

Welcome Back to a  
"New Beginning!"!

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## FROM THE PASTOR

*"Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life."  
-Proverbs 4:11*

**F**or the past 37 years, my life has been organized by the school year schedule. First, my own school years through high school, college and seminary. Then the youth at church and then my children's academic careers. Our oldest is a senior this year and I never fail to get both excited and teary about the first day of class. I enjoy shopping for school supplies, looking at their schedules with them and hearing the stories about stuck lockers and funny teachers.

This year, the first day was even more of a challenge. In the middle of the night a storm knocked down a light pole near our house. So we dug out the candles to light our way and the camp stove for the all important breakfast meat. After all that we realized that the high school, but not the middle school, was also without power. My older boys declared a miracle, "No school on the first day of school!"

I realize that I get more excited about learning opportunities for my children than they do themselves. Education is the key to so many things in life and we often take it for granted. In developing countries around the world children would love to go to school, but education is not free and they cannot afford the fees. Girls in particular are held back from receiving an education so they can work or marry, when study after study shows that educating women is the most effective method to pull a community or a country out of poverty.

The Old Testament book of Proverbs has much to say to us about attaining Godly wisdom. We are to value instruction whether it comes from the Holy Word, an elder in the faith or the voice of a child. The beginning of this academic year, even if you don't have children at home, is a good time to commit yourself again to reading the Bible, taking a class and coming to worship. When you realize God is saying something to you that addresses a situation in your own life; write it down, pray about it, and as Proverbs says, "guard it well, for it is your life."

Even though public education is **free** and available to all in this country, school supplies are not. Many children do without the necessary materials. As "People of the Book", Christians who believe in the power of the Word, let's think of ways that we can address this situation as a church right here in Lorain County and provide supplies as we are able.

This past Sunday, in the midst of prayer concerns over illness and death, someone wrote a request to pray for "children living in poverty." As school begins and children have (hopefully) a safe place to go during the day, a hot lunch, caring teachers and school volunteers, may we continue to pray for them. Let's also remind our own children that attending school is a privilege that we enjoy in this country while so many elsewhere are denied the opportunity.

*"Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding." (Proverbs 3:13)*

*Your Servant in Christ,*

*Jessica MacMillan*



# 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.”

“**Thank You**” to Nancy Beauchamp, Beaann Norris, Mike Ireland, Kathleen Sayre, and Garnett Shockey for helping in the office while LaShawnda was on vacation.

A huge “**Thank You**” and **Welcome** to Rebeca Nieves. She is our new Children and Youth Ministry Director. If you have not met Rebeca, please plan to attend one of the Parent-Teacher Meet & Greet sessions (*See the new “Youth Page” in this newsletter.*)

“**Thank You**” to Beaann Norris for her work in cleaning up the church garage and in identifying those items that could be recycled or sold and taking care of them and of disposing of the remaining items in the most cost effective manner possible. If you haven’t been in the garage lately, step in there and see what she has accomplished. Good job, Beaann!

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

John Powers



## Personnel Team Member Needed

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member should contact Charlotte Burge by phone (244-3741) or by email [cburge@centurytel.net](mailto:cburge@centurytel.net). Thank you!

## Flowers



If anyone is interested in purchasing flowers, a new 12-month calendar is in the Gathering Area! The cost is \$25.00 and includes delivery. Please feel free to take your flowers home after service or consider donating them to one of our homebound friends! Please remember to return the **GREEN CANS**

# ADULT EDUCATION

## The Thoughtful Christian

This is the title of a series of short, thought-provoking studies that will be the focus of our adult Christian Education program this fall and winter. The series features topics that will both inform and stimulate and be taught by a variety of dedicated Presbyterians from the Heritage Congregation.

Plan now to join us in the Conference Room, each *Sunday at 9:30 a.m.* Isn't it time you learned more about your faith?

