



**Pastor’s Message**

To all who worship and serve the Lord at 965 Kuhn Rd., the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father! With Transfiguration

Sunday behind us (by only a few hours as of my writing this to you), Lent is very nearly upon us, and so, too, our journeying together with Christ to the cross. Between now and Easter morning, I myself will have the privilege of proclaiming the Word of God to you in worship a total of eight times, including Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday itself. After spending some time working on these messages, I thought I would try and write up a little “blurb” related to each in hopes of then providing them to you ahead of time and thus, I pray, priming the pump that is your heart and mind.

Please see the upcoming Lent sermon “blurbs”, below.

In Christ,

Victor

**Upcoming Sermon Blurbs**

1. Ash Wednesday, 3/6/19: 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:2 – “Paul’s Plea”

A young girl proudly standing with her face turned skyward and her eyes closed as she places a crown atop her head. The meme reads: “On the darkest days when I feel inadequate, unloved, and unworthy, I remember whose daughter I am and I straighten my crown!”

At his homecoming, the prodigal’s father embraced him and wrapped him in the very best robe. “Because this son of mine was dead, and is alive again.” The robe is a sign of the restored relationship the son and father now enjoy. The same way our crowns are signs of *our* restored relationship *with God*.

In and through Jesus Christ, God has become King. And, in and through Jesus Christ, God has restored us to relationship with Himself, as

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adopted sons and daughters. This makes us royalty. But are we living as royalty? Or are we leaving our crowns at home in a shoebox under our bed, or in the junk drawer in the kitchen?

2. Sunday, 3/10/19: John 5:1-18 – “Jesus and Sabbath”

Technology isn’t itself the problem, but it also isn’t helping. We now have the ability to work anywhere, anytime; as a result, we work everywhere, all the time. We aren’t merely unskilled at rest. We seem to be averse to it. What does it mean to rest in our time and place? What does our propensity to perpetual work tell us about the state of our inner-selves? The state of our souls? And how does the healing Jesus performs in Jerusalem speak to our desperate need for rest?

### 3. Sunday, 3/17/19: Matthew 8:5-13 – “Jesus and Authority”

Everything Jesus does, He does with authority or power (the greek is *exousia*), leaving the crowds amazed. Jesus shares his *exousia* with His disciples before sending them out to take part in His mission. And, still, today, Jesus shares his *exousia* with all who know and bow down before Him, all who place their trust in Him and choose to follow Him.

So my question for you is, as a follower of Jesus Christ, do you realize the power you wield, the authority you possess? It is both gift and responsibility. How are you using it? To bless and to heal? In Matthew 8, a man of significant *exousia* steps up for someone beneath him, and the faith which he demonstrates in the process, *this time*, leaves Jesus amazed.

### 4. Sunday, 3/24/19: Matthew 20:1-16 – “Jesus and Reckless Love”

We are big on fairness, which is why, in our success-driven, merit-based world, we can get so frustrated when life does not add up to what it should. The Kingdom of God, we expect, will finally right this wrong. That’s the whole point, right? The whole reason *God’s Kingdom* is such good news. Because in it, everyone will finally get what they deserve, and nothing that they don’t.

However, Jesus’s parable of the vineyard workers presents us with a very different idea of the coming reign of God, suggesting it is a kingdom built on grace – amazing, unmerited, reckless love – not merit.

### 5. Sunday, 3/31/19: John 2:13-17 – “Jesus and Anger”

When we think of Jesus, most of us don’t picture him angry. But, Jesus did, in fact, get angry on occasion... with the religious leaders of the day and even his own disciples. But unlike when you and I get angry, Jesus ultimately does something with his anger. Something more, that is, than just give vent to it. He reprocesses it into grace... at a little place called Golgotha. Maybe you’ve heard of it?

### 6. Sunday, 4/7/19: John 2:1-11 – “Jesus and Wine”

In John 2:1-11, we learn of Jesus saving the day at a wedding by turning water into wine. John says that this “was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples *believed in him.*” They *partook of him.* Put another way, though Jesus’s disciples may or may not have had some of the merlot Jesus *made*, they *did* drink the wine that Jesus *is*. Are you, are we, doing likewise? Drinking the wine that Jesus is? Or are we seeking to satisfy our thirst elsewhere?

### 7. Sunday, 4/14/19: Luke 19:28-40 – “Jesus & the Stones” (Palm Sunday)

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, “The whole crowd of disciples began to joyfully praise God”, announcing Jesus as God’s king. The Pharisees implore Jesus, “Rebuke your disciples! Make them shut up!” Jesus responds, “It wouldn’t do any good. Because if *they* don’t shout out, the stones will.”

What unfolded on Palm Sunday was the manifestation of something woven deep into the fabric of the cosmos. God is not content simply to be who He is and do what He does; no, God *further* wills that His beloved creatures *know Him* as the God He is who does what He does. And God wills to be shouted about... proclaimed as the One He is. If not by us, then by the very earth itself.

