

Heritage Happenings



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Pastor's Easter Message

Some of my fondest memories of Easter are attending Easter Sunrise services and even having the youth be in charge. Afterwards there was a massive breakfast that left us all stuffed. At the service we would all shout three times, "He is Risen." That's Easter in a nutshell. Because our Lord has conquered sin, death, hell, and the grave, that means we as His children have conquered all that mess too! Hallelujah!

Easter has always been my favorite time of year. Now don't get me wrong, I love the splendor and the glory of Christmas. But I love the hope, the assurance, and the decisive culmination of the plan of God that Easter brings. As a child of God, Easter means I don't have to wonder, I don't have to speculate, I don't have to cross my fingers when it comes to life in the here and now or life in the there and then. Jesus came that we might have life and that it would be abundant life!

We may not have all the answers of "why" on this earth, but we do know that Jesus understands the beginning to the end. He is Alpha and Omega! My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness! It has been rightly said that every day to a believer is Easter, and that is true! But Easter is a time where we as God's children get to focus on **the victory** that is ours through Christ and celebrate in a special and meaningful way!

We have such an incredible Easter Sunday planned here at Heritage UMC for April 17. I hope that you will pray now about who the Lord would have you bring with you to church for our Easter morning time of celebration. It's going to be an uplifting, God-honoring, Jesus-focused, Spirit-empowered day that you will not want to miss. I hope you're ready to shout the victory that "He is risen" and "Hallelujah"!

May Jesus Christ be praised!
Pastor Frank

Easter Flower Orders Due March 30th



Order a tulip in honor or memory of a loved one this Easter! 6" tulips are \$7. Orders are due March 30th (with check payable to Heritage UMC) and forms are available on the table in the stairway and online.

Circle of Ruth Meets April 7th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, April 7th at 7 PM in the church lounge. We will conclude our Bible study, *40 Verses to Ignite Your Faith: Surprising Insights from Unexpected Passages*, by Laurie Polich Short. Session 8 (chapters 35-40 in the book). Ellen Yeskey will be leading the Bible study and Sharon Shaffer will be bringing a dessert to share. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!

PRAYER BREAKFAST APRIL 9TH

The next Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 9th, 8 am at Carol & Dave's. The cost is \$10/person (pay there). Please sign up on the bulletin board by April 6th if you would like to attend.



DAY TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE Tuesday, April 12th

Join us for a Sight & Sound day trip on Tuesday, April 12th to see the new show "David." The cost of the ticket is \$115 and includes the 11 am show, 2 pm lunch at Bird in the Hand Amish smorgasbord, gas & turnpike fees. 4 of the 11 available tickets are spoken for so if you would like to go, sign up on the bulletin board asap. The van will leave at 6:30 am and they expect to be home around 7 pm. Contact Susan Dominick for more information.

Fortified Survivors Meet April 14th

The **Women's Cancer Support Group** will meet Thursday, April 14th in the Heritage Church Lounge. We will be making a change in the activity from what we had originally planned in our brochure and **the meeting will begin at its regular time of 6:30 pm**. Please use the alley entrance to join us. We welcome everyone from newly diagnosed to longtime survivors and hope you can join us.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday April 10th
Good Friday Service April 15th, 7pm
Sunrise Service April 17th, 6:30 am
Easter Worship 8:30 & 10:45 am

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE APRIL 15th 7 pm



We serve a risen Lord, a man who was sent to this earth as a baby, who walked and lived as a man. He was later crucified and that could have been the end of the story. As a matter of fact some people worship "gods" that lived and died and they celebrate the anniversary of their deaths. However, as Christians we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Easter is always a special time, one of the most holy "seasons" in our lives. It is a day that marks the amazing power and promise of God who sent His son to die on a cross to save us from our sins. Because He lives, so do we – here on earth and eternally. Please join us on Good Friday, April 15th as we pause together and consider His death on the Cross. Our service will begin at 7:00 PM.

Easter Sunrise Service

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All are invited to a Community Easter Sunrise Service that will be held on Sunday, April 17th, 6:30 am on the Diamond in Ligonier. Rev. Jonathan Huddleston of Laughlintown Christian Church and Rev. Jesse Robinson of Christian Church of Waterford are coordinating the service. Live music will be provided by the CCW Praise Band.

Camp Allegheny Dinner April 24th

Tim Rigby, long time news caster on WJAC-TV (Johnstown), will be the guest speaker at Camp Allegheny's Annual Celebration Dinner on Sunday, April 24th at 5:00 PM. The evening activities include a fabulous meal, entertainment, learn about the camp's past year's successes and an opportunity to support the camp's future ministries.



The purpose of this dinner is to raise money for the camp's ministries and a time of celebration of the past year's ministry. It is a time to rejoice for all that God has done in the lives of so many who visit the camp!

There is no charge for the dinner, but an offering will be received. Reservations are necessary! Since there is limited seating, call Chuck Shaffer (814-341-5550) or the Church Office ASAP in order that members of Heritage can sit together.

Hopefully Heritage Church can fill a couple of tables! The church van will be available for transportation, if needed.

Rummage Sale April 29-30



The Outreach Committee is planning a Spring Rummage Sale and Luncheon to be held on Friday & Saturday, April 29 – 30. The hours will be 8 AM – 4 PM on Friday and 8 AM – Noon on Saturday. All proceeds support local and global mission projects.

