

# Heritage Happenings



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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR!

Heritage Church Family,

Melissa and I are eagerly anticipating joining you in ministry this month. After 27 years of ministry in the United Methodist Church, I have transferred to the Global Methodist Church. I'm looking forward to what God has in store for this new Methodist movement.



I was raised in Washington and my family still lives in southwestern PA. Following graduation from Grove City College, I attended Asbury Theological Seminary. It was there where Melissa and I met. We graduated on a Sunday in 1995 and were married the next Saturday in her hometown of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. We moved back to Western PA and have served in several UM appointments.

Over the past 28 years, we have raised two sons. Caleb, and his wife Karly, live in Butler, and our youngest, Andrew will be entering his junior year at Penn State Behrend (Erie, PA). We also have a 5-year-old retriever mix, named Ranger.



Alongside pastoral ministry I am most proud of creating a coaching ministry where I help burned-out Christian ministry leaders discover God's next assignment for their lives. I've also just recently completed a Doctor of Ministry in Christian Leadership and hope to apply what I've researched to both our ministry together and my ministry of coaching.

We can't wait to meet each of you and together *Know...Follow...Share Jesus*. See you soon.

Living On Purpose,

Rev. Dr. Ron Geisler, Pastor  
Heritage Methodist Church

## Combined 10 am Service July 16th

Join us on Sunday, July 16th at the 10 am service for a meet and greet with our new Pastor! Chuck Shaffer will lead the service, Children's Church will still take place after the Children's Message, and there will be light refreshments served following the service in the lounge. Pastor Ron will be here to hear the service and say hello. Don't miss it!



## Happy 100th Birthday to Gertrude Shaffer!

A celebration was given on May 29th by her children, Nancy Lowe, Chuck Shaffer and Evelyn Lesko. Congratulations to Gertrude on this incredible milestone! *"Thank you for helping me celebrate my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! It was very enjoyable seeing many of you at the party given in my honor. I continue reading and re-reading the many cards that I received."*— Gertrude Shaffer

## Office Closed July 21-28

The church office will be closed July 21st—July 28th. I am going on a cruise to Bermuda. If I don't come back, you'll know why.... :)

## THURSDAY NIGHT MARKET SANCTUARY AMBASSADORS NEEDED

From 5-8 pm on July 20th, August 17<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help. The Serrv Shop is open as well.

## Food Bank Volunteers Needed July 27th

Volunteers are needed to help with the Food Bank on Thursday, July 27th at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity. Contact Bob Winters (717-253-6960) if you can help.



## New addresses for Pastor Frank & Pastor John:

Rev. Frank & Judi Hodges  
29 Emerald Ln.  
Grove City PA 16127

Rev. John & Lynne Flower  
33 Crestvue Dr.  
Washington PA 15301

**Medical Equipment Available**



Heritage Church has been gifted a number of pieces of medical equipment. The items are available to be borrowed on a 'first come, first served' basis. Ready to be loaned out at the current time are.... Geri chair, youth wheel chair, adult wheelchair, Rollator, walkers, portable toilets, tub transfer seat, shower seat, bed rail, seat assist, raised toilet seat, canes, crutches... In order to borrow any item(s), contact Chuck Shaffer (814-341-5550) or the Church Office.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHALLENGE** Heritage Methodist Church is required to pay the WPAUMC \$115,044 to complete its disaffiliation. 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. Simply mark "Disaffiliation Fund" in the check memo or on your envelope.

**ALERT:** A reminder to our members who have included Heritage United Methodist Church in their estate planning or named Heritage United Methodist Church as a beneficiary on their life insurance policy. To avoid any disagreements while settling one's estate it is likely any reference to the name Heritage United Methodist Church will need to be changed to Heritage Methodist Church. Please seek the advice of your attorney as to what if any action is needed.

**Summer Children's Church**



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. All children ages 3 yrs. through 5th grade are welcome. Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping out with this program!

