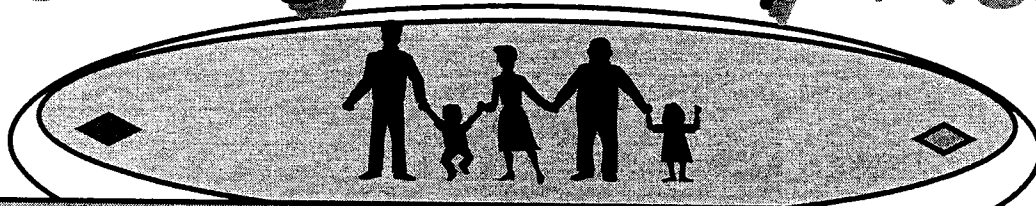


# Heritage Family News



A Community of Faith for the Generations

## “BIG SHIPS” - BY PASTOR MONTY NEWTON

If you've been planning an ocean cruise you may be having second thoughts...

The news has been saturated with the ongoing saga of the Costa Concordia off the tiny island of Giglio, Italy. Despite being a mega-ship of “titanic” proportions... it ran aground and were it not resting on a reef, it would slip into oblivion.

The Costa Concordia is actually larger than the Titanic. The Titanic was 882 feet long, 92.5 feet wide and weighed 46,000 tons. The Costa Concordia is 951 feet long, 118 feet wide and weighs 114,500 tons. I guess the moral of the story is if you don't turn a big ship before it hits an ice berg or a reef... it will surely sink.

I sometimes think of Heritage as a big ship. If you sit in the sanctuary and look up at the arched ceiling it looks like the hull of a big wooden ship. It is a place of sanctuary and safety. However a ship that is simply tied up and never leaves the safety of the pier and actually ventures out into the ocean isn't really doing what ships are designed to do. Sail! Go places!

We are now beginning the process that will take us on the Pathway to Congregational Vitality. Your Vitality Team is nearly in place and we will be meeting soon to debrief our Heritage Veritas Experience from October 16. Conference Superintendents David Benedict and Rick Mylander were with us that day as we faced the reality or the truth about where we are as a congregation.

- Are we a Healthy Missional Church?
- Are we a Stable Church?
- Are we a Critical Moment Church?
- Are we an At Risk Church?

We have elements of being healthy and missional and we have elements that suggest we are a stable congregation... but in reality we are a church at a critical moment. We are at a tipping point. We are a congregation that will either move toward becoming healthy and missional or we won't! And if we do not navigate a pathway through the ice bergs and off the reefs, so to speak, we will likely slip into the at risk category.

The Titanic had its critical moment as did the Costa Concordia. The Titanic had its at-risk moment as did the Costa Concordia. It seems to me that had the captains of those ships acted at the critical moment they could have avoided being at-risk and had they been able to do an extreme maneuver at that at-risk moment they might have saved the day. But now that's history...

There is so very much that is good and healthy and missional about our church but we are at a critical moment. We can go either way. We can chart a course to sail or we can stay the course and run aground and sink.

The Vitality Team will be debriefing our Veritas Experience and as a “first order of business” developing a Behavioral/Relational Covenant that will be presented to our Council and Congregation. The Behavior Covenant is the conversation before the conversation. The Behavioral

Covenant is essentially an understanding that we all buy-into that will be a shared understanding about how to have conversations that are civil, compassionate and Christ-honoring. It is an agreement that will help us “walk hand-in-hand when we do not see eye-to-eye.”

So please be praying for the Vitality Team as we begin the process of discerning God's spiritual strategic direction and recommending possibilities for the future of Heritage.

And the most important piece of clothing you must wear is love. Love binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body we are all called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Colossians 3:14-15

May the course we chart be toward becoming a Spiritually Healthy Missional Congregation.

