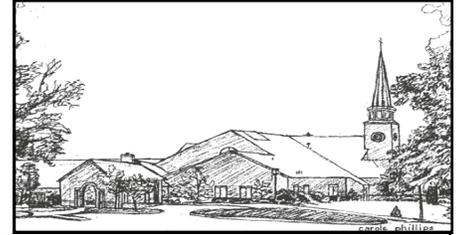


Good News

September 2022



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

"The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'...

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." 1 Corinthians 12:21,27

Dear Friends,

It has been a wonderful summer at HPC with many mission activities, youth trips and worship. We have also mourned the loss of some of our dearest members who have joined the Church Triumphant. And we've had sometimes of recreation and refreshment.

On our travels we stopped briefly at Gettysburg. We squeezed in a museum visit and a magnificent park ranger-led battlefield tour.

Our short stay reminded me of several things. First, the accidents of time and space. The battle of Gettysburg shouldn't have happened, but for lack of intelligence on enemy movements and five roads leading the armies toward each other. Secondly, people make mistakes. The Confederates made more than the Union, contributing to their defeat. Thirdly, communications. Failed communications effected both armies but were fatal to the South. Fourth, hubris causes problems that others have to fix: In this case it was Gen. Sickles who wanted a good photo op for his future Presidential run and risked the whole left flank of the Union army to get them.

The most sobering aspect of our visit was the memorials to thousands of war dead and wounded. These men were from the same country, spoke the same language, shared the same religion, but inflicted grievous injury on one another.

As our country struggles through a time of increased division, we note that it isn't as bad as it was in 1861-65, but is worrisome, nonetheless. Like the mid-nineteenth century, we are becoming isolated from one another, falling into like-minded camps, not able to see another point of view or accept it as reasonable. Positions are hardening. It's harder to reach common ground.

I am concerned that as a church we are becoming more isolated from each other, not because of disagreement, but illness and technology. In this not-quite-post-pandemic time, worship attendance has been about one-third pre-pandemic levels even though people are giving and engaging in activities.

We will not stop connecting technologically, but we want to encourage folks who are able to attend worship in person to come, so that we physically remember and cherish our bond to each other in the Body of Christ. We can't say to one another, "I have no need of you. I can live-stream." Attending in-person breaks our isolation and allows us to know one another not as two-dimensional images on a screen, but real-live brothers and sisters who are much more nuanced than a picture can reveal. Being together improves communication, corrects mistakes quickly and keeps us focused on the same goals.

On September 11, we will gather for a Welcome Back Breakfast & Ministry Fair at 9:00 before worship. Make a strong effort to be here and build those connections again.

You are the body of Christ and individual members of it. Be connected, be in-touch. Be here.

Blessings,

Kevin Stainton

Let's connect!

Weekly Worship at 10:15am Sundays

⇒ **In Person Worship**— masks optional

- Live-streamed on Facebook: www.facebook.com/HPCMason
- Live-streamed on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=hpc+mason

Children & Youth Private Social Media Group Pages:

- ⇒ **Children's Ministries:** www.facebook.com/groups/heritagechildrensministries
- ⇒ **Heritage 'Tweens:** www.facebook.com/groups/heritagetweens
- ⇒ **Heritage Youth Groups:**
Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/hpcmasonryouth

Adult Christian Education

- ⇒ **Lectionary Learnings** Zoom & In Person Meeting: Sunday Mornings at 9am, September-May
This class examines the Lectionary reading for the day. Contact kevin.stainton@hpcmason.org
- ⇒ **Christian Conversations** Sunday Mornings at 9am in the Church library September through May.
They discuss contemporary writings on the Christian Faith. Contact: Sue Monteith
- ⇒ **Men's Bible Study** In Person Meeting: Wednesdays September –May at 7:30am, Fireside Room
Contact kevin.stainton@hpcmason.org
- ⇒ **Adult Bible Study** Zoom & In Person: Thursdays at 11am, Fireside Room: Contact: Susie Faas.
- ⇒ **Grace Circle** — 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm, Karen Stine: karenstine1989@gmail.com
- ⇒ **Hope Circle** — 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:30am. September through May.
Contact: patty.schnetzer@hpcmason.org

Children's Sunday School

⇒ **Sunday School Classes** for K-12th Grade will resume in September.

