

Heritage Happenings



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a letter from the pastor

Dear Ones,

As you stroll through the local stores, you'll see an abundance of bunnies, baskets, and candy for sale, and those may be the only signs of Easter you'll find outside of church.

Unlike its Christmas counterpart, Easter is mostly uncommercialized, which is pretty remarkable: the day that we celebrate the glory of Christ's resurrection remains untainted by retailers. However, just because we're not receiving Easter ads upon Easter ads in our newspapers and inboxes doesn't mean we should pigeonhole the holiday as a minor celebration.

Easter is perhaps the most crucial holiday on the Christian calendar, even the word crucial has its roots in Christianity, stemming from the term for crucify.

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the Good News of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the Good News."— Mark 1:12-15

The season we call Lent, the forty days before Easter, represents the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness, continually tempted by Satan. When He emerged from the wilderness, He knew it was time for the prophesy of His death and resurrection to be fulfilled. As believers, we remember this. We look to this time of Lent as a way to go into our own 'wilderness' of sorts; we pray, we fast, we meditate, we worship, and we focus on God. We ready ourselves for the grief of Christ's death, and we take joy in the gospel of His rising again.

On Ash Wednesday we will have the Sanctuary open for silent communion. We will open the Church at 8:00 A.M. and will be open until 4:00 P.M.

In His Service and Yours,
Pastor Frank

ASH WEDNESDAY SILENT COMMUNION March 2nd from 8 am—4 pm



On Ash Wednesday the doors of the sanctuary will be open from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. for silent communion. You may come to the sanctuary at any time of the day. When you arrive you will find a one page devotional on a music stand near the altar. Pick up the devotional, relax and read it and when you are ready, come to the altar and take communion. There will be no one there to serve you. The elements will be on the altar rail. Spend as much time in silence as you would like. We pray this will be a meaningful way for all of us to begin the Lenten Season.

Finally! Fellowship Class Resumes!

The Fellowship Class is going to be meeting again in the Multipurpose Room by the nursery on Sundays, between services beginning February 27th. All are welcome to join us. Any questions, contact Bob Winters at 724-238-2431.



Monday Night Bible Study Starts Feb. 28th

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 28th in the lounge. This had been scheduled to start earlier in February but weather delays and other things it had to be pushed back.



Christian Adventure Wednesdays 4:15-6pm March 2-April 6

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.

Circle of Ruth Meets March 3rd

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, March 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 Libby Marker will be bringing a dessert to share. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!

Fortified Survivors Meets March 10th

The Women's Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 in the Heritage Church Lounge. Bring your Linus blankets with you! We will work on them during our sharing time and will happily help any members who are not already involved in this ministry get started. Also, bring your questions, and any new information that you have become aware of about medication, treatments, coping with side effects or any other related issue. We will discuss the information and where we can get answers to questions at this meeting and throughout the year. Please use the alley entrance to join us. We welcome everyone from newly diagnosed to longtime survivors and hope you can join us.



Prayer Breakfast

THE NEXT PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, March 12th, 8 am at Carol & Dave's. Please sign up on the bulletin board by March 9th if you would like to attend. The cost is \$10/person.

COMPUTER CLINIC

BARRY'S LAST COMPUTER CLINIC will be held on Wednesday, March 16th, 11:30 am – 2 pm in the lounge. Please sign up on the bulletin board for your free ½ hour time slot. Barry can help with laptops, tablets, phones and other devices. This will be the last clinic Barry will be doing for us but we will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you still need his help in the future.



UMCOR Offering March 26-27

When the tornados devastated parts of the Midwest late last year, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) began providing aid to the victims almost immediately; and will continue providing disaster relief long after others have left the scene. Since most of us cannot go and provide the aid needed, UMCOR is our "Go Team" who can be present when help is needed.

