

# Heritage Family News



A Community of Faith for the Generations

## “BLAH!” “BLAH!” “BLAH!” “YADDA!” YADDA!” “YADDA!” - BY PASTOR MONTY

When you hear someone saying, “Blah – blah – blah!” it is as if they are saying, “...and so on and so on and so on, et cetera.” When we substitute a few “blah-blahs” for real words with real meaning we are essentially saying what remains is worthless, nonsensical, dull and uninteresting.

The same is true when you hear someone concluding their comments with, “yadda, yadda, yadda!” Some time ago “yadda, yadda, yadda” was popularized on a Seinfeld episode as the characters all began saying, “yadda, yadda, yadda,” to indicate their boredom and or distaste for a subject. When someone “yadda, yadda, yaddas” you, you know they know that what they would otherwise say is boring and trite and in some cases endless rambling on about nothing.

Sometimes I wonder if that is the way we think about the stories in the bible... we’ve repeated them and heard them so many times that something in our heads clicks and we hear, “Blah, blah, blah, yadda, yadda, yadda.”

On January 9 we begin the Season of Epiphany. So if having just read the word “Epiphany,” and are tempted to shut down and “blah, blah, blah, yadda, yadda, yadda” the rest of these thoughts – don’t! Take a deep breath and decide you are going to read on because there is nothing trite or superficial or

worthless or unimportant about the Season of Epiphany. The stories of Christ being made known to us during this time of the year are neither non-essential nor mere drivel. Epiphany is a spiritually substantive time in which we are invited to inhabit the story and encounter Christ.

When we speak of inhabiting a story we live in it. We occupy the space. We dwell in it. And when we encounter the Christ of the story we are meeting Christ. When we inhabit the story and encounter the Christ we come face to face with Jesus.

Epiphany is an eight week period of time in which we may encounter Christ. It is a period of time in which God makes Christ known to us and Christ makes himself known to us. God makes Christ known to us at his baptism in Luke 3:21-22. As Jesus was coming up out of the water a voice from heaven said, “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” And in the story of the Transfiguration in Luke 9:28-36, God spoke again from heaven saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” And you could say that sandwiched in between those major confessions are the stories of how Christ is made known through his life, teachings and his signs and wonders.

This is my challenge. During the

month of January, I challenge you to “Encounter Christ” in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Intentionally read and reread the stories... inhabit them, live in them, encounter Christ in them.

Ann Landers wrote about a person she knew who said the greatest gift he ever received in his life was a note his dad gave him on Christmas. It read, “Son, this year I will give you 365 hours--an hour every day after dinner. We’ll talk about whatever you want to talk about. We’ll go wherever you wish.”

As we move into the Season of Epiphany let’s prepare to inhabit the stories and encounter the Jesus we will meet there face to face. Perhaps there is an hour you can give everyday during the month of January to encounter Jesus... to hear what he has to say and do whatever he wishes.

I promise, if you get into it... you’ll not be thinking “blah, blah, blah, yadda, yadda, yadda.”

