

Heritage Happenings



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Letter from the Pastor

Dear Ones,

The Lenten season differs in many ways from the Advent season: we don't have a hanging of the greens, we don't sing carols, and instead of anticipating the birth of the Christ child, we prepare ourselves for His death and resurrection. Now, I admit that putting it that way, this all sounds rather gloomy in contrast, but we can rejoice because we know He has risen, He has risen indeed!

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:1-2

Paul writes to the Romans that we believers are called to study, worship, and renew our minds and in so doing, we may know the perfect will of God. Just as we marvel over the circumstances of Christ's entrance into our world during Advent, we can also find ourselves amazed at the ability, creativity, and love of God. During Lent, we ponder how Jesus left this world only to rise from the grave to sit at God's holy, heavenly hand.

After spending forty days being tempted by Satan in the wilderness, Jesus stayed busy. During His last week on earth: he cleared the temple, cursed the fig tree, teaches the Sermon on the Mount and that's just the first two days. In fact, the majority of the Gospels focus on this latter part of Christ's life. This Lenten season, won't you join me in learning more about our Savior? His last earthly days and the glory of the days to come? I personally am beginning a deep study of the Gospel of Matthew while another small group is studying the Gospel of Luke.

May God bless you this Lenten season!

In His service and yours,
Pastor Frank

New Home Needed for Church Van



Due to the sale of the building that housed our church van, Valley Youth Network is allowing us to park our van in The Barn's lower parking lot.

We are looking to rent a garage space for the van in Ligonier. Please let the office know if you have an idea or lead on a place. The van is high so it probably won't fit in a typical 8' door, and is longer than most vehicles. Thank you.

Circle of Ruth Meets March 9th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thurs., March 9th at 6:30 PM in the Heritage lounge. We will be continuing our Bible study, *Miracles of Jesus*, by Jenny Allen and signing Easter cards. Brenda Sherbondy will be leading the study and Shirley Nipps will be bringing a dessert to share. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!

Circle of Ruth thanks everyone who donated items to the Union Mission in January. We had a total of five large boxes and three garbage bags. Thank you to Rich Ziegenfus for delivering the items.



Family Prayer Breakfast March 11th

The next Family Prayer Breakfast will be held at Carol & Dave's at 8 am on **Saturday, March 11th**. Pastor Frank will be the guest speaker. The cost is \$10/person (pay there). Please sign up on the bulletin board by March 8th.

Congregational Q&A March 15th

Just a reminder that the Congregational Q & A Meeting for Disaffiliation will be held on Wednesday, March 15th, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Please email the church office if you have questions you can send in advance.

Children & Youth News

Children's Church & "Raise a Hallelujah!"

Starting February 26th - March 26th we will be having Children's Church during the 10:45 am service. We will be having a Bible lesson (What's in your basket?) and practicing songs for Palm Sunday. April 2nd there will be one combined service at 10 am where the kids will perform the Easter Songs.



Game Night March 7th 5-7pm

Grades 1-12 are welcome to join us for a night of board games, video games, and card games. Pizza provided by Ligonier Fox's.

TBA YOUTH GROUP

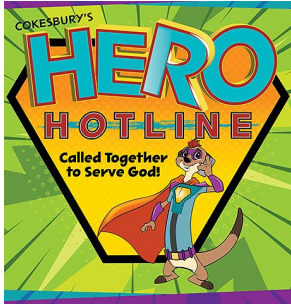
TBA Youth continues to meet every Monday from 5:30 to 7pm downstairs in the Youth Room. Open to any student grade 6-12.

The next Girls' Night will be Wednesday, March 15th from 6-7:30 pm!

All girls in grades 6-12 are invited to a fun night of crafts and games on Wednesday, March 15th from 6-7:30. RSVP to the church office by Friday, March 10th. We hope you can make it and feel free to bring a friend!



Vacation Bible School August 7-11



Save the date! VBS will be held August 7-11 for all youth ages 3-5th grade. This year's curriculum is *Hero Hotline, Call together to serve God*. If interested in helping, contact the office. Adult volunteers will need to have clearances.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

If you are affiliated with Heritage and are graduating from high school, college or graduate school this year, please let the office know by May 15th. We'd love to share with the congregation what your future plans are and celebrate your accomplishments. Graduation Sunday will most likely be held in June.



It's Time to Register for Summer Camp!

