

The Bridge Builder

A Monthly Newsletter from Heritage Presbyterian Church

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POW-WOW WITH PASTOR BRIAN

Jesus changes everything. This is no mere sentiment. It is simply the case. The issue that I want to raise this month is that while this is true, we have an obligation to expand our horizons as to what everything includes. We need to be willing, as the seasons of life and culture go by, to pick out some of these things to concentrate on. The church rightly discusses and believes that a great deal of emphasis needs to be placed on what changed because of what Jesus does over the course of his final week in Jerusalem. Mark spends six of his 16 chapters on this week, and John begins his passion material in chapter twelve of twenty-one. As important as the final week of Jesus' life is for understanding our salvation, no less important is the rest of the story. If Jesus only makes it possible for us to go to heaven when we die, then we believe in a very thin gospel indeed. The God who comes to us in Jesus Christ to be with us must be much larger than this and do more than this, even though He does this.

If there is a danger, and that may not be the best word to use, in concentrating as much as we do on Jesus final week it is that it too quickly reduces the work of Jesus' ministry to mere happenstance at best and completely unnecessary at worst. After all if Jesus' ministry did not point to something beyond what happens to us when we die and if salvation is only understood as that which is secured for us on the cross and in the resurrection then there is not much point in having these stories of Jesus wandering around Galilee. Jesus sees how the story is going, it is the conflicts which are created with Rome and the ruling religious authorities because of who Jesus is, that lead to Golgotha. During the first 30 years of Jesus' life before the miracles, and working for our salvation, (which is primarily understood as being part of a new social reality called the church,) Jesus was with us, bearing in himself the experiences of being part of the conquered people of Israel. More importantly, He experienced the joy and sorrow of family and community life.

As the church has been complicit in trumpeting the supposed benefits of radical individualism, particularly in regard to our own souls, we begin to find ourselves increasingly lonely. In the wake of two more mass shootings, the local church is faced with the task of not only advocating for better public policy where it is able to do so, but also of building, what Robert Putnam refers to in his book *Bowling Alone* as, **social capital**.

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Social capital is created when we recognize one another as God's image bearers, and value our interdependence and sense of belonging that moves beyond issues of class, socio-economic status, immigration status, or political party affiliation. There is no litmus test for being part of this community beyond a willingness to recognize Jesus Christ as Lord. All we need do is look at Revelation 7:9 to see the vision of what the heavenly city will look like, "After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, **from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands."

The church is faced with the unique opportunity to offer a new way of life for others, a new politics, grounded in the life of Jesus. As one theologian says, "when Jesus calls the church into being and sends his Spirit upon it, Jesus gave its members a new way of life to live. He gave them a new way to deal with offenders—by forgiving them. He gave them a new way to deal with violence—by suffering. He gave them a new way to deal with money—by sharing it. He gave them a new way to deal with problems of leadership—by drawing upon the gift of every member, even the humblest. He gave them a new way to deal with a corrupt society—by building a new order, not smashing the old. He gave them a new pattern of relationships between man and woman, between parent and child, between master and slave, in which was made concrete a radical new vision of what it means to be a human person."

Blessings,
PBJ

Hold the Date!
The 2019 Anchorpoint Annual Golf Classic and Silent Auction
Friday, September 13, 2019

Golfer or not, there are many ways to be involved in our annual golf classic. Your participation helps raise community awareness of our programs and services and financial support to aid our clients in need of subsidized counseling and tutoring programs. You can choose to spend the day with us as a golfer and/or bring a foursome, join us for dinner, become a tee sign sponsor, and/or donate an item for the silent auction. Join us on Friday, September 13, 2019 at Olde Stonewall Golf Club. Registration forms will be mailed and will be available at AnchorpointCounselingMinistry.org Thank you for your consideration and for your support.

Bellevue Community Meal Ministry

Join us as we minister to those in need of a little companionship and conversation over a Heritage cooked meal. All you have to do is share a tiny bit of time. We leave the church at 5:00 pm. See Wendy Cibula or Melanie Thomson if you have any questions about this ministry of love. Thank you.

Date: September 23

1st Annual Heritage Missions Sunday

Become a part of history and join in the fun at the first annual Heritage Mission Outreach Sunday. Our Church is planning 3 mission outreaches for Sunday September 29th and everyone is encouraged to participate and join in the fun. We will begin with a Worship Service at 9:15 AM after which we will engage in several Mission projects out, in and for the community. Teams will visit with two local Heritage families and provide much needed assistance with various work around their homes. A third team will remain at the Church to pack care packages for local elementary school teachers. Fellowship and a pizza lunch will conclude the Mission Outreach activities back at Heritage. If you have any questions, see Karen and Jim Cummins or Lisa Janssen.

Here are the items we will be collecting for donations to school teachers:

- * Clorox hand wipes
- * Hand sanitizers
- * Kleenex
- * Crayons
- * Pencils
- * Sharpies
- * Glue sticks
- * Pocket folders
- * Ziploc plastic bags
- * Fun Stickers (for prizes)
- * Winter hats/gloves (elementary school children sizes)

COME, JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

Pastor Brian began his ministry with Heritage 10 years ago. He has just completed his Doctorate of Ministry. Join us as we celebrate these milestones on Sunday, October 20 during and after the service. Plan to stay for a celebratory luncheon. More details to follow.

