

# The Bridge Builder

A Monthly Newsletter from Heritage Presbyterian Church

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## POW-WOW WITH PASTOR BRIAN

Well folks it's that time of year again, it is Lent. Lent of course is that season in the church's life when she begins to contemplate what it means to travel the long road to the cross which Jesus takes on our behalf in the hopes that, unlike the disciples, we might not run away afraid but claim Jesus as our own just as he claims us as his own. It's a good thing that none of us takes this journey alone but that we do so as a church, each one of us never disconnected from the others taking this journey to the cross. It is also an interesting time of the year culturally. The news seems to be the same coming out of Washington, the kids are well into their school routines, work schedules are well known and the days move one into the next. Yet there is a pending sense of adventure as well.

As I continue to move through this year with you I will be attending to research for my Doctoral project and I would like to share with you some thoughts on how this might impact our life here at Heritage. I will be engaging in a discipline called ethnography. This is the practice of literally, "studying the nations." Of course this is not exactly how it will be borne out here. What will occur though should yield some surprising and helpful results. The primary question I am seeking an answer to is this: What does being the church look like as we encounter people different from ourselves, who may not know what the church is? As we move deeper into the 21<sup>st</sup> century the suburban landscape is changing rapidly with more immigrants moving into our surrounding neighborhoods than ever before. The church is obligated to do ministry with those whom it encounters and yet we have very little idea what changes may be needed to do ministry with say, people from India or Asia. By learning more about these cultures through guided interviews, we will have pathways open for us to build bi-cultural bridge communities.

There is a lot of Biblical precedent for this. When Peter encounters Cornelius and his household and sees the Holy Spirit being poured out on them in Acts 10, it is clear that two seemingly disparate cultures are having a bridge built between them. In fact, I would argue that the bulk of the book of Acts and the New Testament as a whole is a discussion of what bi-cultural bridge building looks like. It is important to keep in mind throughout this project, which I am hoping you will help me with, that the goal is never conversion to the faith, as though we could be the savior of people. The people already have a savior named Jesus Christ. No, the goal, as it is in Scripture is encountering the other as witnesses to the good news which we have received and which we are obligated to share. That others may be drawn into the way of faith is a very real possibility, but that occurs through the power of God the Holy Spirit. Our role in all of this is to love the other. I hope you will join me on this journey.

Blessings,  
PBJ

**Easter Flowers**

If you wish to adorn the sanctuary with flowers for our Easter services, pick up an order form in Fellowship Hall on March 26. Orders must be turned in no later than Sunday, April 9, 2017. Remember, in order to keep the flower order money separate from the regular collection, a special basket will be located in Fellowship Hall to collect your orders. Checks should be made payable to "Heritage Presbyterian Church" and marked "Easter Flower Order." Easter Flowers may be picked up after the worship service on Sunday, April 16.



**DON'T FORGET  
TO MOVE YOUR CLOCKS  
FORWARD SATURDAY  
NIGHT, MARCH 11**

**Palm Sunday Brunch**

This year's Palm Sunday Brunch will take place immediately after the church service on Sunday, April 9. Look for the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall in the next several weeks.

**Light of Life Mission**

*3rd Monday of each month,  
March 20, 2017*

Volunteers are needed for hands-on outreach at the Light of Life. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

\*4:45 - 6:00 pm - Volunteers serve meals and clean tables.

\*6:30 pm - Chapel Service - Volunteers needed.

If your gifts include preaching, teaching and sharing the Gospel with others (either in word or song), consider volunteering.

**Important dates in Lent:**

- March 1: Ash Wednesday Service - 7:30 pm
- April 9: Palm Sunday Service - 10:00 am  
(Brunch following the Service)
- April 13: Maundy Thursday Service - 7:30 pm (Communion)
- April 14: Good Friday Service - 7:30 pm
- April 16: Easter Service - 10:00 am (Communion)

**Ash Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday is on March 1, with a service at 7:30 pm. Come early for a Palm Burning in front of our church at 7:00 pm (weather permitting). Come and join us.



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### In Memoriam

The following donations were made in memory of friends and or loved ones. Gifts placed in the Memorial Fund will be used appropriately at the discretion of the Session.

Art Barton

- Margie Stahl Barton
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### 2017 Continuation of Giving

The Session approved continuing the 2016 level of giving into the first 4 months of 2017 until the new Stewardship season begins.