Donations of good, clean, usable clothing and household items are needed. You may place clothing and smaller items in the Pancake Kitchen any time; however, do not bring any furniture and large items to the church before April 25. NOTE! We no longer accept televisions! If you need assistance getting your donations to the church, call Chuck Shaffer at 814-341-5550 or 724-593-7343.

Your help is needed! We need help moving the rummage into the Fellowship Hall, arranging sale items on Wednesday & Thursday beginning at 9 AM, and assisting with the sale and luncheon beginning at 8 AM Friday & Saturday. Additional help is needed at 12:15 PM on Saturday to pack up and cleanup. Sign up sheets will be on the bulletin board at the top of the stairwell by April 10.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER BREAKFAST IS BACK!



All are invited to The Barn on Thursday, May 5th, 7:30 am for our community's National Day of Prayer Breakfast. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, April 24th if you would like to attend.

GENERAL CONFERENCE POSTPONED

On March 3 it was announced that once again General Conference has been postponed until 2024. The reason given by the Commission on General Conference was because of the inability for some delegates from other nations to obtain Visas.

The postponement of General Conference will cost the United Methodist Church nearly three million dollars. The vote on the protocol will be delayed four full years. The result of the postponement, the Global Methodist Church: (a conservative church with traditional biblical conservative values.) has announced that it will launch on May 1, 2022. Since our last General Conference there have been 200 United Methodist churches that have already disaffiliated from the denomination. Why begin the Global Methodist Church May 1? Because this date is before any Annual Conferences meet this spring. it will allow each Annual Conference the opportunity to respond. What do we need to do? At this point we do not need to do anything but pray and seek the direction of Heritage United Methodist church and all United Methodist Churches. We need to continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of people's lives.

From the Education Committee

TBA is back in action with a new female youth leader, Holly Newhouse. TBA meets every Monday from 5:30-7pm in the Youth Room. Check the Bulletin board by the glass doors to stay up to date with TBA events. For Junior and Senior High.

Game Night Tuesday April 5th from 5 to 7pm in the Youth Room. For Grades 1-12. Join us for a night of games, snacks, and pizza provided by Fox's Pizza.

TBA Steel City Indoor Karting (Monroeville). Sunday April 24th 12:30 to 3:30. Cost is \$25. Open to any student grades 6-12.

Welcome to our new Youth Co-Leader!

Holly Newhouse is a K-5 Life Skills and Emotional Support teacher at Grandview Elementary School at Derry. She loves spending time with her family (especially her parents, sister and 2 nephews, but they are all grown up now). She has two cats, loves to bake and cook and was the Youth Director at her previous church.



It's time to register for Summer Camp!

All children affiliated with Heritage can go to Camps Allegheny, Wesley Woods or Jumonville for 25% of the cost of the camp. Heritage covers the rest. Go to the www.wpaumc.org and go to the [Camping and Retreat Ministries | Western PA Conference of The UMC \(wpaumc.org\)](http://www.wpaumc.org) for more information and to register.




Save the Date! The Three Rivers Ringers are coming back Saturday, May 7th, 5:30 pm! Don't miss it!

Our condolences to the family & friends of Elizabeth Stieglitz, who passed away at the age of 100 on March 11, 2022. Elizabeth had joined the Heritage Church family at the age of 95 and has been in an assisted living facility for the past few years.

Our condolences to the family & friends of Marcia Orr, who passed away on March 12th at the age of 94.

April 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Office Closed	2 6 pm Contemporary Worship: Rich Ziegenfus
3 Holy Communion 10:45 am Baptism	4	5 5 pm Game Night 7 pm DAR Mtg. in Sanctuary	6 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge 4:15 pm Christian Adventure	7 7 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	8	9 8 am Prayer Breakfast at Carol & Dave's 6 pm Contemporary Worship: Adam Sweigart
10 	11	12 6:30 am Van trip to Sight & Sound Theater 6 pm Outreach Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm.	13 5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge	14 6:30 pm Fortified Survivors Mtg. in Lounge	15 Office Closed  GOOD FRIDAY Service at 7 pm	16 6 pm Contemporary Worship: Chuck Shaffer
17 6:30 am Sunrise Service on the Diamond 	18	19 5 pm Girls Night	20	21 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall	22 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	23 6 pm Contemporary Worship: Rick Corbett
24 12:30 TBA Go Karting 5 pm Dinner at Camp Allegheny	25	26	27	28	29 8 am-4 pm Rummage Sale	30 8 am -Noon Rummage Sale 6 pm Contemporary Worship: Pastor Frank

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)

Anniversary wishes to
Chuck & Sharon Shaffer, April 3rd
Bill & Pam Stablein, April 4th
Jim & Rasi Douglas, April 6th

April Birthdays

1st Cathy Vanderhoff
2nd Dawn Gilbert
3rd Bill Hixson
4th Alec Bloom
7th Jacob Cramer
Cole Brunton
9th LJ Neiderhiser
10th Marjorie McCarty
11th Morgan Glista
13th Megan Glista
16th Nate Hockenberry
Nancy Rising
Betsy Kelly
20th Sadie Hockenberry
22nd Chase Weaver
23rd Daryle Brown
25th Henry Fisher
29th Bethanie Orban