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# 2012 Church Calendar

Month	Date	Event
<b>January</b>	9-15 Mon-Sun	Covenant Week of Prayer
	10 - Tues	Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
	22 - Sun	Annual Meeting
	29 - Sun	Installation of Council
	30-31 Mon-Tues	Covenant Midwinter Conference, Chicago, IL
<b>February</b>	1-3 Wed-Fri	Covenant Midwinter Conference, Chicago, IL
	14 - Tues	Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
	22 - Wed	Ash Wednesday
	26 - Sun	Anniversary Sunday/Potluck
<b>March</b>	4 - Sun	Chili Cook Off
	4-6 Sun-Tues	Spiritual Director's Retreat - CO Springs, CO
	6 - Tues	Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
	11 - Sun	Daylight Savings Time Change
<b>April</b>	1 - Sun	Palm Sunday, Children's Celebration
	6 - Fri	Good Friday Tenebrae Service
	8 - Sun	Easter Sunday w/Communion
	10 Tues	Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
	27-28 Fri-Sat	Midwest Conference Annual Meeting, Ft. Collins, CO
<b>May</b>	6 - Sun	Confirmation Sunday
	8 - Tues	Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
	13 - Sun	Mother's Day
	18-19 Fri-Sat	Explorer's Garage Sale
	27 - Sun	Pentecost Sunday w Communion
<b>June</b>	28 - Mon	Memorial Day
	12 -Tues	Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
	17 - Sun	Father's Day
	18-21 Mon-Thu	Vacation Bible School/Community Picnic
	21-23 Thu-Sat	Covenant Annual Meeting, Irvine, CA
	25-28 Mon-Thu	Covenant FEAST, Estes Park YMCA
<b>July</b>	28 - Thu	Ministerium Annual Meeting, Estes Park YMCA
	1 - Sun	School Supply Drive
	4 - Wed	Independence Day
	10 - Tues	Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
<b>August</b>	14 - Tues	Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
<b>September</b>	2 - 30	Back to Church Outreach Emphasis Month
	3 - Mon	Labor Day
	11 - Tues	Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
	16 - Sun	Back To Church Sunday
	19 - Wed	Fall Kick Off Midweek Activities
	21-23 - Fri-Sun	Covenant Women's Fall Retreat
<b>October</b>	6 - Sat	Explorers Fall Dinner
	7 - Sun	World-Wide Communion Sunday
	9 - Tues	Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
	31 - Wed	Pumpkin Patch
<b>November</b>	4 - Sun	Daylight Savings Time Change
	11 - Sun	Veteran's Day
	13 - Tues	Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
	18 - Sun	Thanksgiving Sunday Service
	22 - Thu	Thanksgiving Day
	24 - Sat	Decorate Church for Christmas
	25 - Sun	Covenant World Relief Day
<b>December</b>	2 - Sun	First Sunday of Advent
	9 - Sun	Choir Christmas Program
	16 - Sun	Children's Christmas Program
	24 - Mon	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	25 - Tues	Christmas
	31 - Mon	New Year's Eve

# For Your Information



The Funeral Service for

**Maria  
Stehle**

was held on  
Thursday,  
December 29th, 2011.

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The Funeral Service for

**Mary Jane  
Jugert**

was held on  
Wednesday,  
January 4th, 2012.

## **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 who could benefit from this type of care? To learn more, contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Marilyn Ketterling at (303)659-2910 or (303)915-1335 or Dinky Leigh at (303)424-8797.

## **General Budget Income And Attendance**

**Our Current Weekly  
Requirement for the  
2012 Budget is:  
\$ 6,431.73**

**December:**  
Average Weekly Income  
was:  
\$ 7,296.25  
Average Weekly  
Attendance:  
191

**January:**  
Average Weekly Income  
as of Jan. 22nd:  
\$ 6,053.50  
Average Weekly  
Attendance:  
169

## **Vitality Team Update:**

Our vision for Heritage is that we become a Healthy Missional Church. But what does a Healthy Missional Church look like? Here are some markers.

### **The Markers of a Healthy Missional Church:**

1. Lives are being transformed
2. Evangelism is intentional
3. Ministries of compassion, mercy and justice
4. Global perspective and engagement in mission
5. Compelling Christian community
6. Heartfelt worship
7. Sacrificial and generous living and giving
8. Culture of godly leadership
9. Fruitful organizational structures

## **The Church 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. Yearly Contribution Statements will be made available early in January of each year for IRS purposes. **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.



## **The On-Going Food Drive:**

As you are grocery shopping each week, please consider picking up a few extra food items on sale for the Arvada Food Bank. There is a large trunk in the Information Center located in the Bell Tower for collecting donated items.