All members & friends of Heritage are requested to continue to give no less than the level of giving you committed for 2016. Honor God in this way.

*"Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you". Luke 6:38*

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### Happy One-Year Anniversary!

The Body & Soul ministry marks its one-year anniversary at Heritage in April. To celebrate the anniversary, several fun events are in the works for women at the church and throughout the community. Jason Venturella from the Franklin Park Police will be back for a second women's personal defense class. In the fall 17 women attended his first class. Other activities may include a nutrition program, fitness clothing demonstration, and a presentation by a fitness expert. Look for more details on upcoming fliers and also in the April newsletter. Events will most likely be the week of April 17 or 24.

As of mid-February, membership stands at 75, including five new people. Membership fluctuates based on schedules, with snowbirds heading south for the winter and other temporary issues affecting monthly numbers. We started last April with 63 members. June was a peak month with 89 members. In addition, some women come for drop-in visits and attend the various exercise classes throughout the week without having a monthly membership.

Not only does Body & Soul offer Heritage church members a place to exercise but an opportunity to volunteer as well. If you would like to cover the desk, greet women, and get to know the Body & Soul members, please contact Anne Mallampalli at [annemallampalli@comcast.net](mailto:annemallampalli@comcast.net). Feel free to talk to Wendy Cibula, Carolyn Briggs, or Joanne Dunmyre with any questions, or stop by Body & Soul and say "hi" to the staff and volunteers.

Also look for Body & Soul t-shirts coming soon!

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**Mission, Service & Outreach**  
**Prayer Ministry**



*...Please pray for those we know who are ill or have concerns:*

Rick Berg - member

Barbara Berger - classmate of Donna Johnston

Betty Jane Burke - cousin of Wayne Dillner

Annette Curtis - neighbor of the Johnston's

Evan Dillner - grandson of the Dillner's

Linda Felkar - member

Joyce & Pete King - Donna Johnston's sister & brother-in-law

Louise & Jim Martin - Terry Martin's mother-in-law & father-in-law

Eric McAleer - member

Mike McAleer - member

Tim McAleer - member

Cammy Nichols - daughter of Donna & Bill Johnston

Alan Pettengill - Nancy Pettengill's brother

Chrissy Mills' uncle

Alta Pettengill - Nancy Pettengill's mother

Chrissy Mills' grandmother

Ginny Trunick - member

Elaine & Ed Wilson - members

Caroline Wise - member

If you would like prayer or know someone who should be added to this list, please contact Terry Martin in the church office at 412-366-1338 or [heritagepcusa@verizon.net](mailto:heritagepcusa@verizon.net).

Also, if you are willing to prepare and deliver a meal, drive to doctor appointments or grocery shopping, or can babysit, the Deacons have an "at need" individual that they can pair up with you.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

If you wish to put something on the Prayer Chain, first contact Terry Martin in the office between 8:30 am and 2:30 pm, Monday through Friday 412-366-1338 or at [heritagepcusa@verizon.net](mailto:heritagepcusa@verizon.net). If your request is other than the church hours, please contact Donna Johnston at 412-364-3340 or [dmj5393@verizon.net](mailto:dmj5393@verizon.net). Thank you.

<b>MARCH BIRTHDAYS</b>	
Dan Vitale	3/4
Peter Wildfong	3/7
Samm Brown	3/10
Corrine Paulson	3/11
Kim Felkar	3/12
Dave Crowley	3/17
Wendy Cibula	3/21
Randy King	3/23
Heather McAleer	3/25
Milt Seapker	3/27
Nancy Wise	3/28



<b>MARCH ANNIVERSARIES</b>	
Christine & Chris Mills	3/26
Elaine & Ed Wilson	3/28

<b>Worship Volunteers for March</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Sound System/ Projection</b>	<b>Coffee Setup/ Cleanup</b>	<b>Nursery (Worship)</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
3/5	Donna Johnston	Winn Dunmyre Grace Cibula	Betty Olson Bobbie Berg	Erika Jani Dolores Boeh <b>(B) Joanne Dunmyre</b>	Quentin Halyama Bob Nestor
3/12	Steve Paulson	Alex Dunmyre Morgan Halyama	Carolyn Briggs Joanne Dunmyre	Karen Hayworth Melanie Thomson <b>(B) Grace Cibula</b>	Sonny Jani Matt Joseph
3/19	Mike McAleer	Bill Johnston Quentin Halyama	Betty Olson Dolores Boeh	Julie Halyama Connie Vitale <b>(B) Carolyn Briggs</b>	Melanie Thomson Maggie Nestor
3/26	Linda Felkar	Marilyn Bond Pam Dierker	Carolyn Briggs Cyndi McAleer	Joanne Dunmyre Katy Joseph <b>(B) Karen Hayworth</b>	Lex Felkar Pete Olson

