Scouts

Meets in the Family Center,
Friday, February 12 and Friday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m.



Book Group

Meets *Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.*
at the home of Jere Boyer, 5219 Hillgrove Dr., Lorain.
We will discuss *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by
Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Please RSVP at 989-5149.

Scriptures & Sermons

7-Communion Sunday—Scripture: Luke 5:1-11, Pew Bible page 58
Sermon: "Let Down Your Nets"

14-Valentine's Day—Scripture: Luke 9:28-36 (37-43), Pew Bible page 65
Sermon: "A Voice From A Cloud"

17-Ash Wednesday—Scripture: Joel 2:1-2 (12-17), Pew Bible page 798
Sermon: "Ashes for Remembrance"
Fellowship in Heritage Hall following worship

21-1st Sunday in Lent—Scripture: Luke 4:1-13, Pew Bible page 57
Sermon: "Full of the Spirit, Tempted by the Devil"

28-2nd Sunday in Lent—Scripture: Psalm 27, Pew Bible page 476
Sermon: "Amazing Trust!"



Boy Scouts

Blue & Gold Banquet in Heritage Hall
Sunday, *February 21, 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.*

Exploring Presbyterianism Classes

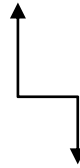
Join us for an Exploring Presbyterianism Class For Three Weeks Starting February 7th.
Class times to be announced. If you would like to become a member of Heritage or would just
like to become more active as a friend, join us!

If you would like to learn more about the different missions or activities that are available at
Heritage, join us!

Please let us know that you are interested in attending the class by:
Indicating this on the attendance register,
Calling the church office and leaving your name,
Speaking with Rev. Smucker,
or Contacting John Powers at 440-967-1791 or jhpowers3@yahoo.com

Help Us Welcome New Visitors!

We need volunteers to bake bread, pie, or cake that we will take with us when we visit people
who are new to our church. If you can help, please contact David or Kathleen Sayre at 988-7519.
Thank you.



Card Shower Invitation

Charlotte Dotzlaf will celebrate her 86th birthday on March 1st!
Charlotte moved last fall to be closer to her son, Joe, who lives in Greenwood, IN.
She would love to hear from all of you as she has recently broken her wrist.
Her new address is 271 Village Lane, Apt. 120, Greenwood, IN 46143.

Welcome Home!

Karen Harbin and her daughter, Melissa, are back with her folks, Kay & Cathy Dickerson.
Melissa is in Confirmation class. Karen works for the Western and Southern Insurance Co.
in Sandusky. We are so happy to have them home with us again!

The Dickersons

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1-Fitness after Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.	2-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall	3-Fitness after Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.	4-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m.	5-Fitness after Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.	6
Strengthening Families-5:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-	Overeaters' Anonymous -7:30 p.m.-Family Center-	Bells-6:00/Choir-7:30 p.m. Pack Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.-Family Center-			

7-Exploring Presbyterianism Class -10:00 a.m.-Adult Education Children's Church Sunday School	8-Fitness after Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.	9-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. PW Women-9:30 a.m. - <i>See page 5</i> -	10-Fitness after Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.	11-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Food Pantry Distribution -10:00 a.m.-Heritage Hall-	12-Fitness after Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Y-Potluck-11:00 a.m. -Heritage Hall-	13
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			Bells -6:00/Choir-7:30 p.m. Cub Pack Meeting 6:30 p.m.-Heritage Hall-			

14-Valentine's Day Exploring Presbyterianism Class -10:00 a.m.-Adult Education Children's Church Sunday School	15-Fitness after Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.	16-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Humana-10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. -Heritage Hall-	17-Ash Wednesday-7:00 p.m. -Fellowship in Heritage Hall-	18-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Deacons-6:15 p.m. -Conference Room-	19-Fitness after Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.	20
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		Communications Team -6:30 p.m.-Conference Room-	Bells -6:00/Choir-7:30 p.m. Pack Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.-Family Center-			

February Newsletter Deadline!