We might think this lets us off the hook. We don’t *have to* do it ourselves because the rocks have got our back! But what are the ramifications or consequences – *for us!* – when we allow our divine purpose to be filled by proxy?

### 8. Sunday, 4/21/19: Luke 24:1-12 – “Jesus & Idle Talk” (Easter)

It is easy for us to think that Easter was a one-time thing which happened to Jesus out at the cemetery, and then never happened again. But the truth is, Easter not only has happened, it keeps happening, even though we continue to have trouble believing it.

“Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women” are the very first Easter witnesses. However, their Easter witness

was first dismissed as “nonsense”, “an idle tale” by all who heard it

*This* Easter, my question for you is not merely, do you believe the Easter story, but do you dare base your life upon it?

### **Lenten Devotionals**

Lenten Devotionals have been ordered. We hope to have them by Ash Wednesday March 6, but if not then, by Sunday March 10.

### **Help Wanted – No Experience Necessary**

Assistant Clerk of Session: (available immediately; hours vary). This new position involves assisting Dan Wennerholm in the important functions of Clerk of Session: keeping church records in particular formats, and working with the pastor and church leaders. Contact Dan Wennerholm,

Fellowship Hour Hosts (individual Sundays after church, sign up sheet). This position involves setting up and serving coffee, drinks, and refreshments to the congregation after church. Contact Cheryl Elliott.

Newsletter Editor (starts late August, set your own hours, summers off). This position edits and assembles this very document you are now reading each month. Some experience with Word or any editing tool of your choice is required. Contact Charles Fortney

Special Offering Coordinator (seasonal). This position involves promoting one or more of the four Presbyterian PC(USA) special offerings: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy. Materials are provided by Presbytery and have been received for the first offering. Contact Nancy Olson.

Cashier (once a month after church, with another person). This position counts the offering, prepares the bank deposit, and provides information to the financial secretary about pledge contributions. Contact Dan Wennerholm.



### **From the Church Office**

Session is pursuing the idea of a digital church calendar. In the meantime, we have a tool that works, if it is used properly. I’m talking about the wall calendar in the church office.

When you write (in pencil) meetings and events on the calendar, you accomplish 5 things:

1. You can see if there is a conflict with another meeting or event taking place at the same time.
2. The information gets printed in the bulletin.
3. The information gets printed in the newsletter.
4. The information gets included in the “Mark Your Calendar” notice that is posted monthly.
5. The information gets posted to the church’s Facebook page.

You can also email or call the church and I will write the information on the calendar.

It is worth mentioning here that the final item of business at every meeting should be the setting of the date for the next meeting. Then, someone needs to be responsible for getting that on the calendar.

- Daryl Doyle, Church Secretary

### **Dan Wennerholm Remains Clerk of Session**



After conducting a church-wide search for his successor, our Clerk of Session Dan Wennerholm has graciously agreed to continue serving Heritage in that capacity. Dan is also on session as an active elder, and is looking for someone to help out with various responsibilities. Please contact Dan to learn more about the records of our church and other responsibilities of the clerk.

## Hygiene Kits Collection



During 2018, Church World Service sent 174,000 Blankets & Kits to partner agencies in the U.S. and around the world. When disasters strike in the U.S. or overseas, CWS is there, providing for emergency needs through your contributions of

Hygiene Kits, School Kits, Blankets, and Emergency Clean-up Buckets. They need our help to keep them stocked for the next emergency. These Kits make a world of difference in the lives of refugees, displaced people, and victims of natural disasters, both here and abroad. Almost 16,000 hygiene kits were distributed to victims of last fall's Hurricanes Florence & Michael here in the United States.

To do our part Heritage will be collecting supplies to make hygiene kits.

What goes into each hygiene kit?

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no microfiber, kitchen, fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Ten standard size Band-Aids®

Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex. Please bring all items to church by Sunday March 24.

-Sue Evans/Nancy Olson

## Prayer Concerns – Long Term Health

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Please remember the following members of the church in your prayers as they struggle with long term health conditions:

Ruth Shargo	Amy Ackley (Bailey)	Lisa Wroth
Jim Outland	Sue Gager- Garlisch	George Saunders

Please contact Charles Fortney to be added to or removed from this list.

## Prayer Request Follow Up

The blue prayer request cards in the seatbacks have been updated. There is now space for you to identify how the church can best minister to you for the concern that you have lifted up. Would you like a telephone call or a visit from either your deacon or the pastor? Each situation is different; while church leaders try to use their best judgment, sometimes people have different expectations or hopes and receive too little, or too much (!) attention from the deacons, elders, pastor, and church office staff. The blue cards are a way for you to tell us what you need in addition to prayer.

