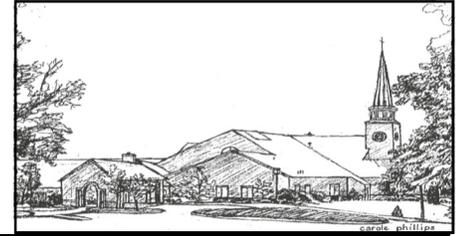


# Good News



H e r i t a g e P r e s b y t e r i a n C h u r c h

*"We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:7-8*

Dear Friends,

Alleluia! CHRIST is Risen! He has Risen indeed! This is the great season of the Church year when we celebrate for eight weeks the resurrection of our Lord. (Really, every Sunday is a "little Easter"). Our Easter celebrations are enhanced by the nature around us blooming into life as well. Flowers and trees are in full blossom, grass is the deepest green it can be and birds and animals are singing and scampering. Alleluia!

Heritage continues the tradition of Easter Monday holiday which not too long-ago schools and many businesses also observed. I was excited that winter's grip seemed to have been broken and was anticipating playing golf that day, even trying to entice Max to come home for Easter with the offer of golf on Easter Monday. Fortunately, he declined since Monday started off with cold rain, moved to graupel and then full-blown snow for several hours. Mother Nature didn't know it was Easter Monday!

But snow on Easter (which really isn't as rare as we would like) is a sign to us. It reminds us that while Easter has come, life is not all sunshine and roses. God in Christ has defeated evil and death, but we still experience days, sometimes many days filled with all sorts of inclement weather.

This trips many people up. They see problems, even tragic ones as proof of God's weakness or non-existence. What good is faith if it doesn't mean exemption from life's pain and loss? Why bother with faith if we don't escape bad things?

I think that St. Paul answers that question to some degree. He acknowledges first that despite the Resurrection of Jesus, we all still die. But as people of faith, we do not live to ourselves or die to ourselves. Whether we live or die, our life belongs to another. In the Resurrection we find that life has been given to us in a way that evades the limits that death puts on us and also assures us that God's justice will prevail over evil.

It is hard to live as Easter people in this post-Resurrection age where death and disaster, evil and problems still haunt our days. But Easter is the promise that those foes do not define us or define the limits of our life. Jesus' Resurrection defines our life as eternal and His victory for us as certain.

We live these days when spring and winter wrestle in confidence that Christ wins. We live to the Lord, not afraid that we will lose the joys and blessings of life, not afraid to sacrifice for the sake of our neighbor, not afraid that death will have the last word. We live in confident hope, even on snowy days, that Jesus will indeed prevail, that life will be fulfilled only in him. We live and die to him. Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. That is confident hope. That is the way to live in this sunny, snowy, slushy world.

Blessings,

*Kevin*

# Let's connect!

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

⇒ **In Person Worship**— masks optional

- Live-streamed on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/HPCMason](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/heritagechildrensministries)

⇒ **Heritage 'Tweens:** [www.facebook.com/groups/heritagetweens](http://www.facebook.com/groups/heritagetweens)

⇒ **Heritage Youth Groups:**

*Facebook:* [www.facebook.com/groups/hpcmasonryouth](http://www.facebook.com/groups/hpcmasonryouth)

*Instagram:* [www.Instagram.com/youth\\_group\\_hpc](http://www.Instagram.com/youth_group_hpc)

*Twitter:* [www.twitter.com/Youth\\_Group\\_HPC](http://www.twitter.com/Youth_Group_HPC)

## **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 Room 14/15. For Zoom, please contact [kevin.stainton@hpcmason.org](mailto:kevin.stainton@hpcmason.org) for an access code.

⇒ **Christian Conversations** meets in the Church Library Sunday Mornings at 9am through May 8th. They discuss contemporary writings on the Christian Faith. Contact: Sue Monteith

⇒ **Men's Bible Study** In Person Meeting: Wednesdays at 7:30am, Fireside Room

⇒ **Adult Bible Study** Zoom & In Person: Thursdays at 11am, Fireside Room: Contact: Susie Faas.

