

# Heritage Press

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## “WHAT’S A-HAPPENIN’ AT HERITAGE ???”

Exciting things are unfolding at Heritage Presbyterian Church in Amherst!

With the blessing of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, not one but TWO interim co-pastors have been recruited to provide services over the next six months while our church positions itself to recruit a new, full-time shepherd. The Rev. Jessica MacMillan of Bay Village and North Olmsted, one of the most outstanding younger clergy in the Greater Cleveland Presbyterian fold, will be preaching and leading worship three Sundays of each month, plus putting in some office hours. In turn, our own Rev. Dr. Mack Peel will be providing pastoral services, visiting our members, making hospital calls, taking Communion to shut-ins, Moderating the Session, working with committees to plan for an all-church self-study, and preaching once each month. It’s a powerhouse team with ideas and new energy, and attendance will be growing!

In turn, our congregation is one of four among the 55 Presbyterian congregations in the Presbytery of the Western Reserve chosen to participate in the “New Beginnings Program.” This vital new program was developed to help congregations which have been struggling with keeping afloat, helping them generate a powerful vision for the future, and encouraging them to make some bold decisions. Already, on Saturday, February 12, a national consultant met with about 25 members of our church and conducted an “on-site assessment” of where we’ve come from, what’s happening, and where we are headed. A major retreat will be held for 8-10 of our congregation’s leaders on March 18 and 19, equipping them to build excitement for change and a future of community service and outreach. To help finance the \$ 2,800 cost of this program, the Presbytery has made a grant to Heritage of \$ 1,500 – a strong vote of confidence in our future!

We are proceeding to plan for the coming Lenten season and Easter Sunday morning, including a special event for the children, an Easter Sunday breakfast, and a brass ensemble to accent the greatest music of the Christian year! Come and join us as we celebrate the greatest news the world has ever received: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, His triumph over death, and the gift of life eternal to those who believe on him!

Come and join us as we pray for new life for the Heritage!

## FROM THE EDITOR

**D**ear members and friends,

Can you believe it will be spring soon?! In just a short time we will be able to get outside and plant some flowers, hike some trails and just enjoy nature. Ah! How good it will feel not to be confined indoors. What will you do once the ground thaws? Maybe, some of you will be inspired to get out and take some pictures. (Hint)

With spring comes the knowledge that life is beginning anew. Heritage is also beginning anew. It has been announced that Rev. Jessica MacMillan and Rev. Malcolm Peel will serve as Heritage's new interim pastors. Rev. Peel is still providing pastoral care if needed. We are pleased to welcome both Rev. MacMillan and Rev. Peel and hope that they will have good experiences with our members and friends. On **Sunday, April 3, following worship** there will be a new members and welcome interim pastors reception and potluck. Hopefully, you can attend. If you haven't, this would be the perfect opportunity to introduce yourself to them.

The Community Lenten services begin **Wednesday, March 16, at St. Peter's UMC**. Heritage hosts the service on **April 6**. All services are held at 7:00 p.m. See your calendar for all of the services and their locations. See you at the potluck. Think "Springy" thoughts!

\*P.S. The **Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for **SUNDAY, MARCH 27**. The meeting will feature important committee reports and a call to approve the budget for the 2011 year. Your vote and opinions as a member of this congregation are very important. Please plan to come.

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# ADULT ED

## "CALL OF THE MINARET"

-- *A Short Study of Islam, Its Origins, Teachings, World Presence*

Sundays, 9:45 a.m. -10:45 a.m., Conference Room

Rev. Mack Peel, instructor

9/11 brought most Americans face to face with what has been described as the "world's fastest growing religion," Islam. Almost daily our media are focused on people who adhere to this faith, especially in places such as Afghanistan and Iraq. Revolution against long-entrenched political leaders by those who have smelled the air of democracy and wish to live in greater freedom has spread like wildfire across the Islamic nations of the Middle East. So, isn't it time Christians knew more about this religion, its origins, its practices, its shaping of entire societies, its potential for the future? This is the purpose of the adult ed. course, "The Call of the Minaret," begun on February 27 and continuing through the month of March.