## Directory Updates

We celebrate Rev. Jan Desterhaft, daughter of Grace Bradley, on her calling to First Presbyterian Church of Carlsbad, NM. She has relocated effective March 1, 2019 and here is her home and e-mail addresses:

Home: 1303 N. Canal St., #11,  
Carlsbad, NM 88220

Email: [joyfulrevjan@yahoo.com](mailto:joyfulrevjan@yahoo.com)

## Alaska Mission Trip Update



Greetings from Team Alaska (Victor Harris, Jan Smith, Caroline Knoff, Nancy Olson, Alicia Sremaniak, Michele Neff, Eleke Bonsi, Erica Bonsi, Michael Bonsi and Charles Fortney)

### Good News!!

We have met 30% of our fundraising goal. Thank you for your support and participating in our fundraising efforts.

### Dine Out Events

I do not have the final information on our Dine Out Event at Rocco Vino's, but I hear we had a good turn out that night. We have 3 upcoming Dine Out Events confirmed. Hope to see you there. These events are posted to the church Facebook page. Please share the fliers with your family, friends and co-workers. Our goal is to raise \$2000 from our Dine Out Events. More Dine Out event information will be communicated as they become available.

Tuesday March 12 (all day) – McAlister's Deli – Bloomingdale

- Fliers posted in the Narthex and on the Church Facebook page
- No flier necessary at event, however you must put your receipt in the box on the counter by the registers in order for us to receive 20% of the sales all day long

Wednesday, March 27 (4-8pm) – Panera – Bloomingdale

- Fliers available in the Narthex and on the Church Facebook page
- Show the flier at time of ordering in order for us to receive 20% of the sales between 4-8 pm

Wednesday, April 10 (5-8pm) – Portillo's – Glendale Heights (North Avenue and Bloomingdale Road)

- Fliers available in the Narthex and on the Church Facebook page

- Show the flier at time of ordering in order for us to receive 20% of the sales between 5-8 pm

### Silent Auction

We will be hosting a Silent Auction before and after church on Sunday, May 5. Items will be available for preview the week before at the church on Sunday and on the Church Facebook page as an event during the week so family and friends can participate in the Auction. If you have any connections for supplying items for the auction, or if you would like to donate an auction item or service, please contact a team member.

### How to Make a Direct Donation to the Trip

Some of you have asked about direct donation to the Mission Trip. There are **3 ways to donate directly** to the Mission Trip.

- Cash/Check - Envelopes are available in the Narthex and seat backs in the Sanctuary for those wishing to make a direct donation. Envelopes are marked "Alaska Mission Trip". Simply place your check or cash in the envelope and place the envelope in the Sunday Morning Offering Plate.
- Credit Card - We are providing the option of donating through credit card. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Michele or Nancy who can process your donation. The Silent Auction will also accept Credit Card payments.
- Online – Credit Card - We have a donation site set up through Eventbrite as an Event. The link is located on the church Facebook page and soon to be on the church website. Use the link to invite family and friends to visit the event site to learn about our trip and consider donating.

**Other fundraising events** are in the planning stages in addition to the Silent Auction and future Dine Out Events. All fundraising opportunities will be communicated as the information becomes available.

- Carwash in May when the weather warms up
- Craft Table at the West Chicago Blooming Fest in May – Looking for homemade items to sell
- All Church Rummage Sale in June – Start saving your “stuff” to donate

Our next team meeting is Monday, March 11 at 7pm at the church. You do not have to be traveling to Alaska to attend our meetings. We welcome anyone who is interested as we plan upcoming fundraisers and learn more about Alaska and how we are being asked to Serve.

Below is an updated breakdown of the expenses for the trip as well as the fundraising events. We will update this monthly to keep everyone up to date on our progress toward our \$15,000 goal.

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>
\$ 6100	Cost of airfare and baggage fees
\$ 6400	Cost of Program (incl. deposit)
\$ 2000	Ground Transportation in Alaska
\$ 500	Hotel rooms in Anchorage – 1 night
<b>Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 4,622.32</b>
\$ 2610	Direct donations
\$ 900	Program Deposit
\$ 262.32	HPW
\$ 850	Super Bowl Square Fundraiser
\$0	Dining Out Mar 12, Mar 27, Apr 10
\$0	MAC match of dining out money
\$0	Silent Auction – May 5
\$0	Car Wash – date to be announced
\$0	West Chicago Blooming Fest
\$0	Kids M&M Fundraiser in process
\$0	All Church Rummage Sale June 14

Thank you for partnering with us on this year’s trip. Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

- Michele Neff

## Missional Action Committee Updates



Next MAC meeting is Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Church – all are welcome!

