



# Heritage Press

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# FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

You are invited to a light dinner in Heritage Hall at 6:15 p.m. on February 25 to observe the beginning of the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday. At 7:00 p.m., we will gather in the Sanctuary for worship. We are pleased to welcome guest musician, Mrs. Cecilia Ilg McKay, who will play her harp during the service.

Lent is a season of reflection and repentance. It invites us to look inside our hearts, seeing ourselves with compassion and truth—to see both our brokenness and our beauty, our failings and our faithfulness. In this season you are invited to enter into a deeper commitment to the way of Jesus.

Traditionally, the ashes for this service are prepared by burning the palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday. It is often suggested that the returned palms, now wilted to brittle, dry dead fronds, signify depleted enthusiasm for last year's palm procession. Burned to ash, they remind us of our dashed dreams of faithful discipleship and, ultimately, our mortality:

“You are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Gen 3:19)

In this sense, the burning of the previous year's palms can imply a relationship between one year's Passion/Palm Sunday and the following year's Ash Wednesday. The natural symbols of palms that are part of the conclusion of Lent become part of the subsequent year's introduction to Lent.

Thus, we begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life and marks the penitence of this community. We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need to turn toward God for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us observe Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.

God Bless You!



Jim Smucker



James E. Smucker, Pastor

# LENTEN SCRIPTURES & SERMON TITLES

## “On the Path to Easter”

February 25, Ash Wednesday—Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

On the Path: “Guidelines for Lent”

Let your alms be given in secret. Pray to your Father who is in secret. Do not let your fasting be seen by others.

March 1, First Sunday in Lent—Mark 1:9-15

On the Path: “Hickory Dickory Dock

Only a compass can guide us. A clock only tells us how much time has passed and on occasion how much time we have left.

March 8, Second Sunday in Lent—Mark 8:31-38

On the Path: “Have I Got a Deal for You?”

Some bargains can leave us feeling empty.

March 15, Third Sunday in Lent—Exodus 20:1-17

On the Path: “Written in Stone”

The commandments were written in stone, but they are to be transplanted to the heart.

March 22, Fourth Sunday in Lent—John 3:14-21

On the Path: “Who’s This About Anyway?”

The world says, “It’s about me.” God says, “It’s about Me and us.”

March 29, Fifth Sunday in Lent—Ephesians 2:4-10

On the Path: “Remember Who We Are.”

We are God’s workmanship! “For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”  
-Ephesians 2:10

## COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

*Everyone is welcome! Each Wednesday service will begin at 7:00 p.m.*

March 4-St. Peter’s United Congregational Church  
582 Church Street, Amherst, 988-4965

March 11-Old Stone Methodist Church  
553 S. Main St., Amherst, 988-4203

March 18-Park Avenue United Methodist Church  
396 Park Avenue, Amherst, 988-8330

March 25-Heritage Presbyterian Church  
515 N. Leavitt Road, Amherst, 988-9409

April 1—Amherst Congregational UCC  
379 S. Main, Amherst, 988-9148

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Having been asked to write about myself, I accept the challenge and I will try to tell you who I am. Born in 1920, the daughter of a Y.M.C.A. secretary and a piano teacher, I had a very happy childhood. I lived in Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado and finally, Ohio when I came to Oberlin College. I worked in several different jobs before I found my interest in counseling, but before I could pursue that I met and married a Presbyterian minister.

Malcolm C. Thompson was a graduate of Maryville College, McCormick Seminary and held a PhD from Edinburgh College, Scotland. He was a bachelor minister in a small Ohio town, and the congregation welcomed me warmly. We moved to Sidney, Ohio, where we served the church for 17 years then moved to St. Louis, Missouri to serve another congregation for 17 years. Malcolm served as moderator to both the Synod of Ohio and the Synod of Mid-America. I was active in Presbyterian Women and served a term as moderator of PW in the Synod of Mid-America.

During the time in Sidney our two sons were born. Mark is now a chemist with Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, and Glen is a J.C. Penny store manager. They both have children who are now in college, or soon will be. Mark lives in Connecticut and Glen lives in Minnesota.

After Malcolm retired, we began to see signs of dementia. We lived with Alzheimer's for about eight years before he died suddenly of a stroke. We were lucky that Malcolm understood his condition but also that he did not have to suffer a prolonged lifetime. I stayed in St. Louis for several years before I found the retirement home that I wanted for the rest of my life. Moving to Kendal at Oberlin was like coming home. One problem—there was no Presbyterian church in town. I had been a happy student singing in the First Church choir years ago, but now I was a Presbyterian! When I found Heritage Presbyterian Church in Amherst, that problem was solved. Again, I am involved with Presbyterian Women and meet with our Bible study group each month. I have also worked to provide three large banners for our sanctuary.