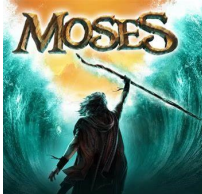


All children affiliated with Heritage can go to Camps Allegheny, Wesley Woods or Jumonville. Heritage will pay 75% of the cost of camp. Go to the www.wpaumc.org and go

to the [Camping and Retreat Ministries | Western PA Conference of The UMC \(wpaumc.org\)](http://www.wpaumc.org) for more information and to register. **Please be sure to let the church office know that your child is registered.**

Sight & Sound Day Trip

If anyone would be interested in going to the Sight & Sound theater in Lancaster to see *Moses* and eat lunch at the Amish buffet this summer, contact Susan Dominick at 724-672-1156. She is planning to buy a block of tickets and take the church van.



Notes of Thanks



Hello - My son had a procedure this morning at the Southwest surgery center in Pleasant Hills. He had a rough time coming out of anesthesia and the nurse gave him one of your blankets. It was a great distraction for him and helped calm him. I just wanted to send thanks! Tara

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the blankets you supply. It is so appreciated and we have received them for 2 of our children within the last 2 years. (One was a NICU baby) It has calmed nerves. Brought smiles and comfort. As a parent that means the world. Please know what you do matters! Thank you for serving children and your community in this way. (We just left the pediatric surgeons office). Blessings, Kayla

We want to thank all of you who gave us your caring thoughts, sent get well cards and made phone calls during Fred's illness. We are so fortunate to know and have the relationship of each and everyone of you.

Fred & Shirley Nipps

Our TBA Youth Soup Sale last Sunday raised \$253 to be donated to the Ligonier Valley Food Pantry! Thanks to all students and parents that helped make that happen.

Dear Heritage,
Here are the results of your 2/10/2023 blood drive: Our goal was 28 Units. 40 Donors scheduled appointments, 42 Donors registered to donate, 3 Donors were deferred, 32 Donors gave successful whole blood donations, 5 Donors gave successful Power Red donations, 42 Total units were collected!

150% of the goal! 126 Lives will be saved!!!

The last statistic is the most important (and most impressive) and could not be achieved without your leadership, the service of HUMC volunteers and our lifesaving partnership with HUMC. **THANK YOU!** The next blood drive is set for Friday, June 23, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

DD'S CRAFT CLASS

These are the finished and works in progress hearts from January's class. A fun time was had by all!!! If interested in joining in the next class, let DD or the office know!



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given on February 12th to Molly Ann Daugherty, born November 13th, 2022 to Mason & Kayla Daugherty. Grandparents are Kathy & Shawn Steffee and Tracy & Bill Daugherty. Pictured are Mason, Finn, Kayla, Molly & Pastor Frank.



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism was given to Emma Madelyn Goppman on Sunday, February 19th at the 8:30 am service. Emma was born November 10th, 2022 to Brian & Alicia Goppman. Grandparents are Paul & Nancy Orban and Murray and Denise Goppman.



Our condolences to the family and friends of Walter Fetzer. Walter passed away on February 10th at the age of 84.

Heritage Helping Hands January 1 - December 31, 2022

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


- Cancer Support Group (ministered to 9 members of Heritage & community)
- CROP Walk (3 volunteers, raised \$135)
- Disaster Team Home Renovations (9 volunteers served on 8 teams)
- Heritage Emergency Food Pantry (served 7 households)
- Ligonier Food Pantry (1 volunteer helped monthly)
- Ligonier Food Pantry Canned/Boxed Food Drive (numerous boxes collected)
- Ligonier Meals on Wheels (9 volunteers cooked and/or delivered meals to approximately 45 persons)
- Ligonier Meals on Wheels Christmas Gifts
- Ligonier Salvation Army Red Kettle (10 ringers)
- Linus Blankets (1459 cuddle blankets and/or crib covers)
- Mitten Tree (59 mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, etc.)
- Moms Helping Moms Diaper Drive (1348 diapers & 576 wipes)
- Open Hands Layette (145 crib blankets)
- Open Hands Christmas Layette (49 blankets, 123 clothing items, 32 diapers)
- Operation Christmas Child (47 boxes) Red Cross Blood Drives (3 drives collected 84 units)
- Salvation Army Angel Tree Tags (5 Children)
- Union Mission (1 volunteer + numerous cleaning supplies, paper products, clothing, hygiene supplies)