Response & Sending/Missional Action Committee met February 16<sup>th</sup>. New leaders Dave Hamby

and Nancy Olson got their feet wet and tried to fill David Wroth’s shoes. Among many items discussed, are the following highlights:

Mission Trip preparations are underway with Michele Neff guiding us through fundraising and travel arrangements. The dine out events started with a successful Rocco Vino event on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Watch Facebook, the Web Site and church announcements for the next restaurant event. Michele also has a fun children’s fundraiser ready for presentation to get the children involved. We have a car wash being planned for warmer weather as well as a May 5<sup>th</sup> Silent Auction. Thanks to everyone for your support to make this Mission Trip successful!

The Outreach Community Center’s April 11<sup>th</sup> Spring Banquet is coming up and Heritage is hosting three tables – see Bob McNees, Larry Evans and David Wroth for more information.

Rotary Club and Glenbard North High School received permission at the February Session to install a Little Library near our Peace Park. The group will not only build and install the library but will maintain it with books for the children.

We have been advised by District 93 Superintendent Bill Shields that the Summer Lunch Program will continue this summer. Because Western Trails School will be under construction, we will use Carol Stream Elementary School. Heritage will again host and work Mondays and Thursdays this summer. Nancy Olson has taken over for Nick Shargo and will be the coordinator between the community and District 93. More information will be provided once everything is firmed up.

## Dates to Note:

OCC Spring Banquet – April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Community Food Drive – April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Silent Auction – May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Shopping Cart Shuffle – August 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Nancy Olson

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**



During Lent, as we intentionally focus on aligning our lives with God’s calling for us, One Great Hour of Sharing provides an opportunity to become, as Isaiah proclaims, repairers of the breach. For 70 years, Presbyterians have joined together in this ecumenical effort to share God’s love through ministries that provide relief to those affected by disasters, food for the hungry, and support toward the self-development of poor and oppressed communities.

### **What exactly are Special Offerings?**

The Special Offerings of the PC(USA) are celebrations of specific ways God has been made known to us. Each is connected to a season of the church year and mandated by the General Assembly to help the whole Church join together in response to God’s grace. They represent the largest, collective way Presbyterians come together to work for a better world. The Offerings actively engage congregations in ministries of compassion, justice, Christian formation, education, peacemaking and global witness.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is the first of these four Special Offerings and is received during the season of Lent with our offering collected on **Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

100% of this offering will be sent to Presbyterian Mission Agency and will be distributed as follows:

### **32% Restoring Hope (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance)**

Working alongside communities as they recover and find hope after natural or human-caused disasters.

### **36% Reducing Hunger (Presbyterian Hunger Program)**

Supporting initiatives that create sustainable food systems and alleviate root causes of poverty so that all may be fed.

### **32% Partnering in Progress (Self-Development of People)**

Providing resources and education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities working to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they own and directly benefit from.

Please give to **One Great Hour of Sharing** and join in God’s call to share our bread with the hungry, to aid and shelter people overcoming catastrophe and conflict, and to resource communities working to cast off the bonds of poverty and oppression. Thank you!

- Nancy Olson



### **OCC Dinner April 11**

**The Outreach Community Center Annual Spring Banquet is Thursday, April 11.**

Heritage supports this organization, which provides a

variety of services right here in Carol Stream. This year, the dinner is at Embassy Suites in Naperville. The speaker this year is former Chicago Bear and current Team Chaplain Roy McElroy. The program is a great opportunity to learn about OCC and partake in a great fellowship event.

The banquet is the largest fundraising event of the year for the OCC, but there is no commitment required to attend. Our table



hosts have covered all costs of attendance! We will have at least three tables at this event. If you are able to attend, contact David and Lisa Wroth, Larry and Sue Evans, or Bob McNees.

If you are NOT able to attend, but would still like to make a financial contribution, go online to [outreachcommunityministries.org](http://outreachcommunityministries.org) , then scroll down to the red “Give to Outreach” box, and click.

**- David Wroth, Missional Action Committee**

### **Gospel of Mark Storytelling**

The Prairie Wind Guild of Biblical Storytellers will tell the entire Gospel of Mark on Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Elmhurst. The church is located at the corner of Church and York, 232 S. York, in Elmhurst. The telling will take about 2 hours and 20 minutes, with a short intermission.

This is an opportunity to hear the whole story about Jesus as one continuous story, told by seven tellers. The earliest Christians learned about Jesus through hearing the story told, since the gospels hadn’t yet been written. It is a powerful way to enter into Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection during the season of Lent.

The event is free. A basket for a free will offering will be available.

**- Patricia Lind, Word and Gathering**

## Mortgage Burning



The flames of the Holy Spirit burned bright at the Mortgage Burning Ceremony held as the final act of worship on Sunday February 17. Pastor Victor and Cheryl Elliott led the service.