Living at Kendal at Oberlin is not like being in a rest home. I have exercise classes five times a week. I have been active on a committee that plans and produces programs in our auditorium, and I am secretary for our Environmental Concerns Committee that works to improve our conservation of energy and recycling efforts. I also work with a caregivers group that helps residents who have dementia.

So, I have been at Kendal and at Heritage church for six years, and I really feel quite at home.

Catherine "Cay" Mayer Thompson

## Heritage Press



What story can you share? Everyone has experiences and wisdom. Newsletter Staff needs your Heritage community-building contribution. Notify the church office or Barbara Brown.

# GROUPS & CLUBS



## Girl Scouts

Meets Monday, *March 2*, at 6:00 p. m.,  
in the Family Activities Center



PW Women's Study Fellowship will meet in the  
Conference Room on *Tuesday, March 10*, at 9:30 a.m.  
We will study Lesson 7, "The Oppressed Are Set Free."

Eileen Lindsay will be the study leader,  
Nancy Beauchamp will lead devotions, and  
Phyllis Butrey & Edna Scott will be the hostesses.

## Book Group



Will meet on *Tuesday*,  
*March 17*, 7:30 p.m., at the home of  
Joan Leckrone,  
522 Shadylawn Drive, Amherst.  
*The Whistling Season* by Doig will be  
reviewed by Metta Martin.  
RSVP 984-2054  
All are welcome to attend.

## MEN'S CLUB!



Men's Club will meet in the  
Conference Room, Saturday,  
*March 7*, at 9:30 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast,  
*Sunday, March 8*, at 11:30 a.m.



Lutheran/Presbyterian  
Food Co-Op

Packing

*Wednesday, March 11*, at 8:30 a.m.

Distribution

*Thursday, March 12*, at 10:00 a.m.

Emergency Distribution

*Thursday, March 26*, at 10:00 a.m.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Heritage Men's Club

Invites Your Family to Join Us For Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

*Sunday, March 8, following worship*

11:30 -1:00 p.m.

### *Menu*

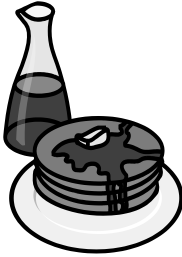
Pancakes, Sausages, Juice, Coffee

### *Tickets*

John Powers, Joe Lindsay, or George Hirst

### *Cost*

Adults	\$ 3.00
Children (5-10)	\$ 1.00
Children Under 5	Free



## Do you have Visual Art Talent?

Become a part of the Sacred Music & Arts Series

If you or someone you know has this talent and desires to participate in a Sacred Music & Arts Series, please contact Barbara Brown or the church office.



Sponsored by the Girl Scouts  
*April 5, following worship*



*July 27-July 31*  
*Aug 2 -Program*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY



### "A LIBRARY OF FAITH"

*[A Short Primer in the Contents of the New Testament]*

John Ruskin, the outstanding 19th Century English critic, essayist, and social reformer has written:

*"To my early knowledge of the Bible I owe the best part of my taste in literature and the most precious, and on the whole, the one essential part of my education."*

Those who call themselves "Christian" should be able to say the same, for we are a people who stake our lives, their meaning, and our hope for humanity on the God-breathed record left us by those who lived and talked with Jesus of Nazareth, those whose lives were first transformed by the Risen Christ. What is this record? The New Testament of the Bible, the most influential book in western civilization.

Isn't it time to devote some learning to this Book of Books? Such learning, some suggest, can **'prepare you for the Big Finals'** as nothing else will! Excuses won't do! It's time to make the special effort, to get up a bit earlier on Sunday morning to take advantage of a special opportunity!

The Rev. Dr. Malcolm Peel (Ph.D. Yale), a member of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve who worships at Heritage with his family, taught Bible for 27 years in three church-related colleges in Pennsylvania, Iowa, and Georgia. During his academic career he made a closed-circuit video series for the Adult Education Program of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. He wrote and taught on camera 12 video classes titled, "*A Journey of Faith.*" The series has been widely circulated throughout our denomination and is found in video libraries of our church's 173 Presbyteries throughout the United States. **Now, it's coming to the church you attend for 12 Sundays, starting March 1!**

*On Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. (sharp) in the Family Activities Center, Dr. Peel will introduce, screen, and then discuss each lesson. Lessons consist of four three-minute video segments devoted to the contents and meaning of the entire New Testament. Segments deal with each writing's: (1) historical background; (2) key literary and critical issues; (3) major theological themes. The (4th) features a personal interview with someone (e.g., a professor of chemistry, a Native American pastor, and a Jewish rabbi) whose life experience brings to life the importance of a NT theme.*

Copies of Dr. Peel's written lessons will be made available to all attendees. Isn't it time you really found out what's in the Bible? The stakes may be eternal! We'll put the coffee on!

