

A New "Press" for a New Year!

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ADULT EDUCATION

“CONTEMPORARY ISSUES FOR CHRISTIANS”

Presented by Ernie Hisey, January 10—February 14, 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
(In the Conference Room, behind Sanctuary)

#1—SUNDAY, JANUARY 10- “Christian Denominational Beliefs”

Fundamentalist, Literal, Evangelical, Conservative, Liberal, Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, UCC

#2—SUNDAY, JANUARY 17-“Medicine, Healing, Treatment, and the Bible”

Christian Science, Church Hospitals, By Prayer, Euthanasia, Jehovah’s Witness

#3—SUNDAY, JANUARY 24-“Sins and the Bible: Do we always repent?”

Divorce, Usury, Covetry, Sexuality, etc. – Why do we not repent?

#4—SUNDAY, JANUARY 31- “Women of the Bible- Women in Today’s World”

Male domination in Church, Home, Business, Politics, Government, Schools

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

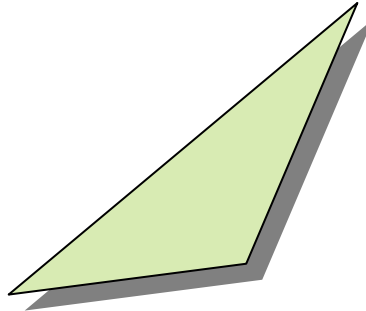
A Common Beginning and Historic Conflict, Similarities and Differences

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

Submission vs Conflict—War, Capitalism, Business, Sports

The Research Team

Barbara Brown, Rob Davis, Cathy Dickerson, Kay Dickerson,
Annette Oberst, Malcolm Peel, Kary Peoples, Kelly Sagert



Dear Heritage church family:

Words cannot express how much your support meant to my Dad and I during his illness and passing. Even when dad was moved to hospitals in Lakewood and Westlake, you followed, familiar faces giving us strength and comfort while in unfamiliar places.

The gorgeous angel garden planter the church sent to dad’s viewing honored his devotion to maintaining the church grounds and couldn’t be more perfect.

With all my heart, thank you for everything , and may God bless you all!

— Beaann Norris

Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year ♪ Happy New Year

DEAR FRIENDS,

“**W**here in the world is Jesus?” That's the question Mary and Joseph must have asked as they searched for Him among their large traveling group journeying back to Nazareth. They were returning from Jerusalem after celebrating the Passover twelve years since his birth. They assumed he was among their kinsfolk and friends; but, in fact, he had stayed behind in Jerusalem.

After three days of searching, they found him engaged in conversation with teachers in the temple.

Imagine the panic and concern for their son during those three days and then the relief and joy of finding Him!

After reading this story, a thought entered my mind. If you have lost Jesus or God or your faith, then church may still be a good place to search.

Your Servant In Christ,



Scriptures & Sermons

- 4—Communion Sunday- Guest Speaker: Rev. Malcolm Peel
Scriptures: Hosea 2:16-20, Pew bible page 788
I Corinthians 12:27-13:13, Pew bible page 164
Sermon: "The Most Excellent Way"
- 11-Guest Speaker, Rev. Roger Perks
Scriptures: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, Pew Bible page 235
Colossians 3:12-17, Pew Bible page 190
Luke 2:41-52, Pew Bible page 55
Sermon: "New Beginnings"
- 17-Scripture: I Corinthians 12:1-11, Pew Bible page 163
Sermon: "Called Into Community"
Varieties of Gifts, But The Same Spirit (Part 1)
- 24-Scripture: I Corinthians 12:12-31a, Pew Bible page 163
Sermon: "Called Into Community"
You Are The Body of Christ (Part 2)
- 31-Scripture: I Corinthians 13:1-13, Pew Bible page 164
Sermon: "Called Into Community" (Part 3)



James E. Smucker, Pastor

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

New Year's Day, *Friday, January 1*,
Church office closed.

