

HPC Good News

Dear Resurrection People,

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Easter Sunday falls on April 20 this year, but did you know that the season of Easter actually lasts for quite awhile after that?

For centuries, the church has celebrated not simply a day of Easter but a season of Easter.

In fact, the Easter season is even longer than the Lenten season, and the end of it falls on Pentecost Sunday.

While Lent is a season of repentance, prayer, and fasting, the Easter season is fifty days of new life, praise, and feasting. The church calendar does this on purpose: we get more days for joy than for gloom.

During Lent, Christians often deliberately deny themselves something that has a tendency to distract them from faithful living. I have given up chocolate, coffee, and other things in Lenten seasons past. To be honest, some years I am more faithful about it than others. This year, I didn't give anything up for Lent, but I am hoping to implement something new and life-giving into my daily rhythm after Easter Sunday.

Would you like to join me in this Easter practice?

What would it look like if, for the 50 days of the Easter season you sought out the lifegiving joys that bring you closer to God and your neighbors? What makes YOUR heart sing? What brings you joy and refreshment? Easter invites us to see feasting, celebrating, and simply enjoying life as God's good gifts, inviting us to consider that those good things we love can become spiritual practices for this season.

If seeing joy as God's good gift to you for fifty whole days seems like it's pushing you beyond your comfort zone, let me make a suggestion: find a preschooler to serve as your role model. One of the highlights of my week is sitting in on our Heritage Presbyterian Preschool's chapel service, led by Miss Susie. I've got to tell you, those kids know the serious business of joy better than anybody! They can teach you how to find joy in the simplest of ways, whether that be by dancing to a favorite song, engaging in a familiar bible story, or blessing a friend.

Jesus told his disciples that he came so that we might have "abundant" life. This Easter season, don't skimp on life. Fill your life with joy, abundant joy. Say Alleluia like you mean it. Christ is alive, and our lives are filled with abundant joy.

See you in worship,

Pastor Sarah



April Birthdays

2	Andrew Conley	10	Colby Jenkins	21	Jeremy Schumm
3	Kim Zumkehr	10	Zachary Jenkins	22	Peyton Mills
4	Ricardo Pellegrino	10	Sue Montieth	23	Leah Jacob
5	Matt Wulf	11	Joy Hampton	25	Patty Schnetzer
6	Martha Bard	11	Nick Tymitz	27	Ian Mould
6	Marjorie Barreto	12	Pat Anson	27	Comfort Olugu
6	Kim McNeer	13	Nina Probel	28	Ralph Spaeth
8	Marjorie Walter	17	Kyle Perkins	29	Isabella Harmeling
10	Walker Dorman	18	Debbie Farrell	30	Campbell Glinski
10	Avery Jenkins	18	Tom Walker		

Continued Prayers: Bob Fay, Jamey Focke, JoAnne McCaulou, Carole Phillips Steve Ritz, Bill Ross, Merideth Rought, Michelle Schumm, Carl & Gaye Sanker, Randy & Teresa Stanford, Roni Swihart, Deanna Taggart

April Prayer Families

- Hector Batts & Emily Batts-Rincon, Alice and Graham
 - Ray & Jamie Dria, Hannah, Claire and Evelyn
 - Connie Ison
 - Bob & Mollie White
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Holy Week April 13-20

April 13: Palm Sunday—10:15am Worship Service

April 17: Maundy Thursday

- ◆ 6:00 pm: Soup & Bread Potluck
- ◆ 7:00pm Communion Service

April 19: Eggstravaganza—10:00am for children Preschool—3rd grand and parents

April 20: Easter Morning

- ◆ Breakfast—8:30am
- ◆ Easter Worship Service 10:15am

Lent and Easter at HPC

Easter Flower Sale Through April 6

To Order: Fill out an envelope in the Atrium or contact Janet Clifford Brown: cliffordbrown.je@gmail.com. *Orders are due by Sunday, April 6th.* Thank you for ordering Easter Flowers—they will be beautiful!

Easter Lilies—\$11
Mums—\$8
Gerbera Daisies—\$8
Kalanchoes—\$9

Tuesdays Together in Lent: April 1 & 8, 6-8pm

Tuesdays Together In

Lent

Each Tuesday evening during the Lenten season, we will gather together to study and learn as a church community. Adults and teens are invited to meet at Heritage for potluck dinner and fellowship at 6pm followed by a study of the life and ministry of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, led by Pastor Sarah beginning at 7pm. Sign up: <https://bit.ly/TuesdaysTogether2025>



6 PM Soup & Bread Potluck

Maundy
Thursday

"Do this in Memory of Me"

7 PM Service



EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 20, 2025
8:30 am - 9:45 am

Please join us Easter morning for breakfast. Egg casseroles, bacon, yogurt, pastries and fresh fruit will be on this year's menu.

Volunteers will be needed to help provide this wonderful feast.

Please sign up online at <https://bit.ly/HPCEasterBreakfast2025> or add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Atrium so enough food is planned.

Thank you and we hope to see you there!



Lent & Easter at HPC



Eggstravaganza Saturday, April 19, 10am – Noon

Come and celebrate the Joy of Jesus! Children (Preschool – 3rd Grade) and parents are invited to a time to hear the Easter Story, enjoy games, snack, and crafts. Invite friends to this great morning of fellowship. Sign up in the Atrium or <https://bit.ly/HPCEggstravaganza25>

One Great Hour of Sharing

OGHS fish banks and sharing calendars are available in the Atrium, under the Children's Ministry bulletin board. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing will be used to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and assist in the empowerment of the poor and oppressed. We invite you to make a contribution, as an example of the Lenten discipline of service to others. We will return our offerings and fish banks to HPC on Palm Sunday, April 13.

Spirituality Centers

Spirituality Prayer Centers are set up for all ages, in our Adult Library and Fireside rooms. Interactive prayer centers for children have been set up in Room 9. These centers are available for your use when the building is open. They provide wonderful space to pray individually, with a family member, or a prayer partner. Plan a time to be renewed and refreshed through the power of prayer

Other April Events at HPC



April 7: Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Monday, April 7. The meeting will be at 11:30am at the Mason Perkins on OH-741.

April 16: Senior Game Day

Senior Game Day continues to meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1-3pm. *The April Meeting will be on April 16, room TBA.* Come out and spend the afternoon playing Dominos, Sequence, Qwirkle and other fun games. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Contact Libby McKean with questions.



April 26: Food with Friends

Food with Friends meets from 12-4pm on the last Saturday of each month. An email will be coming with a signup link for April.

April 27: Mason Chorale Concert at HPC at 7pm

Mark Your Calendars

VBS: June 23-27, 6-8:30pm

Vacation Bible School is one of our favorite seasons! Mark your calendars, so you don't miss any of the fun and faith at Vacation Bible School.

We always have a great time – invite your friends and neighbors!

Don't miss this year's adventure!



There are many ways to be part of VBS:

- ⇒ **Attend:** Children age 4 – upcoming 5th graders are welcome. Sign up using the link <https://bit.ly/HeritageVBS2025>
- ⇒ **Invite:** All children should experience VBS! Send an email, text, social media, or post card to a child that you know.
- ⇒ **Donate:** There is a wish list of supplies posted in the Atrium.
- ⇒ **Volunteer:** We need lots of helpers! Adults & Teens (upcoming 6th graders and older).

If you love God, and love to have fun, you will love VBS! How do you want to be a part of VBS? Sign up in the Atrium or contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org

VBS Decorating

Do you like to cut, paste, paint, and create? We can use lots of hands to help us transform our facility into an amazing VBS wonderland. Come and join us on Wednesday evenings, May 7, 14, 21, and 28 between 5:30 and 7:30 pm to help prepare VBS decorations. No special art skills are required, we have projects for all skill levels. All the supplies will be provided. Questions? Contact Susie.faas@hpcmason.org.



W O M E N ' S R E T R E A T

Women's Retreat at Montreat, NC – August 8-10

This is a rare opportunity to gather with women from all over the U.S. The Retreat will be a time for women to connect with old and new friends, a time to care for yourself, a time for space and Sabbath. We will do this together through powerful and authentic worship led by women, space for honest and faithful conversation, and allowing time for discernment and renewing rest. You will experience spiritual nourishment, inspiration, and discernment.

Amy-Jill Levine will be the guest speaker. Many of us have used her books in bible study and have learned a great deal from her. AJ describes herself as an unorthodox member of an Orthodox synagogue and a Yankee Jewish feminist who works to counter biblical interpretations that exclude and oppress.

If you have questions, or would like to sign up to attend with women from HPC, sign up on the PW Bulletin Board in the Atrium, or contact Pastor Jacquelyn Pinkowski: 406-794-9360; jpinkowski@gmail.com



Mission Possible

“For Nothing Will Be Impossible with God” Luke 1:37

God is always faithfully in our midst, and Jesus has given us a mission to complete! Gather your family, save Wednesday nights this summer, and be on the lookout for *Mission Possible*. Here is your mission, should you choose to accept it.

Who: Heritage Presbyterian members, families, and friends of all ages are called to be Mission Agents. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Where: Heritage Presbyterian Church – Fellowship Hall

When: Wednesday Nights, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and August 6 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Weekly Missions: Each week, we will work on a different mission project for one of HPC’s mission partners. You will have the opportunity to share your time, talents, and resources, as we learn about each mission, and prepare an item that each mission has requested. We finish our Mission Possible projects with an annual school supply drive to provide for two schools in Cincinnati through our collaboration with Carmel Presbyterian Church

Why: To be in community with our neighbors.

To provide love, care, and resources to neighbors in need.

To have fun and fellowship together.

Donations: Some weeks, your donation will be a specific item for our project, other weeks your donation can be monetary.

Questions: Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org or call the church 513-398-7671

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April Stewardship Focus:

“Giving Thanks Always” – Stewardship of Gratitude

- **Focus:** Cultivating a spirit of thankfulness for God’s blessings
- **Message:** Discuss the biblical concept of using our gifts to serve others (Matthew 25:14-30). Encourage members to identify and utilize their talents within the church and the broader community.
- **Action Steps:**
 - ◊ Volunteer for a ministry that utilizes your skills
 - ◊ Share your talents with others in the community.
 - ◊ Consider offering your professional expertise to the church.





Please Note: No HPC Rummage Sale This Summer

There will not be a HPC Rummage Sale again this summer—please feel free to donate your items to other ministries.



Heritage Presbyterian Cookbook

Presbyterian Women will be publishing a cookbook just in time for the holidays. Watch the PW bulletin board for details on how you can submit your favorite recipes.

Contact Libby McKean or Joanne Foster with questions.



Beat Tuition Crunch, Apply Now For No-Interest Heritage Education Loans

This school year is winding down and now's a busy time for those who plan to enter or continue their post-secondary education. HPC can help cover these costs through interest-free loans of up to \$2,500 a year. The loans are available to Heritage church families and other Christian students. The loans are provided by the Thompson-Baxter and Cheryl Whitacre Education Funds established through memorial bequests administered by the HPC Endowment Committee. The church loans have helped make college and advanced study possible for students enrolled in higher education institutions for over 40 years.

Contact Susan Brose, Business Manager at sbrose.hpc@gmail.com for loan application forms. Complete and submit applications by July 31 to give the Endowment Committee time to review the requests and finalize the loans before tuition is due.

Loans are made for \$1,250 per semester, \$2,500 per school year, for a maximum of four years and \$10,000. Loans are interest-free with a repayment schedule beginning 12 months after the final year of education.



Teacher Appreciation Day: May 4th 9am Breakfast

Thank You for teaching All God's Children

Each year, we take time to honor and thank the teachers in our congregation who have taught, led, and mentored us, as we all learn about Jesus and deepen our faith. During a baptismal service, we each make a promise to share our faith with the individual being baptized. We are grateful to those in our congregation who share their faith through the gifts

All Sunday School and Bible Study participants are invited to Breakfast on May 4 at 9am as we honor and thank our teachers and leaders.

Sunday School Teachers: Chris Dauer, Nita Evans, Megan Fisher, Debbie Hamann, Jen Hinerman and Sherri Miller

Adult Small Group Leaders: Jono Sparks-Franklin, Libby McKean

CESE Committee: Lucy Atkinson, Chris Dauer, Debbie Hamann, Cindy Parrott, Diane Sherrard, Katie Steverson and Danni Tymitz

Staff: Leah Jacob, Ben Schnetzer, Patty Schnetzer, Sarah Sparks-Franklin and Susie Faas

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Nursery Volunteers Needed



Our nursery is a busy place and we need loving arms and joyful hearts to care for our little children (Infant – age 5) during the worship service each week. Please consider signing up for a session or two, to provide care on Sunday mornings from 10 – 11:30 am. Sign up sheets are available in the atrium and on the Sign-Up Genius link <https://bit.ly/NurseryHPC>

Peanut Butter and Jam Concert: April 5 , 10:30am Concert

Heritage is happy to host the Peanut Butter & Jam Concert Series. PB & J is an interactive concert series for children aged 2 – 6 and their families. This award-winning series will present Jack and the Beanstalk with the Madcap Puppets.



PB & J concerts are performed by professional musicians and led by a music educator. Enjoy great music, learn, and have an opportunity to meet the musicians at the end of the concert. Tickets are FREE. Further information about Peanut Butter & Jam can be found at

www.Peanutbutterandjam.org



Sandusky Mission Trip

We are preparing the annual mission trip to the Sandusky Presbyterian Outreach Center June 4-8, 2025. This year, children completing grades 3 – 7 will be included in the trip. If your child is interested in going on the mission trip, please contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org.



Preschool News

School is winding down for our preschoolers at HPP. In just a few short weeks many of the 4's and 5's will be graduating and preparing to head off to kindergarten.

We had a wonderful "Donuts with Dad" Event at the end of March. It was wonderful to see so many special daddies! During these final weeks of school, the children will be learning about all of the wonderful things that happen in the Spring. They will be planting seeds to watch them grow. They will be raising caterpillars to watch them turn into butterflies. Some classes will use their "proboscises" to drink "nectar" from "flowers", others will be observing wiggling worms in soil. We will welcome the Cincinnati Museum Center to HPP to teach us all about the mysteries of Space and hopefully become junior astronauts for the day. For Earth Day this year, we will talk about how to keep our environment clean and the importance of recycling. At the end of the month, we will make pinatas to help celebrate the end of the school year.

Time is flying by! Graduation for the preschool will be Friday May 9th in the HPC Sanctuary.

Mission Committee Activities: Please see below for some (but not all) of the various mission activities we are involved in. We also invite and welcome members to get involved with the Mission Committee. Please contact any of the Mission Committee members if you want to learn more or offer help unless otherwise stated in the below specific missions.



Adult Mission Trip is Back – Hello North Carolina Mountains

It's official. Susie Faas announced Sunday March 23 that we've been invited to send an adult mission team to the North Carolina mountains to help in hurricane recovery and rebuilding. The presbytery there has been working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) on creating hosting sites for mission teams. The sites are scheduled to be available beginning in May. This will be Heritage's first adult mission trip since Covid, which forced cancellation of a planned trip to the North Carolina coast, also for hurricane recovery.

Sign-up sheets are posted on the Mission bulletin board in the Atrium. Six members immediately signed up after the church service. Our plan is to hold a meeting in early April of all sign-ups by then to try to get agreement on a date for the first trip and work out travel logistics. We're calling this an adult mission trip, but older teens with parents could join the cause. Depending on the number of sign-ups and timing conflicts, we could send additional teams. Ben Zumkehr has mentioned the possibility of a Fall trip.

In the past with mission trips, we have tried to provide material and resources in advance of sending our teams. We would purchase tools and supplies needed for the work to be done. We will be coordinating with PDA on needs for the NC hosting sites. Heritage members have generously donated to an adult mission fund which we will use to empower the productivity of the team.

Mary Haven: A Facility for Troubled Youth:

We continue making monthly visits every third Tuesday evening of each month (April 15th, followed by May 20th). Please contact Leslie Dauer-Creek at 513-313-4597 if interested in helping or if you want to learn more about this mission.



Sandwich Mission Update: Thursday, 3/20/25

- ⇒ Sandwiches Delivered: 33,954
- ⇒ Sandwich Tower Height: 259 Stories
- ⇒ Weeks Delivered: 250
- ⇒ HPC Sandwich Missionaries: 48

You Sandwich Missionaries are amazing!

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat." Matthew 25:35.

"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40.



Community Cupboard:

Most Needed Items: Shelf stable milk, canned pasta with meat, tuna, canned chicken, Spam, beef stew, potatoes (boxed, canned, dry mix), flavored rice, gravy



Family Promise Mission: Volunteers Needed

As of when this newsletter goes out, we will have completed another successful hosting at Family Promise. Family Promise Warren County (FPWC) is a wonderful mission that provides needed help to the homeless of our county. Participation in this ministry is a wonderful way to respond to the grace of God, and to do what Jesus Christ is asking us to do. **We would love to have more trained Hosts.** Training occurs on the first Saturday of each month. One class starts at 9am, and the other starts at 1pm. You only need to attend one or the other. Please sign up by letting Nelson Kennedy know when you would like to attend. You can do this by simply telling him in person or sending him a message at 513-470-1279 or nekskier@aol.com.

Thank you to the Family Promise Missionaries Who Have Hosted in 2025:

Bev Stainton, Cindy Parrott, Craig Jacob, Debbie Hamann, Doug Parrott, Glen Hamann, Jamie Dria, Janet Clifford Brown, Jeremy Schumm, Karen Saterfield, Kevin Stainton, Leah Jacob, Libby McKean, Lisa Niehaus, Lori Ball, Marcia Wasson, Mary Spurling, Michelle Schumm, Nelson Kennedy, Pat Brandt, Russ Phillips, Sally LeCras, Scott Porter, Sheri Miller, Susie Faas, Ted Niehaus, Tom Ball

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