Founding member Nick Shargo, chair of the building committee, shared these memories:

Actual dates, figures and occurrences relating to our building loan history are no longer retrievable from my brain. According to the History section in our church's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary brochure, though:

A \$365,000 building project was partially subscribed in June of 1984. Groundbreaking for the existing church building was in May of 1985, with a 150-member congregation. On March 16, 1986 Heritage moved into its permanent church home, with a dedication service on Sunday, April 6, 1986.

General information I do seem to recall includes the following:

### Pledge Drive

Session determined to conduct a building fund campaign, utilizing a PC(USA) financial campaign advisor. The plan was to hold three three-year building fund campaigns that were separate from the regular annual church budget campaigns. As I recall, we were encouraged to double our level of giving.

### Loan Structure

In the beginning, our loan commitment was broken down into three separate loans, the major portion being an interest-incurring loan from the Northern Trust Bank. Smaller loans were secured

from the Presbytery of Chicago and the Synod of Lincoln Trails. At some point, we paid off the smallest loan, which was the Synod loan, and held a mortgage burning.

Also during our loan payment history, the Presbytery of Chicago took action on two fronts that impacted our ultimate loan payment. First, the Presbytery payed off the Northern Trust loan, making the remaining amount of that loan payable to the Presbytery interest-free.

The second action taken by Presbytery actually increased our loan commitment when the original loan to purchase the church property that had been taken out by First Presbyterian Church/Presbytery was transferred to Heritage. According to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet, that amount was \$60,000. A portion of that amount had been returned to Presbytery through the sale of a section of the property that had been set aside for the future building of a manse. The money from that sale was used for costs incurred to keep the property mowed and maintained. The remaining portion of the loan we then incurred was about \$37,000 as I recall. That would have increased our overall loan to around \$400,00. (?)

### Thoughts

While I cannot confirm it, it was my impression several years ago that Heritage may have been the last church paying off its old loans and that the money was being put into a fund specifically set aside for new church development. While many if not most of us don't know about our relationship with other churches in the Presbytery and the Presbytery itself, Heritage came into being through the vision of First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton and its pastor, Rev. Dr. Cecil Lower – who married Ruth and me, by the way. Potentially, Heritage's loan payments could play a part in future church plantings. Wouldn't that be something? Thanks be to God!

- Nick Shargo

## Executive Presbyter Report

State of the Presbytery – December 1, 2018

Delivered by Sue Krummel, Executive Presbyter

I have been in Chicago as your Executive Presbyter for one year now. I thought it was time for a state of the presbytery report. Before coming here, I served one presbytery for 11 years as Stated Clerk and Executive Presbyter. I also served a different presbytery for eight years as Stated Clerk. In my role working for the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency, I visited numerous presbyteries. I was also a member of the Committee on Ministry in three different presbyteries before I started doing Mid-Council work. In other words, I have seen how a lot of presbyteries work. Here are a few things that I have noticed about Chicago Presbytery.

Of our 89 congregations, 34 are under 100 members and, among those, there are several very fragile congregations. Huge buildings are sinking some of the congregations; in others, the congregation is serving as a landlord and has lost focus on mission and ministry for themselves. I will be bringing a proposal to Presbytery Coordinating Council in January for a different way to focus our 21st Century Funds in an attempt to bring new life into our smaller congregations.

We have financial resources which we are not tapping. I will also be bringing a proposal to revamp the Mission Committee so that it is, instead, a funding committee, allocating the funds available to the presbytery for disbursement.

We have a dedicated staff. It is also greatly reduced in numbers from what some of you remember. The work of the presbytery must rely on dedicated volunteers supported by our small staff. We continue to encourage our volunteer members of committees and commissions to claim their authority and to take on the work

before them. We need you to serve in places that match your gifts.

There is an apathy or disconnectedness among minister members and other leaders alike. Part of that is driven by the demands of local mission and ministry and a feeling that, for some of our congregations, this is their last chance to remain viable. Exhaustion and depression are a part of the lives of leaders in such circumstances. The disconnectedness also comes from the hard decisions that have been made over the last few years by the presbytery. From reduction in staff who had become friends, to the sale of a camp that still lives in the memories of many people, the last few years have been tumultuous. Of course, the crime that was committed several decades ago and the price that was exacted from the presbytery for that crime lies at the heart of both of those outcomes.

Overt and subtle racism in the way we conduct our business as presbytery and congregations needs to be continually addressed. Even the crime that has driven the life of the presbytery for a decade or more has racism at its core. I have heard that people who had suspicions about the actions of a presbytery employee were afraid to come forward because they were afraid of being called racist. The true racism is treating people whom we define as being different from us as if they were objects instead of human beings. When we hold the same high standards for everyone who conducts mission and ministry in our name, we can begin to address racism. We need to examine our mission practices as well. Are we treating the children and adults who receive our mittens, or our food, or our visits for mission work in the summer as if they were in dire circumstances in order to provide us with a way to make ourselves feel good by offering this small token of Christ's love? When we ask this hard question we begin to address racism.

□ We have the opportunity to address the sin that is at the heart of the American story and the story of Chicago—the sin of slavery, the racism that perpetuated it and excused it, and the fear of anyone defined as being different from us that grows out of it—in a way that many presbyteries do not. Look around this room. We sit beside people in worship or at a presbytery meeting who experience the world in a way that we do not because of the way they are perceived on the basis of race. This is the greatest resource we have—proximity to real people with whom we can have real conversations. We need to decide how to use our money well and how to use our buildings well. We also need to decide if we have the courage to stop treating other people as objects and instead to recognize in them the same wants and needs and inadequacies that we recognize in ourselves. Only then can we bring hope in the name of Jesus Christ in a way that will change their lives, and ours as well.

-Sue Krummel, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Chicago

## Worship Sermon Notes and Charges



February 3: This week was a very special worship service featuring our guest, Donna Marie Todd. Donna Marie supplied the lector (David Wroth) with a unique configuration of Psalm 71:1-6, which included a chant by the

choir. She joined the choir to sing the anthem, "Love! All Holy", which was written by her friend, who named the tune "Donna Marie". Donna Marie also gave the children's message, focusing on the difference between human love, shown on Valentine's Day, and God's love, shown in the Bible. She involved the children by having them read different Scripture passages, which illustrated this point. Sharing her gifts as a Biblical storyteller, she told us 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. She chose this passage because it is subtitled, "Love is Indispensable". Then, she gave a powerful message titled, "Sometimes, the Angels Ride Harleys". And to finish, she sang the Blessing. For the Sending, Victor used breathing techniques he learned in the workshop led by Donna Marie on Saturday. He had us breathe into various places in our bodies, then breathe out, "I am loved by God" and "I will love the world". His charge to us was to truly believe the first and to do the second.

February 10: This week, Victor took his message from Luke 5:1-11, the section subtitled, "Jesus Calls His First Disciples", and titled his sermon, "Into Deep Water". In this passage Jesus instructs Simon Peter, "*Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.*" Victor informed us that "bathos", the Greek word for "deep water" is the same word used in Hebrew for "primordial sea" or "chaos". He said that chaos may be what we are experiencing in our life, but that should not prevent us from saying to Jesus, like Simon Peter, "*But because you say so, I will let down the nets.*" Jesus called Simon Peter to discipleship, saying, "*Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.*", just as he calls us. Victor told the children, and us, that fishing for people means Jesus wants us to tell others about what he has done for us and what

he wants to do for them. Victor's charge to us was to think of wherever we are (neighborhood, workplace, social gathering) as missionary outposts and to be a missionary for Christ.

February 17: This week, Victor took his message from Matthew 25:14-30, the section subtitled, "The Parable of the Bags of Gold", and titled his sermon, "Fearlessly Faithful". He said we all want to hear the words spoken to us by the Master, "*Well done, good and faithful servant!*", but that there is no such thing as risk-averse discipleship. He told us that paying off the mortgage presents us with new opportunities to be fearlessly faithful. Victor's charge to us was to realize we are called to be boldly enterprising trustees of the mission fields that surround us (the high school, the neighborhood and the apartments

February 24: This week, Victor took his message from 1 Corinthians 15:51-58, and titled his sermon, "Not in Vain". This refers to what Paul wrote in verse 58: "*Always give yourselves to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*" This section also contains the well-known words, "*Where, O death is your victory?*" Victor thinks that Paul might say teaching one to "die well" is actually the whole point of the Christian religion. Being saved by Jesus is not about avoiding risk. Jesus calls us to confront risk and embrace death. As Christians, we need to know that death is not the worst thing; the worst thing is to be so focused on living longer and trying to avoid death, that we fail to be good disciples of Christ. Victor's charge to us was to place our faith in Christ and to be faithful to Christ. If we do that, we will find we are no longer anxious about dying OR living

### - Darly Doyle, Church Secretary

*(This information is compiled from weekly Monday Morning updates that Darly sends out to an e-mail list. If you are interested in getting these and are not yet receiving them, please contact the church office 630-665-4121)*

## DuPage Organic Garden Club



The Du Page Organic Garden Club is hosting a Fruit Tree Guild on March 7, 2019, from 7:00 to 8:30.

To register, please call 630-510-9606 or go to <https://www.facebook.com/DuPageOrganicGardenClub/>

A fruit tree guild is a community of plants grown around a centralized fruit tree, which support each other by recycling nutrients back into the soil, providing shade and conserving water, attracting beneficial insects, repelling pests and diseases, building soil and preventing erosion. This permaculture method of planting minimizes maintenance, increases nutrition and food yields, and allows you to manage diseases and pests naturally. Join Jodi Trendler, co-founder of the [The Resiliency Institute](#) to learn how to plant a fruit tree guild in your backyard and start building your very own food forest.