Mar. 6 - "The Five Pillars of Islam: Fundamental Beliefs & Practices"

Mar. 13 - "The Muslim Holy Year and Sacred Places"

Mar. 20 - "Jihad and A History of Striving"

Mar. 27 - "Islam's Future and Its Major Groups"

# NEW BEGINNINGS

Heritage Presbyterian has been chosen to participate in a very important project of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., "New Beginnings." On March 18 and 19, eight hand-picked leaders from our congregation will be participating in a two-day training session which has, as its basic objective, gaining clarity and conviction about new directions for our church's development. In addition, our Interim Co-Pastors Jessie and Mack will receive special training for this task.

Those involved will do the work of Scriptural study and prayer, using the "New Beginnings" assessment prepared by a national denominational staff leader, identifying the unique strengths of our congregation, determining what and who are our major resources, devising strategies for the future, and moving toward the use of small clusters of members to involve all in our time of change and projected growth.

*Watch for further announcements and opportunities to get involved!*

# CHURCH FINANCES

Heritage year-to-date finances as of the end of February:

Pledges and Other Income YTD=\$29,939

Monthly Budgeted expense=\$16,241 x 2 = \$32,483

Shortfall =\$2,544

## SPECIAL TRAINING FOR ELDERS

In order to help you, our ruling elders be as informed and knowledgeable as possible, Rev. Bill Lindeman, interim pastor of Avon Lake Presbyterian Church, and myself, Rev. Mack Peel, Interim Pastor of Heritage Presbyterian Church, are inviting the newly-elected elders and the rest of our respective Session members to participate in an important and special course.

The particulars are as follows:

1. The four sessions will be held on Sunday evenings from 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (3 ½ hours per session). (If there be conflicts with one or more, Elders are encouraged to attend all possible.)
2. The sessions will be held at the Avon Lake Presbyterian Church (32340 Electric Blvd., Avon Lake, OH / Phone: (440) 933-6240), about 25 min. from Amherst.
3. **The dates for the sessions are: Feb. 26, Mar. 6, Mar. 13, and Mar. 20.**
4. Please bring a “sack dinner” (brown bag meal). Drinks furnished by Avon Lake Church.

Each participant will be given four books (unless they/you already have two of them) which will contain materials for assigned reading and worksheets.

1. Making Disciples, Making Leaders by Steve Eason (\$10)
2. Selected to Serve by Earl S. Johnson (\$15)
3. The Book of Order (\$7.50) -- Installed Elders should already have one.
4. The Book of Confessions (\$7.50) -- Installed Elders should have one.

Any contribution you could make toward the cost of the books you need will be much appreciated. Please prayerfully consider participating in this course. One of our objectives at Heritage over the next half year will be the strengthening of our Session and reaffirmation of its key role in the decision making process with respect to the congregation’s business. Do your best to make this a priority, and do let me know if you will be able to participate.

My email address: [mackruth@centurytel.net](mailto:mackruth@centurytel.net) Phone: (440) 988-7238.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ANNUAL REPORTS ARE NOW DUE!

Eagle Scout Ceremony in Heritage Hall, Sunday, March 6, at 3:00 p.m.

Elder Training at Avon Lake Pres., Sunday, March 6, at 4:30 p.m.

PW Women's Study meets in the Conference Room, Tuesday, March 8, at 9:30 a.m. Nanci Beauchamp will be the study leader, Joan Leckrone will lead devotions, and Beth Powers and Eileen Lindsay will be the hostesses. Please read lesson #8.

Ash Wednesday, March 9

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

Scrapbooking Crop in Heritage Hall, Friday, March 11, at 2:00 p.m.

