Heritage Happenings

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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 coming up. We will continue to meet and discuss the process of disaffiliation. Also, the community will celebrate 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 revelation 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

CHURCH STAFF PARKING SPACES UPDATE As of October 1st, there will be three parking spaces available to church staff behind the church. The space closest to the telephone pole will be off limits to us so please do not park there. Thanks for your cooperation!

World Communion Sunday
Special Collection October 1-2

Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and with one another. On World Communion Sunday - United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.

Your donations support minority students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities. In 2021, World Communion Sunday offerings awarded 242 scholarships and grants. Your generosity continues to provide scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development. Special collection envelopes can be found in the sanctuary and on the table in the stairway. Please indicate World Communion Sunday on your check (payable to Heritage UMC and on the envelope). Thank you!

Circle of Ruth Meets Oct. 6th at 6:30 pm

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, October 6, at **6:30 PM** in the church lounge. please note the time change. Our Bible study for the evening will be *Miracles of Jesus* by Jennie Allen. Louise Wagner will be leading the study and Ellen Yeskey will be bringing a dessert to share. We will be assembling our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!

Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be available beginning October 9th in the sanctuary. The boxes will contain directions for packing with a list of gift ideas, as well as a list of items that cannot be included, and an envelope for shipping costs. Each of these shoeboxes is an opportunity to share the gospel with a precious boy or girl around the world. All shoeboxes must be returned to the sanctuary by November 6th. Thank you to everyone who packs a box!

Help Needed for Civil Air Patrol For Fort Ligonier Days Weekend

The Civil Air Patrol cadets perform a number of important services for our community during Fort Ligonier Days. They come to Ligonier from all over Western PA. Many remain in the community throughout the weekend. In previous years, they have eaten their breakfasts at Heritage's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast and their dinners at various locations.

In addition to providing their breakfasts this year, Heritage Church will be providing the place for the cadets to eat their dinner on Friday & Saturday evenings. The menu & supplies will be furnished. The cadets will assist with clean-up. However, we need volunteers to prepare their meals. If you are willing to help feed these wonderful young people, contact Chuck Shaffer.

Join us for Worship on Wed., Oct. 12th

Due to parking issues and road closures Fort Days weekend, there will be no worship services on the 14th & 15th. We will be worshipping together on Wednesday, October 12th at 7 pm instead! Hope to see you there!

Pancake Breakfast Oct. 14-15!

The Pancake Breakfast Committee is looking forward to our annual Fort Ligonier Days Pancake Breakfast from 6:30 AM – 1:00 PM on Friday & Saturday, October 14th & 15th. Plans are well under way… the food and supplies have been ordered. Help is needed at various times and for a variety of capacities on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board.

Volunteers are also needed to help sell tickets for the Pancake Breakfast on Friday and Saturday. Contact Rich at 724-238-5780 if you can help.

Project ♥ Linus
Providing Security Through Blankets

Linus Blanketeers Meet Oct. 20th

Ladies will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 20th, from 1 – 5 PM to prepare blankets for distribution and/or knot crib quilts. You are invited to join the fellowship, assist with the preparation of blankets and/or get supplies. If you cannot help all afternoon, come when you are able.

A cabinet has been set up in the coat room at back of the sanctuary for the Linus project. You can pick up blankets and yarn or drop off completed blankets any time the church is open. Any time you bring completed blankets to the church, be sure to include your name, phone number and whether or not the blankets have been washed.

Thank you notes from Linus Blanket Recipients

We wanted to write to you to express our gratitude for the blanket from the Project Linus through your church. Our son had surgery this morning at the Southwestern surgery center. The blanket was such a nice touch and made him feel so special. He has been wearing it around like a cape since coming home. We just wanted you to know that we really appreciate the caring gesture from your church.
Kind regards, Drake, Bethany and Teddy Hannon

Friends at Heritage UM, Thank you so much for your dedication to the Linus Blanket Project! Recently, my 5 year old son had surgery in West Mifflin. As a part of the pre-op, the anesthesia team allowed him to choose a blanket he could snuggle throughout the process. He has barely put it down since that day. This gesture of making and donating blankets has greatly touched us. Please know that we are so appreciative of your efforts! In addition, we have enclosed a small donation that we hope you will put towards fabric, yarn, or whatever other supplies you may need to continue this outreach mission. Thank you!
God Bless, Randy, Sarah and Connor McCullough