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# 2011 Church Calendar

Month	Date	Event
<b>January</b>	10-16 - Mon-Sun	Covenant Week of Prayer
	11 - Tue	Council Meeting
	23 - Sun	Annual Meeting
	31 - Mon	Covenant Midwinter Conference, Chicago, IL
<b>February</b>	1-4 Tue-Fri	Covenant Midwinter Conference, Chicago, IL
	6 - Sun	Installation of Officers
	20 - Mar 20	What is Your One Step? Emphasis
	20 - Sun	Anniversary Sunday Potluck
<b>March</b>	8 - Tue	Council Meeting
	9 - Wed	Ash Wednesday
	13 - Sun	Daylight Savings Time Change
	20 - Sun	Spring Mission, What Is Your One Step?
<b>April</b>	10 - Sun	Chili Cook Off
	15-16 - Fri-Sat	Midwest Conference Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE
	17 - Sun	Palm Sunday, Children's Celebration
	22 - Fri	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
	24 - Sun	Easter w/Communion
<b>May</b>	1 - Sun	Confirmation Sunday
	8 - Sun	Mother's Day
	10 - Tue	Council Meeting
	10-14 - Tue-Sat	Explorers Yard Sale
	21 - Sat	Heritage/Secrest Yard Cleaning Day
	29 - Sun	Memorial Sunday
<b>June</b>	12 - Sun	Pentecost - Communion
	19 - Sun	Father's Day
	20-23 - Mon-Thu	Vacation Bible School/Community Picnic
	25-28 - Sat-Tue	Covenant FEAST, Estes Park YMCA
	28 - Tue	Ministerium Annual Meeting, Estes Park YMCA
	28-30 - Tue-Thu	Covenant Annual Meeting, Estes Park YMCA
<b>July</b>	10 - Sun	Heritage/Secrest School Supply Drive
	12 - Tue	Council Meeting
<b>August</b>		
<b>September</b>	4 - 25	Back to Church Outreach Emphasis
	11 - Sun	Back to Church Sunday
	13 - Tue	Council Meeting
	14 - Wed	Fall Kick Off Midweek Activities
	17 - Sat	Heritage/Secrest Yard Cleaning Day
	23-25 - Fri-Sun	Fall Retreat
<b>October</b>	2 - Sun	Worldwide Communion Sunday
	8 - Sat	Explorers Fall Dinner
	16 - Sun	Fall Mission Sunday
	31 - Mon	Pumpkin Patch
<b>November</b>	6 - Sun	Daylight Savings Time Change
	8 - Tue	Council Meeting
	11 - Fri	Veteran's Day
	20 - Sun	Thanksgiving Sunday Service
	24 - Thu	Thanksgiving
	26 - Sat	Decorate Church for Christmas
	21-27 - Mon-Sun	Covenant World Relief Week
	27 - Sun	First Sunday of Advent
<b>December</b>	3 - Sat	Christmas Boutique
	11 - Sun	Choir Christmas Program
	18 - Sun	Children's Christmas Program
	24 - Sat	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	25 - Sun	Christmas w/Communion
	31 - Sat	New Year's Eve

# For Your Information



The Funeral  
for

**Ruth  
Snapp**

was held on  
Tuesday,  
November 30, 2010.

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A Gravesite  
Service for

**Hannah  
Wamboldt**

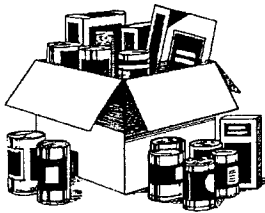
was held on  
Wednesday,  
December 15, 2010.

## General Budget Income And Attendance

**Our Weekly  
Requirement for the  
2010 Budget is:  
\$ 5,769.23**

**November**  
Average Weekly  
Income:  
\$ 5,376.16  
Average Weekly  
Attendance:  
190

**December**  
Average Weekly  
Income as of  
12/19/2010:  
\$ 8,706.15  
Average Weekly  
Attendance:  
222



We still collect food for the **ON-GOING FOOD DRIVE**. At this time we are giving to the Arvada Food Bank. We thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in your response to this ministry each month.

## *Stephen Ministers are Here to Serve*

Are you in need...of a caring Christian who will listen, empathize, encourage, pray, provide confidential care, and patiently support you as you work through a crisis or difficult time? OR...do you know someone, perhaps a friend, neighbor, co-worker, colleague, or relative who could benefit from this type of care? To learn more, contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Dinky Leigh at (303)424-8797, or Marilyn Ketterling at (303)659-2910 or (303)915-1335.

## **Envelope System:**

The new year is here. Now would be an appropriate time to get set up in the Church Envelope System where offerings are recorded and entered weekly in the church computer for those who have requested to be added into this System. Only those who have been assigned a number and requested to be in the system have their offerings recorded.

If you would like to be added to the church Envelope System, please call the church office—303-420-6292, and a number will be assigned to you and you will receive your numbered envelopes the following week.

**Be sure to check out  
our web-site:**

[heritagecommunity.net](http://heritagecommunity.net)

for current  
prayer concerns,  
sermons,  
ministries, activities  
and more.