September Lunch Bunch!

In September, the Lunch Bunch will meet on **Tuesday, September 6** due to the Labor Day holiday. The meeting will be at 11:30am. Location: Mason Perkins on OH-741.



September Church Workday Date Change: Saturday, September 10th



There will be a Church Work Day starting at 9:00am on **Saturday, September 10th** (Changed from the 3rd due to Labor Day!). It takes many hands to keep our property in good condition! Please come and help for any amount of time! Please contact Al Stever-son or Ben Zumkehr if you have any questions.

September Birthdays

2	Ed Buns	15	Leslie Dauer-Creek	23	Alisa Russell
2	Valerie Hill	15	Maggie Schumm	23	Adam Walter
6	Olivia Tymitz	16	Micah Ewing	26	Meredith Rought
8	Cole Kinser	19	Dave Sherrard	26	Sherry Spreng
10	Diane Marks	20	Polly Betz	26	Elizabeth Wilder
10	Matthew Rought	20	Ben Kasik	27	Freddie Grisham
11	Karen Moye	20	Ellen Kasik	27	Zander Harmeling
12	Bella Nelson	20	Jack Kasik	28	John Case
12	Ineke Rude	22	Rhonda Peischl		
13	Emily Batts Rincon	23	Autumn Harmeling		

Continued Prayers

Dottie Birt
Steve Ritz
Betty Weaver

September Prayer Families

Steve & Julie,
Kyle and Lauren Taylor
Joan Schmidt
Ralph Spaeth
Matt and Carson Wulf





Welcome Back Ministry Fair: September 11th, 9–10am in Fellowship Hall

As we return to church community, we want everyone to be connected. Come and join us for a WELCOME BACK MINISTRY FAIR as we enjoy Pot-Luck Breakfast, fellowship, and explore all the ministry opportunities at HPC.

- Enjoy breakfast and fellowship together. Breakfast Casseroles and Beverages will be provided. Bring a fruit or baked good to share.
- Talk with representatives from each of our ministry areas, to discover how you might participate in the life and ministry of Heritage in a new, refreshed way. All of our service and faith formation teams will be on hand.
- Come, be reconnected, and refreshed! Sign up in the atrium or use the link <https://bit.ly/Sept11HPCWelcomeBackBrunch> to let us know you are coming, and what pot-luck item you plan to bring.

Questions? Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org

Sunday School is Back!



After a hiatus, Sunday School for all ages is resuming September 25th. Let's all dive into scripture and learn about the people and events from the Bible. The formational lessons that guide our faith are important to all ages, children, youth, and adults. How will you return to the Bible...teach, attend a class or small group bible study? Come to the Ministry Fair on September 11th at 9 am to learn about all our offerings and sign up for a class.



Share a Verse

Please share the gift of scripture – a great way to plant the seeds of strong and meaningful faith. We are compiling a list of favorite verses from the entire congregation to share with our children. Let us know the notation of a Bible verse that is meaningful to you or your family. When the 3rd graders receive their Bibles on September 18th, we will include a listing of HPC favorites. What a great way for our children to begin their study of scripture – with verses that are meaningful to our HPC friends! Write the notation (Book:Chapter:Verse) on the sheet provided in the atrium, or send it to susie.faas@hpcmason.org.

Leading the Littlest of Our Flock

Faith formation begins with our youngest children.
How can you help to share Jesus' with our little children?

Nursery Volunteers

We continue to staff the Nursery with volunteers to care for our babies and toddlers under 3 years of age. Adults and teens are encouraged to sign up for a couple of sessions through the fall. Our Nursery is available Sunday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 am. Please sign up using the link <https://bit.ly/NurseryHPC> or use the sign up sheet in the Atrium.

Nursery
Volunteers
Needed



Calling A New Class of Officers

The least visible of HPC committees, the Nominating Committee comes alive and does most of its work between Labor Day and Thanksgiving. You could start hearing from one of us soon.

In our democratic form of church governance, when you get our call, listen for the Spirit. Leaders come from the people. These leaders are gifted by the Spirit and called by God to direct and accomplish the church's work through service on Session and the Deacon Board.

