
The Bridge Builder

A Monthly Newsletter from Heritage Presbyterian Church

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POW-WOW WITH PASTOR BRIAN

It can sometimes be very difficult to let things go. We hold onto our children for dear life and as they grow up the prospect of having to send them to college, the military, or the world of work can begin to weigh on us, even frighten us. It can be difficult to let go of our agendas for others. We often encounter people and assume that we know what they need, what will “fix” them. The truth is more often the complete opposite, that we often have no idea, and only by shedding ourselves of our assumptions and biases will we be able to get to the heart of the matter.

Nowhere is the need to let go more prevalent than when it comes to our ministries. We often believe that ministry belongs to us. That our programming, our staffing models and our stewardship will get the job done for God. While there is certainly a place for good programming, good staffing, and good stewardship, we engage in all of those things because of what God has already done for us. In his book *The Crucifixion of Ministry* author Andrew Purves recounts his colleague recounting to his students a special lesson: he holds up a key and offers three ways by which the students may obtain it. There is the way of medieval Catholicism in which you climb the upward ladder and grab the key. There is the way of protestant pietism and prosperity gospel preaching, in which you have to get up and come forward. Finally, the professor walks over to the student, places the key in her hand, and tells her to keep the room clean. This is the way of real grace offered in Jesus Christ.

Your responsibility is not to try and say *Amen* in your own strength, as if everything depends on you, and it certainly isn't to get someone else to say *Amen* as though their salvation is somehow in your hands. No, your responsibility is say *Amen* to the *Amen* Christ says on our behalf and in us now in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Self-reliance, in the cultural sense has no place in the church, rather we rely on each other to mutually love, forgive and demonstrate what God is doing. Personal responsibility towards others and towards yourself is certainly a key part of our witness but only insofar as we have within us the mind of Christ, marked primarily by a self-giving love that draws others in.

Blessings,

PBJ

Fall CPR Class at Hertiage

Monday, October 14 or Tuesday, November 12

The Wellness Ministry is hosting a CPR Class. There are two dates to chose from Monday, October 14 or Tuesday, November 12 at 7pm. The class is free but there is a \$20 fee if you would like a card. This class is open to church members as well as the public. Space is limited to 18 participants per class. Preregistration is required. Please RSVP by visiting the wellness ministry or calling them at Heritage Church at 412-366-1356. If you have any questions, please see Susan Payne or another member of the wellness team (Wendy, Cibula, Joanne Dunmyre, or Carolyn Briggs).

Heritage Continues to Serve Single Moms and their Children

It is hard to believe, but we are headed into our third season of serving single moms and their children. With your support, we have served 34 meals and spent more than 70 hours with these precious families. We also organized a clothing boutique for the moms, provided Christmas gifts, celebrated birthdays and much more. The moms have said many times over how much they appreciate all that we do for them. The generous love and support of the Heritage family is impacting their lives in very meaningful ways.

One important thing to note is the name has changed from SPIN to CARE. Many people were confusing the name SPIN with a type of exercise so they chose a new name. **CARE** stands for Courageous, Anchored, Resilient, Empowered. It will likely take us awhile to get used to the new name, but whatever we call it, we are still serving single moms and their kids.

CARE meets the first and third Wednesday of the month and it takes at least 15 Heritage volunteers to ensure the night runs smoothly. We continue to need volunteers to fill a variety of roles. Each job takes no longer than two hours and you can come only to do your job or do your job and stay for dinner. It really is a great night, talking with the moms, having fun with the kids and hanging out with Heritage friends.

A primary need is help providing dinner. In the past, groups such as MFC, Body and Soul, and our youth group have prepared dinner. Al and Nancy Welle and Scott and Linda Campbell have also prepared delicious meals that were enjoyed by all. In addition to the main meal, we need salad and dessert makers each time. We will also gladly accept monetary donations for the CARE Dinner Fund. This is used periodically to purchase meal items when no one is signed up to make dinner.

Volunteers are also needed to help with dinner set up, clean-up and hanging out with the kids. The kids are divided into three groups: preschool/elementary, middle school and teens. We help them with homework, play games, make crafts, play outside and more. We would love to have you join us and know you would enjoy the evening serving these precious families. Look for a monthly CARE email that will outline our needs for the upcoming month and think about how you might join us in this third season of CARE.

Come, Join in the Celebration!

Come join in the CELEBRATION! Pastor Brian Janssen passed two big milestones this year. In February it was his 10 year anniversary as the Pastor at Heritage Church. Most recently he finished his Doctorate of Ministry. We have devoted Sunday, October 20th to celebrate these accomplishments. Please plan to join us as we worship and fellowship together. Worship begins at 10 AM followed by a brief program and lunch. Please plan to join with us on this special day. RSVP to Carol Jo Seapker at cjsmes@verizon.net or the signup sheet in Fellowship Hall by October 10th.

