

Heritage Happenings



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FROM
THE
PASTOR



Dear Ones,
On the weekend of June 24-25, fifteen leaders of our church participated in "Strategic Envisioning"

with the help of the Malphurs Group. During this weekend we developed a new "Mission Statement" for Heritage UMC. Our new "Mission Statement" is as follows: "Our mission is to Know... Follow... Share... Jesus Christ." This statement is rooted in Acts 2:41-47. This helps us to remember that there are three important functions we must continually be about. These three steps will become our discipleship pathway over the following years. We will slowly align our activities with these three steps. We are to know Jesus Christ. We are to follow Jesus Christ, and we are to share Jesus Christ. In order to be the church that Christ calls us to be, these three elements must be a part of all that we do. During this weekend, we also discovered our top six values. They are as follows: Worship, Prayer, Community, Giving (generosity with our time, talents and treasures), Bible Knowledge, and Service. We also agreed to two aspirational values, (values that are not yet top priorities yet are needed in order to live out the Great Commission) Evangelism and Fellowship. In order to facilitate spiritual growth in everyone's walk with the Lord, we must find practical ways to live out our values in the church and outside of the church.

Over the next twelve months the Strategic Planning Team will explore practical ways to live out our mission statement and values. In each activity we do, we must learn to make sure there is something to do with "knowing," "following" and "sharing" Jesus Christ. At first it will mean little changes, but they will lead to big changes and these will cause our church to grow. But we will need everyone to be involved in this process. We need everyone's cooperation going forward. If we just stay the way we are now, we slowly die a spiritual death. It will be painful. So please consider your part in the year to come.

In His Service and Yours, Pastor Frank

Vacation Bible School Aug. 1-5



Vacation Bible School will be held August 1-5! Our theme is *Food Truck Party—On a Roll with God!* VBS is free and open to all children ages 3 yrs. through 5th grade. Come

join us for Bible lessons, songs, crafts, science and most of all, fun!!! Free bagged lunch is provided by Champion Christian School for all children, including teen helpers. Register online at ligonierhumc.org asap. **This year's mission project will be the Food2Go4Kids program. We are collecting monetary donations along with gently used children's books.**



August 14th

Our "All Church Picnic" will be held at the Flax Scutching Grounds in Stahlstown on Sunday, August 14th at 12:00 PM (**combined worship at 10 am that day**). All are invited! Carol & Dave's will cater our meal (includes pulled pork, sloppy joes, baked beans, three kinds of salad, lemonade, iced tea and water). Bring a friend and your own place settings. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board for the following needs: Potato Chips, Fruit (cut up), and Desserts. The cost is \$10 for adults – checks payable to Heritage UMC. Children under 12 are free. Please make reservations and pay as soon as possible, no later than August 7th.



**COMBINED
WORSHIP
AUG. 14th, 10 am!!!**

Bike Drive August 7th

We will be collecting bikes for The Free Bike Drive August 7th Dropoff 12pm-2pm Pick-up 2pm -3pm. All bikes will be given away for free to local children/families. Any donations will help fund TBA Youth Group. Contact Zach for any questions: Heritage1Youth@gmail.com



Family Prayer Breakfast August 13th



Family Prayer Breakfasts are held the second Saturday of the month at 8 am at Carol & Dave's. The cost is \$10/person (pay there). The next breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 13th with Pastor Josh Ricketts of Calvary UMC as the guest speaker. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the Wednesday before the breakfast.

THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET OPEN HOUSE

The church will be open during the Thursday Night Markets from 5-8 pm. The next one will be August 18th. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help with an hour or two. Thanks!



HOSPITALITY CENTER AT WESTMORELAND FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Sat., Aug. 20th. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board. Two hour shifts.

Monetary Donations for Cleaning Buckets Needed



There have been numerous natural disasters affecting many communities across the United States, including Southwest PA, this spring and summer. Quietly, without making news, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has distributed thousands of cleaning buckets to the victims of flooding and tornadoes. The supply of buckets is low; and the Mission Barn has made a plea for donations to help build the reserve for future disasters.

During the month of August, Heritage will assist UMCOR in this vital ministry by providing resources for a new supply of Cleaning Buckets. Like last year we will not be setting buckets in the sanctuary for you to take home, go to numerous stores and purchase the required items.

Rather we are seeking monetary donations. Even though it costs approximately \$75 to complete one bucket; any amount is urgently needed. To participate in this project, put your donation in an envelope, mark it "Cleaning Bucket", and place it in the Offering Plates or give it to the Church Office any time during the month of August.



Congratulations to Gary & Pat Garrison, who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 12th. Gary & Pat will be celebrating with their children, friends and family. Gary & Pat were married in the Chapel by Rev. Ben McKee in 1972.