Food Co-Op Meeting in Heritage Hall,
Tuesday, January 5, at 9:00 a.m.

Communications Team meets in the
Conference Room, *Wednesday, January 6*, at 5:30 p.m.

Program Coordinating Group meets in the Conference Room,
Monday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Food Packing in Heritage Hall, *Wednesday, January 13*, at 8:30 a.m.

Well Child Clinic meets in the Family Activities Center, *Thursday, January 14*, at 8:00 a.m.

Food Distribution in Heritage Hall, *Thursday, January 14*, at 10:00 a.m.

Administrative Group meets in the Conference Room, *Thursday, January 14*, at 6:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *Monday, January 18*. Church office closed

Service Coordinating Group meets in the Conference Room, *Monday, January 18*, at 7:00 p.m.

Emergency Food Distribution in Heritage Hall, *Thursday, January 28*, at 10:00 a.m.



Children's Church

We are looking for someone who is willing to take over Children's Church for the winter quarter, which begins on **January 10, 2010, at 10:00 a.m.** If you are interested, please contact Mike Ireland or Linda Graber.



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM

Beginning *Monday, January 11*.

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.

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS!**

PW Women's Study Fellowship

Meets in the Conference Room, *Tuesday, January 12, at 9:30 a.m.*
Charlotte Dotzlaf will be the study leader and Barbara Brown
will be the hostess. All are invited!



Book Group

Meets *Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.*
at the home of Karen Timko, 931 Parkview Ave., Lorain.
Discussion of *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett will be led by Metta Martin.
Please RSVP at 245-6840 if unable to attend.



Girl Scouts

Meets in the Family Center,
Friday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m.



Boy Scouts
Pinewood Derby, *Saturday, January 30.*



**Are You Interested In Helping to Increase the
Membership Of Heritage Presbyterian Church**

Join us on the Membership / Exploring Presbyterianism Team.

Help to get visitors to attend our church, help them to feel welcome and to meet our members and then help them to decide to become members. Greet them as they walk into our church and help out in the classes where they learn what it means to be a Presbyterian and how our church is governed. While you are helping out in the class, you will learn some information about our faith and our church you didn't know before. It's also a good way to get to know new members better. We typically hold classes lasting four Sundays three times a year.

We need people from all fields on this team!

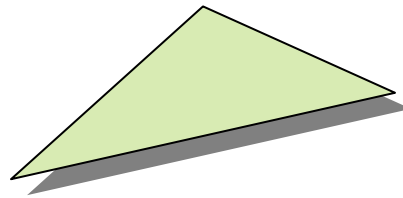
If you are interested please see Rev. Smucker or John Powers .

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The Session voted to maintain the No Alcohol Policy for the Heritage Hall. There was considerable debate over this decision. We would like to thank the congregation for their inputs and their thoughts and prayers concerning this decision. It was probably one of the toughest decisions the Session has had to debate in several years.

Several reasons could be given for the final outcome. The main reason was the realization that to run a rental hall that would make justifiable money would require a staff of people to frequently be available whenever the hall was rented; and at this time, Heritage does not have that staff. We also realized that, with our budget deficits, we have more intense problems to worry about than the alcohol question.

The Alcohol Policy will be reviewed within 12 to 18 months.



*God
Answers
Prayers*

A Prayer for the New Year

Eternal God, thank You for bringing us once again to the threshold of a new year. Help us dedicate each day of 2010 to following Your will for our lives. Guide us, Lord, in all our decisions and actions, day by day and hour by hour. Help us accomplish all that You desire for us to do until our mission on earth is finished. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

THE BEST THING

The little blonde boy was not yet two years old. He was about one and two-thirds on the way to two in November. It was not July, summer time. He was playing with his Charley Horse.

Charley Horse was a rag toy that had belonged to the boy's older sister. Charley Horse was a regular visitor to the washing machine and was more than a little beat up, but he was the boy's most loved toy. Together they climbed mountains and took naps.