### > Great Themes of the Bible <

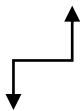
#### Sept. 18—"God with Us" (*Divine Imminence*)

Where do we get the idea that the Creator of the Universe is closer to us than our own selves? What does it mean to say God is Imminent and yet Transcendent? What evidence do we have of God's presence among us? What does Scripture say?

#### Sept. 25—"God: Champion of the Weak & Vulnerable"

Why does the God of the Bible show so much attention to the poor and outcast? Why not to the rich and powerful? Does this mean those in the latter categories are doomed? Does it underscore the importance of justice for all peoples in the practice of our faith?

**Instructor:** The Rev. Mack Peel, Ph.D.



## SCRIPTURES & SERMONS

4-**Communion**-Rev. Malcolm Peel

Scripture: Acts 8:26-39, Pew Bible page 119

Sermon: "Guiding Into Faith" (*Some Thoughts About Christian Nurture*)

11-**Baptismal**-Addisyn Doane-Rev. Jessica MacMillan

Scripture: Psalm 91, Pew Bible Page 518

Sermon: "A Place of Refuge"

18-**Welcome Back Sunday**-Rev. Jessica MacMillan

Scripture: Philippians 1:21-30, Pew Bible page 185

Sermon: "Side by Side"

25-**Special Coffee Hour**-Rev. Jessica MacMillan

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13, Pew Bible page 186

Sermon: "In The Name of Jesus"

# Our Corner

## Heritage Presbyterian Church Children and Youth Ministry

### Come! Learn! Grow!

HELLO K-12,  
Time to get back to business. Join us for Bible School! Classes start **September 18, at 10:30 a.m.** We can't wait to see you!

### Youth Group Meetings

PRE/HIGH "S-Koolers,"  
Do you want to be involved in the community?  
Do you want to be active in the Church?  
Do you want to make your relationship with the Lord grow? Come join us at the group meetings! **Saturdays, at 2:00 p.m.** in the C.E. Wing (*aka the old sanctuary*).

### Parent - C & Y Ministry Meeting

PARENTS,  
Please join me, Rebeca Nieves the new Director of the Children and Youth Ministry. I would love to meet you and know your opinion regarding your children's education. Because your children's education is important, let's team up! Please sign up for one of the following dates:

**\*Wednesday, September 14, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**\*Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30p.m.**

*Please RSVP as soon as possible.*

### PointFest Fundraising

Let us go and enjoy the songs of praise and worship at the PointFest Christian Concert. Interested? Contact Donna Ireland or Rebeca for more information. Hurry, time flies and funds must be raised!

**Date:** September 17

**Cost:** \$40.00 (*fund raising will help cut your ticket's cost*)

### The Feast of the Ice Cream

Let's celebrate New Beginnings for the Children & Youth Ministry of Heritage. Meet the leaders and check out the curriculum. Let's enjoy time of worship with awesome music and dynamic teachings!

**When?** Thursday, September 8, 6:30 p.m.

**Where?** HPC's Heritage Hall



### On Our Way! Rainbow Hospital Blankets

\*Decision taken! The youth group met and conquered. It is final, the blankets made by the confirmation classes of 2010 will finally make it to Rainbow Children's Hospital. Big "Thanks" to Linda Graber and Donna Ireland for making it happen!



Rebeca E. Nieves, Children and Youth Ministry Director

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Find us on facebook: HPC Children and Youth Ministry

# DEACON'S NEWS



Welcome back from vacation. The Deacons are looking forward to a very productive and positive year.

We are working on some new initiatives for the fall as well as the rest of the year. A few things are:

## COFFEE HOUR

Beginning with a Special Coffee Hour on September 25, each Sunday immediately after worship, we will host a "Coffee Hour" in Heritage Hall.

Come join us for coffee, fellowship and "Goodies." If you would like to help with set-up, supply goodies, clean-up or even host a Sunday, please contact Nancy Maiden (949-2933). We would sincerely appreciate it.

## CARING CARDS

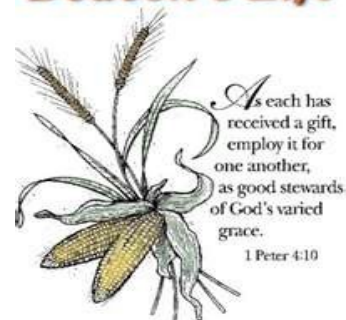
We are continuing with our "Card Mission." Please contact Cheryl Poyle (984-3741) if you know of a member or friend of Heritage or anyone else who would benefit from a message of "Caring." Please leave a message.

Look for more information about our "Out-Reach" Program, "Heritage Mission Commission"

## PARTNERS IN MISSION

The Deacons would like to say "Thank You" to Gay McDonald for her hard work reaching out to the community and further on Heritage's behalf.

## *Deacon's Life*



*As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

1 Peter 4:10

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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Pre/High S-Koolers meet in the C.E. Wing, *Saturday, September 3, at 2:00 p.m.*

Labor Day, *Monday, September 5.* Church office will be closed.

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

**Special Choir Meeting**, *Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m.*

Peace & Unity Service, *Remembering 9/11 with Hope* featuring the Oikos Jazz Ensemble at Veteran's Park in Lorain, *Saturday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m.*

**New Worship Hour on Sunday, September 11** worship will begin at **10:30 a.m.** After worship, a reception will be held in Heritage Hall.

Program Coordinating Group meets in the Conference Room, *Monday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m.*

PW Women meets in the Conference Room, *Tuesday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m.* Nancy Beauchamp will be the study leader, Karen Timko will lead devotions, Ruth Rohlke & Daralyn Kniceley will be the hostesses. We will study Lesson #1, *Greatly Honored Are the Poor* in the *Confessions of the Beatitudes* guide.

Service Coordinating Team meets in the Conference Room, *Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m.*

Flu Shot Clinic in the C.E. Wing, *Wednesday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m.*

Welcome Back Sunday, *September 18.* Adult Ed. and Sunday School begins. A potluck will follow in Heritage Hall.

Beginning September 19, Zumba Fitness meets in Heritage Hall, Mondays and Thursdays, at 6:00 p.m.

Book group meets *Tuesday, September 20, at 7:30 p.m.*, at the home of Delores Hirst, 2122 E. 39th St., Lorain. Kathleen Sayre will lead discussion of *The Woman I Was Born To Be* by Susan Boyle. Please RSVP ( 277-6691).

Session meets in the Conference Room, *Thursday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m.*

**Community Gospel Concert** at Heritage on *Saturday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m.*

Special Coffee Hour in Heritage Hall, *Sunday, September 25.*

Deacons meet in the Conference Room *Tuesday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Strengthening Families Program

*Mondays, September 12-26. 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.* Heritage Presbyterian Church hosts a seven-week program for youth ages 10-14 and their families. For more information and to register, please call Lynn (366-1106).

## Amherst CROP Walk – Sunday, September 18, 2:00 p.m.

We participated in the Lorain County CROP Walk, now Amherst would like us to participate in their CROP Walk. It begins at St. Peter's Church on Church Street. Contact John Powers, (967-1791) or [jhpowers3@yahoo.com](mailto:jhpowers3@yahoo.com).

## Zumba Fitness

COMING SOON! Classes start *September 19, at 6:00 p.m.* and will be on Monday and Thursday evenings in Heritage Hall! Anyone 13 and older is invited to participate at the cost of \$5 per class.

## Lorain Bike Festival – Saturday, September 24

This is a new program that is being held by the Church of Lorain County which is All Christians in the County. It will be held at the Park Street Park, 99 South Park Street, Oberlin with the following events:

3:00-5:00 p.m. - Community Bike Build

DROP one off, FIX one up or TAKE one home This is a program that is run by Bryce Rapp who fixes bikes and donates them to the neighborhood kids that need them. You may see what he does by going to Google and searching [Bryce Rapp](#) or [Bikepointe Ministries](#).