⇒ **Grace Circle** — 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7pm, Karen Stine: [karenstine1989@gmail.com](mailto:karenstine1989@gmail.com)

⇒ **Hope Circle** — 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:30am. The last meeting this spring will be May 11th, restarting in September. Contact: [patty.schnetzer@hpcmason.org](mailto:patty.schnetzer@hpcmason.org)

⇒ **Mary Circle**—3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10am in Room 10. through May 18th.

## **Children's Sunday School**

⇒ **Combined Sunday School Class** for Kindergarten through 6th Graders meets in Room 10 through May 8th, restarting in September. Contact: [susie.faas@hpcmason.org](mailto:susie.faas@hpcmason.org)



## May Birthdays

2	Bella Steverson	10	Evelyn Huang	23	Scott Tullis
4	Luke Jacob	10	Danni Tymitz	24	Lucy Atkinson
4	Trudie Pringle	13	Max Stainton	24	Emerson King
5	Doris Heffron	14	Kaylea Dykes	24	Emma Niehaus
6	Agnes Crutcher	14	Allyson Hill	24	John Woodyard
7	Aaron Hoxie	14	Chris Rought	27	Evelyn Dria
7	Justin Jensen	14	Andrew Taggart	27	Kyle Homan
7	Troy Pratt	16	Drew Fisher	27	Laura Jensen
7	Henry Schumm	16	Jerry Marks	27	Amarachi Joy Olugu
8	Chris Stemmler	20	Alana Plessinger	29	Claire Dria
8	Tracy Stewart	21	Ryan Peischl	29	Hannah Dria
9	Michael Fehrenbach	22	Kevin Peischl	29	Karen Stine
10	Stacy Dykes	23	Larry Andrews	29	Eileen Torrence

### May Prayer Families

Al & Katie, Bella and Lily Steverson  
Ann Aulick-Rhodes  
Kevin & Kim Zumkehr  
Don & Jan Foerst

### Continued Prayers

Dottie Birt  
Steve Ritz  
Betty Weaver



## *Graduate Recognition*

Graduate Recognition will be Sunday, May 8th during worship. Church members who would like to announce their high school or college graduates are asked to email Patty at [youth@hpcmason.org](mailto:youth@hpcmason.org) with the following information by May 3rd: graduates name, high school or college they are graduating from and future plans. For college graduates please include the degree received. We will be compiling a video of photos of our graduates. If possible, please include five photos of the high school graduate or one photo of the college graduate. Congratulations on such a milestone! Your HPC family is proud of you and we look forward to blessing whatever's ahead for you during the worship service on May 9.

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## *Mission Possible*

**"FOR NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD"**

**Luke 1:37**

We have been through an impossible season, where the world seems to be changing daily. Yet God continues to be 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:** Outside in the HPC Parking Lot (Rain? In the gym)

**WHEN:** Wednesday Nights, June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27 and August 3 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.

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

To have fun and fellowship together.

**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 will 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.





## *May Church Workday*

On May 7th, we will have a workday starting at 9:00am. Please plan to come and lend a hand to keep the church building and grounds in good condition! All help is welcome for any amount of time! Tasks will include:

- ⇒ Painting Preschool fence
- ⇒ Replacing bulbs in the Sanctuary and gym
- ⇒ Working on commodes that are running

Please contact Al Steverson if you have any questions!

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## *Fellowship & Hospitality Notes*

HPC is now more fully recycling, to improve our stewardship of the earth. Blue bins located in the Atrium coat rack area, the Kitchen, and the Maintenance Room. A Recycling Guide is posted near each of these bins: paper, cardboard and paperboard boxes, aluminum cans, clean balled aluminum foil and pie pans, paper milk/juice cartons, #1-7 plastic bottles, jugs, tubs and screw top jars (all uncrushed or non-flattened), corrugated cardboard, paper bags, empty aerosol cans, without the plastic lids\*.