Also there is a Garden Resource Fair on March 16 at 3:00 p.m.

As thoughts turn to April showers and May flowers (and vegetables and lawns), join us at a Garden Resource Fair, co-sponsored by the DuPage Organic Garden Club and the Library. Exhibitors will include representatives from Saving Monarchs, The Resiliency Institute, Sierra Club, Wild Ones Greater DuPage, Barn Owl, and others. Our keynote speaker, Dave Brooks, Manager of Conservation Services at Vera Meineke Nature Center at Spring Valley will present "The Lazy Gardener's Guide to Green Landscaping". Dave will explain how to care for your home landscape in ways that help protect the environment and how it can also result in reduced time, money, and effort spent on landscape maintenance, pest control, and plant replacement. The program will present options available to reduce your

environmental footprint and let you spend time enjoying your yard

- Jan Smith

## Church Financial Matters

### Per Capita

Some of the membership has paid their 2019 Per Capita, but for those who have not, this is a reminder. Special envelopes are included for this. Heritage has already paid the entire amount for our church's Per Capita, \$2,977.14.

The amount is based on our membership total (87) at the end of 2017.

The amount per member changes each year, and for this year it is \$34.22.

Where does the Per Capita go?

\$22.07 is for the Presbytery of Chicago,

\$3.81 is for the Synod of Lincoln Trails, and

\$8.34 is for the General Assembly.

It should be noted that the Presbytery must send in payments to the Synod and General Assembly regardless of whether they have received those contributions from the churches, and this is a major source of funding for the Presbytery. This year, the General Assembly increased its amount by \$1.22, but the Presbytery chose to only pass along half of that increase to the congregations.

If you have not done so, please prayerfully consider contributing to the Per Capita for each church member in your household. Thank you.

### Church Offerings

When we make our weekly church deposit of offerings at the bank, the teller occasionally has an issue with how the checks are made out. Some are made out to "HPC" or "Heritage", with the

preferred way being "Heritage Presbyterian Church". Thank you.

- Dan Wennerholm, Administration

## Meet Elder Dave Hamby



At the January 2019 Session meeting, Dave Hamby was ordained and installed as a new elder at Heritage. Although Dave has been with us for several years, he has had an interesting path through life and shared this information in a Heritage Good Newsletter interview.

Q: How did you come to Heritage?

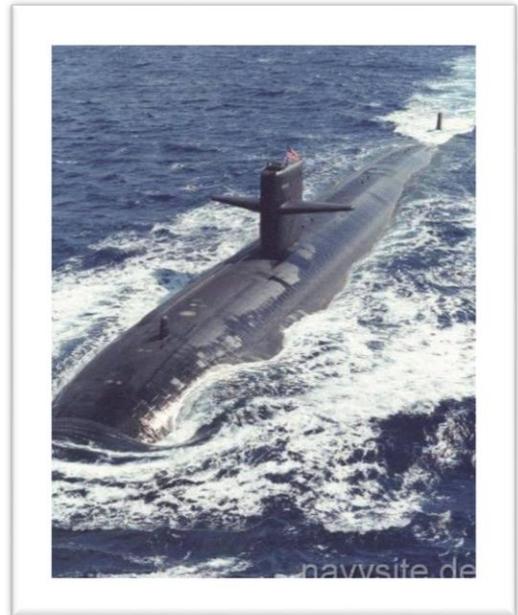
A: Angel and I grew up in different backgrounds. He was Catholic and I was Baptist. After we got married, we settled on a large Presbyterian church downtown because the PC(USA) is gay-friendly. After a short time, we realized there must be a local Presbyterian church and at the time I stated that, I looked to my left and we were driving by Heritage. When we came to Heritage for the first time that next Sunday, everybody was so warm and welcoming we have stayed! Heritage was Hamby's first family when we brought him from Alaska!!

Q: Tell me about your career path.

A: I graduated from University of Mississippi with an Electrical Engineering degree and went on to get an MBA. I retired from my first career with the Navy in 1999. I served as on 5 different submarines and rose to the rank of Commander. Then I went to HSBC (a Hong Kong bank) and trained for 57 weeks all over the country, rising to be a regional manager. When HSBC had to leave the United States, I had to lay off 6000 people. Then I joined Fifth Third Bank and worked there for 10 years. For the last 4 years I have been a vice president and branch manager of First American Bank. In three years, I'll retire from the banking industry and Angel and I plan to relocate to Palm Springs CA, where he will hopefully, with Gods help, be a resort General Manager and I hope to do real estate work

Q: Wow, what was it like on the submarines?