UMCOR needs our support to continue this tremendous ministry. Unlike other benevolent causes, UMCOR receives no funds from the general United Methodist Church budget. Our generous gifts help cover the agency's administrative costs so UMCOR can continue to guarantee that 100 percent of all other donations go toward specific relief projects. The examples are many — in addition to the Midwest tornados, they help rebuild after hurricanes in the U.S., and help survivors of other floods and natural disasters.

Our congregation will join thousands of others across the United States by participating in a church-wide special Sunday with an offering for UMCOR. Together, we will help fund the critical disaster relief efforts of the United Methodist Church. **Special offering envelopes will be available the weekend of March 26-27. If you use an envelope, circle "UMCOR Sunday".**

Game Nights!



Game Nights will be held Mondays, February 28th & March 28th in The Youth Room. 5-7pm Open to all students grades 1-12. Join us for a fun night of games with friends. Pizza donated by Foxes.

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Hospice Volunteers Needed

BETHLEN COMMUNITIES is looking for volunteers for their Hospice Program. If you can help or would like more information, contact Dana at 724-238-2613 ext. 133 or email dshannon@bethlen.com.

Church Van Available

Church Van available the first and third Sundays of the month. If you need a ride, please contact the office the Thursday before. 724-238-2627.



Day Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre

A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for a Sight & Sound day trip this spring to see the new show "David." The dates are flexible right now but it will tentatively be in the first two weeks of April, Tuesday through Thursday. The cost will be around \$110 which includes the van, lunch and ticket.

Reminder: Round Four of the Global Jukebox Tournament finishes March 29th.



Global Jukebox

All evaluation forms for that round must be picked up from the church library and returned by that date. Eighteen new solo youth division singers are vying for a berth in the next round, but only you can get any of them there on behalf of your favorite charity (from among the sixteen listed on the Market Street Bulletin Board flyer). You can pledge on behalf of all eighteen for the rock-bottom low donation of merely \$9.00! See your librarian for details, evaluation forms, and pledge cards.

Here are the results of your Feb. 11 Blood Drive:

- Goal: 43
- 51 Donors scheduled appointments
- 46 Donors Registered to donate
- 14 Donors were deferred
- 1 Donor gave an insufficient quantity
- 30 Donors gave successful whole blood donations
- 1 Donors gave a successful Power Red Donation, netting 2 units
- 32 Total units were collected
- 74% of the goal
- 96 lives will be saved!



The last statistic is the most important and could not be achieved without your leadership and our partnership with Heritage UMC.

Thanks so much to everyone for their generous giving throughout 2021! Here are the results from our Mission Outreach.

Tornado Disaster Offering

We received a total of \$4,828 in our special offering held in December & January to help the victims of the disastrous tornados that struck Kentucky and other Midwest States in December. Thank you for showing you compassion and aid to those who lost everything.

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Heritage Helping Hands

January 1 – December 31, 2021

(Gifts of Time, Skills & In-Kind gifts)

Cancer Support Group (ministering to 10 members of Heritage & community)
 C R O P Walk (3 volunteers raised \$226)
 Disaster Team Home Renovations (10 volunteers serving four families)
 Heritage Emergency Food Pantry
 Ligonier Food Pantry (1 volunteer helping monthly)
 Ligonier Food Pantry Canned/Boxed Food Drive (numerous boxes collected)
 Ligonier Gardens Staff Support (1 Pizza 'lunch')
 Ligonier Meals on Wheels (14 volunteers cook and/or deliver meals to approximately 40 persons)
 Ligonier Meals on Wheels Christmas Gifts
 Ligonier Salvation Army Red Kettle (22 ringers)
 Linus Blankets (1758 cuddle blankets and/or crib covers)
 Mitten Tree (70 mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, etc. collected for Salvation Army)
 Moms Helping Moms Diaper Drive (1110 diapers & 1376 wipes)
 Open Hands Layette (147 crib blankets)
 Open Hands Christmas Layette (31 blankets, 114 clothing items, 93 diapers, 5 packs of wipes)
 Operation Christmas Child (54 boxes)
 Red Cross Blood Drives (2)
 Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags (5 Children)
 Union Mission (128 cleaning supplies, paper products, clothing, hygiene supplies)
 Westmoreland County Fair Hospitality Tent (2 volunteers)