Fortified Survivors Meet Oct. 20th, 6:30 pm

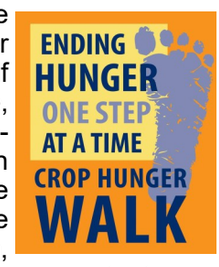
The Women's Cancer Support Group will meet on Thursday, October 20th at 6:30 pm in the Heritage Church Lounge. Please note this is the **3rd Thursday** of the month due to Fort Days. We will be making a prayer craft to share with those going through cancer treatments and recovery. Please use the alley entrance to join us. We welcome everyone from newly diagnosed to longtime survivors and hope you can join us.

American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross Blood Drive Oct. 21st

Heritage will host a blood drive on Friday, October 21st from 1 - 5 pm. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter HERITAGEUMC to schedule an appointment. Volunteers are needed so please sign up on the bulletin board.

CROP WALK OCT. 23rd



This year's Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, October 23rd, 2 pm at St. James. If you would like to participate, please pick up a donation envelope located on the table in the stairway. A portion of the money raised will go to the World Hunger Organization, and a portion stays in the community to be shared by the Ligonier Food Bank and the Salvation Army.

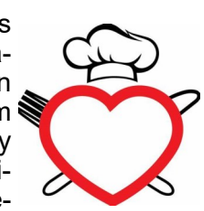
Church Conference Oct. 30th

Church Conference 3 pm Oct. 30th with Calvary, Heritage and Rector/Waterford UMC's participating. Council Members should plan to attend but all are welcome.

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.

KITCHEN COORDINATOR NEEDED



Ligonier Valley Meals on Wheels is looking for a kitchen coordinator. This paid position will begin in December, with hours from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Monday -Friday. Some kitchen experience is preferred, but not required. If interested, please contact Louise Wagner at lewagner52@gmail.com, or write to Ligonier Valley Meals on Wheels, PO Box 203, Ligonier, PA 15658.

NOT GETTING OUR WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES & NEWSLETTERS? Email office@ligonierhumc.org to get signed up! Also, birthdays and anniversaries are not automatically listed so please let me know if you'd like yours included. Thanks!

Children & Youth Ministries

Christmas Musical for Children

Holly Newhouse is organizing a Christmas Musical for all interested children in grades 1-8. Parents and children are invited to an informational meeting on Saturday, October 1st, from 9:30 –11 am in the church lounge. The musical is called *Glory to God in the Lowest* and is scheduled to be performed on Sunday, December 18th at 10:45 am.

GAME NIGHT OCT. 4th

Game Night will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 4th, 5-7pm in the Youth Room for Grades 1-12. Join us for a night of games, snacks, and delicious Fox's Pizza!

TBA MEETS MONDAYS

TBA Youth is back in action! Meeting every Monday 5:30-7pm throughout the school year. Grades 6-12. Monthly field trips and cooking classes. Keep up to date on our website.

Christian Adventure Begins Oct. 5

Christian Adventure will begin on Wednesday, October 5 from 4:15—6 pm. This program is free for grades K-5. Sign up on our website or pick up a registration form at the church and please register asap! Transportation from RK Mellon and the Ligonier Y will be available.

Girl's Night Pumpkin Palooza Oct. 19th

All girls in grades 6 –12 are invited to a fun night of pumpkin painting, cookie baking and pumpkin spice lattes on Wednesday, October 19th from 6-7:30. RSVP to the church office by Friday, October 14th.

HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

Fun sized candy donations are needed for trick or treating at the church. Please have your donations in by October 30th. A bin will be located under the table in the stairway for your donation. Thank you in advance!

Do you have problem bees? The church had a nest inside the stonework by the Diamond Café and the bees were a nuisance to people trying to eat outside. Gary Black recommended Sean Rock Exterminating and we are so glad he did! Sean came and took care of the nest all within a half hour of our first call! We probably got super lucky with the timing but if you have a nest that needs taken care of we second Gary's recommendation. Sean's # is 412-610-5431.

A big thank you to Bob & Ina Smithley for making the church yard look so beautiful! Every year they plant, water and weed the flower beds. We appreciate their hard work and green thumbs!

Notes of Thanks

Thank you to all who called, and sent cards and prayers during my reverse shoulder replacement. All is working and I am doing well. Diane Dennis

Dear Heritage Church Family, Our whole family thanks you for the plant, the donation to Meals on Wheels and also for the special care you showed Dad. Your support and help was greatly appreciated. The Family of John James

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, calls and cards during Mike's recovery from his injury. He is doing well and your care and concern was much appreciated. Mike & Ellen Yeskey

Our condolences to the family and friends of John Johnson, who passed away at the age of 84 on August 26th. Dottie expressed her appreciation: "*Thank you to my Heritage Church family for the cards you sent during John's illness, all the offers of help and support, and for the flowers and sympathy cards you sent at the time of his passing. All of you were an inspiration to my daughter and son, and to the grandchildren. John will be missed, but we have the memory of how much he was loved. Sincerely, Dottie*"

Thank you to those who volunteered to help out in the sanctuary during the Ligonier Night Markets! Your help was invaluable and we are looking forward to next year!

Dd and the Outreach Committee would like to thank all the volunteers and those of you who shopped at the Serrv Shop this year! Your help and purchases are vital in making the Serrv Shop successful! The items purchased to sell in the Serrv Shop help support artists and crafters in third world countries. Every item purchased allows us to continue our partnerships! Thank you again and we'll see you next year!

Thank you to all who helped with and/or donated to our September 23-24 Rummage Sale! It was another wonderful success and raised $3,216 for Missions.

Thank you also for the donations of winter coats for Ukraine. Susan Dominick collected the coats on September 22nd and took them to Cornerstone Ministries. We collected a total of 75.

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 am Children's Christmas Musical Mtg. 6 pm Contemporary Service: Rich Ziegenfus
2 	**3** Windows getting cleaned	**4** 5-7 pm Game Night 7 pm Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall	**5** 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge 4 pm Christian Adventure 6 pm Strategic Planning Mtg. in Lounge	**6** 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	**7**	**8** 6 pm Contemporary Service: Lucien Stephenson (Malphurs Group) w/music by Reverent Heart Ministries
9	**10**	**11**	**12** 4 pm Christian Adventure 7 pm Worship Service	**13**	**14** Office Closed Fort Ligonier Days Pancake Breakfast	**15** Fort Ligonier Days Pancake Breakfast No Worship Service
16 No Services—Fort Ligonier Days	**17**	**18** 7 pm Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall	**19** 4 pm Christian Adventure 6 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge 6 pm Girl's Night	**20** 1 pm Linus Blanket Mtg. in Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm Fortified Survivors Mtg. in Lounge	**21** 1-5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	**22** 6 pm Contemporary Service: Beth Caldwell
23 2 pm Crop Walk at St. James 	**24**	**25**	**26** 4 pm Christian Adventure 5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	**27**	**28**	**29** 6 pm Contemporary Service: Rev. Jesse Robinson w/ music by CCW Praise Band
30 3 pm Charge Conference	**31** 5-6 Merchant Trick or Treating 6-8 pm Borough Trick or Treating 					

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 am AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
Saturday	6:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service

October Birthdays

1st Sydney Thomas
2nd Beth Scott
3rd Jane Flowers
3rd Janet Formato
4th Molly Farrell
5th Sherry Clark
7th Jack Scott
10th Leah Wagner
13th Wendy Watson
14th Noah Fisher
18th Hailey Umbaugh
19th Harry Marker
20th Maggie Hildebrand
20th Christina Orban
26th Gary Weaver
27th Madison Clise
27th Elisabeth Harbert
29th Greta Nicodemus
30th Kelsey Sherbondy

Happy Anniversary!
Pastor John & Lynne Flower, Oct 18th
Don & Dawn Gilbert, Oct. 23rd