# Outreach

**English as a Second Language (ESL) class** started Friday, January 20 with one student from Guatemala, who has lived in the US for seven years. She has three children, one in school, and two, a girl and boy, who play in our nursery area while mom is increasing her English ability. We are very excited to get to know our first student and work with her, as well as looking forward to continuing this outreach in the future. If you know of anyone interested in the class, it is open until the end of January. Stef found our first student by making personal contact.

**Christmas Shoppe:** I was listening to K-Love and the DJ said...when interviewed after the 1/8/12 game and asked about his three previous losses, Tim Tebow said "Don't let failure get to you...keep going". The DJ said "what a pity we do only things we can do ourselves..." Although this project will not be an event in 2012, outreach will continue to look to other events and projects to reach our community.

**Alaska Christian College:** This was a new project for outreach this year. Out of 36 student cards, 5 were taken from the tree. Thank you for your support of a group of young people who are working to change their lives and their villages in Alaska.

## **Secret – Heritage Partnership:**

- \$60 was made from Fun Services Santa Shop at the Christmas Shoppe with an additional \$40 was given to Secret for snacks and activities at school.
- New activities are: chess club Thursday mornings, choir and a math club.
- Spelling Bee was January 23, Monday.
- PTA meeting
- Pennies for patients will be held February 2 through the 24<sup>th</sup>. The Pennies are collected by the students and donated to Children's Hospital. School year 2010/2011, they collected \$800 by putting a jar in the hall next to each classroom's door. Heritage will have a jar available in the Narthex if anyone would like to drop their pennies in the jar to support the Student Council project.

## **Thank you cards from Secret for Book Fair in November**

- From Vicki Delisa, Special Ed. Teacher - Dear Heritage Church, Thank You so much for buying books for the teachers! I was able to pick out several books my students will enjoy reading! Your support is much appreciated! Your fan, Vicki Delisa
- From Andrea, Librarian - Dearest Members of Heritage Community Bible Church, Thank you so much for adopting us. In challenging times like this, you have been a support to our community on so many levels with your presence as volunteers, your influx of supplies for students and staff, and now your support of our school library and our teachers' classroom libraries. You embrace the meaning of "community". Sincerely Andrea. P.S. THANK YOU

**Missions:** As we begin 2012, it is with great appreciation that we thank Dick Stricker for serving as Chairman of this committee. Although he will not be chairman, he is remaining on the committee. We welcome Dan Morgan as a new member and look forward to the upcoming year.

Arvada Food Bank – Souper Bowl Sunday February 5 – **BRING A CAN OF SOUP—The children will collect them during the church service.**

**Celebrate  
SOUPER BOWL Sunday  
Differently!**



*Here at Heritage Community Bible Church  
we will celebrate SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY without football!*

**Help celebrate  
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY  
by donating cans of SOUP  
for the  
Arvada Food Bank.**

***Hot soup always tastes good in the  
cold winter months!***

*Please bring your soup donations on Super Bowl Sunday (February 5, 2012)  
and keep them with you in your pew.  
The children will come around and collect them  
during the church service.*

# NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

## **Herman & Lois Buehler - Arizona**

"Through our men's Bible Study two men opened their hearts to the Lord and began attending our fellowship. One of them has used "Facebook" to invite others to come and find God's help for their lives. We both experience His "grace and peace" as we deal with various minor health issues. Our times are in His wonderful hands. We look forward into the New Year with confidence. Our Island Fellowship is growing and many newcomers look to our leaders for help. We praise the Lord for these opportunities."

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

"Ginny's arm is improving and she can handle almost anything except for heavy objects (like Chuck). The Hope Christmas party with 40+ was wonderful with good food, singing carols, testimonies from some of the American leaders, and presentation of the Christmas story. We also had 3 different dinner parties in our home with our international friends. Some had never been to an American home before. One guest asked about our nativity display, so we were able to explain to her the story of Jesus' birth. What a joy and blessing! Pray for our ministry and disciples as we begin a new semester. Pray for much growth in both believers and nonbelievers and the Lord will continue to bless us with good health and strength."

## **Sue Brodish - Florida**

"Thank you dearly for your prayers, help, encouragement and support during this life-changing year. May

God in return bless you as a church and individually with what you need most. May He grant it in His overflowing measure leaving you amazed! You are in my prayers and I thank God for you. With oodles of love."