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## Lochaber Pipe Band—42nd Annual Highland Ball & Dinner

Saturday, April 18.

German's Villa, 3230 Liberty Ave., Vermilion

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Dancing until Midnight, Live Music featuring "The Classmen II"

Tickets—Contact Joe Lindsay at, 244-5909 before Sunday, April 5 (last day to order).

Adults-\$25.00 Children under 13- \$15.00



*50th Anniversary*

# *Mighty Goliath Productions*

*Presents*



## **"Ragtime"**

**The Musical**

February 27, 28, March 1, 6 & 7 2009

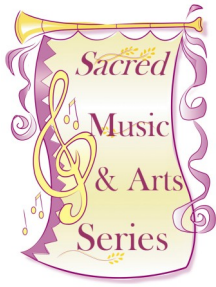
Fri. Sat 8:00 p.m. & Sun. 2:00 p.m.

**Daniel B. Ross Performing Arts Center – Avon Lake High School**

Director: Bernadette Hisey

Producer: Kathy Snogek

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**T**o all those involved with the Sacred Music & Arts Series dinner and concert: **THANK YOU!**

Each team was organized and well represented. The church was inviting, welcoming, and festive. Dinner was **FANTASTIC** ... above and beyond once again! The table favors with the rose pedals, nuts and chocolate-covered pretzels, truly made it a valentine celebration. The chocolate-covered strawberries were a favorite! Thank you.

Each of the seven artists were presented beautifully. Ushers, thank you for keeping order and flow, and making the evening inviting after leaving Heritage Hall. The concert was superb. The contrast in style was truly a blessing!

Heritage singers, **WOW!** Great job. Thank you for going the extra mile and learning the piece so well. Lots of fun!

The kitchen crew was there before we arrived and there after we left. The cleaning-up was done by 9:00 p.m. Thank you, everyone, who chipped in and made it happen. Thank you for your ministry.

Somewhere between 112 and 125 people were in attendance. We achieved our goal both in attendance as well as in the overall program. Job well done! Many, many thanks to one and all!

Rick



## **Worship Leader**

Lay Readers Team performs an inspiring service each Sunday.

Thank you! If you have been overlooked or would like to participate, notify the church office or Barbara Brown (988-2580).



## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Openings for full-time, part-time or substitute. If you would like more information, a sign-up sheet is on the round table in Gathering Area.



## **Congregational Meeting, Sunday, March 29.**

Please submit your Annual Report to the church office.  
Call LaShawnda, 988-9409 ext. 401, if you need a copy of the report from last year.

# MARCH 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1-First Sunday in Lent Adult Bible Study-9:00 a.m. -Family Center- Rev. Malcolm Peel Worship-10:30 a.m. Confirmation-4:30 p.m. HYPE-6:30 p.m.	2-Senior Fitness 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Strengthening Families 5:00 p.m.-Heritage Hall- Girl Scouts-6:00 p.m. -Family Center-	3-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center-	4-Senior Fitness 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Pack Committee-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Lenten Service -St. Peter's	5-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Bells-6:00 p.m. Choir-7:30 p.m.	6-Y-Portluck- 10:00 a.m. -Heritage Hall- Cub Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Family Center-	7-Men's Club-9:30 a.m. -Conference Room- Set-Up Pancake Breakfast -Heritage Hall-
8-Second Sunday in Lent Adult Bible Study-9:00 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m. Scout Sunday Bake Sale 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Pancake Breakfast-11:30 a.m. Confirmation-4:30 p.m. HYPE-6:30 p.m.	9-Senior Fitness 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Strengthening Families 5:00 p.m.-Heritage Hall- Admin. Group-6:30 p.m. -Conference Room-	10-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. PW Women-9:30 a.m. -Conference Room- Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center-	11-Food Packing-8:30 a.m. -Heritage Hall- Senior Fitness 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Personnel 1:00 p.m.-Conference Room- Lenten Service- Old Stone	12-Well Child Clinic-8:30 a.m. -Family Center- Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Food Distribution-10:00 a.m. -Heritage Hall- Bells-6:00 p.m. Choir-7:30 p.m.	13-Senior Fitness 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Cub Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Family Center-	14
15-Third Sunday in Lent Adult Bible Study-9:00 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure-11:30 a.m. -Heritage Hall- Confirmation-4:30 p.m. HYPE-6:30 p.m.	16-President's Day Senior Fitness 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Strengthening Families 5:00 p.m.-Heritage Hall- Service Group-cancelled	17-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Book Group-7:30 p.m. at the home of Joan Leckrone, 522 Shadyawn, Amherst Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center-	18-Senior Fitness 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Lenten Service-Heritage Pack Committee-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Lenten Service-Park Avenue	19-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Bells-6:00 p.m. Choir-7:30 p.m.	20-Senior Fitness 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Cub Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Family Center-	21
22-Fourth Sunday in Lent Adult Bible Study-9:00 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m. Confirmation-4:30 p.m. HYPE-6:30 p.m.	23-Senior Fitness 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Strengthening Families 5:00 p.m.-Heritage Hall-	24-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center-	25-Senior Fitness 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Lenten Service- Heritage Presbyterian Church	26-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Emergency Food Distribution 10:00 a.m.-Heritage Hall- Bells-6:00 p.m. Choir-7:30 p.m.	27-Senior Fitness 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Cub Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Family Center-	28
29-Fifth Sunday in Lent Adult Bible Study-9:00 a.m. Worship-10:30 a.m. Confirmation-4:30 p.m. HYPE-6:30 p.m.	30-Senior Fitness 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Strengthening Families 5:00 p.m.-Heritage Hall-	31-Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center-	All Exercise classes are held in the FAMILY ACTIVITIES CENTER Each church will hold Lenten services at 7:00 p.m.			