On the shelf by the Mission board, we continue to collect aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House mission. We have initiated collecting \*plastic bottle caps and plastic jar/tub lids (# 2, 4, 5) that will be reused to produce park benches and tables, like the one out front that will be dedicated in honor and memory of Rev. Florence Beaujon on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Cookie donations are very much needed again -- and will be very much appreciated -- now that Sunday Coffee Fellowship follows worship each week!



## *Loving God and Serving Our Neighbor: Matthew 25*

Our Thursday morning Bible Study traveled to Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash, for a morning of service. The group learned about the worldwide mission provided through Matthew 25. Our seniors sorted and packed dozens of large boxes of medical equipment and supplies, that will be sent to communities in need, throughout the world. Check out [www.m25m.org](http://www.m25m.org) to learn about the breadth and depth of services and care that is provided to communities torn apart by natural disasters and devastated by war.



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

This school year may be winding down, but now's a busy time for those who plan to continue their education. HPC can help covering the costs through interest-free loans of up to \$1,500 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 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](mailto:sbrose.hpc@gmail.com) for loan application forms. Try to complete and submit applications as early as possible, to give the Endowment Committee time to review the requests and finalize the loans before tuition is due.

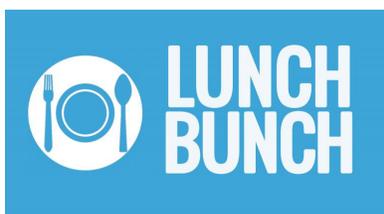
Loans are made for \$750 per semester, \$1500 per school year, for a maximum of five years and \$7500. Loans are interest-free with a repayment schedule beginning 12 months after the final year of education.



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## ***Donations Needed for Faith Emergency Services (FES) Community Cupboard in May***

HPC will stock the Faith Emergency Services Community Cupboard during the month of May. The Cupboard, located at Mason United Methodist Church, is open 24 hours a day and serves local families in need. Due to the pandemic, requests for support have increased. Please consider donating from the "priority wish list" that you will find in the atrium beginning Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up board will be available to help ensure we are donating the items most needed. Please leave your donations on the table designated in the atrium beginning **Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you in advance for your generosity and commitment to serving our brothers and sisters. Questions? Contact Lori Ball at [loriball.ball97@gmail.com](mailto:loriball.ball97@gmail.com).



## ***May Lunch Bunch!***

In May, the Lunch Bunch will meet at the Mason Perkins on **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 11:30am. Meetings are at the Mason Perkins on OH-741.

# HPC Children's Ministry

Heritage Presbyterian Church VBS

July 20-24, 6:00 – 8:30 pm



We are so excited to welcome you back to Vacation Bible School.

Come, and be a part of faith and fun,  
as we are called together to serve.

Throughout the week we will learn Romans 14:19  
"So let's strive together for the things that bring peace  
and the things that build each other up."

Through Bible activities, crafts, games, science, snacks, and mission,  
we will be part of an amazing community and learn to  
FOLLOW JESUS, HELP OTHERS, WORK TOGETHER,  
LISTEN TO GOD, AND SHOW GRACE

There are many ways to be part of VBS!  
Attend... Children age 4 – upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome.

Register on-line at [www.hpcmason.org](http://www.hpcmason.org)  
or <https://bit.ly/HPCVBS2022>

Donate... There is a wish list of supplies posted in the Atrium.

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?

Sign up in the Atrium or contact [susie.faas@hpcmason.org](mailto: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 a VBS venue...stay tuned to hear what this year's theme is! Come and join us on Wednesday evenings, May 4, 11, 18, and 25 between 6 and 8 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](mailto:susie.faas@hpcmason.org).



# HPC Children's Ministry

## ***Nursery Volunteers Needed***

Our nursery is a busy place once again, but we need loving arms and joyful hearts to care for our little children (Infant – age 3) 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>



**THANK YOU!**

## ***Thank You for Teaching All God's Children!***

### ***Teacher Appreciation Day May 15<sup>th</sup>***

Each year, we take time to honor and thank the teachers in our congregation who have taught, led, and mentored us, as we learn about Jesus and deepen our faith.

