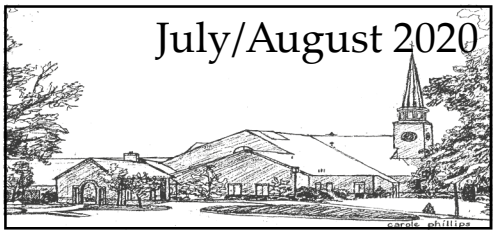
Good News

July/August 2020



HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Pastor's Letter

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Amos 5:24

Dear Friends,

The above passage from Amos is a rallying cry for justice movements. Through it the prophet expresses God's demand for justice and righteousness. Our Wednesday AM Men's Bible Study has been looking at Amos for the past month or so. Amos is the proto-typical Old Testament prophet thundering for justice.

Amos'/God's ire is roused by Israel's prosperity. The evil of that is that the few rich are growing very rich at the expense of the many poor. Corruption and exploitation of widows, orphans and the marginal is rampant and provoke the destruction which God does bring near the end of Amos' ministry.

The cry for justice has not ceased through the ages. Today, many have again taken to the streets to demand fair treatment for those whom the system has ignored and oppressed.

A few of us from Heritage went to one such event sponsored by Cincinnati clergy. Confusion about location, rain and too little publicity resulted in only a dozen of us gathering for education and prayer.

The education was about the neighborhood in which we gathered – Laurel Park on Ezzard Charles three blocks toward Music Hall from 75. 100 yards away, the new FC Cincinnati stadium is being built. All around the new stadium are duplexes and townhomes. The stadium razed some homes. Many fear that more restaurants, bars and other business will want to locate there, displacing more families.

The history we learned was that some years ago other folks were displaced to build the housing that is currently there. New residents were told that they could eventually buy the properties that they were renting. That never happened. Now, the current owners of the properties are willing sellers because they don't live there and so will only reap a profit. The current residents, many receiving housing assistance, will be forced to look for new places in a housing market already 40,000 affordable housing units short.

This happens repeatedly in neighborhoods where the residence are poor. Can you imagine Mason Schools deciding to build a bigger stadium and annexing a hundred houses from Village Lakes for it? No, because land values are high and the residents would have enough voice to fight it.

But in poor and minority neighborhoods this happens all the time. They don't own the land. They have no political or economic clout. When the federal highway system was being built in the fifties and sixties new highways went through black neighborhoods, wrecking the community, and around white enclaves.

In Amos and throughout the Bible, God's concern is for the powerless, the poor, the dispossessed. God promises judgment but sends prophets to bring warnings. Today, we are hearing prophets in the streets echoing Amos imploring, demanding that justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like and every-flowing stream. Will we listen? Will we care? We better. "Whatever you do for the least of these…"

Blessings,

Kevin Stainton

let's connect!

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

Our **Website** is www.hpcmason.org
Our **Facebook** page is www.facebook.com/HPCMason

- **Weekly Worship** is live streamed at 10:15 am each Sunday morning.

Children & Youth

Children and Youth may stay connected in a variety of ways.

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/hpcmasonyouth
Instagram: www.Instagram.com/youth_group_hpc
Twitter: www.twitter.com/Youth_Group_HPC

Virtual meetings are held through Zoom. Request invitations to those groups by contacting:

- Susie Faas susie.faas@hpcmason.org
  or
- Patty Schnetzer pschnetzer5@gmail.com

Adult Bible Studies

Several virtual Bible Studies are being held for adults, during this time of quarantine.

Sunday Morning Zoom Bible Study – 9 am

- **Lectionary Learnings** explores the weekly lectionary scripture.
  Contact Kevin Stainton pastor@hpcmason.org for a link.

Wednesdays at 7:30 am

- **Men's Bible Study:** Email Kevin Stainton at pastor@hpcmason for a Zoom invitation.

Thursdays at 11:00 am

- **Adult Bible Study:** Email Susie Faas at sjfaas@cinci.rr.com for an Access Code. This group is beginning a new study of "The Lord's Prayer for Today" by William J. Carl III.
- **Men's Fellowship:** Email Dave Sherrard: dave80sman@gmail.com for a Zoom invitation.

July Birthdays

2	Scarlette Swihart
3	Bobbie Harmeling
5	Brandon Niehaus
6	Alyssa Ball
6	Margie Crider
6	Beryl Mitchell
6	Lexi Nelson
7	Susie Faas
7	Gert Ramp
8	Avery Fehrenbach
8	Patsy Spaeth
9	Marie Black
9	Megan Fisher
9	Robert Mount
12	Christopher Niehaus
12	Karen Saterfield
12	Russell Wells
13	Holt McNeer
13	Kassidy Fann
14	Judy Woodyard
15	Mick Gorsek
15	Neil Stewart
17	Josh Jenkins
17	Julie Taylor
17	Susan Brose
18	Sara Schnetzer
20	Al Marggrander
20	Jack Eldridge
21	Felicia Otisi Omoji
21	Russell Phillips
21	Ty Klein
22	Amanda Case
23	Bill Hagedorn
24	Aaron Ewing
24	Alex Mount
24	Clara Baker
25	Alex Mail
25	Bonnie Reeves
25	Joyce Klein
27	Ethan Case
27	Samantha Schumacher
31	Janet Hufford

August Birthdays

1	Charles McCaulou
2	Mary Spurling
2	Rachel Mould
2	Sheri Miller
3	Hailey Clark
3	Joshua Aumann
4	Aubree Niehaus
4	Emma Pratt
6	Bradlee Saterfield
7	Winston Cochrane
8	Janet Brown
8	Nita Evans
9	Angie Barker
9	Karen Bodenbender
9	Vickie Gorsek
10	David Onuoha
10	June Stubbs
11	Ben Brown
11	Dottie Birt
11	Eileen Mount
13	Abby Buns
13	Gaye Sanker
14	Aiden King
15	Cindy Parrott
15	Faye Dumford
15	Steve Ritz
19	Bill O'Neal
20	Elise Shrivastava
22	Evan King
23	Jacque Willwerth
24	Greg Fehrenbach
24	Sheri Focke
25	Amie Mendelsohn
25	Fran Tesorero
25	Jacob Jensen
25	Jan Foerst
26	Jeff Hill
27	John Schuessler
29	Macala Clark
30	Natalie Russell
30	Rosemary Marshall
30	Sarah McNeer
31	Ted Niehaus

Church Family Prayer List

Dottie Birt, Gert Ramp, Steve Ritz
Elaine Wanninger, Betty Weaver,
Lydia Zachman

July & August Prayer Families

Sarah, Andrew, Sydney, Drew
& Clara Baker,
Susan Brose, Jeff Cryder,
Nita Evans,
Tom, Lori, Alyssa & Jacob Ball,
Annette Brown, Chris Dauer,
Micah, Cathy, Jonah, Aaron
& Clara Ewing

Dear HPC Church Family,

My father Rev. Dr. Thomas Martin served as a pastor for 59 years in eleven church communities. I have often had church members tell me stories of how my dad helped them or impacted their lives in some way. I would like to make a memory book that includes these stories. If you have a story about my dad of a special time or way in which he affected your life please share with me.

I can be contacted at
tinamfinch@gmail.com.
729 S Vail Ave
Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

I know he is a very special man and loved by many. This book will be a treasure for my father and our family for many years to come.

Thank you,
Tina Martin Finch

Children's Ministry

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.

YOUR MISSION, SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT

WHO: Heritage Presbyterian members & families 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, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5 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 agency 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.

WHAT TO BRING: Secret Agents wear masks to protect their neighbor; bring a mask.

Please bring a folding chair, and a personal water bottle. If you need extra shade, feel free to bring a pop-up tent for your family.

DONATIONS: Some weeks your donation can be a specific item, other weeks your donation can be monetary. Check out the schedule on the next page to know how to plan.

Children's Ministry continued...

MISSION POSSIBLE SCHEDULE:

July 1: **Sandusky Presbyterian Outreach Center**. We are preparing snack bags for their Community Breakfast Program**. Suggested donations: Individually wrapped snack items** such as Fruit or applesauce cups, Crackers with peanut butter or cheese, Breakfast/protein bars (soft and crunchy style), Single packet nuts, trailmix, dried fruit or fruit chews, Small bags of chips/ pretzels, Individually wrapped candy, gum or mints.