Thank You

Thank you for your support! At least 20 members and/or friends of Heritage Church helped and/or donated supplies for the "Art & Crafts on the Diamond" Luncheon. Together we made \$1,440, will support our various mission projects. – Outreach Committee

Simple Tips to Avoid Getting Scammed
(get full article at today.com)



We are all targets and we are all vulnerable. Criminals everywhere are working around the clock to steal your money and your personal information. There's no guarantee you won't get taken, but there are many things you can do that can reduce the risk.

Be skeptical Question everything. Con artists know how to make their scams look and sound legitimate. Think it through and check it out before you respond in any way. You can check out companies and offers with the Better Business Bureau, Federal Trade Commission and National Fraud Information Center.

Guard your personal information Fraudsters use a variety of tricks to get you to divulge account numbers and passwords. They send bogus emails designed to look like it's from your bank and make calls pretending to be with your credit card company. A common ruse is for a phone bandit to ask for your account number and PIN to solve a computer problem or to stop fraudulent transactions spotted on your account. It doesn't matter what they say – hang up! When in doubt, contact the company in question by phone using a number you know to be legitimate – and ask what's up.

Your Social Security number is the key to your life. A thief can use it to steal your money and your identity. Social Security numbers are also used to access many financial and medical records. So only give it out when absolutely necessary to someone you know and trust.

Take your time Don't let anyone rush you into making a purchase. The buy-now-or-else approach is designed to keep you from comparison shopping. If the sales person tells you the price won't be good if you walk out the door – turn around and leave.

Get it in writing Verbal promises don't count. It doesn't matter what the salesperson tells you, the only thing that matters is what's written down. Most sales contracts specifically state that verbal promises are not binding. That's why you need to read, understand, and agree to the terms before you sign any contract.

Be wary of all links and attachments It's tempting to open an email attachment, especially when the message says it's a shipping invoice or some other document you'd want to see. Fraudsters count on your curiosity and that instant response to load malicious software onto your device. Unless it's something you're expecting and know for sure who it came from, don't open that attachment or click any links.



If you've really won a prize – it's free! Never pay to play a contest or to claim a prize. If the contest is legitimate, you're not required to buy anything or pay any money to get your prize – that's the law. You don't have to send in a processing fee, pay shipping or handling charges, or provide your credit card or bank account numbers for any reason. Remember: You can't win a contest you didn't enter.

Don't be fooled by free merchandise offers or money back guarantees Free is good, but be skeptical of ads that offer to send you a free sample. The initial product may be free, but they'll probably make you pay for shipping and handling. To cover that charge, you'll need to provide your credit or debit card number. Some dishonest companies then sign you up for additional monthly purchases which can be hard to stop.

Use a credit card for online and mail order purchases A credit card gives you better fraud protection than a debit card – credit cards are governed by different federal rules. With a credit card, you can dispute an unauthorized charge and the credit card company must take that charge off your bill while it investigates.

August 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 No Prayer & Praise Mtg.	2 5-7 pm Game Night	3	4	5	6 6 pm Contemporary Service: Rich Ziegenfus w/ special music by Scott Schmitt
7 Holy Communion 12-2 pm Bike Drop Off 2-3 pm Bike Swap	8	9	10	11	12	13 8 am Prayer Breakfast at Carol & Dave's 6 pm Contemporary Service: Pastor Frank
14 10 am Combined Worship 12 pm Picnic at Flax Scutching Grounds 	15	16	17 5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge	18 1-5 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall 5-8 pm Sanctuary open for Ligonier Night Market	19 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	20 6 pm Contemporary Service: Adam Sweigart Possible private party in Lounge Hospitality Center at Westmoreland Fair
21 10:45 am Baptism	22 6 pm Nominating Committee Mtg. in Lounge	23 6 pm Outreach Mtg. in Lounge	24	25	26	27 6 pm Contemporary Service: Christina McCaffrey
28	29	30	31			

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)

Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services
 10:45 a.m. Children's Church
 Monday 10:00 am Prayer & Praise Mtg. in Choir Room
 Weds 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
 Friday 8:00 am AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
 Saturday 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service

August Birthdays

1st Judi Hodges
 6th Brianne Bloom
 8th Clayton Watson
 9th Diana Neiderhiser
 14th Duane Slade
 17th Abbey (Watson) Weakland
 21st Carolyn Hoover
 Ryan Jones
 Dorothy Shultz
 28th Ryan Harbert
 Tyler Stoner
 Emily Verner
 31st Barbara Glista

Happy Anniversary

Ben & Mona McKee Anniversary August 4
 Duane & Muriel Slade Anniversary August 5
 Jane & Kevin Dougherty August 11th
 Gary & Pat Garrison August 12th
 Pastor Frank & Judi Hodges August 16th