

Happy Mother's Day!

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

'A NEW THING'

For nearly 50 years the "cream" of ancient Israel's population had been languishing in Babylon, exiled captives of that conquering Empire since the destruction of Jerusalem in 587 B.C. Many had settled in, developed business, gotten comfortable with the ways things were. There were occasional reminiscences about what used to be in the glory days of King David and King Solomon, but most had lost the capacity to dream.

Onto the stage of history came a towering but anonymous figure -- a prophet of God whose oracles were later gathered into chapters 40-55 and appended to the prophecy of Isaiah of Jerusalem (chs. 1-39). Speaking in the Name of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, this "Deutero-Isaiah," as scholars call him, offers a bold challenge, one that would be accompanied by the release of the captives from the long Exile:

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I, **the Lord, am doing a new thing**; now it springs forth.
Do you not perceive it!" (Isa. 43:18-19)

I would like to suggest that this may well be God's Word to Heritage P.C. Eleven years ago (1999), two congregations - Westminster Presbyterian of Amherst (founded 1958) and Northminster of Lorain (1962) - merged into the new one known today as Heritage Presbyterian Church. An "Assessment" prepared by a professional consultant, Bill Lawser, suggests we are about to enter "adolescence as a congregation."

Our observed characteristics revealed a congregation on a "plateau, with beginnings of decline." Average Sunday attendance had begun to decline significantly, with overall membership remaining about the same over the past 10 years. While we have great new facilities in our Heritage Hall and the new sanctuary, we lack adequate signage and our decoration of the new sanctuary is sparse. Our congregation is older than the average age of the greater Amherst community. We have been experiencing a financial dilemma, with a decline of some \$65,000 in giving while still carrying substantial debt from our new construction. On the other hand, our Food Panty and Hot Lunch Program have been successful, and some perceive our new pastoral leadership since the beginning of March as a strong plus.

Our choices are to (1) do nothing - it's less painful than change; (2) redefine our mission and take on new initiatives; (3) redevelop our church, empowering it to adapt to a new environment; or (4) close our doors. Over the next six weeks, nine "House Discussion Groups" with more than 70 of our members will be exploring these alternatives and especially focusing on new opportunities to revitalize our church through new and unique forms of outreach and mission to the larger community. We still have some openings for participants, and, if you are interested, call LaShawnda, church secretary, at 988-9409. If you have to miss some sessions, that's O.K. This is our church. Our Lord is at work within her. But His "hands and feet" are ours. Accordingly, we must think about the "New Thing" God calling us to be and do for our future! Will you heed God's call?

Rev. Mack Peel, interim co-pastor

ADULT ED

"FROM PRESBY BELIEFS TO CHRISTIANS AND THEIR MONEY - MAY ADULT ED OFFERINGS"

Before Easter, the Adult Class devoted five sessions to a study of Islam. In May, we shall turn attention to the distinctive beliefs of Christians who identify themselves as "Presbyterian" and "Reformed Protestant." Two initial sessions will be devoted to "What Presbyterians Believe." Next, closer study will be given to the two Sacraments we practice." Our final class in May will be devoted to the way Christians spend their money and whether our faith provides any guidance.

All classes will be based on "The Thoughtful Christian" series from John Knox Press, with handouts provided and discussion welcome.

Classes meet 9:45 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. -Conference Room

(except May 29, class will start at 9:00 A.M. due to the earlier church hour)

- May 1 -- "What Do Presbyterians Believe?" - Session I - Instructor - Mack Peel
(The Reformed Tradition and its core beliefs about the Bible, God, Creation and Providence, Humanity and Sin).
- May 8 -- "What Do Presbyterians Believe?" - Session II - Instructor - Mack Peel
(Other core beliefs, including Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, Salvation by Grace, Election and Predestination, the Church, Sacraments, and the Future Life).
- May 15 -- "Baptism 101" Session I - Instructor - John Powers
(Exploring the meaning of Baptism, how it "changes" us, why water is used, and if you can be "Christian" without Baptism?)
- May 22 -- "Communion 101" Session II - Instructor - John Powers
(What is "The Lord's Supper?" How should it be celebrated? How often? Why do Christians divide over its meaning?)
- May 29 -- "Faithful Budgeting" - Instructor - Mike Ireland
(9:00 A.M. Class devoted to thinking about how we spend money and whether Jesus' teachings offer any guidance on such habits?)

May Scriptures & Sermons

1- 1 Peter 3:1-9, Pew Bible page 219 & John 20:19-31, Pew Bible page 109

"What Happens Next?"-Rev. MacMillan

8-1 Peter 1:17-25, Pew Bible page 218

"Deep Love"- Rev. MacMillan

15- Acts 2:42-47, Pew Bible page 112

"Why Church Matters"-Rev. MacMillan

**Rev. Rick Stein will provide Pastoral Care, May 16-May 20.*

22 - 1 Samuel 3:1-10, Pew Bible page 236

"Two Umbrella Christians"-Rev. Peel

29- Acts 17:22-31, Pew Bible page 129

"Searching for God"-Rev. MacMillan

UPCOMING EVENTS

Service Coordinating Team meets in the Conference Room,
Monday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m.

Boy Scouts Lock-In will be held in the Family Activities Center,
Friday, May 6 and 7.

Daughters of our Heavenly Father Tea in Heritage Hall,
Saturday, May 7, at 1:30 p.m.

Program Coordinating Group meets in the Conference Room,
Monday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m.

PW Women's End of the Year Gathering will be held at the Dragon Ranch
Golf Course on Tuesday, May 10, at 10:00 a.m.

Food Pantry Set-Up and Distribution in Heritage Hall,
Thursday, May 12, at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Heritage Hall in use *Saturday, May 14, at 2:30 p.m.*

Rev. Rick Stein will be the On-Call Pastor beginning on
Monday, May 16 until Saturday, May 21.

Book Group meets at the home of Barbara Brown, 577 Maple St., Amherst,
Tuesday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein will
be discussed. RSVP at 988-2580.

Deacons meet in the Conference Room. Tuesday, May 24, at 6:15 p.m.

Session meets in the Conference Room, Thursday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, church office will be closed

“SOUL” FOOD

For the Body & Mind!



Sweet Peas with Prosciutto

(Piselli al Prosciutto)

1/4 cup of extra virgin olive oil
2 oz. of prosciutto, roughly chopped
1 small white onion, minced
1 pound of fresh or frozen green peas
Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste

1. Heat oil in a 12” skillet over medium heat. Add prosciutto and onions; Cook until onions are soft and prosciutto begins to crisp. (6-8 minutes)
2. Add peas and 1 tbsp. of water; cook, tossing, until hot, about 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Serves four.

FOOD FOR YOUR MIND

“Laughter is the corrective force which prevents us from becoming cranks.”

-Henry Bergson, quoted in the Springfield, Ill., State Journal Register

Provided by Kay Dickerson

EXTRA RESPONSIBILITIES

Given the extra responsibilities our church secretary is undertaking during this time, please direct any special needs or concerns about church ministries to Rev. Peel or Rev. MacMillan, who will try to handle them in a timely manner! Also, please remember that the deadline for any bulletin announcements, inserts or changes is **Tuesday of each week** and the newsletter deadline is the **3rd Wednesday of each month**.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

When in sorrow.....Call John 14
When men fail you.....Call Psalm 27
If you want to be fruitful.....Call John 15
When you have sinned.....Call Psalm 51
When you worry.....Call Matthew 6:19-24
When you are in danger.....Call Psalm 91
When God seems far away.....Call Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring.....Call Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....Call Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical.....Call 1 Corinthians 13
For Paul's secret to happiness.....Call Colossians 3:12-17
For understanding of Christianity.....Call 2 Corinthians 5:15-19
When you feel down and out.....Call Romans 8:31
When you want peace and rest.....Call Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God....Call Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance.....Call Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home.....Call Psalm 121
When your prayers grow self-centered.....Call Psalm 67
For a great invention/opportunity.....Call Isaiah 55
When you want courage for a task.....Call Joshua 1
To get along better with people.....Call Romans 12
When you think of investments and returns.....Call Mark 10
If you are depressed.....Call Psalm 27
If your pocketbook is empty.....Call Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people.....Call 1 Corinthians 13
If people seem unkind.....Call John 15
If discouraged about your work.....Call Psalm 126
If you find the world growing small and yourself great.....Call Psalm 19
For dealing with fear.....Call Psalm 34:7
For security.....Call Psalm 121:3
For assurance.....Call Mark 8:35
For reassurance.....Call Psalm 145:18

Emergency numbers may be dialed direct.
No operator assistance is necessary.
All lines to heaven are open 24 hours.