They were climbing mountains when the doorbell rang. The boy's aunt and uncle had come with their tiny new baby boy. He was very new, about two weeks old, with lots of black hair. The one and two-thirds year old boy had never seen a baby so small. His sister was almost grown up. She went to school. He looked and looked, with awe and wonder.. "You may touch him," the mother said softly.

He put out one finger and touched. He looked so more. Then he turned and raced to his room. He came back with his beloved Charley Horse. He gave Charley Horse to the baby.

—Cathryn Bacon

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BIRTHDAYS

2-Ben Schafer
3-James Giancaterino, Carol Snyder
4-Cathryn Bacon, Ken Kramer
7-David Maiden
8-Grant Berman, Mikenna Folley, Sue Giancaterino
9-Kristi Gaetz, Denise Giancaterino, Jean Hoff
10-Jared VanderToorn
11-Mike Bailey, Joseph Ramsey
12-Jerry McDonald, Ashley Schafer
13-Jowdy Johnson
16-Stephanie Curci, Kathleen Sayre
18-WilliamDeWitt, Brian Kniceley
19-John Rhoades
20-Jan Odenweller
21-DeLores Bayne, Nathan Smucker
23-Alexandra Medve
24-Jeremy Marcaly, William Molina
25-Doug Mathews, Sunny Rieger
27-Linda Dotzlaf, Bonnie Jones, Cynthia Watkins
28-Kristoffer Hudson, Beaann Norris
29-Kay Dickerson, Janet Mamrak, Jan Schroeder
31-Barbara Brown, Roger Welling, Christian Young

CELEBRATING AN
Anniversary 

13-Jim & Carol Snyder

SPECIAL DATES

1-New Year's Day
Church office closed
6-Epiphany
10-Baptism of the Lord
18-Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Church office closed
18-25-Week of prayer for Christian Unity



Our Deepest Condolences!

Mr. Mike Abshire and his family on the loss of his uncle Adelbert "Al" Bihn.
Al joined the church triumphant on December 5, 2009.

Ms. Beaann Norris and her family on the loss of her father, Frank.
Frank joined the church triumphant on December 10, 2009.

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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.”

Lots of thanks for this month. That is a great problem to have!

First to Barb and Gordon Brown for several reasons; first, they hand scrubbed and machine scrubbed over 80 of the gray chairs in Heritage Hall prior to the Christmas Party. I have also seen Barb hand scrubbing several of the walls around the church, including the Gathering Area and the ladies restroom in the Family Activities Center. Gordon changed out the leaking faucet in the sink in that restroom. “Thank You!”

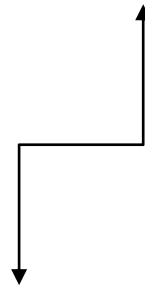
“Thank You” to ALL of the workers who made the Christmas Party a success including; Beth Powers, Donna Ireland, Tree and Rob Trace, Dale Graber, Dolores Hirst, and Beann Norris for her Hershey Bars. To any that we may have missed, “Thank You!”

“Thank You” to ALL who made the Hanging Of The Greens Worship Service what it was. There are too many to name; but I will mention Linda Graber, who brought it all together with her leadership. Also, to the Children’s Choir for their performance. “Thank You!”

It has been a great 2009! We would like to thank GOD for all He did to make this year as great as it has been! We know that He will keep up the good work! We have faith in Him!

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



Jerry and myself want to send a big “Thank You” out to all of our new friends here at Heritage church. The many calls and cards made us feel better.

Another “Thank You” goes to Reverend Smucker for being there for both of us. Jerry’s progress is very slow, but he is improving. Joining this church is one of the better things we have done in our lives.

Thanks again,

Jerry & Shirley McDonald

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SESSION

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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

Heritage Presbyterian Church
PO Box 834, Amherst, OH 44001
Worship, 11:00 a.m.

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