H U M Mission Giving January 1 - December 31, 2022

	Outreach	Methodist	Circle	Ruth	Fellowship	Special	Church	Totals
	Committee	Men	#1	Circle	Class	Offerings	Budget	
Barany, Matt - Second Level Ministry	1200							1200
Blackburn Center	1000							1000
Camp Allegheny	2000							2000
China Outreach - Penn State	2,000							2,000
Clean water Kenya	1,500							1,500
Conference Mission Share							32464	32,464
CROP Walk						135		135
DeSouza, Becca - Missionary	2000							2000
Disaster Fund						100		100
Faith in Action	1000							1000
Food2Go4Kids	3000		150					3150
Forbes, Belinda - Missionary	600							600
Good Samaritan Ministry					400	440		840
Heifer International	2100							2100
Heritage Disaster Relief Team	1,000							1,000
Human Relations Sunday						60		60
Huucane Relief						1170		1,170
Kenyon, Annie - Missionary	1,000							1,000
Ligonier Fire Department	400		150					550
Ligonier Food Pantry	3000	2470			3232	1145		9847
Ligonier Meals on Wheels	5,000							5,000
Ligonier M O W Christmas				225				225
Ligonier Salvation Army	2,000							2,000
Linus Blankets						3244		3,244
Local Emergency	250							250
Mulungwishi Seminary - Congo	2500							2500
Nursing Home Devotionals	734							734
Open Hands Ministry			100					100
Operation Christmas Child				100				100
	Outreach	Methodist	Circle	Ruth	Fellowship	Special	Church	Totals
	Committee	Men	#1	Circle	Class	Offerings	Budget	
Red Bird Mission	2,000							2,000
Souper Bowl Sunday						70		70
Stoval, Nathaniel - Missionary	500							500
Tornado Relief						1110		1,110
Trans World Radio	200							200
Ukraine Refugee						3150		3150
U M C O R						270		270
U M C O R Cleaning Buckets						980		980
U M Student Day								0
Union Mission	5,000		152			50		5,202
Valley Youth Network	8000							8000
Voice of the Martyrs	1,000							1,000
Ward Home	500							500
W PA Prison Ministry	1,000							1,000
World Communion Sunday						45		45
World Hunger								0
Mission Trip	2400							2400
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TOTAL	52,884	2470	552	325	3632	11969	32464	104,296

March 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge 4:15 pm Christian Adventure	2	3	4 6 pm Contemporary Service: Rich Ziegenfus w/ music by Wayne Shaffer
5 Holy Communion	6	7 5 pm Youth Game Night	8 4:15 pm Christian Adventure	9 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	10	11 8 am Family Prayer Breakfast at Carol & Dave's 6 pm Contemporary Service: Pastor Ardi Hill w/ music by Reverent Heart Ministries
12	13	14	15 4:15 pm Christian Adventure 5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge 6 pm Girls' Night 7 pm Disaffiliation Q&A Mtg.	16 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall	17 1 pm April Newsletter Deadline 	18 11 am–2 pm Soups On in Ligonier 6 pm Contemporary Service: Jonathan Hartland w/ music by Scott Schmitt
19	20	21	22 4:15 pm Christian Adventure	23 6:30 pm Church Council Mtg. in Lounge	24	25 6 pm Contemporary Service: Adam Sweigart w/ music by Amy Clarke
26	27	28	29 4:15 pm Christian Adventure	30	31	

Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services
 9:40 am Sunday School/Fellowship Class
 10:45 am Children's Church
 Monday 10:00 am Prayer & Praise Mtg. in Choir Room
 5:30 pm TBA Mtg.
 6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study in Lounge
 Tuesday 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

March Birthdays

1st Myra Appleby
 2nd Anthony Marks
 Jane Dougherty
 3rd Gabrielle Cavallo
 4th Ruth Digiambattista
 6th Marsha Clark
 Dave Hughes
 7th Pat Garrison
 10th Emma Fritz
 14th Nicholas Steele
 16th Paul Verner
 17th Pat Keegan
 Will Formato
 22nd Brett Marker
 23rd Jim McGinnis, Sr.
 25th Alicia Goppman
 Matthew Hoza
 26th Colton Cavallo
 28th Kyle Fritz
 28th Dylan Plummer
 29th Jim Douglas
 30th Don Clark
 31st Alaina Holzer

March Anniversaries
 17th Mike & Ellen Yeskey