



Heritage Highlights

February 2010



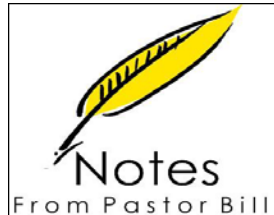
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The New Year begins to fly by doesn't it? Before we know it, January is a memory and we are on to the Superbowl and Valentine's day and Ash Wednesday and Lent. In this newsletter, you will find information about events that we are planning in February. But before we leave January, read the article about the joint meeting that the elders and deacons had on January 17. It was a good meeting filled with both memories and hopes for our ministry together.

And it raises this question for you to answer:

What was the highlight of your 2009 Heritage experience? And what would you like us to be working on in 2010? You can read how the Heritage leadership responded inside.

But how would you respond? Tell a session member... Rick Hase, Jeanne Musolf, Jane Arolszynski, Brandy Belleck, George Michel, Jim Chesner, Mike Squaires, Harold Anderson and Donna Robinson or a deacon... Sue Zieche, Glenn and Jineen Sheridan, Jan Tesch, Ginni Kohler, Meghan Wroblewski or Karen Anderson!

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

On that evening, we will join other Fab 4 members at Greenfield Presbyterian (1455 S. 97th Street) at 7:30 p.m. for worship.

Lent is always a time when we think about our relationship with God and how that relationship can be strengthened as we grow in our faith.

This year, we are offering three different opportunities for you to do that:

1. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday mornings you can join Pastor Bill at 9 am. in the sanctuary for the office of Daily Prayer. This short service will begin your day rooted in God. We will begin this worship opportunity on Friday, February 20 and continue it on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until April 2, Good Friday. **Sanctuary, 9-9:30 a.m.**

Pastoral Notes (continued)

2. On Lenten Sunday mornings, beginning February 21- March 21, we will meet in the sanctuary from 9-9:30 am to look at the Sunday scripture lessons for Lent, and think about how they apply to our daily life. Sanctuary 9-9:30 a.m.

3. On March Mondays in Lent from Monday, March 1-March 22, we will gather to look at Jesus last days through the eyes of one who has lived in the Holy Land for years. Ray Vanderlaan takes us via DVD to Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, and the Garden tomb as we explore Christ's last days on this earth. Sanctuary 7-8 p.m.

We host the Fab 4 Maundy Thursday worship service here on Thursday, April 1.

The combined Fab 4 choir will be doing a cantata, led by Dale.

The deacons host their Palm Sunday brunch on Sunday, March 28.

And this year, we will have one festive Easter worship service at 10 a.m. April 4.

See you in church!

Pastor Bill

Haiti Response

Thanks so much for your Haiti response! We received \$850 in our special PDA offering and are sending a check for over \$1,500 to the PDA Haitian account. (We are including some undesignated mission funds along with your gift).

The quarter holders in the narthex will now be designated to Haitian PDA, and gifts for this purpose can always be given as a designated gift.

Our next Haiti task? Assemble Hygiene kits:

Hygiene Kit

- 1 — hand towel (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 — washcloth
- 1 — wide-tooth comb
- 1 — nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
- 1 — bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 — toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 6 — Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips



Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste which has an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and bring to church.

Thanks!



Session News

On Sunday, January 17, the session and deacons met jointly to think about where we have been and where we would like to go in the coming year.

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Here are some of the notes from that meeting:

Pastor Bill led a discussion of his most recent (January, 2010) meeting with the mutual ministry committee.

“Mutual Ministry” committee defined: *This group works with Pastor Bill as a support and conflict resolution group, that is not Personnel related. If conflict arises in the life of the congregation, a person(s) can go to the committee to talk through their concerns to avoid problems that might go unresolved and have a potential for causing division in the congregation or ill will against the Pastor.* A meeting of the Mutual Ministry team was held with both Pastor Bill and Sue on January 13th and a good evaluation was received.

Bill shared that his personal focus for 2010 includes: the 50th anniversary celebration, investing of assets for a sustainable budget, time and energy toward Sunday School, getting people in the doors – exploring new ways to reach people.

Each person was invited to share one or more events from 2009 that impacted him or her personally and made a difference in their life in the church.

Highlights as follows:

Bill – Montreat, finding Session members, confirmation.

Sue – Montreat, confirmation graduation and the “breaking of the baptismal bowl”.

Glenn – Growth at “The Gathering” experience and camaraderie.

Jineen – Finally deciding to become a Deacon, connecting with sermons and Bill’s passion for preaching.

Jim – Christmas program by Sunday School; baptismal bowl broken a week before Claire was baptized (oh no, moment)

George – Sincerity and enthusiasm from Sunday school class in presentation of Christmas Story. Thanks to Connie and crew for great job.

Jeanne – working on time line for church history and re-experiencing her long history with Heritage

Megan – confirmation and development of faith statement

Jane – Christmas story by Sunday School

Ginny – confirmation and getting Steph involved in church (Montreat)

Jean – Community get-togethers, meal sharing; adult Bible study

Brandy – Confirmation graduation

Mike – Christmas youth program, sermons that hit home

Rick – Christmas program by youth; design of front entry

Donna – Confirmation (via email response)

Ideas for 2010 to explore:

Survey congregation for feedback on current website and potential improvements.

Discussion on stewardship opportunities via electronic donations (PayPal)

Facebook connection to Heritage Family – is anyone interested?

Youth group development to keep older kids involved.

Have you visited our Website lately?