Reflecting that emphasis on finding leaders from the people, the majority of the Nominating Committee are at-large members from the congregation – Sarah Falck, Greg Fehrenbach, Suzanne Kennedy, and Flo Wilks. These four are joined by three others – Roger Rude and Pat Anson as Session representatives and Katie Steverson representing Deacons.

The committee does not come unprepared into the calling season. We've been watching for engaged, active and helpful people to build prospect lists. So, if you get a call, feel good that you've been judged by others in the congregation as having leadership talents.

We are looking for five Elder candidates for three-year terms on Session, five Deacon candidates for three years, and a Youth Elder and Youth Deacon for one-year terms. Once those positions are filled, as our final order of business, we'll be seeking four at-large members for one-year terms on the 2023 Nominating Committee.

Remember: we're the conduit but it's the Spirit that's calling.

Roger Rude, 2022 Nominating Committee Chair

Bigger, Better School Drive

If it takes a village to raise a child, what does it take to get 800 kids the right stuff to start the school year? We answered that question on August 3 with our largest group of volunteers ever for school supplies assembly and celebration. Wonderfully diverse, the turnout of more than 70 volunteers had people of all ages: members from HPC and Carmel Presbyterian, teachers, parents and staff from participating schools. They were asked to partner with people they didn't know at about 20 different supply stations, filling the Fellowship Hall. As bottlenecks developed, people would organically switch stations to help out. Within two hours, supplies had been fully sorted out and ready for delivery to the schools. Then we celebrated, with everyone reluctant to have the good feeling end.



The Back-To-School program's progress is a testimony to the power of partnerships. The school drive started 16 years ago as a mission partnership between Heritage and Carmel Presbyterian Church in Avondale to support South Avondale Elementary School and its students. The first year was a test case to see if Heritage's suburban congregation would back such a mission. Enough did that the school drive became an annual rite of summer and has steadily grown in donations to allow evolution to another school, Mt. Airy, and to backpacks to hold the supplies.

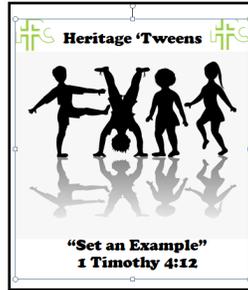


The program has also benefited by an evolving internal partnership between Mission and the Children's Ministry team. As usual, Charlie and Joanne McCaulou shouldered the load for Mission, promoting the drive to the congregation and counting and inventorying donations so on July 31, final day of giving, we knew how many of each type of supply we had on hand and how many we still needed to make our goal. Which turned out to be supplies for 800 students including a last minute request for 100 students in Kirby, Ky. hit by the devastating flooding.

Susie Faas had kicked off the school drive, as usual, with vacation bible school. Now she had the massive task of buying the still needed supplies – in two days - then organizing and setting up the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday for assembly that night. Grateful thanks to the Steverson Family, Libby McKean, and Ben Zumkehr for their help with shopping and organizing.

This wonderful program allows all ages at HPC to share in this rewarding mission, both in the giving phase and in the assembly phase. Many Heritage members who gathered Wednesday night were the same ones who did assembly last year, and our congregation's generosity is always astounding. Such broad, continuing support shows how we have made the school kit drive a living *heritage*.

HPC Children's & Youth Ministries



Youth Groups for All God's Children

We are getting back into the rhythms of life together, and we are excited to greet you! All of our children and teen youth groups, ages K – 12, will be meet on Sunday afternoons/evenings. As you schedule other activities, be sure to make Faith Formation and Fellowship a priority in your week.



Kickoff Pot Luck Supper

Kids, Youth, Parents, and Families are invited to Kickoff Sunday, **September 18th from 5:00-7:00 pm** to hear what we have in store for the year...fellowship, learning, serving, and fun. We will have a Taco Bar prepared for you, but ask each family to bring a side dish to share.

Sign up with this link, <https://bit.ly/Sept18YouthKickOff> or in the atrium.

We are excited to see all our families, share enthusiasm, and fellowship as we gather together to re-connect with old friends and meet new ones!

Prepare to play a few goofy games, and bring along some friends.