A: They were nuclear submarines with 125 men aboard. The sub was 360 feet long and had a 33



foot diameter. (ed: this is about the size of a football field). It goes more than 1200 feet deep and travels over 40 knots (ed: 46mph). The submarine deployed for 6 months at a time. The longest I was underwater without seeing daylight was 73 days straight. We had nuclear drills where we didn't know if it was real or not until we turned the actual key; the Navy wanted to be sure men could really do it.

Q: What is your family?

A: I was married for 26 years and had three children, now aged 38, 26, and 23. I have two grandchildren from my oldest daughter, Jaime: Juliana (4) and Dakota (2). I have been together with Angel since I moved to Carol Stream in 2007. Angel and I married in Massachusetts in 2009, as not all states recognized gay marriages back then. We adopted our son Hamby on June 2nd 2011. We share our house with two dogs, a rescue dog and a Belgian Malinois, and of course my Mother in Law!

Q: What hobbies do you pursue?

A: You mean besides keeping up with Hamby? I used to play golf. We remodeled our house back in 2007 but it should be done again. I coach Hamby's dodge ball team.

## Worship Schedule March 2019

	<b>March 3: Transfiguration Sunday</b>	<b>March 6: Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>March 10: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>March 17: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>March 24: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>March 31: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
Sacrament of Communion	Tray	Intinction	None	None	None	None
Paraments	White	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple	Purple
Preacher	Victor Harris	Victor Harris	Victor Harris	Victor Harris	Victor Harris	Victor Harris
Lector	Caroline Knoff		Sue Gager	Kim Mays	Leila Trepanier	Larry Evans
Communion Servers	Darly Doyle, John Garlisch, Nick Shargo, Julie Hagel	Nancy Olson				
Ushers	Bob McNees Nick Shargo		Nancy Olson Dan Wennerholm	David Wroth Dan Wennerholm	Vern Hagel Bob McNees	Bev Mason John Garlisch
Greeters	Delali Bonsi; Vern Hagel		Darly Doyle Caroline Knoff	Grace Bradley; Bev Mason	Jim and Dawn Guinti	Delali Bonsi Dan Wennerholm
Nursery	Cheri Schaefer		Delali Bonsi	Caroline Knoff	Julie Hagel	Leila Trepanier
Offering	Dave Hamby Candy Mastro		Darly Doyle Nick Shargo	Dave Hamby Nancy Olson	Nick Shargo Dave Wroth	Cheryl Elliott Jerry Knapp
Sanctuary Setup	Nancy Olson	Nancy Olson	Nancy Olson	Nancy Olson	Nancy Olson	Nancy Olson
Ambassadors	Larry Evans; Bob McNees; Nick Shargo; David Wroth					

## March Birthdays

March 2	Madeline Tice	March 17	Patricia Lind
March 3	Art Slouka	March 21	Leila Trepanier
March 4	Jessie Wegrzyn	March 23	Vi Falzone
March 5	Desiree Reynolds	March 26	Eva Trepanier
March 5	Joe Moore	March 26	Jennifer Cory
March 8	Sue Evans	March 27	Bob McNees
March 9	Caden Miller	March 28	Michael Mann
March 12	Bill DePaul	March 29	Victor Harris
March 16	Charles Fortney	March 31	Nick Shargo

## March Anniversaries

There are no March anniversaries that we are aware of

## The Church Calendar

**March 2019**

Recycling This Month: Medical Equipment and Hearing Aids

					1 Ortberg Disciplesip Study 6:00 p.m.	2 Worship Team meeting 6:00 p.m
3 Non-food Donations for LCoM Pantry Sunday School 8:45 Worship 10 am	4	5 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	6 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.	7 All Church Prayer 1:00	8 Wannabees Panera 6:00 a.m.	9
10 Sunday School 8:45 Worship 10 am Deacons 11:30 Youth Group 5 p.m.	11 Alaska Mission Trip 7:00 p.m.	12 McAlister's fundraiser 10:30 to 9 p.m. The Gathering 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	13 Missional Action Committee 7:00 p.m.	14 All Church Prayer 1:00	15 Ortberg Discipleship Study 6:30 p.m	16
17 Sunday School 8:45 Worship 10 a.m.	18	19 Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	20	21 All Church Prayer 1:00 Session 7:00 p.m.	22	23
24 Sunday School 8:45 Worship 10 am Youth Group 5 p.m.	25	26 The Gathering 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	27 Panera Fundraiser 4 to 8 p.m.  PADS	28 All Church Prayer 1:00	29 Ortberg Discipleship Study 6:30 p.m	30
31 Sunday School 8:45 Worship 10 a.m.						

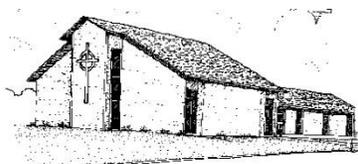


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Last Name N-S

Last Name T-Z

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Sue Wexler

Sue Cory

Leila Trepanier

Julie Hagel

Sue Gager-Garlich

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