Submitted by Cathy Dickerson

Easter Flower Dedications

Nancy Beauchamp in memory of Michael & Marianne Anuta

Peter & Marilyn Bronson in memory of Art & Lucille Bronson and Phyllis Natrop

Susan Callahan in honor of Mr. & Mrs. K.W. Dickerson

Burt Cooper in memory of Ruth & Francis Cooper

Nancy Curci in memory of Rev. Hugh & Willah Gunn and Frank & Mary Anna Curci

Dan, Wendy, Savannah, Alli & Sidney Deidrick in memory of Jim Binder

Jim & Carol Gates in memory of their parents and their grandparents

Jim & Sue Giancaterino in memory of Margaret Sagert

Haberbusch family in honor of John & Joanna Haberbusch

Dick & Pearl Heilman in honor of their children

George & Dolores Hirst in memory of George & Eula Hirst & Alfred & Dorothy Runnion

Bill & Jean Hoff in memory of loved ones

Mike & Donna Ireland in memory of their parents

Daralyn Kniceley in memory of James Kniceley & Walt Konshinsky

William & Joan Leckrone in memory of their parents and in honor of their family

Joe & Eileen Lindsay in honor of their beloved parents and their family

Donna Lydick in memory of her husband, Leslie Lydick

David & Nancy Maiden in memory of Seth Maiden, Norman & Malville Rickard and
Glen & Roberta Maiden

John & Janet Mamrak in memory of Kimberly Mamrak Murray

Bob & Gay McDonald in memory of Chuck Clark and Ellen Hawkins and in honor of Opal Clark

Ethel Moyers in memory of Jerry Moyers and Reed & Elva Jones

Beaann Norris in memory of beloved parents, Frank & Ellen Norris and grandparents,
aunts and uncles

Powers family in memory of Pete & Alza Boling, Hattie Boling, John & Blanche Powers,
Jaron Powers and Pat Powers Smith, and in honor of Metta Martin

Easter Flower Dedications Cont.

John & Beth Powers in honor of their ten children and sixteen grandchildren

Cheryl Poyle in memory of Harley & Theresa Stursa

Janet Reyes in memory of Millissa Johnson

Bob & Barbara Shauck in honor of our service men and women

Ruth Rohlke in memory of Andrew & Frances Strang

Edna Scott in memory of her husband, Ken Scott

Judy Schütz in memory of Mary Louise Lutsch and Rev. Dr. Roy F. Schütz

Jim & Sharon Smucker in memory of Elaine Swiernga and John Smucker

Jim & Carol Snyder in memory of parents, Don & Harriet Snyder and
Howard & Vivian Ransom