Questions? Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org or patty.schnetzer@hpcmason.org



*All Youth Groups
Begin September 25th*

Kids of the Kingdom:
Grades K – 3rd, 4:00–5:30 pm

'Tweens:
Grades 4 – 6, 5:00–7:00 pm

Legacies Junior & Senior High:
Grades 7– 12,
5:00–7:00 pm



HPC Children's Minute for Mission



Our Children Serve Others

Throughout the summer, our children and youth have been learning to follow Jesus through service to others. We are fortunate that Heritage has opportunities for all ages to learn about service, and to actively provide care to others.

Mini Mission Project: Faithfully led by Diane Sherrard, we enjoyed the Heritage end-of-summer tradition that is called the Mini Mission Project. This is an opportunity for the youngest HPC members to participate in a mission project, as they learn how to serve others. This summer, 11 elementary children and 5 volunteers prepared and delivered snack trays to 13 local community organizations. Happy faces, pleasant surprise, and gratitude were the responses when our young children delivered snack trays and thanked our librarians, pharmacists, doctors, school bus drivers, police, and fire workers. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Mission Possible: This summer marked the third year of our **Mission Possible** ministry, as we served a total of 6 different missions: Our Daily Bread, Matthew 25 Ministries, Community Cupboard, Heritage Presbyterian Women, Dayton Broken Bus Ministry, and Carmel Presbyterian Church. Each week, we gathered as an intergenerational group of 40 - 45 volunteers to learn and serve. We learned from representatives of each ministry about how they serve others, and how we can continue to volunteer for each ministry. Then, working side by side we prepared a project to donate to each ministry. Whether we crafted, constructed "plarn", made sandwiches, assembled hygiene kits, collected school supplies, prepared birthday party kits, or organized rummage sale treasures, we enjoyed laughter, fun, and a love of Jesus. If you would like more information about any of our Mission Possible ministries, or have suggestions for next year's ministries, please contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org or any CESE member.



HPC Children's Minute for Mission Continued



Sandusky Mission Outreach Center:

This past June, after a 2 year absence, due to COVID restrictions, 21 HPC 'Tweens, Youth, and Chaperones traveled to Sandusky Presbyterian Church to complete three mission projects, a fun day trip to Cedar Point, and help lead worship at the Sandusky Presbyterian Church. We painted and created wall murals for the **Care and Share of Erie County**, a food and clothing pantry in the First Presbyterian Church in Sandusky. We also served **OH-GO**, a mobile food pantry serving Sandusky residents, by sorting pantry items, and traveling to 3 different food-insecure neighborhoods, providing fresh food and grocery items to over 200 people. For our third mission, we volunteered at **Bistro 163**, a pay-it-forward restaurant in Port Clinton. There, we helped to prepare lunch, cleaned and weeded the grounds, acted as food servers, and washed dishes, as this mission celebrated their 6th anniversary. As a side note, HPC 'Tweens served as the Bistro's first youth volunteers on their grand opening 6 years ago. Over the years, we have developed a great relationship with the Sandusky congregation, reinforcing the friendship and love of Christ, that we can experience through the connectional church.

HPC Preschool News

We have all had an enjoyable summer break and are excited to get back to school. We have had our play set checked and stained, fresh mulch laid, and added a brand new bench for little ones to take a break when needed! The classrooms are decorated and lessons have been thoughtfully planned. We have a wonderful new group of teachers who are eagerly awaiting their smiling students to fill the halls! Meet the Teacher Day was a huge success and the start of school is sure to be a lot of fun. Our first official day of classes will be Monday, August 29th and we still have a few spaces available for 5 year-olds and several in our combined 3/4 year-old class. We are so blessed to have our classrooms full of happy children and teachers!



The Mission Committee continues to respond to the changes in needs for mission work. A few in-person mission

FAITH Emergency Services

There will be another food drive for the Community Cupboard in October, so think about stocking up. A list will be provided in the bulletin and in the atrium as we get close to the date. If you still wish to donate financially, please go to the website with donation link by credit card directly or PayPal: faithemergencysvcs.org



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.

Family Promise of Warren County

Upcoming hosting (last one for 2022) will be the week starting September 25th.

On July 4th, Family Promise had their annual Run4Home 5K race and Kid's Fun Run. The entire Tymitz family made a great showing with Olivia Tymitz winning the female 14 and under category at 26:32:57. Libby McKean and Nelson Kennedy rounded out the HPC finishers.