Mission, Service & Outreach

Prayer Ministry



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

Barbara Berger - classmate of Donna Johnston
Marine PFC A. J. Boeh - grandson of Dolores Boeh
Betty Jane Burke - cousin of Wayne Dillner
Annette Curtis - neighbor of the Johnston's
Evan Dillner - grandson of the Dillner's
Bob & Joan Donaldson - former members
Leslie Dunn - sister of Pam Dierker
Joyce & Pete King - Donna Johnston's sister & brother-in-law
Terry Lamperski - friend of Joanne Dunmyre
Mike McAleer - member
Tim McAleer - member
Cammy Nichols - daughter of Donna & Bill Johnston
Marine LCpl Jacob Nichols - grandson of Donna & Bill Johnston
Alan Pettengill - Nancy Pettengill's brother
Alta Pettengill - Nancy Pettengill's mother
Michael Seapker - son of Carol Jo & Milt Seapker
Maggie Snyder - former member
Ralph Tissue - Brother of Carol Harvey
Elaine Wilson - member
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. 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. If your request is other than the church hours, please contact Donna Johnston at 412-364-3340 or dmj5393@verizon.net. Thank you.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Mark Ritchey	9/2
Donna Johnston	9/3
Terry Martin	9/3
James Lough	9/7
Andy Wildfong	9/7
Randy Thomson	9/10
Dolores Boeh	9/11
Nicole Lough	9/16
Karen Cummins	9/17
Jim Cummins	9/19
Carol Fisher	9/19

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	
Kelly & Dave Crowley	9/5
Karen & Jim Cummins	9/9
Betty & Pete Olson	9/17
Leigh & Wayne Dillner	9/29



Worship Volunteers for September				
Date	Worship Leader	Sound System/Projection	Nursery for Worship (Back Up)	Ushers
9/1	Rick Berg	Winn Dunmyre Pam Dierker	Julie Halyama Connie Vitale Sarah Vitale (Helper) (B) Melanie Thomson	Lex Felkar Quentin Halyama
9/8	Donna Johnston	Jim Cummins Wendy Cibula	Dolores Boeh Joanne Dunmyre Mia Vitale (Helper) (B) Erika Jani	Roy Halyama Matt Joseph
9/15	Reed Harvey	Bill Johnston Quentin Halyama	Carolyn Briggs Nancy Wise Jenna Vitale (Helper) (B) Dolores Boeh	Winn Dunmyre Melanie Thomson
9/22	Peter Wildfong	Scott Campbell Julia Cibula	Erika Jani Courtney Young (B) Karen Hayworth	Lex Felkar Quentn Halyama
9/29	Mike McAleer	Randy Thomson Pam Dierker	Karen Hayworth Melanie Thomson (B) Nancy Wise	Roy Halyama Matt Joseph

B = Back up for Nursery

Please consider joining our volunteers, contact the following:

Nursery Worker, call Karen Hayworth 412-259-8056

A/V & Sound System, call Jim Cummins 412-364-3172

Usher, call Roy Halyama 412-548-3270

Projection Crew Phone Numbers

Rick Berg 724-709-8601

Julia Cibula 412-720-3550

Wendy Cibula 412-720-3550

Pam Dierker 412-812-3599

Quentin Halyama 724-799-4645

Sound Team Phone Numbers

Scott Campbell 412-369-8873

Jim Cummins 412-364-3172

Winn Dunmyre 412-367-4771

Bill Johnston 724-816-0103

Randy Thomson 412-715-4283

Thank you for taking the time to serve!

	Communion Preparation	Communion Servers	Counters
September 1	Carolyn Briggs	John & Wendy Cibula Joanne Dunmyre	John Cibula Karen Cummins
September 15	Pam Dierker	Dolores Boeh Lex Felkar Carol Jo Seapker	



Communion Dates

DAY	DATE
Sunday	September 1, 2019
Sunday	September 15, 2019
Sunday	October 6, 2019
Sunday	October 20, 2019
Sunday	November 3, 2019
Sunday	November 17, 2019
Sunday	December 1, 2019
Sunday	December 15, 2019

September CHILDREN'S SERMON SCHEDULE

DATE	TEACHER
September 1, 2019	Cyndi McAleer
September 8, 2019	Bobbie Berg
September 15, 2019	Pastor Brian
September 22, 2019	Ted Griffin
September 29, 2019	Cyndi McAleer

Heritage Calendar of Dates September 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am Worship Service Communion NO Youth Group	2 Labor Day Offices Closed	3	4	5	6 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans in Cranberry	7
8 10:00 am Worship Service Baptism: Abby Griffin 5-6:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm Sr.High Youth Group	9	10	11 6:30 pm Mission Team Meeting 7:15 pm SAF Team Mtg.	12	13 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans in Cranberry	14
15 10:00 am Worship Service Communion 5-6:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm Sr.High Youth Group	16	17	18 6:00-7:45pm CARE	19 10:00 am-4:00 pm Presbytery Meeting @ Crestfield Camp & Conference Center	20 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans in Cranberry	21
22 10:00 am Worship Service Guest Preacher: Dr. Edwin van Driel 5-6:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm Sr.High Youth Group	23 5:00 pm Bellevue Meal Ministry	24	25	26 6:30 pm Session Meeting	27 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans in Cranberry	28
29 10:00 am Worship Service Mission Sunday 5-6:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm Sr.High Youth Group	30					

CE=Christian Education
 MT=Mission Team
 MFC=Membership, Fellowship & Care
 SAF=Stewardship, Administration, Finance
 FH=Fellowship Hall

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
AT
HERITAGE**

10:00 am Worship Service

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

HERITAGE CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Christian Education

Wendy Cibula '19

Worship

Peter Wildfong '20

Mission Team

Jim Cummins '19

Karen Cummins '21

Stewardship

Administration & Finance

Milt Seapker '21

Membership,

Fellowship & Care

Carol Jo Seapker '20

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