

# Heritage Happenings



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## Congratulations Graduates!

**Graduation Sunday  
May 28th, 10 am Service**



Megan Maureen Glista graduated from WCCC with an Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts on May 12th. She will graduate from Ligonier Valley High School on May 31st. Megan will be attending Duquesne University as a Bio/Chem major and plans to attend medical school to become a physician.

Isabella Jean Petrilla is graduating from North Star High School, and she will be attending college at IUP where she received an academic scholarship to study Creative Writing. She recently served as a Somerset County Maple Princess where she presented her original poetry in a talent competition. She is the senior class vice president, and a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, Chemistry Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Youth Outreach Program participant, Homecoming Court, and community arts. She received the Academic Excellence Award through the Challenge Program, was an Outstanding Young Woman finalist, is listed on highest honors since ninth grade and was a student of the month in February 2020. She is in the top 5% of the 2023 graduating class.



Tylan Louis Wilkins will graduate from Ligonier Valley High School and plans to attend Robert Morris University, majoring in Sports Management, minoring in Sports Nutrition and working towards a master's degree in Business

Administration.

Helene Dru Bloom of Ligonier, Pennsylvania, was among the graduates awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) at the College's 132nd commencement. The ceremony was held at the Philadelphia Convention Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 19, 2023. Dr. Bloom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in general science with a concentration in health professions from the Pennsylvania State University in 2019. Dr. Bloom is continuing her medical training in Internal Medicine at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Morgan Marie Glista graduated from Arcadia University Summa cum Laude and Departmental Honors with a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Arts with minors in Marketing and Francophone Studies. She is working full time in the Marketing Department at Arcadia University and will continue living in the Philadelphia area.



### Heritage Votes to Join the Global Methodist Church

On May 10th our church entered a new chapter in its 235-year-old history. The congregation voted overwhelmingly to become a member of the Global Methodist Church denomination with a new name of Heritage Methodist Church. It also comes at a time when we will begin interviewing for a new pastor. It is with great sadness and humble gratitude that we must say farewell to Frank & Judi Hodges in retirement. More news will be forthcoming on the GMC as we proceed down this new path and adopt new by-laws and articles of incorporation.



### Congregational Challenge

Heritage Methodist Church is required to pay the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church approximately \$115,000 to complete its disaffiliation from the UMC. The sooner we pay off this bill, the sooner we can move forward in our new chapter. To encourage our congregation to make a larger payment, a couple of anonymous donors are offering a \$15,000 'Disaffiliation Fund' challenge. The first \$15,000 in gifts will be matched dollar-for-dollar. Simply mark "Disaffiliation Fund" in the check memo or on your envelope.


## Combined Service May 28th

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PASTOR FRANK & JUDI ON THEIR RETIREMENT!** Pastor Frank's last day in the pulpit will be Sun., May 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have a 10 am combined service and a covered dish luncheon following in the Fellowship Hall. Meat will be provided so please sign up for sides, salads and desserts as soon as possible by contacting the office.

### For Pastoral Care...

Until we find a new pastor, if you need pastoral care, please contact Rich Ziegenfus (724-238-5780, Chuck Shaffer (724-593-7343) or the church office.


### The Serrv Shop is Open!

The SERRV Shop is open with lots of new merchandise! Volunteers are needed to run the shop so please see  the sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you can help. Open Saturdays from 10 am-4 pm.

### CIRCLE OF RUTH SUMMER NEWS

There will be an impromptu Circle of Ruth Meeting at some point through the summer. Keep an eye out for an email with more details.

### ANTIQUES ON THE DIAMOND LUNCHEON

 The Outreach Committee is holding a "Sandwich & Salad Luncheon" on June 3 from 11AM - 2 PM as a part of the Antiques on the Diamond activities. The luncheon will feature Pulled Pork & Chicken Salad sandwiches, Pasta Salad, Pretzel Salad, and Pie. Donations of pies and pretzel salads are needed. In addition, help is needed on Saturday. Sign up on bulletin board if you can help. Even if you cannot help, stop by the church for your lunch. Your support of the mission program of Heritage Church is greatly appreciated!

### Ben McKee's Celebration of Life June 10th


As a tribute to Rev. McKee's impact on the town of Ligonier, surrounding areas, the United Methodist Church and other local churches, a Celebration of Life will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Fort Ligonier with a light reception to follow.

### Honoring Fathers June 18th

If you'd like to make a donation in honor or memory of your father or grandfather and have their names included in our special Father's Day bulletin, forms can be found on our website and on the table in the stairway. Your donation will help to offset the cost of summer camp for our youth. The deadline to make your donation is Sunday, June 11th. A special gift for dads will be available at all services. Thanks to all of our amazing dads!