H U M Mission Giving January 1 - December 31, 2021

	Outreach Committee	Pancake Breakfast	Ski Swap	Ruth Circle	Special Offerings	Church Budget	Totals
Barany, Matt - Second Level Ministry	1200						1200
Bidelspach - China Outreach	2500						2500
Blackburn Center	1000						1000
Camp Allegheny	2,000						2,000
Clean water Kenya	1,500				743		2,243
Conference Mission Share						34108	34,108
CROP Walk					226		226
DeSouza, Becca - Missionary	2000						2000
Disaster Relief Team	2,000						2,000
Faith in Action	1000						1000
Food2Go4Kids	3000						3000
Forbes, Belinda - Missionary	600						600
Fresh Express	200						200
Good Samaritan Ministry							0
Heifer International	1,010						1,010
Human Relations Sunday					70		70
Kenyon, Annie - Missionary	500						500
Ligonier Fire Department	400						400
Ligonier Food Bank	3000	1895	1157		3595		9647
Ligonier Gardens Health Care Workers	125						125
Ligonier Meals on Wheels	3,000						3,000
Ligonier Meals on Wheels Christmas					156		156
Ligonier Salvation Army	2,000						2,000
Linus Blankets					3917		3,917
Local Housing Emergency	350				250		600
Mulungwishi Seminary - Congo	2500						2500
Nursing Home Devotionals	807						807
Operation Christmas Child					234		234
Red Bird Mission	2000						2000
Stoval, Nathaniel - Missionary	500						500
Tornado Disaster Relief					3718		3,718
Trans World Radio	200						200
U M C O R					400		400
U M C O R Cleaning Buckets							0
Union Mission	5000				50		5050
Valley Youth Network	8000						8000
Voice of the Martyrs	1000						1000
Ward Home	500						500
W PA Prison Ministry	1,000						1,000
World Communion Sunday					236		236
Christian Education Sunday					5		5
Disability Awareness Sunday					10		10
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TOTAL	48,892	1895	1157	390	13220	34108	99,662

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday Silent Communion in Sanctuary 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge 4:15 pm Christian Adventure	3 7 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	4	5 6 pm Contemporary Worship: Rich Ziegenfus
6 Holy Communion	7	8	9 6 pm Strategic Planning Committee Mtg. In Lounge 4:15 pm Christian Adventure	10 6:30 pm Fortified Survivors Mtg. in Lounge	11	12 8 am Prayer Breakfast at Carol & Dave's 6 pm Contemporary Worship: Duane Slade Turn clocks ahead before bed!
13	14	15	16 11:30 am Barry's Computer Clinic in Lounge 4:15 pm Christian Adventure 6 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge	17 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall 	18 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	19 6 pm Contemporary Worship: Ardi Hill w/ music by Reverent Heart Ministry
20 	21	22	23 6 pm Strategic Planning Committee Mtg. In Lounge 4:15 pm Christian Adventure	24	25	26 6 pm Contemporary Worship: Pastor Frank w/ music by Kasey Kisner UMCOR offering
27 UMCOR offering	28 5-7 pm Game Night 	29	30 4:15 pm Christian Adventure	31		

Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services
9:40 am Sunday School/Fellowship Class
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 6:30 pm Book of Revelation Study in Lounge
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

March Anniversaries

17th Mike & Ellen Yeskey

March Birthdays

1st Myra Appleby
2nd Anthony Marks
Jane Dougherty
3rd Gabrielle Cavallo
4th Ruth Digiambattista
6th Marsha Clark
6th Dave Hughes
16th Paul Verner
17th Pat Keegan
Will Formato
22nd Brett Marker
23rd Jim McGinnis, Sr.
25th Alicia Goppman
25th Matthew Hoza
26th Colton Cavallo
28th Kyle Fritz
28th Dylan Plummer
29th Jim Douglas
30th Don Clark
31st Alaina Holzer