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THIS WEEK

Herald Year-in-review

Dear Readers,

As we wind down this year, it's only natural that we take a look back at the nine cover stories we published. We started the year with our annual Public Affairs and Religious Liberty issue and ended with an exploration of the ministry of the disabled. In between, of course, was the pandemic, now reaching 300,000 U.S. deaths and the recent welcome news of vaccines slowly beginning to roll out across our nation.

Our May issue gave the definitive accounts of how the coronavirus skuttled normal plans for our churches, schools (K-20) and hospital system. In the June/July issue, we reported on the miraculous Covid-19 recovery of a prominent Berrien Springs physician. His experience was one of several back-from-the-brink-of-death stories highlighting that our God is still in the business of answering prayers.

As the pandemic reached one of its worst moments in the late spring, we found ourselves facing the overlapping crisis of racial tensions after the killing of George Floyd. We were forced to plumb the depths of racism in the church for our August issue.

Many *Herald* stories take three or more months to report, write, edit and produce. However, with each subsequent crisis, we found ourselves pivoting, figuratively ripping up issues to provide fresh perspective on what we were confronting at the moment.

As the year draws to a close, I want to sincerely thank you for reading the *Herald*. We hope you've found that articles inspiring and informative, and in keeping with our mission of "Telling the stories of what God is doing in the lives of His people." This is a good moment, too, to thank the nearly 500 of you

who provided us with feedback through our reader survey. We are prayerfully doubling down to ensure continued improvements throughout the pages and, even more importantly, to bring you content which will enrich your faith and deepen your relationship with Christ.

While we don't know what 2021 will bring, we hope whatever challenges you face that you'll cling to God's promises, such as this one found in Isaiah 43:19 (ESV) *Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

- Debbie Michel, *Herald* managing editor

The Year in Cover Stories



Christians, Liberty and Justice (Jan./Feb. 2020)

[Reports on the Jesus and Politics conference held at Andrews University](#)
featuring keynote speaker Christian scholar and activist, Jim Wallis, of

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MARCH 2020



FRUITFUL STEWARDSHIP
ROOTED IN LOVE



Fruitful Stewardship (March 2020)

Indiana's Planned Giving and Trust Services Director, Vialo Weis, Jr. reminds us how [God Keeps His Promises](#).

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APRIL 2020



INFUSING JOY IN THE CLASSROOM

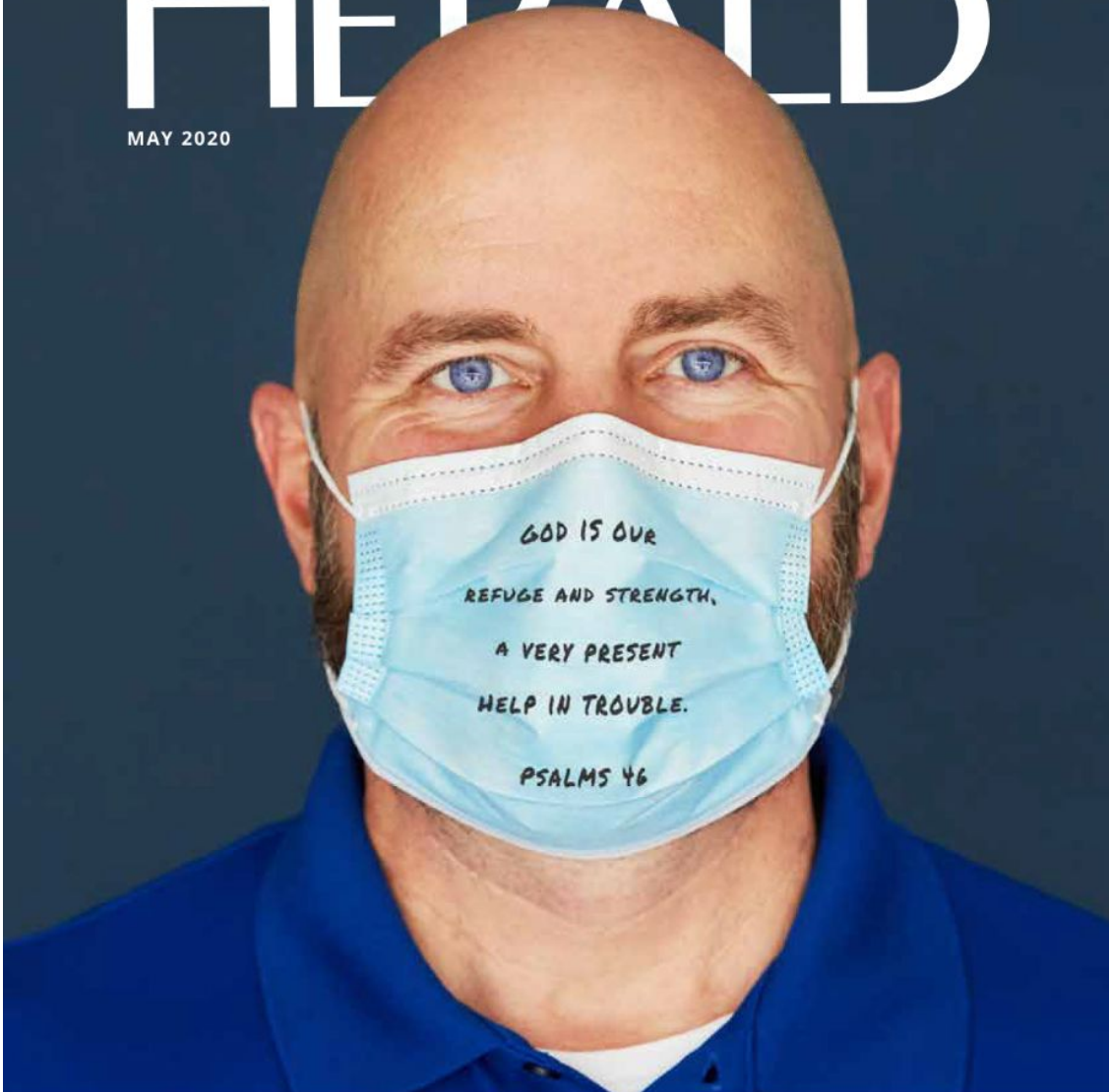
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Infusing Joy in the Classroom (April 2020)