The pandemic has temporarily reduced the number of those who had the title "Sunday School Teacher", but the quarantine has also encouraged each of us to adopt the role of TEACHER and FAITH FORMATION LEADER in our own homes.

We offer a virtual "Thank You" and "Bless You" to each person who has shared time, faith, and creativity to guide faith formation in your own homes.

We also offer a sincere THANK YOU to those who taught and led classes through ZOOM and in-person gatherings this past year.

***Our teachers will be honored in worship on May 15<sup>th</sup>***

***Sunday School:*** Chris Dauer, Debbie Hamann, & Jen Hinerman

***Kids of the Kingdom and Tweens:*** Debbie Hamann & Morgan Perkins

***Legacies Youth Group Leaders:*** Alicia Fehrenbach & Steve Ritz

***Adult Small Group Leaders:*** Sue Monteith, Karen Stine, Libby McKean

***Staff:*** Kevin Stainton, Patty Schnetzer, 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*



# HPC *Preschool News*



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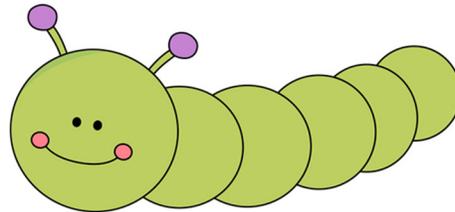
Though the school year is winding down, things certainly have not slowed here at HPP! When we returned from spring break, each class had a new addition: **caterpillars!!** We are enjoying watching them develop as we learn about the life cycle of butterflies. At the end of the school year, we will release our butterflies outside in the

garden. In the classroom, children are spending a lot of time learning about the changes animals make when spring arrives. We are learning about worms, bees, frogs, ducks, caterpillars, and life on the farm. Children will be planting seeds and learning about ways to care for our earth.

We also had an exciting visit from the Cincinnati Museum Center. We were able to build a bug, see through the eyes of a fly and learn the life cycle of a caterpillar. We explored how insects protect themselves by playing a game of hide-and-seek with a very hungry frog and got to meet and touch live insects and marvel at incredible mounted bugs from around the world.

The month of May will be just as busy as classes prepare for the end of the school year. The children will be busily working on some very special gifts and many of our 4- and 5-year-olds will prepare for their big graduation day!!

Looking ahead to the 2022-23 school year, we do have limited spots available for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. If you know of any families who could benefit from our program, please have them contact the preschool office at 513-445-2670 or visit our website at [heritagepreschoolmason.com](http://heritagepreschoolmason.com)



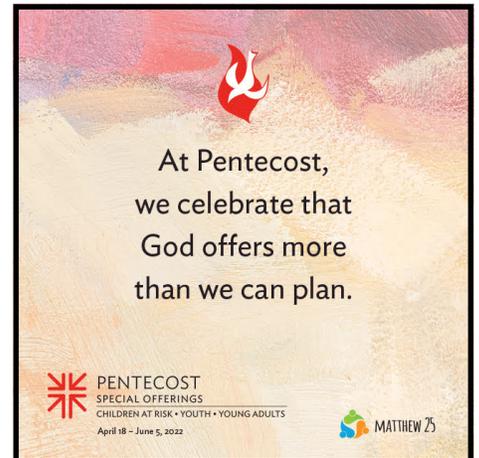
# HPC Missions

The Mission Committee continues to respond to the changes in needs for mission work as the pandemic protocols fluctuate and continue. Several in-person mission activities remain on hiatus for now, such as the overnight hosting for IHN/FP activities. Many of the social assistance organizations we work with continue to need monetary donations or food and/or supplies.

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## Special Offerings

The current special offering, Pentecost, runs through June 5<sup>th</sup>. This offering supports youth services throughout the Presbytery locally (a percentage is kept for our church to use on our youth services) and nationally/globally through the Presbyterian Mission Agency. These include helping at-risk youth, the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, and creating curriculum and resources for different levels of youth. Please consider contributing through HPC in person, online or even by mail (make sure to indicate that it is for this particular offering). More information can be found at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>.