It’s at www.heritagechurchmuskego.org. Check out the site and let us know what you like or what you would like to see. There are lots of photos from our life together. Questions and comments can be sent to bill_zieche@yahoo.com or sue.zieche@marekgroup.com

Worship Council

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17.

- **On February 14, all Heritage members who joined in the decade of the 2000's** are invited to join us in worship to be thanked and recognized. Plan now to be with us on that Sunday!
- **Ash Wednesday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.:** We worship at Greenfield Presbyterian with the members of the FAB 4 churches.
- **Daily Prayer is celebrated on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Heritage** at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary, beginning on Friday, February 20 through Friday, March 26.
- **Adult Education during Lent:** on Sunday mornings during Lent, the lessons of the day will be discussed along with a preview of the sermon from 9-9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Sundays, February 21-March 21.
- **On March Monday nights (March 1-March 28) from 7-8 p.m.** we will look at the last days of Jesus through the eyes of Ray Vanderlaan, in a DVD biblical series filmed on site in Israel. We'll see Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane and the Garden Tomb in a whole new way, as we explore Christ's last days on earth.

Pastor Bob Brightman will be with us on Sunday, March 21. Pastor Brightman was here at Heritage from 1984 through Aug. 1994. He is the first of our Heritage Pastors who we hope will join us as a part of our anniversary celebrations.

Also on this day, we will be honoring all members who joined during the 1990's.

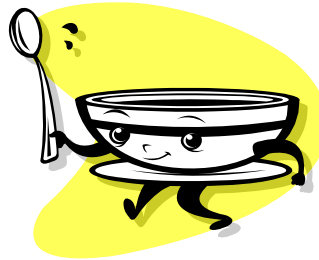
Fellowship

- **Saturday, February 13, 8:30 a.m.** The Heritage Men's group meets for Breakfast at the Delta restaurant on Janesville road.

The 2010 Variety Show is Here!

Saturday, February 21: "I Remember It Well". Look at the bulletin board for more information.

We are decorating tables for "I Remember It Well". We will have 15 tables that need to be decorated for the dinner before the variety show. We would like the decorations to reflect a combination of Heritage history and world history. If you wish to decorate a table, please sign up on the sheet posted on the white board. Also, slips with "helpful hints for decorating" may be found at this location.



**"Soupbowl"
Sunday is
February 7.**

Help the hungry that day by giving \$1.00 for the work of the Muskego Food Pantry. Cans of soup, also, may be donated to the Waukesha Food pantry. The \$1.00 will be collected after worship, and the soup cans may go in the grocery cart in the sanctuary. Thanks!



Christian Education

The Heritage CE Group, led by Brandy Bellek and Donna Robinson, share their program for Winter- Spring 2010. If you are interested in helping with this ministry,

please let Donna, Brandy or Pastor Bill know. Thanks!

January 17, 24, 31 and February 7

Youngers: Sara will lead the group in "Praying with Jesus"

Middle: Brandy leads January 17, Amy and Sue do half hour drama (from Montreat) with group on January 24 and 31, with Brandy doing half an hour. Drama presented on January 31 during worship.

Middle and older: January 29 youth event event here at Heritage (Donna, Sue and Amy)

February 14, 21, 28 , March 7

Youngers: Curriculum is "Meals of Blessing", (Teachers being contacted)

Middle: Brandy works with this class.

Older kids: Parents to talk with them about being helpers for this unit.

February Youth group focus: Variety show, possible tobagganing and hot chocolate here at church.

March 14: Southminster kids do "Godspell" at worship

Sue and Amy lead all groups in a look at the stories behind the story of "Godspell." Southminster wants our kids to sing a song with them.

March 21

Younger: Veggie tale "Easter carol"

Middle and older: Connie does music

March 28 (Palm Sunday)

All groups: Pastor Bill leads discussion of Holy Week events

March Youth group focus: TBD

April 4 and 11: Easter break

April Youth group focus: bowling over Easter break.

April 18, 25, May 2,

All groups work with Connie on Spring worship event

May 9: Sunday School leads worship

May 16:

All groups and leaders work on Heritage Time capsule

May 23: Anniversary weekend

Time capsule is buried. Final day of Sunday School.

June 6: Picnic after worship and celebration/ thanks for staff in worship.

June Youth group focus: Video scavenger hunt

Join us!

Congregational Meeting

The Heritage session has called a special, short congregational meeting for Sunday, February 28 following worship. The meeting will hear the annual reports of the congregational ministries, the 2009 report of the treasurer and elect the 2010 Heritage nominating committee.



Variety Show
And
Dinner



Saturday,
February 20, 2010

5:00 P.M.

“I Remember It Well”

Details and sign-ups are
on the white board

Everyone is most welcome to participate

Any act is welcome:
Comedy, dance, instrument, solo or group

Let the fun begin!!

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Calendar of Events!

- Feb. 6—The “Gathering “ at 9:30 a.m.
- Feb. 8—Deacon’s meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9—Mission Council @ 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 10— Worship Council @ 1:00 p.m.
- Feb.13—Men’s Breakfast Group meets @ 8:30 a.m.
- Feb. 14—Valentine’s Day
- Feb. 15—President’s Day
- Feb. 17—Ash Wednesday Service @ Greenfield Ave. Presbyterian Church @ 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20—Variety Show & dinner @ 5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 23—Presbytery meets @ Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Feb. 28—Annual meeting at 11:00 a.m.
- Mar. 14—Southminster Youth present “Godspell”
- Mar 21—Rev. Brightman preaches