Scrapbooking Crop in Heritage Hall, Saturday, March 12, at 9:00 a.m.

Elder Training at Avon Lake Pres., Sunday, March 13, at 4:30 p.m.

Program Coordinating Group meets in the Conference Room, Monday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Book Group meets on *Tuesday, March 15*, at the home of Sandra Hirst-Schoonmaker, 1530 Gulf Rd, Elyria. We will discuss *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver. Please RSVP at 365-3257.

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

St. Patty's Party in the Family Activities Center, Thursday, March 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Session meets in the Conference Room, Thursday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m.

New Beginnings Retreat, Friday, March 18, and Saturday, March 19.

Giancaterino family in Heritage Hall, Sunday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m.

Elder Training at Avon Lake Pres., Sunday, March 20, at 4:30 p.m.

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 27th.

Elder Training at Avon Lake Pres., Sunday, March 6, at 4:30 p.m.

Deacons meet in the Conference Room, Tuesday, March 29, at 6:15 p.m.

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# ST. PATTY'S PARTY

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for Grades KY-9  
Thursday, March 17, at 6:00 p.m.

Bring some friends and join us in the C. E. Wing for **WII Games, Music, Food, Drinks and more!** Please contact Donna Ireland at 988-1208 to RSVP before **March 12th**. Don't forget to wear your GREEN!

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## SESSION & DEACONS MEETINGS

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March 17 - 7:00 p.m. - **The first of regular monthly meetings** of the Elders of Heritage Presbyterian Church. Please plan to meet for two hours, the first half hour being occupied with instruction into the work and responsibilities of a Session in the local Presbyterian Church. If unable to attend, please request Excuse from Stated Clerk Marian Wood.

March 29- 6:15 p.m. - **The first of regular monthly meetings of the Deacons** of the church. Please plan to meet for two hours, with a significant amount of time to be devoted to instruction regarding the purpose and work of a local Presbyterian Church's Board of Deacons. If unable to attend, please request Excuse from, Chair of the Board of Deacons Dolores Hirst.

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## WELCOME POTLUCK!

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Help us welcome our new member, new elders and deacons and our Co-Interim Ministers Rev. Jessica MacMillan and Rev. Dr. Malcolm Peel

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**

Please indicate what you will be sharing with us on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Powers at 967-1791 or [enoel1951@yahoo.com](mailto:enoel1951@yahoo.com) Thank you!

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# ELDERS OF JAZZ

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## GUEST MUSICIANS, SUNDAY, MARCH 13.

The *Elders of Jazz* is a group of amateur musicians who *make a joyful noise to the Lord*, playing Dixieland Jazz. The group has been together since the Fall of 1980, and has played for such diverse events as Christmas parties, driveway dedications, mortgage burnings, ice cream socials, worship services, and church potluck suppers too numerous to mention.

The group has performed all over Northeast Ohio, and has traveled as far as Louisville, Kentucky. Currently however, due to busy schedules, the group performs only in the Cleveland area. One exception was a June 2002 performance for the Presbyterian General Assembly in Columbus. The *Elders of Jazz* have also been featured on WKYC, TV 3's program *Real to Reel*.

Although the personnel of the *Elders of Jazz* varies from performance to performance, the following persons are usually a part of the group:

Dalton Love- clarinet, Jim Traxler- trumpet, Al Hart-trombone  
Ken Hayden- trombone, Ron Lorentz-tuba, Kay McIntosh- piano  
Kim Kazda- drums

You won't want to miss their entry to the tune of "*When Those Saints Go Marchin' In!*" You'll leave with a new bounce in your step and a word of praise in your heart! Guaranteed!!!

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## COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES!

### WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M.

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#### *"New Life in Christ"*

March 16—St. Peter's UCC, 582 Church St. (Romans 5:12-19 )

March 23—Park Avenue UMC, 396 Park Avenue (Romans 4:1-5, 13-17)

March 30—Old Stone UMC, 553 S. Main Street (Romans 5:1-11)

April 6—Heritage Presbyterian Church, 515 N. Leavitt Rd. (Ephesians 5:8-14)

April 13—Amherst Congregational UCC, 379 S. Main St. (Romans 8:6-11)

*Services followed by a time of fellowship & refreshments.*

# CHARITY SCRAPBOOKING CROP

*Friday, March 11, 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.*

*Saturday, March 12, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.*

**\$25 per day or \$45 for both days per person**

Includes: 2 day crop, Friday dinner, Saturday pastry breakfast, light lunch and dinner, coffee and tea (other beverages not provided)

Heritage Presbyterian Church, 515 N. Leavitt Rd., Amherst, OH 44001

Tax deductible proceeds support Heritage Presbyterian Church

Checks Payable to Heritage Presbyterian Church

Memo Message: Scrapbooking/Crop

P.O. Box 834, Amherst, Ohio 44001

**Please Contact Nanci Berman @ [nberman@centurytel.net](mailto:nberman@centurytel.net)**

***/440-670-6169 to reserve your spot.***

*\*Request Adults Only    \*Any Personal Music or Video Device Require Headphones*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We are very proud to announce that Doug Isenberg, son of Doug & Tracy Isenberg and a former Elder in our congregation, is making his mark as a splendid scholar and student. Doug, who was Captain for Lorain High School's "Academic Challenge" Team, has been chosen as the Academic Challenge "Stand-Up Scholar." As a result, his school received a prize of \$500.00. We are also told that he is a serious contender for the role of "Valedictorian" of the new, combined Lorain High School, with the highest grade average in the senior class. He will be studying economics at Capital University in August of this year.

*Terrific job, Doug! Our heartiest congratulations!*

# MARCH 2011

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		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-  Finance Team 5:00p.m.-Conf. Room	3 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m.  Choir-6:30 p.m.	4-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.	5 Boy Scouts Recognition Dinner-8:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-
6-Rev. MacMillan Communion  Sunday School 11:15 am  Eagle Scout Ceremony -Heritage Hall- -3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.-  Elder Training 4:30 p.m.-Avon Lake	7-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.  Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.	8 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m.  PW Women-9:30 a.m. -Conference Room- -See Page 7-  Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-  Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center	9-Ash Wednesday 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-  Choir-6:30 p.m.  Set-up Scrapbooking -Heritage Hall-	11-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.  Scrapbooking Crop 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. -Heritage Hall-	12 Scrapbooking Crop 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. -Heritage Hall-
13-Guest Speaker Rev. Al Hart & the Elders of Jazz  Sunday School 11:15 am  Coffee Hour Following worship  Elder Training 4:30 p.m.-Avon Lake	14 Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.  Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.  Program Group- -6:30 p.m. Conf. Room-	15 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m.  Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-  Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center  Book Group-7:30 p.m. -See Page 7-	16-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.  Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.  Cub Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-  Community Lenten Service-7:00 p.m. -St. Peters-	17- <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> Silver Sneakers -9:00 a.m.  Choir-6:30 p.m.  Kids Party 6:00 p.m. -Family Center-  Session-7:00 p.m. -Conference Room-	18-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.  New Beginnings Retreat	19 New Beginnings Retreat
20- <b>Spring Begins</b> Giancaterino Shower 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. -Heritage Hall-  Elder Training 4:30 p.m.-Avon Lake  Installation & Ordination Deacons & Elders	21-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.  Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.	22 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m.  Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-  Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center	23-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.  Cub Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Family Center-  Community Lenten Service-7:00 p.m. -Park Avenue-	24 Silver Sneakers -9:00 a.m.  Choir-6:30 p.m.	25-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.	26
27- <b>Congregational Meeting</b>  Adult Ed.-9:45 a.m. -Conference Room-  Coffee Hour Following worship	28-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 & 10:00 a.m.  Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.	29 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m.  Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-  Deacons-6:15 p.m. -Conference Room-  Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center	30-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.  Cub Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Family Center-  Community Lenten Service-7:00 p.m. -Old Stone-	31 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m.  Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-  Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center		

