

Heritage Happenings



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



As we continue the new year of 2022, it seems almost unbelievable that we are now experiencing the third year of a Global Pandemic. While fierce political controversies surround it, my goal in this brief letter is not to pick sides of the debate. The latest "variant" of the Covid-19 virus is called "Omicron." Many people may not realize it, but this is the 15th letter out of 24 of the Greek Alphabet. I want to share a scripture focusing on the first and last letters, "Alpha" and "Omega." As you know, Jesus refers to Himself as the Alpha and Omega in Revelation 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

Perhaps we need to be reminded that regardless of what we will face this year, Jesus Christ will be there in the beginning and will be there at the end! Not only is he with us at the beginning and end of the year, but He was also at the beginning of Creation and will also be there when time is complete. All we are facing now may not be understood in totality by any of us, but if we know the "Alpha" and "Omega," we can rest assured He will be exalted! God is good all the time, and we can trust Him!

We continue to appreciate your faithful prayers and support for the ministry here at Heritage United Methodist Church as we go forward in faith this year!

We need to pray for our Nation and the entire World to experience a tremendous Revival! I pray that our thirst and hunger for the things of God will only intensify as the days, weeks, and months ahead.

May God richly bless you this year, and know we appreciate you so much!

In His Service and Yours,
Pastor Frank

HOSPITAL CALLS AND VISITS:

Dear ones, if you or someone you know is in the hospital or would like a visit, please call the office or my cell. I cannot provide care to our congregation if I don't know there is a need. You can text me at revhodge74@gmail.com or call my cell at 814-243-6684.

Circle of Ruth Meets Feb. 3rd

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 PM in the church lounge. We will be continuing our Bible study, *40 Verses to Ignite Your Faith: Surprising Insights from Unexpected Passages* by Laurie Polich Short with Session 7 (chapters 30 - 34 in the book). Diane Dennis will be leading the Bible study and Pat Zimmerman will be bringing a dessert to share. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!

Fortified Survivors Meet Feb. 10th

The Women's Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday, February 10th at 6:30 PM in the Heritage Church Lounge. Due to the cancellation of the January meeting, we will include time for sharing and catching up with each other, as well as making Meals on Wheels favors. Please use the alley entrance to join us. We welcome everyone from newly diagnosed to longtime survivors and hope you can join us.

Red Cross Blood Drive Feb. 11th

Our next Blood Drive will be held on Friday, February 11th from 2-7 pm. There is an unprecedented blood shortage. Blood is needed for trauma victims, labor & delivery, transplant patients and other conditions. You can register online at redcrossblood.org. or call 1-800-733-2767. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help. Thank you!



PRAYER BREAKFAST FEB. 12th

The next Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 12th, 8 am at the newly renovated Carol & Dave's. The cost is \$10/person (pay there) and Ardi Hill will be the guest speaker. Sign up on the bulletin board by February 9th.

Barry's Computer Clinic Feb. 16th



Barry's next computer clinic will be held on Wednesday, February 16th from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm in the lounge. Please sign up on the bulletin board to claim your free half hour session. Hurry! Spots are filling up fast!

Human Relations Collection Feb. 19-20

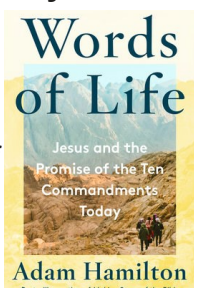
Whether you are scrolling through Facebook, watching the news, or just walking around town, you will discover people who are struggling to survive. These are the people living in the margins - the homeless, the at-risk youth, the incarcerated, the impoverished, the hungry.

Jesus Christ calls the church to serve and love these brothers and sisters. When we love and serve the disenfranchised and the marginalized, we are continuing the ministry of Jesus and we are helping our neighbors understand provision, grace, and who God is.

Special offering envelopes for Human Relations will be available in the sanctuary February 19th & 20th. Thank you in advance for your donation!

Monday Night Bible Study

All are invited to join us for our next eight week study for the Monday Night Bible Study. We will be starting Adam Hamilton's *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today* Mondays, 7 pm beginning February 14th in the lounge.



**Welcome to our new
Greensburg District Superintendent,
Rev. Paul Ritchey!**



All are invited to the installation service on Sunday, February 27th 3 pm at Community UMC 3487 Route 130, Irwin.

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi has appointed Rev. Paul Ritchey, who currently serves as the Washington District Superintendent, to serve as the Greensburg District Superintendent. Greensburg DS Pat Nelson, who has served in the post since 2014, will begin serving as pastor of the Holiday Park UMC, effective Jan. 1, 2022.

You can find out more about our new DS online at [Appointments | Western PA Conference of The UMC \(wpaumc.org\)](https://www.wpaumc.org)

A Message from DS Paul Ritchey

Well, 2021 is over! Praise God!

That does not mean that our opportunities for new and existing ministries or that some of our past struggles are at an end. I anticipate that this New Year will bring new excitement as well as a few frustrations. My hope and prayer is that there will be more times of excitement than there are difficulties.