World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2019

World Communion Sunday – celebrated the first Sunday in October – is one of the most venerable of “special Sundays.” The day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice – and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

Remember our mission to brothers & sisters in Christ as they celebrate Communion around the world: Papua New Guinea, India, and Malawi.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 6 to hear the report of the Nominating Team and to elect those who have been nominated for elder. The meeting will be held immediately following the service.

All Saints Sunday

November 3 is All Saints Sunday. If you have lost a loved one or know of a church member that passed on this past year to our Lord and want them remembered in our service, contact Terry Martin in the church office at (412) 366-1338 or email her at heritagepcusa@verizon.net.

Bellevue Community Meal Ministry

Join us as we minister to those in need of a little companionship and conversation over a Heritage cooked meal. We will be preparing a Spaghetti and Meatballs dinner and taking it to the Community Center of Bellevue. We will serve and then eat with the diners who are in need of a warm smile, a dinner companion and a little fellowship. All you have to do is share a tiny bit of time with someone who may be lonely. We will leave from the church at 5:00 pm, set up, share a prayer, serve, and then eat with folks. Then, we clean up and leave by 7:30 pm. See Wendy Cibula or Melanie Thomson if you have any questions about this ministry of love. Sign up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

Date: Monday, October 28

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 - friend 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.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	
Cyndi McAleer	10/3
Margaret Nestor	10/3
Drew Brown	10/4
Rick Berg	10/6
Jim Brown	10/8
Corey Cummins	10/8
Ray Horz	10/11
Roy Halyama	10/13
Jim Ritchey	10/14
Connie Vitale	10/14
Janine Paulson	10/18
Pete Olson	10/21
Molly King	10/25
Betty Olson	10/30

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES	
Connie & Dan Vitale	10/4
Tammy & Bob George	10/12



Worship Volunteers for October				
Date	Worship Leader	Sound System/ Projection	Nursery for Worship (Back Up)	Ushers
10/6	Linda Felkar	Winn Dunmyre Rick Berg	Joanne Dunmyre Karen Hayworth Sarah Vitale (Helper) (B) Melanie Thomson	Lex Felkar Melanie Thomson
10/13	Rick Berg	Jim Cummins Quentin Halyama	Dolores Boeh Julie Halyama Mia Vitale (Helper) (B) Erika Jani	Winn Dunmyre Roy Halyama
10/20	Ted Griffin	Bill Johnston Wendy Cibula	Carolyn Briggs Nancy Wise Jenna Vitale (Helper) (B) Dolores Boeh	Quentin Halyama Matt Joseph
10/27	Reed Harvey	Scott Campbell Julia Cibula	Erika Jani Courtney Young (B) Karen Hayworth	Winn Dunmyre Melanie Thomson

B = Back up for Nursery

Please consider joining our volunteers, contact the following:

Nursery Worker, call Karen Hayworth Wildfong 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 412-364-7885

Wendy Cibula 412-364-7885

Pam Dierker 412-812-3599

Quentin Halyama 412-548-3270

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
October 6	Julie Halyama	Wendy Cibula Carol Jo Seapker Melanie Thomson	Milt Seapker Peter Wildfong
October 20	Pam Dierker	Pam Dierker Carol & Reed Harvey	



Communion Dates

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

October CHILDREN'S SERMON SCHEDULE

DATE	TEACHER
October 6, 2019	Bobbie Berg
October 13, 2019	Pastor Brian
October 20, 2019	Ted Griffin
October 27, 2019	Cyndi McAleer

Heritage Calendar of Dates October 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00-7:45 pm CARE	3	4 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans in Cranberry	5
6 10:00 am Worship Service World Communion Sunday Commissioning of Susan Payne Congregational Meeting following service 11:15 - 11:50 am Sunday School 4:00-5:30 pm Sr. High Youth Group 5:00-6:30 pm Jr. Hi. Youth Group	7	8	9	10	11 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans in Cranberry	12
13 10:00 am Worship Service Ordination & Installation of Elders 11:15 am-11:50 am Sunday School Fall Fest Youth Group	14 7:00 pm CPR Class	15	16 CARE 6:00-7:45pm 7:15 pm SAF Team Meeting	17	18 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans in Cranberry	19
20 10:00 am Worship Service Communion Brian's 10-yr Anniversary Celebration No Sunday School 5:00-6:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm Sr. High Youth Group	21	22	23 6:30 pm Mission Team	24 6:30 pm Session Meeting	25 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Bob Evans in Cranberry	26
27 10:00 am Worship Service Reformation Sunday 11:15-11:50 am Sunday School 5:00-6:30 pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm Sr. High Youth Group	28 5:00 pm Bellevue Ministry	29	30	31 Halloween		

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

HERITAGE CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Christian Education

Wendy Cibula '22

Worship

Peter Wildfong '20

Mission & Evangelism

Karen Cummins '21

Jaime Griffin '22

(Pending election)

Stewardship

Administration & Finance

Milt Seapker '21

Membership,

Fellowship & Care

Carol Jo Seapker '20

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

AT

HERITAGE

10:00 am Worship Service

11:15-11:50 am Sunday School

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to our community and the world!***