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1-Marguerite Price  
2-George Hirst  
4-Meghan Bobek, Anita Maiden  
5-Metta Martin, Yvonne Schafer  
6-Jim Smucker  
7-Colleen Kishman, Andrew Winemiller  
8-Sidney Deidrick  
11-Ernie Bayne, Alan Golski  
14-Cyrus Kalb  
15-Diane Medve, Scott Thorley  
16-Beth Powers  
17-Edna Scott, Cay Thompson  
18-Kirsten Brehm  
19-Betty DeWitt  
20-Andrew Butrey  
21-Cathy Dickerson  
22-Addisyn Gaetz, Ruth Rohlke  
23-Austin Futo  
24-Mark Nestor  
28 Robert Buford, Jr.  
31-Franca Winiasz

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

14-Kevin & Jane VanderToorn  
22-Bob & Gay McDonald

## HERIATGE'S RUMMAGE SALE

Our rummage sale will be held on **Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30**. Donations will be received beginning on **Monday, April 25**. If you have any questions, or any donations, please contact Beth Powers at 967-1791 or by email [enoel1951@yahoo.com](mailto:enoel1951@yahoo.com)



# THANK YOU!

**T**his 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.”

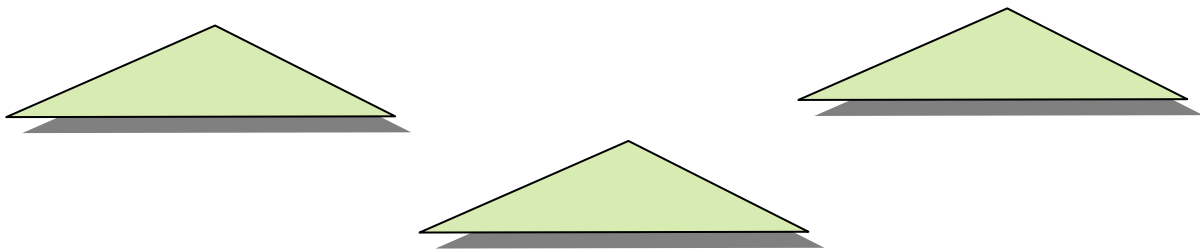
A **HUGE “Thank You”** to Larrie & Pat Young for the donation of two new programmable thermostats and three thermostat covers.

“**Thank You**” to Joe and Eileen Lindsay for their continued leadership of the Food Coop at Heritage. Volunteers are always welcome.

“**Thank You**” to Kary Davis and Bob McDonald for supplying some of the February bulletin covers. Anyone willing to share their pictures can email them to LaShawnda (llee@heritagepc.org).

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).

John Powers



## **HELP NEEDED: AUDIO SYSTEM OPERATOR (S)**

Anyone interested in learning to operate the Sanctuary Audio System and then be responsible on a semi-scheduled basis to set it up, run it and close it down on Sunday mornings (or other times as necessary) should contact John Powers at (H) 440-967-1791 or (C) 440-864-7064 or e-mail to [jhpowers3@yahoo.com](mailto:jhpowers3@yahoo.com).

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**SESSION**

Michael Kacsandi, elder  
Anita Maiden, elder  
Diane Medve, elder  
Kelly Sagert, elder  
Rev. Malcolm Peel, moderator  
Marian Wood, clerk  
James Gates, treasurer  
Michael Ireland, business manager  
Garnett Shockey, financial secretary

**DEACONS**

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



**Child Care Available**

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P.O. Box 834, 515 N. Leavitt Road  
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Adult/Youth Education, 9:45 a.m.  
Adult/Youth Worship, 11:15 a.m.