Karen Timko in memory of Eugene & Pearl Fossie

George & Shirley Tsai

Alex & JoAnne Visnyai

Judith Wood in memory of her grandparents

Larrie & Pat Young in honor of Paytyn and Hunter Young



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1-Communion Rev. MacMillan 1 Peter 3:1-9, John 20:19-31 Adult Ed.-9:45 a.m. -Conference Room- New Beginnings 1:00 p.m.	2-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. New Beginnings 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Strengthening Families-5:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Service Team- 6:30 p.m.- Conf. Room	3 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. New Beginnings 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center	4-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. New Beginnings 2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Family Center-	5 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. New Beginnings 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Choir-6:30 p.m.	6-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Boy Scout Lock-In -Family Center- Daughters of God Tea Set-Up Heritage Hall	7 Daughters of our Heavenly Father Tea-1:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-
8-Mother's Day Rev. MacMillan 1 Peter 1:17-25 Adult Ed.-9:45 a.m. -Conference Room- Sunday School 11:15 am New Beginnings 1:00 p.m.	9-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. New Beginnings 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. Program Group- 6:30 p.m.-Conf. Room	10 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. PW Women End of Year 10:00 a.m.-Dragon Ranch New Beginnings 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center	11-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. New Beginnings 2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Family Center-	12 Food Pantry Set-Up 8:30 a.m.-Heritage Hall- Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. New Beginnings 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Food Distribution 10:00 a.m.-Heritage Hall- Choir-6:30 p.m.	13-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.	14 Hall in use-2:30 p.m.
15 Rev. MacMillan Acts 2:42-47 Adult Ed.-9:45 a.m. -Conference Room- Sunday School 11:15 a.m. New Beginnings 1:00 p.m.	16-Rev. Rick Stein providing pastoral care this week. Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. New Beginnings 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.	17 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. New Beginnings 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center Book Group-7:30 p.m.	18-Newsletter Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. New Beginnings 2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall-	19 Silver Sneakers -9:00 a.m. New Beginnings 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Choir-6:30 p.m.	20-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Giancaterino Rehearsal-6:00 p.m.	21-Giancaterino Wedding
22 Rev. Peel 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Adult Ed.-9:45 a.m. -Conference Room- New Beginnings 1:00 p.m.	23-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. New Beginnings 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m.	24 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. New Beginnings 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center Deacons-6:15 p.m. -Conference Room-	25-Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi-11:00 a.m. New Beginnings 2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.	26 Silver Sneakers -9:00 a.m. New Beginnings 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Session-7:30 p.m. -Conference Room-	27 Fitness After Fifty 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.	28
29-Rev. MacMillan Acts 17:22-31 Adult Ed.-9:00 a.m. -Conference Room- Worship-10:00 a.m. New Beginnings 1:00 p.m.	30-Memorial Day Church Office closed	31 Silver Sneakers-9:00 a.m. New Beginnings 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts-6:30 p.m. -Heritage Hall- Overeaters' Anonymous 7:30 p.m.-Family Center				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2-Nick Curci, Bernice Moody,
David Wood
3-Bernice Patton, Milan Sebo
7-Joe Lindsay, Karen Timko,
Nate Wheatley, Tom Wood
10-Emily Bobek, LaShawnda Lee
11-Kathleen Kishman
12-Joseph Hisey, Chance Robertson
13-Michael Gray
16-McKenna Butler, Janice Pearce,
Lauren Welling
18-Robert Bayne, John Sirb
22-Brian Dull, Connor Frankenberger,
Linda Graber, Norma Stoffer
23-Pat Young
24-Robert Graber
25-Erin Meyer, Tree Trace
26-Bernie Hisey, Bill Hoff
27-Alex Wright
29-Ryan Sagert
30-Alyssa Harrold, Lauren Kishman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

12-Bill & Jean Hoff
19-Alan & Wendy Golski
22-Ron & Cheryl Poyle
23-Doug & Carla Hawkins
27-Fred & Christine Marcaly
31-Ernie & DeLores Bayne



OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

To Judi Buford and her family on the loss
of her husband, Bob Buford, Jr., who
joined the church triumphant on March 27.

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**” to everyone who helped in the office; Marilyn Bronson, Sue Giancaterino, Mike Ireland, Daralyn Kniceley, Beann Norris & Noel Peel.

“**Thank You**” to Barb Brown for scrubbing the kitchen floor after the last food program day (AGAIN)! “**Thank You**” to the ladies for preparing all of the delicious food for the potluck dinner on April 3rd. “**Thank You**” to everyone who purchased Easter flowers.

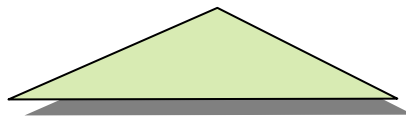
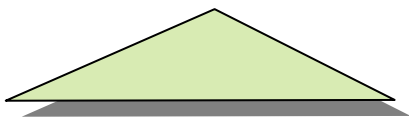
“**Thank You**” to Jim and Carol Snyder for the new 100 Cup coffee maker to replace the one that recently burned out. It has already been used and makes great coffee. “**Thank You**” to Larrie Young for repairing several vacuum cleaners for the church.

“**Thank You**” to Danny Varga for securing the man door to the garage and for replacing the threshold. “**Thank You**” to Mike Bailey and others at JVS for repairing the handle to the ‘little red cart’ that is used to move food around for food co-op day. It was cracked in several places and was about to break.

“**Thank You**” to Nanci Berman for the “Scrapbooking Crop”. The event netted a total of \$430.00. All the profits were donated to Heritage for unrestricted use and help with our budget. “**Thank You**” to the Deacons for the coffee hour provided following worship.

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



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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
Judy Schütz



Child Care Available

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Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.