# Outreach

**Deut. 15:10** says: *You shall give generously to [your poor brother], and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all your undertakings.*

Heritage:

- **Christmas Boutique:** Once again, a mix of successes. There were ups and downs in the number of artisans participating. We went from 31 to 28 by the time we opened the Boutique on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Although there was not a large crowd, the majority of the artisans were okay with the turnout. Everyone who entered received a brochure with Heritage's information, a candy cane and bookmark telling the story of the candy cane. The Bauer family ran the café where hot breakfast and lunch was available and appreciated. One artisan thanked us for actually providing what we said we would, as it seems that is not always the case in other places. Each artisan was asked to donate 10% of their sales over \$200 or \$20 under \$200. Others sold very little, but were generous in their giving. At the end of the Boutique many of the artisans thanks us for our work and donated additional funds to our endeavor, asking to be contacted for the 2011 boutique. Funds raised will go to support the Halloween Alternative expenses.

Covenant Village and Heritage partnered to provide:

- **Thanksgiving Food Baskets:** We provided thirteen baskets for Secret families. Covenant provided funds for four food baskets at \$50 each, all the pies, and helped put the baskets together. Heritage covered the remaining nine baskets. Deena, Church and Community Outreach for Covenant Village, made recipe books, and Kids Klub provided a Cornucopia for each basket. All thirteen families came to pick up their baskets. Again, thank you for your support of families in need.

Partnering with Secret in 2011:

- **February** - Snacks for CSAP tests at Secret (about two weeks of testing)
- **April** - Easter Food Baskets for Secret families
- **May 7** – Secret 10K Fun Run/Walk
- **May 9-13** – Secret Outdoor Lab
- **May 21** – Yard cleaning at Heritage

If anyone is interested in working with me to develop these projects, please contact me at 303-902-6233 (cell).

In Christian love, Sandy Schmidt

# NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

## **Bruce & Kari Nelson - Denver**

"Can you imagine a new missionary reporting to their assignment to reach the world for Christ and not having the necessary training? Bruce's team equips new missionaries for a lifetime of faith in following Christ and serving Him in their ministry calling. The purpose of an October Training Conference was to give new staff a Biblical foundation in the following: 1) Vision and Calling to fulltime ministry (looking at the lives of others from the Bible who were called to fulltime service for the Lord's work). 2) Prayer (the importance and purpose of prayer in developing constant communication with God). 3) Faith and Attitude (walking by faith with the attitude of Christ). 4) Financial Stewardship (developing a budget and living within their means). Please pray for Bruce as he explores ways of equipping staff to become more effective in their ministry."

## **Pete & Cindy Ekstrand - AFRICA**

"Praise the Lord with us for a GREAT visit to the Evangelical Covenant Church of Kenya. We were able to visit 4 churches and have several meetings with the church leaders. We were very encouraged with the mature way they are processing several issues and mission strategies as they consider a new initiative to a predominately MusXlim area. The Kitengela church just outside Nairobi is doing an outstanding job caring for Congolese refugees that continue to show up in their area. These are refugees from the ongoing difficulties in eastern Congo. The church has organized to teach the children English so they can enter Kenyan school; to help several start very small (\$70) micro-

business projects; to find skill training for some; to integrate them into their worship service. They are truly living out the Gospel. Give thanks for them and pray for them."

## **Chuck & Ginny Lewis - West Virginia**

"2010 was a tough year for us. Ginny's mother passed on to be with the Lord and Chuck also lost his sister to liver cancer. They are sorely missed by all of us. The rest of the year has gone well. It has been exciting to see the ladies in Ginny's ESL class growing in their use of the English language and in their interest in knowing who Jesus is. In the Hope class we are starting to see certain ones grasping the truth and asking many heartfelt questions about God and the Bible. Over Christmas break we will take a van load of students to Nashville, TN for the annual Bridges Vision '10 Conference. Amanda is following the Lord's call to a one-year stint in East Asia. She loves it there and is learning a new language as well as many lessons of life. Ahna is a senior at WVU in secondary education and is actually starting work on her master's degree. She has been student teaching and really enjoys it."

## **George & Kathy Schultz - North Carolina**

"Our Partnership Steering Committee meeting went well as we discussed possible changes to our ministry. We are considering shortening and reinventing our program from 11 to 6 weeks; moving forward with our online course; engaging Majority World trainers to see how we might cooperate in global training. Of course these changes will take time and work

and may not all come about but it is apparent we need to reposition ourselves for the changing realities of missions in the 21st century if we are going to continue to provide cutting-edge missionary training.