21-First Sunday in Lent Exploring Presbyterianism Class -10:00 a.m.-Adult Education Children's Church Sunday School	22-Fitness after Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.	23-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-	24-Fitness after Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.	25-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Emergency Distribution -10:00 a.m.-Heritage Hall-	26-Fitness after Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.	27-Set-Up Reception -Heritage Hall-
Blue & Gold Banquet-12:00 p.m. - <i>See page 5</i> -	Strengthening Families-5:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-	Overeaters' Anonymous -7:30 p.m.-Family Center-	Bells -6:00/Choir-7:30 p.m. Cub Pack Meeting-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-		Girl Scouts-6:00 p.m. -Family Center-	
			Lenten Service- <i>See page 9</i> -			

28-Second Sunday in Lent
New Member Reception-12:00 p.m.
-Heritage Hall-

*See page—for more information about the event.

-10:00 a.m.-Adult Education
Children's Church
11:00 a.m. Adult Worship
Sunday School

BIRTHDAYS

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-Jodi Phelan
15-Steve Meyer
16-Betty Gillespie
17-Gary Garner, Jeffrey Weir
20-Jere Boyer, Colleen Sirb, Colleen Watkins
21-Sue Gray
22-Olivia Hisey, Lindsay Hopkins, Tamara Pearson,
 Jacob Rieger
23-Karen Miraldi
24-Donna Ireland, Jared Johnson, Judy Kalb,
 Jason Pavlik
28-Amanda Ireland
29-Jake Ruddy

CELEBRATING AN
Anniversary 

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

SPECIAL DATES

African-American History Month
7-Boy Scout Sunday
14-Transfiguration of the Lord,
14-Valentine's Day
15-Presidents' Day
17-Ash Wednesday
21-First Sunday in Lent
28-Second Sunday in Lent



Our Deepest Condolences!

Brenda & Kris Hudson and their family on the loss of husband and father, Ray.
Ray joined the church triumphant on January 6, 2010.

YMCA Instructor Wendy Miller and her family on the loss of her husband, Craig.
Craig joined the church triumphant on January 4, 2010.

Ruth Ann Peel and her family on the loss of her sister-in-law, Bell Miller.
Bell joined the church triumphant on January 28, 2010.



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.”

“Thank You,” Robin Wood and the Amherst Public Library for donating the books, *You, Me, and the ABCs* by Michael J. Rosen. These books are available from Tiffany Ostrolencki, in the Nursery, to any parent that would like one. “Thank You, Robin.”

I would like to have one or more entries for the “**Thank You**” Corner each month so put a bug in my ear if you know of some group or someone to whom we should be saying “Thank you.”

John Powers

HAITI RELIEF DONATIONS

Thanks to your generous donations to those in need, we were able to give \$634.00 to the Haitian relief fund. Also, “Thank You” to all those that made donations on their own, and those who had the desire to donate but were financially unable. May you all be blessed.

Thank you for your support!
Heritage Presbyterian Church officers

AMHERST AREA LENTEN SERVICES, 7:00 P.M.

February 24—St. Peter’s UCC

582 Church St

Scripture: Romans 5:12-21 Sermon: “Justification by Christ”

March 3—Park Avenue UMC

396 Park Avenue

Scripture: Romans 4:1-17 Sermon: “Made Right with God”

March 10—Old Stone UMC

553 S. Main Street

Scripture: Romans 5:11 Sermon: “Reconciliation/Consequences of Justification

March 17—Heritage Presbyterian Church

515 N. Leavitt Road

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-10 Sermon: “By Grace Saved through Faith”

March 24—Amherst Congregational UCC

379 S. Main Street

Scripture: Romans 8:6-11 Sermon: “Life in the Flesh and Spirit”

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SESSION

Becky Bickel, elder
Michael Kacsandi, elder
Anita Maiden, elder
Diane Medve, elder
William Molina, elder
John Powers, elder
James Smucker, moderator
Marian Wood, clerk
James Gates, treasurer
Michael Ireland, asst. treasurer
John Powers, trustee chair
Garnett Shockey, financial secretary

DEACONS

Dolores Hirst, chairperson
Nanci Berman
Phyllis Butrey
Brian Gates
Nancy Maiden
Robert McDonald



Childcare Available

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PO Box 834, Amherst, OH 44001
Adult/Youth Education, 10:00 a.m.
Adult/Youth Worship, 11:00 a.m.