[Would We Be Missed?](#) An educator wanted nothing more than to ensure her students were armed with a superior education that would enable them to have a deep love for Jesus and know Him in an intimate way.

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MAY 2020



HOW THEN SHALL WE LIVE



How Then Shall We Live (May 2020)

“The Church is Still Open” detailed examples of [ministries collaborating and mobilizing on the fly to keep ministry going](#), in spite of the pandemic.

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JUNE/JULY 2020



THE GOD WHO HEARS PRAYER

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The God Who Hears Prayers (June/July 2020)

[One Family's Journey With Covid-19](#)

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AUGUST 2020

The color of the skin is
no criterion as to the
value of the soul.

GRACE

God has taken us,
all classes, all
nations, all
languages, all
nationalities, and
brought us into
His workshop, to
be prepared for
His temple.

FAITH, COMPASSION AND JUSTICE

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Grace: Faith, Compassion and Justice (August 2020)

Wisconsin Pastor Steven Hall wondered what he could do after the senseless killing of George Floyd. [He felt a conviction to start with the church sign.](#)

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SEPTEMBER 2020



ANDREWS UNIVERSITY
WORLD CHANGERS FOR A CHANGING WORLD



Andrews U: World Changers for a Changing World (September 2020)

[Students and Faculty Reflect on the Disruption of the School Year](#)

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OCTOBER 2020

How We

Move

Forward

MISSION UNSTOPPABLE
DISPATCHES FROM THE UNION

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How We Move Forward (October 2020)

Lake Union Department Leaders Report on “Mission Unstoppable.” [Public Campus Ministry forged ahead and launched a domestic student missionary program.](#)

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020



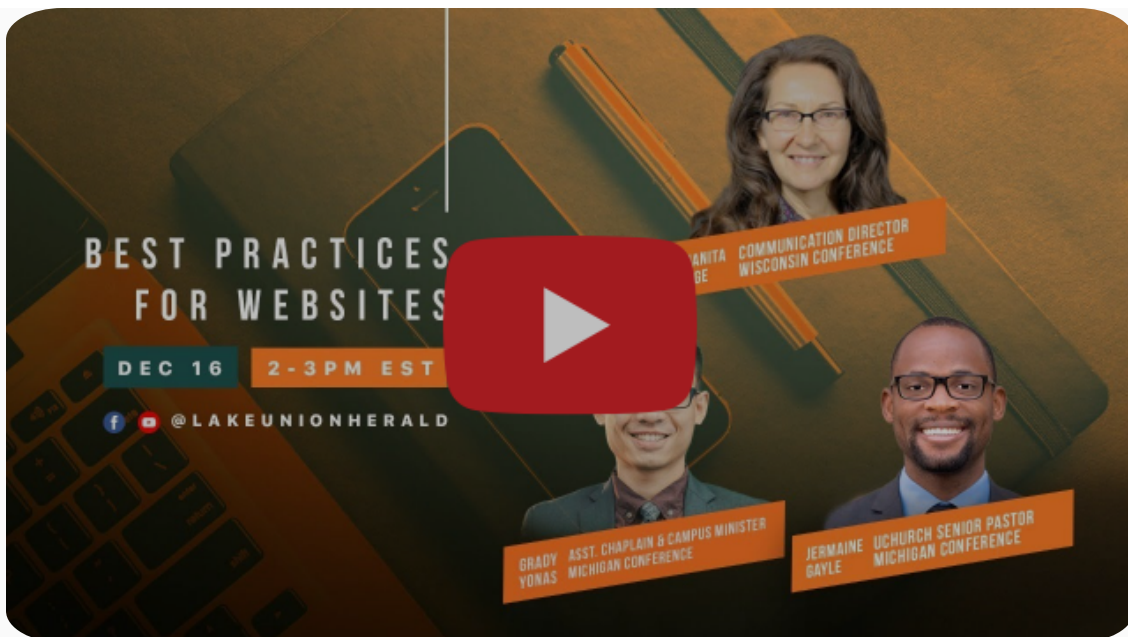
WILLING AND ABLE
MINISTRY OF THE DISABLED



Willing and Able: Ministry of the Disabled (Nov./Dec. 2020)

On the 30th anniversary of the Americans With Disability Act of 1990, [we looked at how our disabled members are fulfilling their calling.](#)

Video of the Week



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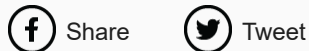
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