FPWC Will Move to the Shaker Inn: The Shaker Inn location, 600 Cincinnati Ave. in Lebanon will allow FPWC to help more homeless families. Currently there are 6 families in the program with 8 more on the waiting list. In 2021, FPWC received over 1800 referrals. Prior to 2021 the highest number of referrals in any one year was 1300. In the first seven months of 2022, FPWC has received over 1100 referrals, making 2022 to likely be the busiest referral year yet.

The offices will also move from 203 East Warren Street to the Shaker Inn. The guests will also eventually move from the Knights Inn to the Shaker Inn. Although the original plan was to make the move in August of 2022, the move has been delayed until December 2022 due to the property needing a lot of work completed before Family Promise can move in.

The Shaker Inn will have: 15 rooms for guests, a Kids' Room, a Laundry Room, and a Coordinator's Room. Two guest rooms will be two-bedroom suites which can house 6 people total in each. There will also be office space which will include a normal kitchen and a meeting room and a Day Room that includes a media area, where computers will be used for job searches and homework. The guest rooms will also include small fridges and microwaves. Each guest room will be "adopted" and maintained by a different organization, like Optimist Club, Kiwanis, churches, etc. Most of these room adopters have already been established. Some beds are being constructed by a charitable organization called Sleep in Heavenly Peace (shpbs.org), whose motto is "No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town." FPWC will maintain its Homeless Crisis Prevention Program and its Heavenly Hearth Furniture Ministry at the Shaker Inn Location. It also plans to hire another case manager to assist Linda and Nichole in their growing need.

FPWC wants to go back to having some interaction among guests and host church members, as they see the interactions as extremely positive and encouraging for the guests. Due to Covid, no church

HPC Missions & Troop 750 Report

has been or will be pressured to take guests in house at the church. A possible post-Covid FPWC model would have vaccinated guests rotating to churches in their first three weeks in the program, then rotating to the Shaker Inn in the fourth week and staying there until they “graduate” from the FPWC program. This model would include Host Churches being encouraged to provide Fellowship Hosts (7:15 pm to 8:45 pm) and Overnight Hosts (8:30 pm to 7:30 am) to stay at the Shaker Inn during their host weeks.

FPWC is currently conducting a capital campaign to make the Shaker Inn into a suitable facility for the program. The goal of the campaign is \$1.7 million. The following are the amounts needed for the three major categories of the campaign: \$860,000 for purchase; \$440,000 for renovation and improvements; and \$400,000 for operations. They have raised \$0.8 million (almost half) from the following sources: 35% from a CARES grant from Warren County; 20% from early donors and the Board of Directors; and 45% from reserve funds.

HPC has not yet contributed to the FPWC capital campaign, but we have provided \$1,850 annually from our budget to FPWC, as well as giving \$620 in PPP money in November 2021. In addition, so far this year we have given \$700 in unbudgeted funds to FPWC from members who gave through mission-directed restricted funds (MDRF). HPC gave \$2.2K in 2021 and \$4.1K in 2020 with similar unbudgeted funds.

If you want to support the FPWC efforts in the meantime, you can still donate to them directly through their website, with the donation link under their mission statement, using PayPal at ih-nwc.org **or** send a check to: Family Promise of Warren County, 203 East Warren St., Lebanon OH 45036

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 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).

Troop 750 Report

After a busy June and July, the troop had a relatively slow August as our scouts prepared to go back to school. Our boy's troop had an astronomy-themed campout at John Bryan State Park in Yellow Springs. Even though it rained most of Saturday, the scouts played card games during the day and had a clear night for stargazing. At the end of August one of our older scouts finished his Eagle project installing a trail kiosk at Caesar's Creek State Park.



We had several scouts help host an Intro to Scouting night for local youth who are interested in Cub Scouts. Pack 750, the Cub Scout unit chartered by HPC, is still recruiting boys and girls K-5th for their program this fall. On September 8th from 7-8:30pm we will have an open house for youth 11-17 interested in joining our boy's or girl's troops.

In addition to the two troops which serve youth 10 – 17, HPC also charters a Cub Scout Pack for youth in kindergarten through fifth grade and a Venture Crew for youth 14 – 20. A huge thank you to Heritage for your continued support of the Scouting program.

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