## **Bill & Diane Jerdan - Europe and Africa**

"Europe one village at a time. Before 1551 an evangelical church was planted in Tordinci, a village in what is now the Republic of Croatia. In 1990-91, the church building and most of the village were destroyed in the civil war and racial cleansing that accompanied the breakup of Yugoslavia. Deserted for almost 10 years, Tordinci came back to life in 1999 when it was safe to live there. A dynamic national pastor came to the village and led the villagers in the spiritual and physical rebuilding of their church. On November 7, my colleague G. Meyer and I had the privilege of worshiping in this reopened 460 year old church. The congregation sang a special song of welcome for us and every one of them came to shake our hands at the end of the service. Thank God with me for these believers who are participating in the re-evangelization of Europe. Please support them with your prayers. It was our privilege to be in Germany for Reformation Sunday (October 31st) this year. Bill preached in a new mission church near Heidelberg, Germany. Will you pray with us for the re-evangelizing of Europe and for the faithfulness of Christians living on this continent?"

**Pray for PURITY. "Lord, keep the missionary pure in mind." The field of service makes no difference. How easy to falter here. I Timothy 4:16; 5:22**

# JANUARY 2011

## Sunday Morning Schedule

9—10:15 AM—Coffee and Fellowship in Heritage Cafe

Worship Service & Classes—10:30

Nursery provided downstairs. Combined Service part of the hour then  
Preschool thru 6th grade go downstairs for classes.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES:</b>                      6 PM—Supper-Lite                      6:45 PM—Choir                      7 PM— Kids Klub, Confirmation, Video Series                 </div>			1  <i>Happy New Year</i>
2	3	4 9:30—Ladies Bible  1 PM—Ladies Aid 1 PM—Quilt	5  Wednesday Night Activities	6 8:30—H.H. Staff	7	8 8 AM—"Top Gun" Men's Ministry  6 PM—Explorers
9  6 PM—Youth	10 <b>Covenant Week Of Prayer (10-16)</b>	11 NOODLE DAY 9:30—Ladies Bible 1 PM—Quilt  7— Council Mtg.	12  Wednesday Night Activities	13 8:30—H.H. Staff 9 AM— Book Club	14	15
16  6 PM—Youth	17	18 9:30—Ladies Bible 1 PM—Quilt	19  Wednesday Night Activities	20 8:30—H.H. Staff	21	22 8 AM—"Top Gun" Men's Ministry  Gym in use for Pinewood Derby
23 <b>Annual Congregation Meeting</b>  6 PM—Youth	24	25 9:30—Ladies Bible  1 PM—Quilt	26  Wednesday Night Activities	27 8:30—H.H. Staff	28	29
30  6 PM—Youth	31  Covenant Midwinter Conference (Chicago)					

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

# January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <i>Rich Wickman</i>	4 <i>Hosea Daniels,</i> <i>Dean Hadley</i>	5 <b>Hugh &amp; Gloria McCormick</b> <b>and</b> <b>Bill &amp; Kim Reffel</b>	6 <i>Randy Peterson,</i> <i>Mike Schmidt</i>	7	8 <i>Jim Ditter,</i> <i>Laurie Schlagel</i>
9 <i>Stephen McBroom</i>	10 <i>Jan Phillips</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>Bonnie Newton</i>	15 <i>Howard Gettman,</i> <i>Kyle Howard</i>
16 <i>Kathy Emblar</i>	17	18 <i>Sam Burnham</i>	19 <i>Elfriede Brost</i>	20	21	22 <i>Mary Jo Harder</i>
23	24	25	26 <i>Collin Gammon</i> <i>Carl Harder</i> <i>Marie Rosebrook</i>	27	28	29
30 <i>Jordyn Rauschenberger</i>	31 <i>Amelia Krieger,</i> <i>Beth Schafer</i>					

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**Heritage  
Café**

**Open Sundays  
9—10:15 AM**

Join us each and every  
Sunday morning for coffee,  
goodies and  
fellowship in our  
café area downstairs.  
Everyone is invited!!

## HERITAGE STAFF

MONTY NEWTON - SENIOR PASTOR  
KIM REFFEL - WORSHIP & MUSIC COORDINATOR / PIANIST  
WILL SCHNEIDER - YOUTH MINISTRY  
JIM & CINDY QUINN- CUSTODIANS  
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DIANA HULT - ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY