

Heritage Happenings



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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Ones:

October is a very busy month of the year. The church is filled with activities. The children participate in Christian Adventure. Our teens have their weekly activities at the church. The Strategic planning continues for our church leaders. We are preparing for our yearly Church Conference held on October 30 at 3:00 P.M. Our weekly growth classes happen each week, three days of the week. There are meetings to attend, dinners to attend and even an auction on October 29. We will continue to meet and discuss the process of disaffiliation. Also, the community celebrates Fort Days.

It seems a lot to cram into one month. The greatest problem that can occur is that we get so busy that we do not take daily time to be alone with God. Relationships take time to grow. If we become too tired from all the activities and no longer have energy to be alone with God, we must be doing something wrong. Each of us must make a decision about what we can do to help and yet not become too busy to show our love toward God.

Jesus lived a very busy life, especially during his ministry years. Yet he always found time to pray. He never was too busy or tired. Luke 6:12-13 tells us that, "One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God." Jesus is our example to follow. During these difficult days we need to always make time for prayer. Why? Because history overwhelmingly testifies to the fact that the most brilliant human reasoning has proven to be inadequate to save humanity. The Bible warns us against making decisions apart from God's involvement. Jesus never made decisions without asking for the Father's personal direction. It seems absurd to think anyone else should. When we are alone with God, he does not reveal new revelations about himself that contradicts what has already been revealed in the Scriptures. Instead, God speaks to give us application of His Word to specific circumstances in our lives. When we get too busy to pray, we open ourselves to making bad decisions. May we stay connected to God in these busy days.

In His service and yours,
Pastor Frank

Disaffiliation Vote Date Set for Nov. 10th

We Need Your VOTE

A special Church Conference has been called by the District Superintendent who will preside over our "disaffiliation vote" on Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 PM. We will meet in the sanctuary and the DS will provide ballots for us to use. We will need three volunteers to count the votes. Please let the office know if you would be willing to count. I am designating November 2nd as a day of prayer. I hope that all of us will spend much time praying over this vote. Please make every effort to be there the evening of the vote. We want your voice to be heard!

All Saints Sunday Nov. 6th, 10 am

We will be remembering members of Heritage that we've lost this past year on Sunday, November 6th at the combined 10 am service. Please continue to pray for the families and friends of the following and for all who lost loved ones over the past year:



11.13.21 Kenneth Tosh
3.11.22 Elizabeth Stieglitz
3.12.22 Marcia Orr
5.13.22 Helen Craig
8.12.22 John James
8.26.22 John Johnson
9.29.2022 Don Gilbert, Sr.



Combined 10 am Worship & Covered Dish Dinner Sunday, November 6th

November 6 is the day that we turn our clocks back to Eastern Standard Time; and a great day for the Heritage Church to hold a Fellowship Dinner! Following a combined worship service that begins at 10 AM, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish feast and entertainment by Wayne Shaffer. Members of the Outreach Committee will provide several meat dishes, table service and beverages. Bring a covered dish with salad, vegetable or dessert. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we can be prepared!

Shoebboxes Due Nov. 6th

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due November 6th. Thank you so much to everyone who filled a box this year. These boxes are often the only gift these children will get for Christmas so they mean a lot to them. Thank you!



Circle of Ruth Meets Nov. 3rd

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 PM in the Heritage church lounge. We will be continuing our Bible study, Miracles of Jesus, by Jenny Allen. Louise Wagner will be leading the study and Sharon Shaffer will be bringing a dessert to share. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!

Fortified Survivors Meet Nov. 3rd



The Women's Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 PM. Please note that this differs from the brochure date and is due to a scheduling conflict within the church. We will once again be joining the Circle of Ruth for this meeting. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend!

Family Prayer Breakfast Nov. 12th

The next Family Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 12th, 8 am at Carol & Dave's. The cost is \$10/person (pay there) and the guest speaker will be Allyn Ricketts (father of Pastor Josh Ricketts from Calvary UMC). Sign up on the bulletin board by November 9th.

Ski & Snowboard Swap November 12th



Mark your calendars! Heritage will host a Ski & Snowboard Swap in the sanctuary on Saturday, November 12th from 8 am to noon. You may drop off the items you are either donating or selling on Nov. 10th and 11th from 6:30-9 pm. Contact Diana Neiderhiser for more info at 724-961-3185.



Children & Youth Ministry

TBA Youth Group continues to meet every Monday from 5:30 to 7pm downstairs in the Youth Room. This is a weekly meeting open to any student grade 6-12. Come and bring a friend!

Youth Game Night Nov. 1st



Game Night will be held on Tuesday, November 1st from 5-7pm. Grades 1-12 are welcome to join us for a night of board games, video games, and card games. Pizza will be provided by Ligonier Fox's. Come join us for an evening of fun!

Soup Sale Fund Raiser Nov. 13th

There will be a Soup Sale Fund Raiser on Sunday, November 13th from 12-1pm downstairs in the Lounge. Heritage TBA Youth Group will be selling a variety of soups to raise money for future events. \$4 For a bowl, \$6 for a quart. Eat in or take out. Contact Zach with any questions. Heritage1youth@gmail.com

Girl's Night Harvest Home Nov. 16th

All girls in grades 6 -12 are invited to a fun night of Harvest snacks, crafts, and games on Wednesday, November 16th from 6-7:30. RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 14th. We hope you can make it and feel free to bring a friend!



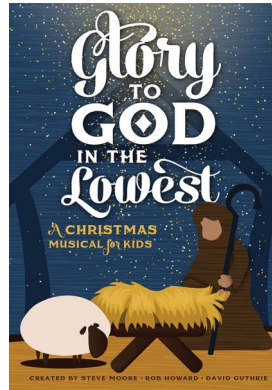
TBA FRIENDSGIVING NOV. 21st



TBA Youth Friendsgiving will be held on Monday, November 21st from 5:30-7pm. TBA Youth,

their family and friends are welcome to make a dish and feast together at Heritage. Not only will there be food, but there will be fun Thanksgiving games and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Christmas Play



If you are in grades 1-8, we encourage you to join us as we prepare for our upcoming Christmas Play — *Glory to God in the Lowest*. We will be performing our play at the 10:45 AM service on Sunday, December 18th and also for the residents of Bethlen Nursing Home on Saturday, December 17th at 1:30 pm. Go to our website for more information and to register your child or call the church office. Hope to see you there!

Altar Flower Sponsors Needed

If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, two dates are available. Nov. 27th and Dec. 4th. \$35 to sponsor. Contact Marge Burns if interested: 724-238-9384.



Getting Ready for Christmas!!!

Help Us Decorate for Christmas!

Hanging of the Greens will be held on Sunday, November 20th after the 10:45 am service. A sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board. Light refreshments will be served.



Angel Tree Tags for Salvation Army



Heritage will soon have five Angel Tree Tags for the Salvation Army. If you would like to reserve your tag, please contact the church office asap.

Camp Allegheny Dinner Theater & Basket Auction Saturday, December 3rd

The annual Camp Allegheny Dinner Theater & Basket Auction will be held on Saturday, December 3. Doors will open in the gym for silent auction bidding at 3:30 pm, and in the dining hall for appetizers & seating at 4:15, the show begins at 5 pm. The entertainment will be **"The Maltese Penguin"**, an original show by *Musical Mysteries and More* – a dinner theater production company from Pittsburgh.



You are invited to a delicious dinner, delightful entertainment, and an opportunity to participate in a silent auction of gift baskets donated by businesses, churches, and individuals. The cost of the dinner & program is \$35 per person. The church van will be available, if needed. Seating will be limited; therefore, reservations are needed ASAP. In order that we may sit together, give your reservation and money to the Church Office or Chuck Shaffer.

Keeping our Neighbors Warm



We will be collecting new gloves, mittens, scarves and hats for the Salvation Army through the first week of December. A box will be available soon in the vestibule for your donations.



Save the date! Heritage will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive at the Ligonier Giant Eagle on Wednesday, December 14th from 9 am—5 pm. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board soon for those who would like to volunteer.



Congratulations to Megan Glista for being crowned Miss Ligonier 2022-2023! Megan serves as the President of the Class of 2023 at Ligonier Valley High School and plans to study biochemistry at Duquesne University upon graduation. Megan is the daughter of Ryan and Barbara Glista and the granddaughter of Bob and Ina Smithley.

Thank You

37 members & friends of Heritage Church served 620 paying customers during the Fort Days' Pancake & Sausage Breakfast. Even though we do not have final figures at this time, it is estimated that we will make approximately \$2,500 for the food pantry. Beth Caldwell took this photo of Mike Yeskey and Brian Bloom having fun making pancakes.



Chuck Shaffer would like to thank the five Heritage volunteers who helped with the Red Cross blood drive on Oct. 21st. A total of 27 units were collected. The next blood drive will be held in February.

Member News

Our condolences to the family and friends of Don Gilbert, Sr., who passed away on September 29th at the age of 85.



Congratulations to John and Abbey (Watson) Weakland, on the September 19th birth of their daughter, Ava Ann Weakland. Ava was 7.7lbs and 19.5" long. Grandparents are Scott and Wendy Watson.

New Business Next Door!!

109 South Market Street has become a his and her shop. Ken's Keys paired with **Weathered by the STORM** home furnishings! I am offering you Perfectly Imperfect! From blah brown to deep rich color home furnishings! I am flipping furniture that you might have discarded or thrown into the attic. So, grab your Christmas list or maybe you need something special for a friend. I will be open alongside of Ken's Keys as well as an occasional Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon. If you want a private showing or have any questions, give me a call on the Ken's Keys business line.. (814) 418-3705. Stop by and check it out!! New items are coming soon. Follow me on Facebook!



With Peace and Joy, Roxanne Goins

DD's Craft Class on September 27th

We always have a great time at DD's Craft Classes! In September we made these really cool pumpkins, and Pat Garrison led a Christmas themed class on Oct. 18th. If you're interested in signing up for these classes (you don't have to go to every one) let the office know.



Just a couple of reminders (I have some extra space to fill...)

OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30th, at 3 pm. Council members are expected to attend but all are welcome.

HURRICANE IAN RELIEF We are collecting a special offering for Hurricane Ian through October 31st. Special emergency envelopes are available in the sanctuary. Make checks payable to Heritage UMC, earmarked "Hurricane Relief" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office.

FRUIT & HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION Don't forget to bring in your jars/cans of fruit for the Food Pantry and candy for the trick or treaters by Oct. 31st. A collection bin is located at the top of the stairway for both.

OUTREACH AUCTION OCT. 29th A "Public Benefit Auction" will be held at 314 Pittsburgh St., New Derry on Sat., Oct. 29. Doors open at 8 AM; sale begins at 9 AM. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board if you can help with the sale or lunch. Pictures are available on auctionzip.com, Auctioneer ID 4025. Help is needed to clean the furniture and set up for the auction on Tuesday, Oct. 25th. Meet at the auction site at 9 am with a bucket and cleaning cloths. Thank you!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5-7 pm Youth Game Night 7 pm Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall	2 9:30 am MOW Mtg. in Lounge 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge 4 pm Christian Adventure Day of Prayer	3 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge 6:30 pm Fortified Survivors Mtg. in Lounge	4	5 6 pm Contemporary Service: Rich Ziegenfus w/ music by Scott Schmitt Turn clocks back before bed
6 10 am Combined Worship/ Holy Communion All Saints Day All Church Covered Dish Dinner Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due	7 7 pm LVAC Mtg. in Fellowship Hall	8	9 4 pm Christian Adventure	10 6:30-9 pm Ski Swap Drop Off 7 pm Church Conference w/DS in Sanctuary	11 6:30-9 pm Ski Swap Drop Off in Sanctuary	12 8 am–12 pm Ski Swap in Sanctuary 8 am Prayer Breakfast at Carol & Dave's 6 pm Contemporary Service: Dick Markle w/ music by Kasey Zemba Kisner
13 12–1 pm TBA Soup Sale Fundraiser in Lounge 1 pm Christmas Play practice in sanctuary	14	15 7 pm Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall	16 5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge 6-7:30 pm Girls' Night	17 1 pm Linus Blanket Mtg. in Fellowship Hall 6 pm Council Mtg. in Lounge	18 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	19 6 pm Contemporary Service: Duane Slade
20 Hanging of the Greens following 10:45 am service 	21 5:30–7 pm TBA Friendsgiving	22	23	24 	25 Office Closed 6:30 pm Light Up Ligonier 	26 6 pm Contemporary Service: Pastor Frank
27 1 pm Christmas Play practice in sanctuary	28	29 7 pm Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall	30			

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.
6:30 pm Contagious Christian Class
7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study in Lounge
Tuesday 6:30 pm Class 101 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 LV Senior Center
Friday 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
Saturday 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service

November Birthdays:

2nd Janis Shearer
5th Louise Wagner
6th Braden Marker
8th Gary Black
9th Zach Yeskey
10th Thomas Dowden
13th Elaine Steele
13th Mike Yeskey
14th Katelyn Amond
14th Brittany Hoover
14th Mackenzie Plummer
16th Beth Caldwell
16th Dottie Johnson
16th Gene Appleby
20th Ryan George
22nd Barbara Johnson
23rd Eric Barth
24th Colin Smith
24th Jordan Smith
24th Lee Roehrig
28th Cameron Clark

October Anniversary
Jerry & Kay Blank Nov. 23rd