**Vacation Bible School Aug. 7-11  
VBS Planning Meeting July 5th**

Vacation Bible School will be held August 7-11 from 9 am—12:15 pm. Register your child ages 3 yrs. through 5th grade at <https://ligonierhumc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child>. **There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, July 5th at 5 pm in the Lounge for volunteers.** Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are able to help with VBS.



**Israel is Coming to Heritage!**



Rev. Dr. John DeLancey of Biblical Israel Ministries will be bringing the life, the culture, the heritage of Israel, and the Hebraic background of Jesus directly to us! This two part seminar will be held Friday, August 18th from 6:30—9 pm and Saturday, August 19th from 8:30 am—1:30 pm. More information in upcoming communications. Check out his website at <https://biblicalisraelstours.com/>.

It might seem like it is too early to be thinking about Winter, but..... if you have any good used equipment or clothing for snow skiing or snowboarding please keep the SKI & SNOWBOARD SWAP in mind. The swap will be in November. You can sell your items or donate, whatever you prefer. Every penny from items donated goes to our food bank to help our neighbors in need. Any questions, please contact me. Thank you so much!!! Diana Neiderhiser 724-961-3185 or [Diana.neiderhiser@yahoo.com](mailto:Diana.neiderhiser@yahoo.com).



**Notes of Appreciation**

Thank you so much for the security blanket! My daughter loved it and was super excited she got to keep it. Really appreciate all you do! *The Englers*



Thank you for your support! At least 22 members and/or friends of Heritage Church helped and/or donated supplies for the "Art & Crafts on the Diamond" Luncheon. Together we made \$1,450, will support our various mission projects. – *Outreach Committee*



A huge thank you to everyone who donated diapers for the Western PA Diaper Bank. A total of 1,429 diapers were collected and delivered to the Diaper Bank in Mt. Pleasant. They were very grateful to get the much needed donations. *Thanks again!*

Ligonier Valley Meals on Wheels board hosted a Volunteer Tea to thank the people that help in the kitchen and deliver the meals. The board also paid tribute to local businesses that donate on a regular basis to enhance the program. Rachel's Ligonier Floral regularly provides small flower arrangements to brighten the day for our recipients. The Pie Shoppe, in Laughlintown, provides freshly baked desserts twice a week that will serve 100. Ligonier Valley Meals on Wheels could not operate without all the volunteers and the donations from the community that benefit the recipients we serve.



Thank you to all who donated and/or helped out with the June 23rd blood drive. The goal was 28 units of blood and we got 31! That's more than 31 lives that can be saved! Woo Hoo!





# July 2023

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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|   |           |   |  |   |                         | <b>1</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus  |
| <b>2</b> Holy Communion<br>Rich Ziegenfus leading worship | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b> Office Closed<br> | <b>5</b> 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge<br>5 pm VBS Planning Mtg. in Lounge<br>5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                | <b>8</b> 8 am Family Prayer Breakfast at Carol & Dave's<br>6 pm Saturday Night Service: Adam Sweigart |
| <b>9</b> Rich Ziegenfus leading worship                   | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> 5 pm Youth Game Night   | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b>               | <b>15</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Susan Hans w/music by Wayne Shaffer                            |
| <b>16</b> 10 am Combined Worship led by Chuck Shaffer     | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b> 1 pm Linus Workday in Fellowship Hall<br>1 pm Newsletter Deadline<br>5-8 pm Sanctuary & Serv Shop open for Night Market | <b>21</b> Office Closed | <b>22</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Lucien Stephenson from Strategic Planning (Mulphurs Group)     |
| <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b> 5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge   | <b>27</b> 3 pm Food Bank at Holy Trinity  | <b>28</b>               | <b>29</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron   |
| <b>30</b> Last Summer Children's Church                   | <b>31</b> | Office Closed July 21—July 28 (Beth's going on a cruise!!)  |  |   |                         |   |

### July Anniversaries

29<sup>th</sup> Don & