

# Good News

HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2021



## *The Pastor's Letter*

*"Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Mark 14:25*

Dear Friends,

We are on the cusp of Holy Week and Easter. We seem to be in a better spot than we were last year at this time. Then, the pandemic was growing worse and early expectations that a few weeks of quarantine would "flatten the curve" and rid us of this scourge were being revealed as hopelessly naïve.

This Easter, we do have some hope. About a third of adults in the U.S. have received at least partial vaccination. Case numbers have come down dramatically. Some restrictions have been loosened. And we can maybe see a day when things will get closer to normal.

So, it is sort of an in-between time. In between the absolute horror of the darkest pandemic times and the looked-for release from its grip. Maybe you have experienced that weird feeling of have having received the shot, feeling confident that you will soon have some level of immunity, but you still must wait for those two weeks to pass before it's completely effective. Its anticipation, but not there yet.

Doctors and public health officials continue to warn us to not yet let our guard down. We are close, but still have some months to go, some hundreds of millions of shots, some possible setbacks. But we so want to get on with it!

Our faith lives in this kind of tension. Holy Week is the beginning of the end of the reign of evil and death. Easter reveals the victory of God over those forces. We remember and sorrow during Christ's Passion and rejoice in His Resurrection because we trust in the One who has laid his life down for us and the grace of God for us.

Yet we continue to live in-between times. Jesus speaks of the disconnection and separation between the old age dominated by death and the new age of God's reign when he says, after drinking the wine of the Last Supper, that he will not drink it again until the day of God's Kingdom. With Him, we, go through this time when we know the victory is at hand but must still make our way through suffering and death. We long for that day of victory and pray for it to arrive. We are confident in these days though because we have the Spirit of God in us. But still, the full celebration and glory of that Day lays on the other side.

We live in this in between time, not with the fear and immobility of the disciples, but with the power of the Spirit. We live inoculated against the power of evil and death to defeat and own us. We live freely giving ourselves to the Gospel and others because we know Jesus' victory is ours as well. Whatever losses we suffer, we are confident that they will be redeemed in the Reign of God and we will drink deeply of the cup of God's mercy and glory.

Happy Easter,

*Kevin Stainton*



In a time when we cannot be connected physically,  
be sure you are connected to *Heritage Presbyterian Church* *virtually!*

HPC Website: [www.hpcmason.org](http://www.hpcmason.org)

#### Weekly Worship at 10:15am Sundays

- ⇒ In Person Worship is by RSVP only; masks and social distancing required.
- ⇒ Live-streamed on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/HPCMason](https://www.facebook.com/HPCMason)
- ⇒ Live-streamed on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=hpc+mason](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=hpc+mason)

#### Children & Youth private Social Media Group pages:

- ⇒ Children's Ministries: [www.facebook.com/groups/heritagechildrensministries](https://www.facebook.com/groups/heritagechildrensministries)
- ⇒ Heritage 'Tweens: [www.facebook.com/groups/heritagetweens](https://www.facebook.com/groups/heritagetweens)
- ⇒ Heritage Youth Groups:
  - Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/hpcmasonyouth](https://www.facebook.com/groups/hpcmasonyouth)
  - Instagram: [www.instagram.com/youth\\_group\\_hpc](https://www.instagram.com/youth_group_hpc)
  - Twitter: [www.twitter.com/Youth\\_Group\\_HPC](https://www.twitter.com/Youth_Group_HPC)
- ⇒ Zoom Virtual Meeting Contacts:
  - Susie Faas [susie.faas@hpcmason.org](mailto:susie.faas@hpcmason.org), or
  - Patty Schnetzer [pschnetzer5@gmail.com](mailto:pschnetzer5@gmail.com)

#### Adult Christian Education

- ⇒ Lectionary Learnings Zoom & In Person Meeting: Sunday Mornings at 9am  
This class examines the Lectionary reading for the day.  
Those meeting in person will be in the Youth Room.  
Contact [kevin.stainton@hpcmason.org](mailto:kevin.stainton@hpcmason.org) for an access code.
- ⇒ Men's Bible Study Zoom Meeting: Wednesdays at 7:30am  
Contact [kevin.stainton@hpcmason.org](mailto:kevin.stainton@hpcmason.org) for an access code.
- ⇒ Adult Bible Study: Thursdays at 11am: led by Susie Faas  
Contact [susie.faas@hpcmason.org](mailto:susie.faas@hpcmason.org) for an access code.



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# Purpose to Practice

#### *Remaining Sessions of Purpose to Practice, March 28, April 11 & 25, 2pm-4pm*

If you registered for Purpose to Practice, please don't forget to join us for the remaining 3 Sunday afternoon sessions, facilitated by Daniel Hughes and Troy Bronsink of the Hive. The goal of this process is to provide clarity around Heritage's purpose, expectations, and next steps for creating a committee, campaign, initiative, or organization.

## April Birthdays

3	Kim Zumkehr	13	Nina Probel
5	Matt Wulf	17	Kyle Perkins
6	Evan Dempster	18	Debbie Farrell
6	Kim McNeer	18	Tom Walker
6	Margie Barreto	20	Bev Stainton
6	Martha Bard	20	Hannah Batsche
8	Marjorie Walter	21	Jeremy Schumm
10	Avery Jenkins	22	Peg Redman
10	Colby Jenkins	22	Peyton Mills
10	Zachary Jenkins	23	Greg Peischl
10	Brenda Liko	23	Leah Jacob
10	Sue Monteith	25	Patty Schnetzer
10	Walter Dorman	27	Comfort Olugu
11	Joy Hampton	27	Ian Mould
11	Nick Tymitz	28	Ralph Spaeth
12	Betty Weaver	29	Delanie Reenan
12	Pat Anson	29	Isabella Harmeling

### April Prayer Families

Kim, Sarah & Holt McNeer  
Ted, Lisa & Emma Niehaus  
Doug & Cindy Parrott  
Chris, Meredith, Anthony,  
Matthew & Gary Rought

### Continued Prayer List

Dottie Birt,  
Jackie Pinkowski  
Gert Ramp,  
Steve Ritz,  
Betty Weaver

### *Sign Up to Dedicate Sanctuary Flowers*

There are two easy ways to sign up to give a Sanctuary Flower Arrangement in 2021.



- Go to: <https://www.hpcmason.org/flowers.html> to sign up electronically on the church website.
- Mark your name on the Flower Poster in the Atrium at church.

*There are many weeks in 2021 open for dedications!*

## *Holy Week at HPC*

*Holy*



*Week*

### ***Holy Week, March 28—April 4***

**March 28, Palm Sunday:** Two Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:15 am

- ◇ Invitations to in person worship will be emailed, RSVP for the service time that works best for you. Masks and social distancing are required.
- ◇ The 10:15am service will be livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube.
- ◇ Palms will be available to be picked up in the church office 8am-4pm both Friday, March 26 and Monday, March 29

**April 1, Maundy Thursday:** Worship Service with Communion at 7pm.

- ◇ Invitations to in person worship will be emailed, RSVP, masks and social distancing required.
- ◇ This service will be livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube.

**April 2, Good Friday Observance:** 10am-4pm

- ◇ A walking labyrinth will be set up in the HPC parking lot (or in the gym if inclement weather). Come as a family, or as an individual at your convenience to pray.

**April 4, Easter Sunday:** Two Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:15 am

- ◇ Invitations to in person worship will be emailed, RSVP for the service time that works best for you. Masks and social distancing are required.
- ◇ The 10:15am service will be livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube.
- ◇ Lectionary Learning Class is cancelled on Easter Sunday.

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### ***One Great Hour of Sharing***

We will return our ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offerings and fish banks to HPC on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, or by using the HPC on-line giving portal found at [www.hpcmason.org/giving](http://www.hpcmason.org/giving).

Please mark "OGHS" in the note box. 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.

*He is Risen*



**Coming This Summer—Mission Possible**

*“FOR NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD” Luke 1:37*



The world is changing daily, yet God continues to be 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.

**WHO:** Heritage Presbyterian members, families, and friends of all ages are called to be Secret Agents. Children must be accompanied by an adult, to help ensure physical distancing.

**WHERE:** Outside in the HPC Parking Lot (Rain? In the gym)

**WHEN:** Wednesday Nights, June 9, 16, 23, 30, July 7 and 14 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.

**WHY:** To be in community with our neighbors, in a safe manner

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

To have safe fun together, after a long season of quarantine.

**REGISTRATION:** You are invited to come as you are able. Attend all the missions, or attend just a few. Each week you will be asked to register through the SIGN-UP GENIUS link that will be available through our weekly bulletin and by email.

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

**QUESTIONS:** Contact [susie.faas@hpcmason.org](mailto:susie.faas@hpcmason.org) or call the church 513-398-7671





## Heritage Presbyterian Preschool

This March has been very unpredictable! We enjoyed a few warm days and were able to play outside only to have cold weather send us back inside for playtime. We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday during the first full week. Each day we had a special dress code; silly socks, crazy hats, stripes and polka dots, backwards and inside out and Wacky Wednesday! Even the teachers joined in on the fun.

Classes have been revisiting classic nursery rhymes and fairy tales with castle painting, crown designing, frog speckling and "magic bean" planting. In the middle of the month, each class celebrated St. Patrick's Day with rainbows, scavenger hunts and leprechaun traps. We will end the month, looking for the signs of spring, talking about the weather and anxiously awaiting Spring Break!



# Troop



# Report

In March, the weather started to warm up enough for the troops to start meeting and having activities outside again each week. Scouts who are going to Philmont this summer had a practice backpacking trip at Wildcat Hollow, hiking 17 miles over 2 days. Scouts also had their annual equipment day, where new scouts learned how to use the troop equipment such as propane stoves and lanterns, as well as how to set-up their new tents. Older scouts had a refresher since many of them haven't camped with the troop for the past year, and had a chance to order new gear if they were missing items they might need this year.

Coming up in April there will be activities for scouts to participate in each weekend, including day hikes, campouts, and all-day virtual merit badge classes. The boy's troop will be having their annual BSA 101 campout the weekend of April 24<sup>th</sup> at the local Camp Friedlander. BSA 101 is the first official campout for scouts who have just joined our troop, giving them an opportunity to learn basic scout skills such as fire building, knots, and how to safely uses knives and axes. It is also an opportunity for their parents to become fully trained leaders in the troop. The same weekend the girl's troop will be having a trade skills campout in a different part of Camp Friedlander, where they will have the opportunity to work on merit badges related to the skilled trades.

The troop's annual mulch fundraiser is now live, with options to order six different types of mulch in bulk. For more information, visit our website at <https://mason750.org/>

Thank you to Heritage for your continued support of the Scouting program.



# Children's Ministries

## *Kids of the Kingdom and 'Tweens*

As we move into warmer weather of spring, and an increase of health safety, we will try to move our children's activities outside, as the weather permits. Thanks to all our families for your flexibility in changing schedules and locations. We can be grateful that Jesus is in our midst, even with last minute schedule changes! Our tentative spring schedule is listed below, but continue to check email and texts for any changes.



**Sunday, March 28 at Noon:** Kids of the Kingdom & 'Tweens meet together on Zoom

⇒ We will be making resurrection buns together virtually. Contact [susie.faas@hpcmason.org](mailto:susie.faas@hpcmason.org) to pick up your supplies.

**Thursday, April 1 at 7 pm:** Maundy Thursday Worship

⇒ Attend as a family on-line, or in person (for those who are vaccinated), with a reservation through [stephanie.martin@hpcmason.org](mailto:stephanie.martin@hpcmason.org)

**Friday, April 2 anytime between 10am and 4pm:** Good Friday Observance

⇒ A walking labyrinth will be set up in the HPC parking lot (or in the gym if inclement weather). Come as a family, or as an individual at your convenience to pray.

**Sunday, April 4 Easter Worship Services at 8:30am & 10:15am**

⇒ Attend Worship as a family on-line, or in person (for those who are vaccinated), with a reservation through Evite, or email [stephanie.martin@hpcmason.org](mailto:stephanie.martin@hpcmason.org).

⇒ Kids of the Kingdom and 'Tweens will not meet tonight.

**Sunday April 11 at Noon:** Kids of the Kingdom and 'Tweens meet together.

**Sunday, April 18**

⇒ 2-3pm: Kids of the Kingdom

⇒ 3-4 pm: 'Tweens

**Sunday April 25 at Noon:** Kids of the Kingdom and 'Tweens meet together.

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!



# Children's Ministries Continued

SAVE THE DATE!

Heritage Presbyterian Church VBS

July 26 - 30 6:00 – 8:30 pm



In Proverbs 16:9, we hear the words, *"The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps."* Over the year, we have certainly made many plans, cancelled plans, postponed plans, and then created new plans...always listening for God's direction for our steps.

It is impossible to know exactly what this summer will look like, in terms of COVID vaccinations and group safety, yet the Children's Ministry team is thinking optimistically to begin to plan a version of Vacation Bible School for the week of July 26 – 30. The VBS format may look different than past years, and we have pushed back our traditional VBS dates a month, into July, to allow for more vaccinations.

VBS is always a highlight of the summer for all of us at HPC. Our VBS adventure may take some different turns this summer, but God will be praised!

*There are many ways to be part of VBS!*

- ⇒ **Attend...** Children age 4 – upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome.
- ⇒ **Donate...** There will be wish list of supplies posted on-line.
- ⇒ **Volunteer...** We need lots of helpers! Adults & Teens (upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> 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?*

Contact: [susie.faas@hpcmason.org](mailto:susie.faas@hpcmason.org)





April 2021

For HPC Youth in grades 7 to 12

# Heritage Youth Press

## Coming Soon!

Mark Your Calendars

Easter Sunday	Sunday, April 4 No Youth Group
Youth Group	Sunday, April 11 Youth Group 4:00—5:30 (Virtual or Onsite TBA)
Youth Group	Sunday, April 18 Youth Group 4:00—5:30 (Virtual or Onsite TBA)
Youth Group	Sunday, April 25 Virtual Youth Group 4:00—5:30 (Virtual or Onsite TBA)

## Youth Group Outside in April

**With Socially Distanced Games and Lesson Time**

We are planning on meeting outside at the church for youth group in April. Group texts and emails will

be sent on Sunday by 1pm if the plan changes. We will pray that we have beautiful weather on Sundays through April.



One Sunday we will play Extreme Frisbee Golf at Youth Group. It is a fun

interactive game of trying to get the frisbee in the trash bin, but there are obstacles in the way... mainly the other team. The team with the least amount of tosses wins! Come for the challenge, stay for the fun!

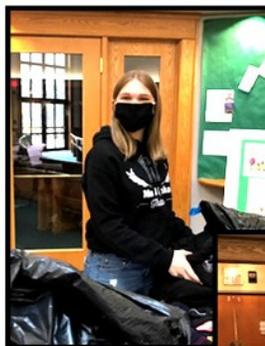
## Thank you for all your donations to Hope Closet!!

You all collected a car full of clothes for Hope Closet which provides clothes for children and teens in the Foster Care System. Special thanks to Carson Wulf, Kyleigh Sorn, Sara Schnetzer, Katie Steverson and Kim Zumkehr for your help sorting, bagging and loading up the cars! Thank you so much for your donations!

## No Youth Group Mulch Sale

Our Scout Troop 750 is selling Bulk Mulch

The Youth Group will not be participating in the Mulch Sale this year. We are hoping to be able to bring back this fundraiser next year. If you would still like to order mulch our Scout Troop 750 is taking bulk orders only. We do have several youth group members in Scouts and I encourage you to order from them. If you would like contact information on some of our HPC Scout members, please contact me at [youth@hpcmason.org](mailto:youth@hpcmason.org).





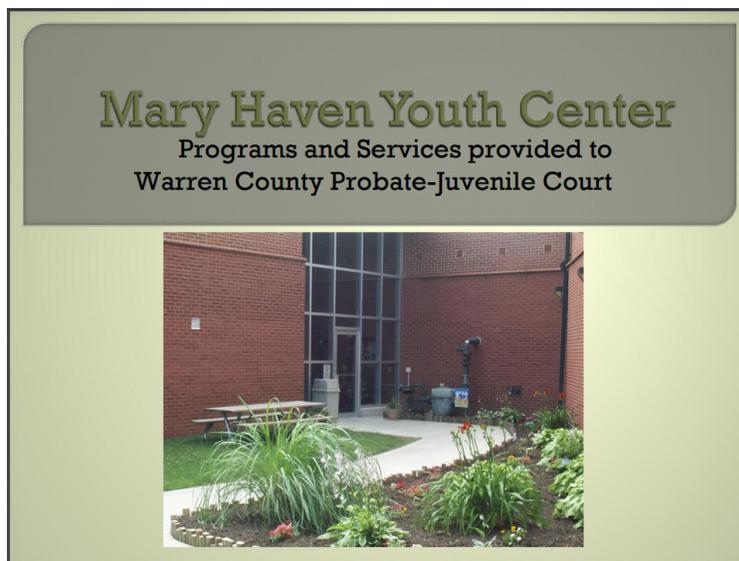
## *Our Daily Bread*

Thank you HPC for your continuing outstanding response to the need for sandwiches at Our Daily Bread. Contact Nelson Kennedy if you would like join this mission.



## *Faith Emergency Services*

May will be the HPC month to keep the Community Cupboard stocked. Please start putting canned goods aside so you can bring them to the Atrium in April or May to be donated to those in need in Mason in May. And thank you to all who made this a successful mission for HPC last October.



## *Mary Haven*

Mary Haven is located in Lebanon and is the Warren County center for troubled teens. Leslie Dauer-Creek represents HPC each third Tuesday evening by taking games and snacks and conversation to the center. Would you like to join Leslie in this Mission?

## Heritage Presbyterian Church

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Rev. Kevin Stainton, Pastor

Worship Time: 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School (for all ages): 9:00 a.m.

*Nursery Provided*

Address Service Requested

*Let's  
Worship  
Together*

*In Person Worship by RSVP and  
Facebook & YouTube Online Worship  
at 10:15 Sunday Mornings*

*Don't want to  
hassle with your  
checkbook or mailing  
in your church  
contribution ?*  
Scan this QR Code  
with your phone's  
camera to make a  
donation to HPC!