July 8: **Habitat for Humanity** We are assembling PPE kits for the Habitat worksite volunteers., and donating hand tools. **Suggested donation: New or gently used hand tools**. You can also sponsor a volunteer by making a donation directly to Habitat for Humanity through this link http://igfn.us/f/2tmm/n

July 15: **Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank** This week, our mission is to count and wrap diaper packs. **Suggested donation: Size 6 diapers**

July 22: **Broken Bus Ministries (Cincinnati and Dayton)** We will welcome our former Associate Pastor Amy Duiker and her family. Come and learn how the Duikers are beginning a family ministry. We will assemble snack bags and paint scripture rocks. **Suggested donations: Sunscreen and Bug Spray.**

July 29: **Secret Mission** Keep your eyes open for the plans for this mission!

August 5 **School Supplies for Carmel Presbyterian Church** We will assemble school supplies and backpacks in our annual partnership with Carmel Presbyterian Church. **Suggested donations: School Supplies and New/Gently used Back Packs -** 24 pack crayons, pencils, washable markers, scissors, pencil top erasers, 3 prong folders, block eraser, glue stick, loose leaf paper.

QUESTIONS: Contact Susie.faas@hpcmason.org or call the church 513-398-7671

Children's Ministry continued...

Mission Possible: ***SCHOOL KIT 14***

Everything is changing with Corona Virus 19, but school will again start this year for children, and Heritage is again doing our Back-To-School Kit mission. This is our 14th year for the Kit Drive, our long-running mission partnership with Carmel Presbyterian Church in Avondale. We're calling this one *Mission Possible* after the postponed Vacation Bible School program that would normally kick off the drive in a regular year.

This will really be a Mission Possible challenge with church attendance diminished and many members still staying home-bound, says Charlie McCaulou, again coordinator for the drive. The drive will kick-off Sunday, June 29 and we'll again have a big bin in the Narthex to accept donations.

"For personal safety, members may want to drop off their donations during the week when there are fewer people at the church and less social contact," he advises. "Or, they may prefer to send a check and let our committee do the shopping." Checks may be made out to "Heritage Presbyterian Church" with Mission Committee/School Supplies in the memo line. Put your check in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to the church.

KIT NEEDS:

A sample kit is again displayed on the Mission board in the Atrium.

A complete kit includes:

- 24-count box of crayons
- 5 pencil top erasers
- 2 folders
- 5 pencils
- one block eraser
- 1 pack of 3-hole paper
- color markers
- 1 glue stick
- pair of scissors

You don't need to supply complete kits. It can be easier to just donate multiples of a particular item.

Charlie says no goal is being set for this year's drive, given all the unknowns. "We've exceeded 500 kits each of the last three years, even while adding new back packs for the supplies," he says. "With unemployment up and people reluctant to expose themselves shopping, we don't know what to expect. I've been surprised over and over again at the generosity of Heritage members and hope I will be again."

The drive will run through Sunday, Aug. 2. The Mission Committee will again report each Sunday where we stand on donations. Back Pack Kits will be assembled 6-8 p.m. Aug. 5 by youth and adult volunteers, an amazing cross-generational mission experience of sharing and caring.

Backpacks

filled with LOVE!

Can't Quarantine Christ

In this season of quarantine, we continue to look for ***"God Sightings,"*** those places where we witness God at work in the world.

Visit the Facebook group "Can't Quarantine Christ"
www.facebook.com/groups/CantQuarantineChrist

We invite you to share pictures of where you see Christ at work in the world, especially during this quarantine season. Since the COVID-19 virus, we may be restricted to our homes, but we know that Jesus is alive and at work. Jesus invites us to praise God, and to love our neighbors. What does that look like in your life? Print the picture of Jesus below, take pictures of where Jesus is at work, where you are serving others, and how you are praising God. Post your pictures and your God Sightings. Encourage others to do the same. #cantquarantineChrist

The Troop 750 Report

Troop 0750 for boys and Troop 1750 for girls have continued to stay active by meeting remotely this summer. Each troop has planned a virtual campout where scouts can teach skills and perform skits remotely during the evening, and then set-up camp at their own homes for the night. Both troops have also been working on merit badges, with the boy's troop hosting Officer Burdick of the Mason Police Department as part of their work on the Crime Prevention merit badge.

CAMP FRIEDLANDER
DAN BEARD COUNCIL, BSA

In July both troops are sending some of their scouts to day camp at Camp Friedlander. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn up to six merit badges across different themes, all while staying socially distanced. Both troops are also looking to resume day hikes and other activities where we can stay active while staying safe.

In August both troops will elect new youth leadership to serve the troop through January of 2021. While we don't yet know what we'll be able to do this fall, the scouts of Troop 750 are committed to staying active and doing their part.

Thank you for your continued support of Scouting through Heritage Presbyterian Church.

Mission

IHN Run@Home

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Warren County (IHNWC) is holding the 14th Annual Run4Home 5k and Kid's Fun Run VIRTUALLY, July 3-6.

The Annual Run4Home will be known this year as the Run@Home and is the largest fundraising event of the year. The Run@Home will provide essential support to homeless families in our community that are experiencing homelessness and the effects of COVID-19. This global pandemic has left more local families in need this year—more than ever.

To protect the safety of our participants, volunteers and staff, our 2020 event will be a VIRTUAL event. What does this mean? We will not be gathering at Armco Park as we have done in the past. We will still want to have some fun with the event and earn your support for our families. This is also a unique opportunity for you to improve your finishing time in the event!

You may register online at ihnwc.org or runningtime.net.
OR…
You may request a pdf copy of the entry form by contacting Nelson Kennedy at: nekskier@aol.com. Fill it out and mail to: IHNWC, 203 E. Warren St., Lebanon, Ohio 45036

You will be asked to give your T-shirt size, and mail a check for one of the following amounts, depending on which place you want to have a chance of achieving in the race: Over $50, $50, $35, $25, $15, or $10 for kids.

With the average ate of a homeless person in Warren County bring just 6 years old, IHNWC must continue to provide shelter, meals and hospitality for those children and their families. With your help we can do just that!
Thank you for participating in the 2020 Run@Home 5K!

Interfaith Hospitality Network Mission

We can support IHN through sending funds to help defray the additional expenses being incurred through folks staying in hotels. ***Please consider $33 as a donation*** – which defrays the cost of one family for a one night hotel stay – and send funds either to IHN directly (see above for that information) or to HPC with "for IHN" indicated in the "Memo:" line. Though this sounds like a bargain (considering hotel costs), when you add it up for a month, it's about the price of a nice apartment or a mortgage for most.

Mission Continued

Our Daily Bread Sandwich Mission

Our Daily Bread has taken a hit due to the Covid-19 crisis. There are reduced number of folks who are able to volunteer, but twice as much need. They have reached out to the churches in the area Presbytery to help fulfill their mission. They are, instead of serving lunch inside, now providing bagged lunches with sandwiches. However, they need our help preparing and providing these sandwiches.

HPC has agreed to assist with the Thursday need with our congregation's help – we are now providing 200 sandwiches (100 peanut butter and jelly and 100 meat and cheese) by Wednesday 6pm for pickup. The Mission Committee asks if you are willing and able to make some sandwiches for this mission. Contact Nelson Kennedy (513-470-1279) to sign up.

Please ensure that the sandwiches are marked with what kind of sandwich they are, especially if containing peanut butter or ham. It is preferred that the sandwiches be on white bread. This is expected to run through July, and we will continue to evaluate the continued need beyond that over time.

Hope Church's Amazing Act!

On May 28, 2020, HPC's IHN meal providers were informed that the total head count for our IHN week was 20 guests. They were informed that there were 3 pregnancies in that group.

Kris Odom from Hope Church in Mason, has been coordinating Friday night meals for HPC's IHN week since 2017. When she learned that there were three pregnancies, she let the leader of the Hope church women's group know.

On Friday, 6-5-2020, Kris was preparing to load the meals for 20 to take up to HPC. The Hope church women's group showed up to load a few extra things for IHN. They had collected and prepared 3 modest duffle bags of new baby clothes and supplies, one bag for each expectant mother. What else did they load?...2000 diapers….3000 wipes...135 new baby outfits...50 pair of baby socks...20 tubes of Desitin...A few other things…..

To avoid overwhelming IHN, the group kept some other miscellaneous baby items for possible future use. What else can I say?

Is there a better way to respond to the grace of God than to provide food and shelter and baby clothes to the homeless in your own community?

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

Address Service Requested

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!

In Person Worship &
Facebook Online Worship
at 10:15 Sunday Mornings

RSVPs are required for In Person Worship.
Invitations are sent through Evite.com,
or you can call the office: 513-398-7671
to reserve your seat.

Masks are required at In Person Worship.