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1—Charlotte Dotzlaf, Marguerite Price  
2—George Hirst  
4—Anita Maiden  
5—Metta Martin, Yvonne Schafer  
6—R. J. Pavlik, *Rev. Jim Smucker*  
7—Andrew Winemiller  
9—Lauri Hart  
10—Mark Polkinghorn  
11—Bradley Akin, Ernie Bayne, Alan Golski  
15—Diane Medve, Scott Thorley  
16—Beth Powers  
17—Edna Scott, Cay Thompson, Matt Trakas  
18—Dennis Rupert, Kirsten Smucker  
19—Betty DeWitt, Lisa Weir  
20—Andrew Butrey, Mary Metzger  
21—Cathy Dickerson  
22—Ruth Rohlke  
24—Mark Nestor  
27—Kylie Perry  
28—Bob Buford



22—Bob & Gay McDonald

## Special Dates

1—First Sunday in Lent  
6—World Day of Prayer  
8—Second Sunday in Lent  
Daylight Savings Time begins,  
Girl Scout Sunday  
15—Third Sunday in Lent  
17—St. Patrick's Day  
20—First Day of Spring  
22—Fourth Sunday in Lent  
29—Fifth Sunday in Lent



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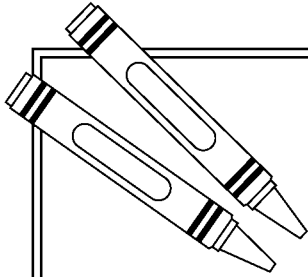
[www.heritagepc.org](http://www.heritagepc.org) - See what events are on the church calendar.

[www.heritageblog.org](http://www.heritageblog.org) - Participate in church forums.

[events@heritagepc.org](mailto:events@heritagepc.org) - Add your event to the church calendar.



# Kids' Page



## Just for **KIDS**

### A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

**KEY:** a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

"He \_\_\_nd \_\_\_ll h\_\_\_s f\_\_\_m\_\_\_l\_\_\_  
 A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w\_\_\_r\_\_\_ d\_\_\_v\_\_\_ t\_\_\_nd  
 A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G\_\_\_d-f\_\_\_r\_\_\_ng; h\_\_\_ g\_\_\_v\_\_\_  
 B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

g\_\_\_n\_\_\_r\_\_\_sl\_\_\_ t\_\_\_ th\_\_\_s\_\_\_n  
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 A+CA+C A+D A+D A+B A+C B+D B+D

r\_\_\_g\_\_\_l\_\_\_rl\_\_\_." \_\_\_cts 10:2, NIV  
 A+C C+D A+D A+B A+D



- 4-Meghan Bobek
- 7-Colleen Kishman
- 8-Sidney Deidrick
- 14-Cyrus Kalb
- 23-Austin Futo, Connor Weir

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**SESSION**

**Mike Bailey, elder**  
**Becky Bickel, elder**  
**Anita Maiden, elder**  
**Diane Medve, elder**  
**Bill 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**

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**Heritage Presbyterian Church**  
**PO Box 834, Amherst, OH 44001**  
**Worship, 10:30 a.m.**



Childcare Available