

THE HERALD

January 2024

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We enter into 2024 on the wings of a wonderful Advent and Christmas Eve. We held two services on the 24th; the fourth Sunday of Advent in the morning and the Candlelight Christmas Eve service in the evening. On December 31st, we held a breakfast fellowship instead of a worship service. Thank you to all who helped prepare, set up, clean up, and made these events as holy and wonderful as they could be!

Our first service of the year will be our Epiphany service. We will celebrate communion and receive new Star Words for the year. If you are unable to attend the service but wish to receive a Star Word, please let me know and I will put one aside for you.

The next few weeks are packed as the office works to put together the 2023 Annual Report while also preparing for Lent, which starts on February 14th with Ash Wednesday. Our Annual Congregational Meeting to receive the report, vote on newly elected officers, and approve my updated Terms of Call will be on Sunday January 28th, right after worship. The reports will be finalized later this month and mailed and emailed out.

I have been accepted into a grant program offered through Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Virginia. The program is called Bridge for Early Career Preachers and will provide me coaching and opportunities to improve my preaching. I look forward to being able to share what I learn!

Ollie has been adjusting to the colder temperatures by finding different ways to stay warm. We both wish you warm tidings and a blessed New Year!

Blessings,
Pastor Erica



JANUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

05 – Alexis Hunzeker
07 – Isaiah Guillatt
08 – Amanda Miller
10 – Karen Griffin Sieber
12 – Missy Bahr
14 – Barbara Crawford
17 – Patty Doering
19 – Randy Smith
20 – James Robertson
22 – Jane Bitney
22 – Elisabeth Wahlgren
23 – Patty Wahlgren
27 – Phyllis Foreman
28 – Sharon Wells



HERITAGE BIRTHDAY CLUB



Anyone may join or renew their membership in Heritage's Birthday Club. Donations (usually 1 dollar per year of life) is made to our endowment fund.

DUCS

DUCs will meet for food, fun & fellowship following worship on January 28th. We will be done at 2pm.

Thank you for the donations of gifts and gift cards from the Giving Tree!

You helped spread the joy of Christmas with other families in our community!

thank you

WORSHIP & MUSIC

We have had the pleasure of having a new piano in the sanctuary for the past several weeks on a trial basis. It is a beautiful instrument, but the session and the worship team feel that now is not the right time to spend over 20,000 on a piano. The other piano option that we had was unfortunately sold so we are again on the search for the right instrument for our space as the old piano does need to be replaced. As we shop for the right instrument, we are going to start our fundraising with the goal to raise approximately \$10,000 for the new piano and other worship and music needs. You will recall, we are selling keys that you can buy to honor or memorialize someone. The cost per key will be \$150, or if you purchase 3 or more keys (up to 12 keys), the cost per key will be \$125 per key. If you choose to buy all 13 keys of an octave, the price will be \$100 per key, or \$1300 for the entire octave. If we can sell all the keys, we will raise somewhere between \$9000 and \$13,000. We would appreciate your support of the music program and remember, you don't have to be a member to donate a key or two, let your friends and family know of this opportunity to support our ministry as well! Appreciate you all!



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Thank you for your donations to the Christmas Joy Offering!

It will be used to share our love with the leaders of our Church — past, present and future — who point us to God.

“FILL THE DRAWER”

To support the children of Randolph we are collecting:

- Youth sized underwear (new only)
- Sweatpants (new or gently used)
- Larger youth sized socks (gender neutral)



FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Help us help small farmers around the world through the purchase of equal exchange products. Tea, coffee, oil, chocolates and now dried mangos are available at the Coffee Corner!



We would love to include more pictures from events & activities in the newsletter. If you happen to take pictures during church functions please forward them to the church office – assistant@heritagepres.org.



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**DEADLINE FOR THE
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Items received after this
date may not be included!

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4	5 10:00 AM Al-Anon	6
7 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	8	9	10 5:45 PM Choir	11 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	12 10:00 AM Al-Anon <i>Boy Scouts</i>	13 Association of the Deaf
14 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	15 Office closed <i>Girl Scouts 20306</i>	16	17 5:45 PM Choir	18 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	19 10:00 AM Al-Anon	20
21 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	22	23	24 5:45 PM Choir	25 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	26 10:00 AM Al-Anon <i>Boy Scouts</i>	27
28 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Congregational meeting & DUCs following worship	29	30	31 5:45 PM Choir	1	2 10:00 AM Al-Anon	3

Please refer to the online calendar for updated/changed events.