### Red Cross Blood Drive

 **Blood Drive** The next blood drive is set for Friday, June 23, 1 to 5 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCross-Blood.org and enter HERITAGEUMC to schedule an appointment. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be on the bulletin board soon. Thank you!

Our condolences to the family and friends of Brian Bloom who passed away on May 7th at the age of 58.



### Family Day at Camp & Conference

All TBA Youth and their family members are welcome to join us for a fun time of outdoor festivities, cookout, and laser tag at our annual Family Day on Sunday, June 4th from 12-2 pm at the Ligonier Camp & Conference Center. Families are welcome to bring any side dish they'd like. RSVP by June 3rd to heritage1youth@gmail.com.

### Game Night- Tuesday June 6th 5-7pm

@ Heritage - Downstairs in the Youth Room

We have a great space for students to have fun and socialize with friends in our Youth Room! We have tons of board games, card games, and different video game systems. Pizza provided by Ligonier Foxes. FREE to all students grades 1-12



### Summer Children's Church Begins June 11th Volunteers Needed

Summer Children's Church will be held Sundays June 11th through July 30th. Join us in the Sunday School room following the children's message at the 10:45 am service. A sign up sheet for volunteers to teach Children's Church is on the bulletin board. The curriculum and materials will be provided. Any help would be appreciated.

### Vacation Bible School Aug. 7-11

Vacation Bible School will be held August 7-11. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office. Register your child online at <https://ligonierhmc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>. There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, July 5th at 5 pm in the Lounge. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are able to help with VBS.



### TBA MOVIE NIGHT JUNE 19TH

TBA Youth will be having a **Movie Night** on Monday, June 19th from 5-7pm in the youth room.

*thanks!*

Dearest Ladies of Heritage,

I really don't have the words to say "Thank You" enough for all the wonderful gifts I have received from you all in the past four years. You have helped me grow in so many ways. I had my first mani-pedi, bought my first sewing machine, loved tying quilts, making and crocheting blankets for Project Linus, but mostly you let me be me by using the gifts the Lord has given me.

And the "Luncheon" just for me was so wonderful, I have never experienced that before. The memory of your thoughtfulness in honoring me in this way and your gifts will be treasured.

I pray God riches blessings for you all!

Judi

If anyone would like a copy of the recipes from Judi's luncheon, they are available in the office.



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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11 am–2 pm Antiques on the Diamond Luncheon  6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus w/music by Amy Clarke
<b>4</b> Holy Communion  Rich Ziegenfus leading worship  12-2 pm TBA Family Day at Ligonier Camp & Conf.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5 pm Youth Game Night	<b>7</b> 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 2 pm Ben McKee Celebration of Life at Fort Ligo- nier  6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pas- tor Barry Harr w/ music by the Glory Guys
<b>11</b> Rick Corbett leading worship Father's Day Donation Deadline 10:45 am Summer Children's Church	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Annual Confer- ence Vote to offi- cially disaffiliate	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Anni Kenyon
<b>18</b> Christine Doren leading worship 10:45 am Summer Children's Church  	<b>19</b> 5-7 TBA Movie Night	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6 pm Church Council Mtg. in Lounge	<b>23</b> 1-5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive  1 pm Newsletter Deadline	<b>24</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Su- san Dominick
<b>25</b> Chuck Shaffer leading worship  10:45 am Summer Children's Church	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

### Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services  
Monday 10:00 am Prayer & Praise Mtg.  
Weds 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall  
Friday 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall  
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm SERRV Shop Open  
6:00 pm Saturday Night Service

### June Anniversaries

Dan & Dena Fritz, June 14  
Jim & Amy Meade, June 16<sup>th</sup>  
Gary & Wendy Black, June 30<sup>th</sup>

### June Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Zach Sierocki  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chloe Brown  
7<sup>th</sup> Rasi Douglas  
8<sup>th</sup> Emma Jackman  
8<sup>th</sup> Josh Harbert  
8<sup>th</sup> Emily Barth  
9<sup>th</sup> Beckett Lenhart  
9<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Bloom  
9<sup>th</sup> Mary Kay Cieslo  
10<sup>th</sup> David Gilbert  
11<sup>th</sup> Bill Stutz  
13<sup>th</sup> Ellen Yeskey  
22<sup>nd</sup> Ashley Berkebile  
24<sup>th</sup> Shirley Nipps  
25<sup>th</sup> Ilse Yeskey  
26<sup>th</sup> Sean Lenhart  
28<sup>th</sup> Mason Daugherty