## FAITH Emergency Services



There is another food drive for the Community Cupboard in May. A list will be provided in the bulletin and in the atrium as we get close to the date so look for these. If you still wish to donate financially, please go to the website with donation link by credit card directly or PayPal: [faithemergencysvcs.org](http://faithemergencysvcs.org)

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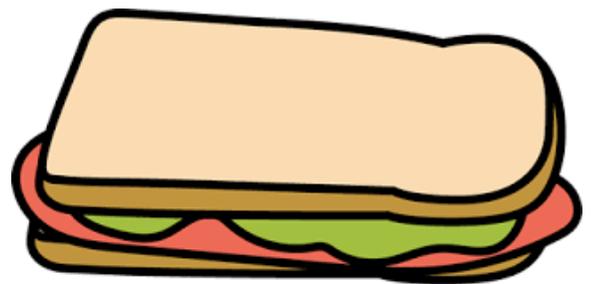
## Mary Haven (a facility for troubled youth)

We are making monthly visitations every third Tuesday evening of each month to spend time with these young men. Please contact Leslie Dauer- Creek at 513-313-4597 if interested in helping or if you want to learn more about this mission.

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## Our Daily Bread Sandwich Mission

Our Daily Bread continues to serve the needy community by providing bagged lunches with sandwiches, and we are helping in preparing and providing these sandwiches each Thursday. **The HPC congregation continues to be amazing in responding to this call.** Since we started in April 2020 through April 13<sup>th</sup> 2022, we have already delivered enough sandwiches (more than 15,665) so that we have grown to a stack taller than a **119-story building!** Thank you!!!!



HPC has agreed to continue to assist with the Thursday need by providing 100+ meat (with or without cheese) sandwiches each week through much of 2022. The Mission Committee asks if you are willing and able to make some sandwiches for this mission (usually in amounts of 10s), consider doing so and contact Nelson Kennedy (513-470-1279). Please ensure sandwiches are marked with what kind of sandwich they are and dropped off each Wednesday by 6pm to be ready for pickup. It is preferred that the sandwiches be on white bread. Please mark on the kitchen counter sheet when you place the sandwiches in the refrigerator (on the shelf or just below the shelf marked for Our Daily Bread) with the number of sandwiches you have put in by your name, then text or call Nelson Kennedy.

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## ***Family Promise Mission (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network)***

Upcoming hostings will be the weeks starting May 22<sup>nd</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup>. These will likely remain off-site hostings at least until the summer. However, Family Promise will have in person hosting for churches that allow it.

There has been a call out to the supporting churches for assistance with their new building project supporting this ministry. Please find the below statement/request:



“We have electrical work and plumbing work that we are getting bids on. If there is a member of your congregation that is in this line of work, please share this need. We would love to visit with them! There are also tasks that are not yet listed on the signupgenius, so call me with questions or to share a particular talent.

I [Lynda Rabolt, director] write to share the link for Signupgenius. This tool shares the many tasks that need to be fulfilled as we delve into our new building. (The old Shaker Inn, Lebanon - 600 Cincinnati Avenue) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daaa82eaaf94-family> “

If you want to support the FP efforts in between, you can still donate to them. Website with donation link under their mission statement can be found and made through PayPal at [ihnwc.org](http://ihnwc.org) or send a check to: Family Promise of Warren County, 203 East Warren St., Lebanon 45036

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- April 18—June 5    ——— Pentecost Offering <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/>
- May 1—29    ————— Faith Emergency Services Food Collection (please, no drop off before 5/1)
- May 17    ————— Mary Haven Visit
- May 22—29    ————— Family Promise Hosting (off site)

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Rev. Kevin Stainton, Pastor

Worship Time: 10:15 a.m.

Address Service Requested

*Let's  
Worship  
Together*

*In Person and Streamed Worship on  
Facebook & YouTube  
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