I would like to remind everyone that the Covid restrictions and recommendations that are found on our conference website (<https://www.wpaumc.org/covid-19>) are still in effect. New variants of Covid continue to spread across our region and cause problems for our communities. I encourage every church, regardless of size and location, that our most important efforts are to the least and most vulnerable among us, and the decisions we make regarding social distancing, masks, and other restrictions, are meant to protect them, as well as ourselves.

Thank you all for the warm welcome we have received so far, and to once again express our gratitude for the number of well wishes, emails, cards, prayers and outreach we have received. Please know that I am keeping you all in my prayers, and am excited about our shared ministry in service to the communities of the Greensburg District.

I look forward to our time together and to getting to know you better, as we learn, grow, and serve together. I also look forward to getting to know the wonderful congregations known as the Greensburg District as we worship and work together.

May God continue to bless our ministry to the people of the Greensburg District.

Blessings,

Rev. Paul Ritchey
Greensburg District Superintendent

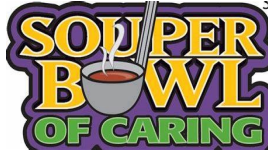


**Sign Up For Christian Adventure!
Wednesdays 4:15-6pm
March 2-April 4**

The Bible is full of stories of people who have shown incredible faith in God. Kids will learn about these examples of faith and participate in cool science experiments to help them remember each story. For grades K-5. Sign up online by February 28th at LigonierHUMC.org. Transportation is available for RK Mellon and Valley Students.



Join us for a night of fun games, friends and food on Monday, February 7th from 5-7pm downstairs in The Youth Room. Open to anyone grades 1-12.



On Super Bowl weekend (Feb. 12-13), we will be collecting for our Local Food Bank. Please make your check payable to Heritage UMC, earmarked Souper Bowl of Caring, and put it in the offering plate. Thanks!

THANK YOU

Thank you for the caring thoughts, prayers and cards that you sent us after the loss of our mother. We are truly blessed to belong to such a wonderful church family. Your love and support are very much appreciated.

Larry Barth, Sue Hilf, and families

My 1 year old just had his first surgery and was gifted one of your blankets for security in post-op! It was so nice and such a comfort for him! He hasn't put it down since! I wanted to say thank you and let you know that your donations really touch people! Thank you so much!

Chloe A.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Union Mission. Our collection bin was overflowing! The last day to bring your donations in is January 31st. Thanks again!

Circle of Ruth

Thank you, everyone, for the cards, prayers, meals, gift cards and money. I am getting better every day and hope to see you all soon!

Mary Kay

Church Van Available

Need a Ride to Church?

Just a reminder that the church van is available the first & third Sundays of the month for the 10:45 am service. If you would like a ride, please contact the office at 724-238-2627 by the Thursday prior.

February 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 6:30 pm Book of Revelation Bible Study in Lounge	2 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge	3 7 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	4	5 6 pm Contemporary Worship: Rich Ziegenfuss
6 Holy Communion	7 5 pm Game Night 	8 6:30 pm Book of Revelation Bible Study in Lounge	9	10 6:30 pm Fortified Survivors Mtg. in Lounge	11 2-7 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	12 8 am Prayer Breakfast at Carol & Dave's 6 pm Contemporary Worship: Rick Corbett w/special music by the ccW Praise Band
13 	14 7 pm Monday Night Bible Study begins new study 	15 6:30 pm Book of Revelation Bible Study in Lounge	16 11:30 am Barry's Computer Clinic in Lounge 5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge	17 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall	18 1 pm Newsletter Deadline 5 pm Wedding Rehearsal	19 2 pm Bell/Brooks Wedding 6 pm Contemporary Worship: Paul McCracken
20 Human Relations Day	21	22 6:30 pm Book of Revelation Bible Study in Lounge	23	24	25	26 6 pm Contemporary Worship:
27 3 pm Installation of our new DS at Community UMC, Irwin	28					

February Birthdays

Tom Shearer	1st
Lynne Flower	1st
Emily Kelly	4 th
Dylan Kuhn	5 th
Marcia Orr	7 th
Susan Dominick	8 th
Emilia Schirf	10 th
Madelyn Glista	12 th
John James	17 th
Muriel Slade	17 th
Nathaniel Schaetzle	18 th
Gene Seiling	20 th
Evelyn Gilbert	20 th
Letty Goswick	21 st
Matt Barany	23 rd
Drew Neiderhiser	28 th

Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday	8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services 9:40 am Sunday School
Monday	10:00 am Prayer & Praise Mtg. in Choir Room 5:30 pm TBA Mtg. 7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study in Lounge
Tuesday	7:00 pm Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall
Weds	8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	9:00 am Bible Study at Valley Senior Center
Friday	8:00 am AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
Saturday	6:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday Nursing Home Services:

9:00 am Barnes Place (Latrobe)
9:30 & 10:15 am Greensburg Care Center
9:50 am Loyalhanna Care Center (Latrobe)
9:00 am Loyalhanna Senior Suites (Latrobe)
9:30 am Brookdale Senior Living (Latrobe)
10:00 am The Grove (Latrobe)
10:30 am Mountain View (Greensburg)
9:30 & 10:15 am Walden's View

Happy Anniversary!
Harry & Libby Marker February 26th