

8.16.26 Heritage Updates

July Ladies' Dinner Out, Tuesday, 8/18

All women are invited to meet for dinner at Metro Diner on rt 4 at **6:00 pm on Tuesday, 8/18**. **Contact Jessica Swank at 302-547-1492** by noon on 8/18 if you plan to attend .

Mission Prayer Meeting, 8/20

This month we'll meet on **Thursday, 8/20 at 10:00 am** to pray for our local and overseas missionaries and organizations. Contact Jean Sica at 443-907-0820 for more information. New faces are always welcome!

Annual Congregational Meeting, 8/23

After the morning service on August 23rd, in accordance with Book of Church Order 25-2, we will have our annual congregational meeting to:

- discuss our church budget for the next fiscal year
- vote on the reelection of ruling elder John Hrenko, ruling elder Joe Mayberry, deacon Gary Morgan and deacon Rick Adams to serve another three-year term
- vote on the election of Joe Graves as ruling elder and James Swank as deacon
- hear ministry reports

Heritage Kids

Nursery is available for **infants-PreK** during worship (if staffing allows). Feel free to use it for however much of the service you desire.

Junior Church is available (if staffing allows) during the 2nd half of the service for students in **Kindergarten through 4th grade**. Children are dismissed during the songs before the sermon and return during the final song. The classroom is in the back of Fellowship Hall - straight out the back of the sanctuary.

Red Folder activity pages are also available at the table by the sanctuary door for anyone who wishes to use them.

God's Kingdom Building: A Door of Hope Pregnancy Center

In June, "Renee" came to A Door of Hope for a pregnancy test and ultrasound. Anxious and over-whelmed, she stepped outside several times to gather her courage. Raising several children on her own and living with her boyfriend, she was deeply concerned about the possibility of another pregnancy. One of our nurses listened to her story, offered support, and ran the pregnancy test. The result was negative, and Renee expressed relief.

Renee's story doesn't end there—her choices still matter, shaping her health and future.

For forty-five years, A Door of Hope has empowered women not only to carry their babies to term, but to make healthy decisions about sex, pregnancy, and relationships. That's why our medical team now offers STI testing and treatment: because we want to empower every woman to make healthier choices for her life.

Renee agreed to STI testing that day, and our nurse provided her with information and encouragement for healthy choices.

"By building real relationships through our services, women know they can turn to us first when facing an unplanned pregnancy," says Executive Director Rachel Metzger. **"Support leads to hope and empowered choices for women and their babies. We are honored to serve her this way in the name of Jesus Christ."**

The need for free STI testing is urgent: Delaware ranks twelfth in the nation for chlamydia and twenty-first for overall STI rates.

Recently, a client who benefited from multiple services at our Center left us this review on her exit survey, and we could not be more grateful and inspired: "Everyone is so supportive and informative. The options and assistance alone are enough to make me feel like **I am not alone**. Not to mention the opportunity for continued contact and check-ins. They really listened and helped."