**B = Back up**

Please consider joining our volunteers, contact the following:

Coffee Setup/Cleanup, call Reed Harvey 724-774-4895  
 Nursery Worker, call Karen Hayworth Wildfong 412-259-8056  
 A/V Sound System, call Jim Cummins 412-364-3172  
 Usher, call Bob Nestor 412-369-9278

**Projection Crew Phone Numbers**

Rick Berg 724-709-8601  
 Dave Briggs 412-364-6225  
 Grace Cibula 412-364-7885  
 Pam Dierker 412-812-3599  
 Morgan Halyama 412-548-3270  
 Quentin Halyama 412-548-3270

**Sound Team Phone Numbers**

Marilyn Bond 724-625-2537  
 Jim Cummins 412-364-3172  
 Alex Dunmyre 412-367-4771  
 Winn Dunmyre 412-367-4771  
 Bill Johnston 412-364-3340

Thank you for taking the time to serve!
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	<b>Communion Preparation</b>	<b>Communion Servers</b>	<b>March Counters</b>
<b>March 5</b>	Barb White	Carolyn Briggs Karen & Jim Cummins	John Cibula Melanie Thomson
<b>March 19</b>	Julie Halyama	Carol & Reed Harvey Nancy Wise	



**Communion Dates**

DAY	DATE
Sunday	April 2
Thursday (Maundy Thursday)	April 13
Sunday (Easter)	April 16
Sunday	May 7
Sunday	May 21
Sunday	June 4
Sunday	June 18
Sunday	July 2
Sunday	July 16

<b>March CHILDREN'S SERMON SCHEDULE</b>	
DATE	TEACHER
March 5	Ted Griffin
March 12	Pastor Brian
March 19	Cyndi McAleer
March 26	Bobbie Berg

Heritage Calendar of Dates March, 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 pm Palm Burning 7:30 pm <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>	2 7:00 pm Session Meeting	3 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at King's	4
5 10:00 am Worship Service Communion <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b> 11:15 am Sunday School Adult Bible Study 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group	6	7	8 6:30-8:00 pm ReCharge/ Anchorpoint	9 7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting	10 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at King's	11
12 10:00 am Worship Service <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time begins</b> 11:15 am Sunday School Adult Bible Study 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group	13	14	15 7:15 pm SAF Team Meeting (Tentative)	16	17 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at King's	18
19 10:00 am Worship Service Communion <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b> 11:15 am Sunday School Adult Bible Study 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group	20 4:45-6:00 pm Light of Life	21	22 6:30 pm ReCharge/ Anchorpoint	23 7:00 pm Session Meeting	24 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at King's	25
26 10:00 am Worship Service <b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> 11:15 am Sunday School Adult Bible Study 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group	27 5:30 pm Bellevue Meal Ministry	28	29	30	31	

CE=Christian Education  
M&E=Mission & Evangelism  
MFC=Membership, Fellowship & Care  
SAF=Stewardship, Administration, Finance  
FH=Fellowship Hall



**HERITAGE CHURCH OFFICERS**

**ELDERS**

<u>Christian Education</u> Denton Bond '17	<u>Worship</u> Rick Berg '17	<u>Mission &amp; Evangelism</u> Melanie Thomson '18
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<u>Stewardship</u> <u>Administration &amp; Finance</u> John Cibula '17 Randy Thomson '17	<u>Membership, Fellowship &amp; Care</u> Reed Harvey '17
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**BOARD OF DEACONS**

**(Class of 2017)**

Dolores Boeh  
Sara Briggs  
Pam Dierker  
Chrissy Mills  
Nancy Pettengill  
Barbara White

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
AT  
HERITAGE**

**10:00 am      Worship Service**

**11:15-11:50 am      Sunday School  
Adult Bible Study**

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to our community and the world!***

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Season  
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Lent*