5:00-6:00 p.m. - Community Bike Ride

6:00-7:00 p.m. - BBQ and Musical Performances

Additional info may be obtained at [JesusinBryce@live.com](mailto:JesusinBryce@live.com)

## HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

**A Community Gospel Concert, Saturday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m.**

featuring Guy DeNillo and Lorrie Long

Refreshments will follow. A "Free-Will" offering will be received.



*Music and Stories  
of Peace and Unity  
Remembering 9/11  
with Hope*

Featuring the *Oikos Ensemble*

Saturday, September 10th – 7:00 PM

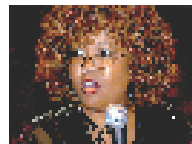
Veteran's Memorial Park

4th Street & Washington, Lorain OH

*Sponsored by the Lorain Clergy Association*

For additional information call 440.244.5883

Applause for *Oikos* from around the country:



**"Sacred jazz at its finest"** Tri-C Jazz Festival, Cleveland OH

**"Transforming"** Global Village Jazz, Philadelphia PA

**"Imaginative and inventive"** Intersections International, New York NY

**"Inspirational and vital"** UCC General Synod, Hartford CT

**"A creative, spiritual adventure"** Rocky Mt. Conference, Boulder, CO

**"Like rain during a dry time"** IMissionworks!, Cleveland OH

**"Spirited, prayerful, engaging"** Church World Service, Dallas TX

**"A memorably unique experience"** Pilgrim Place, Claremont CA

**"Inspiring sacred jazz"** Middle Collegiate Church, New York NY

**"I salute Cliff Aerie and the Oikos Ensemble  
for their inspired music and mission.**

**They are serving the world with their song."**

**-- Paul Winter (Paul Winter Consort)**

A free-will offering will be received.

In case of inclement weather the concert will be held at  
First Congregational Church just across the street

Learn more about *Oikos* at [www.oikos-ensemble.com](http://www.oikos-ensemble.com)

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Happy Labor Day!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3-Pre/High School Group Meeting 200pm-CEWing-
				Silver Sneakers-9:00am- Family Center-	Fitness-After-50 9:00am-10:00am -Family Center-	
4-Communion Rev. Peel <b>Scripture:</b> Acts 8:26-39, Pew Bible page 119 <b>Sermon:</b> "Guiding Into Faith"	5-Labor Day! Church Office Closed	6-Silver Sneakers-9:00am -Family Center- Overeaters' Anonymous -7:30pm-Family Center	7-Fitness-After-50 9:00am-10:00am	8-Food Pantry Set-Up 8:30am-Heritage Hall- Silver Sneakers-9:00am -Family Center- Food Distribution -10:00am-Heritage Hall- Ice Cream Social-6:30pm -Heritage Hall- Choir-7:00pm	9-Fitness-After-50 9:00am-10:00am -Family Center-	10-Pre/High School Group Meeting 200pm-CEWing- Peace & Unity Service 7:00pm-Veterans Park
11-Worship at 10:30am Rev. MacMillan <b>Scripture:</b> Psalm 91, Pew Bible Page 518 <b>Sermon:</b> "A Place of Refuge" Baptismal Addisyn Doane Reception follows	12-Fitness-After-50 9:00am-10:00am Tai Chi-11:00am -Family Center- Strengthening Families -5:30pm-Heritage Hall PCG-6:50pm -Conference Room-	13-Silver Sneakers-9:00am -Family Center- PW Women-9:50am -Conference Room- SCT-6:30pm -Conference Room- Overeaters' Anonymous -7:30pm-Family Center-	14-Fitness-After-50 9:00am-10:00am Run Shot Clinic-10:00am -Family Center- Parent/Teacher Meet 6:30pm-CEWing-	15-Silver Sneakers-9:00am -Family Center- Parent/Teacher Meet 5:00pm-CEWing-	16-Fitness-After-50 9:00am-10:00am -Family Center-	17-Welcome Back Set-Up-Heritage Hall- Point Fest Concert -12:00pm-Cedar Point-
18-Welcome Back Rev. MacMillan Adult Ed-9:30am -Conference Room- Sunday School-10:30am -CEWing- <b>Scripture:</b> Philippians 1:21-30, Pew Bible Page 185 <b>Sermon:</b> "Side By Side"	19-Fitness-After-50 9:00am-10:00am Tai Chi-11:00am -Family Center- Strengthening Families -5:30pm-Family Center- Zumba Class-6:00pm -Heritage Hall-	20-Silver Sneakers 9:00am-Family Center- Overeaters' Anonymous -7:30pm-Family Center Book Group-7:30pm	21-Fitness-After-50 9:00am-10:00am	22-Silver Sneakers 9:00am-Family Center- Zumba Class-6:00pm -Heritage Hall- Session-7:00pm -Conference Room-	23-Fitness-After-50 9:00am-10:00am Tai Chi-11:00am -Family Center-	24-Pre/High School Group Meeting 200pm-CEWing-
26-Rev. MacMillan Adult Ed-9:45am -Conference Room- Sunday School-10:30am -CEWing- <b>Scripture:</b> Philippians 2:1-13, Pew Bible Page 186 <b>Sermon:</b> "In The Name of Jesus" Special Coffee Hour	26-Fitness-After-50 9:00am-10:00am Tai Chi-11:00am -Family Center- Strengthening Families -5:30pm-Family Center- Zumba Class-6:00pm -Heritage Hall-	27-Silver Sneakers 9:00am-Family Center- Deacons-6:30pm -Conference Room- Overeaters' Anonymous -7:30pm-Family Center	28-Fitness-After-50 9:00am-10:00am	29-Silver Sneakers 9:00am-Family Center- Zumba Class-6:00pm -Heritage Hall-	30	

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## BIRTHDAYS

2-Alexandra, Elysia and Isabella Piechota  
3-Darryl Wright  
4-Sydney Wood  
5-Terry Winemiller  
8-Amy Dembowski  
7-Pat Garner, JoAnne Visnyai  
9-Jada Fortier, Judy Schütz  
11-Adam Sayre  
12-Rick Harrold  
13-Nakita Doane, Larry Pearson  
14-Paytyn Young  
16-Jeff Buckley, Jean Harper  
19-Lindsey Roth  
20-Clay Nestor, Connor Wood  
22-Adam Sagert  
23-Craig Wright  
24-Dan Deidrick, Chloe Shauck,  
Alex Wright

## ANNIVERSARIES

3-Alex & JoAnne Visnyai  
6-Jacob & Heidi Frankenberger  
23-Bill & Betty DeWitt

## OOPS!

The birthday of Sharon Smucker, *August 24* and her anniversary, *August 27*,  
was not in the August newsletter.

Happy belated birthday, Sharon, and Happy anniversary to you and Jim.  
With love, your friends & family at Heritage!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Adam Sayre and his proud parents, David & Kathleen Sayre,  
for passing his State Boards in Massage Therapy!

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**SESSION:**

Nancy Curci, elder	Susan Callahan, elder
Jim Giancaterino, elder	Anita Maiden, elder
Kelly Sagert, elder	Sandra Hirst-Schoonmaker, elder
Ethel Moyers, clerk	Rev. Malcolm Peel, moderator

**FINANCE OFFICE:**

James Gates, treasurer  
Michael Ireland, business manager  
Garnett Shockey, financial secretary

**DEACONS:**

Dolores Hirst, chairperson	Barbara Brown	Brian Gates
Nancy Maiden	Cheryl Poyle	Judy Schütz

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