

# THE HERALD

February 2024

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

We are entering Lent this month with much warmer temperatures after our harsh winter storm. I'm very excited about this season; I have a sermon series planned and we will be starting a bible study on the Gospels. This sermon series is called "The Power of..." and will examine different facets of Lent and examine the power they have in our lives and the practice of our faith. This series will start with Ash Wednesday, so join us for pancakes and then come worship with us! The bible study will use the book *The New Testament: Methods and Meanings* by Warren Carter and Amy-Jill Levine. You may purchase the book yourself, but I have also scanned the pages and can give you a copy if you wish. This bible study will start on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 and we will have a potluck lunch that first day. I hope to see you there!

As we enter Lent, I invite you to consider how you are walking closer to God. Will you fast? Will you add something into your routine? Will you pray more? Whatever it may be, I pray that it opens your heart and allows you to sit in the love and grace that Jesus gives you. I pray you always know you are loved by God, by this congregation, by those around you. As we continue to walk this road toward Christ, toward the cross, the grave, and ultimately, toward resurrection, let us walk hand in hand, singing our praises and laments together.

Blessings,

Pastor Erica

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

02 – Benjamin Kendle  
02 – Nancy Weyers  
07 – Tamra Broeder  
07 – Dehnia Bullerdiek  
10 – Sue Nelson  
17 – Ramona Meester  
19 – Diane Olsen  
25 – Bob Foreman  
27 – Barbara Bratt-Kennedy



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

02 – Nancy & Jay Weyers  
24 – Phyllis & Bob Foreman



## 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.

## ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Don't worry about fixing supper before Ash Wednesday services on Feb 14! The mission committee will start serving pancakes and bacon at 5:00 pm with freewill donations directed to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Serving will end shortly after 6:00 pm so that all can attend the service at 6:30 pm.

## "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)

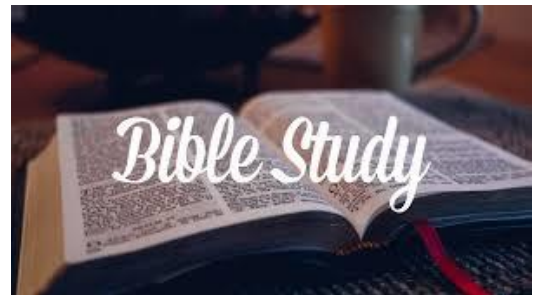


## LENT BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for a Lent Bible Study, comparing and contrasting the 4 gospels. We will meet Sunday afternoons from 12:30-1:30 pm in the Gibson Room Feb 18, 25, March 3, 17, and 24. We will share a potluck lunch for the first week.

Erica will be using "The New Testament: Methods and Meanings" by Warren Carter & Amy Jill Levine. You do not need to purchase the book, as we will have copies of applicable pages.

Please RSVP to Erica if you will be attending.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING LENTEN CALENDAR

The Heritage Lenten Calendar returns in 2023! The calendar features Bible readings, random acts of kindness, prayer suggestions and ways to support the OGHS. We ask that each family use a "Fish Bank" to place coins as they follow the suggestions on the calendar. The calendar is included with this newsletter; calendars and fish banks will also be available at the church by mid-February.

## FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Don't forget to support small farmers by your purchase of Equal Exchange products. Tea, coffee, oil and/or chocolates are available at the Coffee Corner. Dried Mangoes are a new product and very are delicious!





**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**  
 HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Heritage Presbyterian Church</i>  <b>Lenten Challenge</b></p> <p>OGHS Fish Banks will be available at the church. Please place coins in the bank following the suggestions on this calendar. Bring banks to the church on Easter.</p>			<p><b>Feb 14</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  <i>Attend the pancake supper and donate to the One Great Hour or Sharing</i></p>	<p><b>Feb 15</b>            Many people in the world live on less than \$1.25 per day. Can you contribute \$1.25 today?</p>	<p><b>Feb 16</b>  <b>Act of Kindness</b>            Hold the door open for someone today.</p>	<p><b>Feb 17</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            Creation story            Genesis 1:1-2:4a</p>
<p><b>Feb 18</b>  <b>PDA Blue T-shirt Sunday</b>            Wear a blue shirt to church!</p>	<p><b>Feb 19</b>            Pray for those who have experienced natural disasters in the US and around the world.</p>	<p><b>Feb 20</b>            Pray for small farmers around the world as they struggle for sustainability. Add a coin for each farmer you know.</p>	<p><b>Feb 21</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            The Great Flood            Genesis 7:1-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13</p>	<p><b>Feb 22</b>            In a disaster, electricity is the first utility to be lost. Add a coin for each outlet or light switch in one room of your home.</p>	<p><b>Feb 23</b>  <b>Act of Kindness</b>            Check in on a neighbor or a church friend.</p>	<p><b>Feb 24</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            Abraham is Tested            Genesis 22:1-18</p>
<p><b>Feb 25</b>  <b>Act of Kindness</b>            Write a note of appreciation to a friend, coworker, or family member.</p>	<p><b>Feb 26</b>            Pray for the health of the children worldwide who suffer from malnutrition.</p>	<p><b>Mar 27</b>            Jesus said, "I am the bread of life." Add one coin to provide bread for those who hunger.</p>	<p><b>Feb 28</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            Deliverance at the Sea            Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21</p>	<p><b>Feb 29</b>            Not everyone has access to clean water. Add a coin for each glass of water you drink today.</p>	<p><b>Mar 1</b>  <b>World Day Prayer</b>            "I Beg You...Bear with One Another in Love"            Ephesians 4:2-4</p>	<p><b>Mar 2</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            The Wisdom of God            Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6</p>
<p><b>Mar 3</b>            "We are one in the Spirit. We are one in the Lord. . . Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love."</p>	<p><b>Mar 4</b>            Pray for the estimated 27 million people who are trafficked for forced labor or sexual exploitation.</p>	<p><b>Mar 5</b>            1 in 4 children worldwide are stunted by chronic malnutrition. Give one coin for each child you hold dear.</p>	<p><b>Mar 6</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            The Free Gift of Salvation            Isaiah 55:1-11</p>	<p><b>Mar 7</b>            Many families utilize food pantries to survive. Add a coin for every 5 cans of food in your pantry.</p>	<p><b>Mar 8</b>  <b>Act of Kindness</b>            Smile at everybody. It's contagious!</p>	<p><b>Mar 9</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            The Garments of Salvation            Isaiah 61: 1-4, 9-11</p>
<p><b>Mar 10</b>  <b>Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday</b>            Add a coin for each special woman in your life.</p>	<p><b>Mar 11</b>  <b>Mr. Rogers Day</b>            Pray for your neighbors and/or show kindness to a neighbor.</p>	<p><b>Mar 12</b>            Many refugee camps do not have latrines. Add 2 coins for each bathroom in your home.</p>	<p><b>Mar 13</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            A New Heart and Spirit            Ezekiel 36:24-28</p>	<p><b>Mar 14</b>            Many do not have beds to sleep in. Add a coin for each bed in your home.</p>	<p><b>Mar 15</b>  <b>Act of Kindness</b>            Donate unused clothing or household items</p>	<p><b>Mar 16</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            The Valley of Dry Bones            Ezekiel 17:1-14</p>
<p><b>Mar 17</b>  <b>Justice Advocacy Sunday</b>            Pray and advocate for justice in the world.</p>	<p><b>Mar 18</b>            Pray for those who suffer in mind, body or spirit.</p>	<p><b>Mar 19</b>            Many children go to bed cold and hungry. Add one coin for each blanket in your home.</p>	<p><b>Mar 20</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            The Deliverance of Jonah            Jonah 1:1-2:1</p>	<p><b>Mar 21</b>            1 in 7 people go to bed hungry. Add one coin for each night this week you didn't go to bed hungry.</p>	<p><b>Mar 22</b>  <b>Act of Kindness</b>            Send a card or letter to a loved one</p>	<p><b>Mar 23</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            The Gathering of God's People            Zephaniah 3:14-20</p>
<p><b>Mar 24</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            The Triumphal Entry            Matthew 21:1-11</p>	<p><b>Mar 25</b>            Pray for refugees and immigrants who flee oppressive or dangerous situations.</p>	<p><b>Mar 26</b>            Many homes are destroyed by natural disasters. Add one coin for each home you have lived in.</p>	<p><b>Mar 27</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ            Romans 6:3-11</p>	<p><b>Mar 28</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            The Lord's Supper            Matthew 26:17-30</p>	<p><b>Mar 29</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            The Crucifixion            Matthew 27:27-61</p>	<p><b>Mar 30</b>  <b>Bible Reading</b>            The Resurrection            John 20:1-18</p>

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**DEADLINE FOR THE  
NEXT HERALD**

**February 27, 2024**

Items received after this  
date may not be included!

# FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2 10:00 AM Al-Anon	3
4 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	5 <i>Girl Scouts 20306</i>	6 10:00 AM Circle	7 5:45 PM Choir	8 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	9 10:00 AM Al-Anon  <i>Boy Scouts</i>	10 Clothing Swap set-up – Fellowship Hall
11 9:30 AM Sunday School  10:30 AM Worship  Clothing Swap following service	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30  5:00 – Pancake Feed	15 <i>Boy Scout Troop 39</i>	16 10:00 AM Al-Anon	17
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Please refer to the online calendar for updated/changed events.