## **Kavita & Brajen Daurai - INDIA**

"Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from New Delhi. We thank you all for standing by us in God's vineyard. Even though we have had many difficulties, we praise God for His protection and provision. There were crises in the family and ministry, both finance and manpower but who can stand before God's power. He will do just what He says in His time. He has kept and protected us so that our lips may praise Him and our hearts may remain grateful to God our creator. His work continues to prosper even though there were many hardships."

## **Randy & Cheryl Bevis - THAILAND**

"We recently celebrated 40 years of the Covenant's work in Thailand. Randy put together a video for the celebration that was held during the Asian Covenant Church Consultation. It was fun looking through the photos as the video was being put together. We praise God for what He has done in the hearts of many Thai people through the years and the beauty of seeing them express freedom in Christ in their own cultural forms. A big project Randy will be working is setting up a fish feed mill at the hatchery. We received a funding grant from Covenant World Relief for the project to make fish feed for our hatchery and nursery farmers who grow our fish.

The mill will allow us to save up to 30% on feed costs. Proceeds from the sale of the fish feed will go to supporting our after-school project called "Bright Future" for underprivileged children who live in villages near the camp. Daniel continues to grow and learn so many new things and adjust to being part of our family. It is almost one year since he joined us. We are still in the adoption process so please pray that it would be completed this year."

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

"Christmas in the Congo: The week before Christmas we attended daily afternoon seminars on different questions and aspects about the Christmas narrative. These are designed to give more teaching to the church members. On Christmas Eve, we attended an evening service followed by dramas by the youth. Everyone always loves these. On Christmas Day, we shared breakfast with colleagues and attended the joyous Christmas worship. We give praise for: Overall the Congo's presidential elections were held peacefully. There were problems and some violence but it was not widespread. Praise that Cindy's Bible Study with women has been a great joy. She says: 'We have all learned a lot about the life of Ruth and Naomi. The issues they struggled with are real to us as we struggle with these same issues.' Pray for: Peace to reign in Congo even though not everyone is happy about the national election's results."

**Pray for TIME. "Lord, help that missionary not to get too busy" Missionaries, as all Christians, need time for prayer and family.**

*Ephesians 5: 15-17*

# FEBRUARY 2012

## Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30—Bell Choir, 9—10:15 AM—Café, 9—Praise Team, 9:45—Children's Choir

### Worship Service & Classes— 10:30 AM

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			5  (No Restoration) 6 PM—Youth	6 6:15 PM—Hope House Parenting	7 9:30 —Ladies Bible 1 PM—Quilting 1 PM—Ladies Aid  6:30—Council Mtg.	8 9:30—ESL Bible Study  <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>
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26 Anniversary Sunday (Potluck)  1 PM-Baton (gym) 4 PM - Restoration 6 PM—Youth	27 6:15 PM—Hope House Parenting	28 9:30 —Ladies Bible 1 PM—Quilting	29 9:30—ESL Bible Study  <b>Wednesday Night Activities</b>			

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

# February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="margin: 0;"><i>Narrow Italic Type—Birthdays</i>  <b>Bold Type—Anniversaries</b>                      We list the people that we currently have updated in the computer. If you have a Birthday or share an Anniversary in February and we did not list you, please call the church office at 303-420-6292.</p>			1	2	3	4 <i>Erik Fritzler, Vivian Harpole, Sandra Jessen</i>
5 <i>Bruce Nelson</i>	6 <i>Joey Brecheisen, Robert Schick</i>	7 <i>Mike Hult, Walter Luka</i>	8	9 <i>Chris Hall</i>	10 <i>Diana Hult, Alma Roberts, Tina Stuckey</i>	11
12 <i>Kathleen Baimonte, Flora Eudaly, Irma Jarvis</i>	13 <i>Jeanette Hugg</i>	14	15 <i>Marie Beeler, Gary Hergenreder</i>	16 <i>Rueben Bauer, Larry Hundley, Benjamin Murdock</i>	17	18 <i>Ashley Stenzel, Brittany Stenzel</i>
19	20 <i>Alexander Helt</i>	21	22 <i>Carol Schafer</i>	23 <i>Kim Dressel, Cheryl Thompson</i>	24 <i>Ginny McNassor, Katherine Treber</i>	25
26  <b>Al &amp; Norma Luka and Ken &amp; Sandy Schmidt</b>	27 <i>Melissa Hicks</i>	28	29  <b>Sean &amp; Margaret Sebern</b>			

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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!!

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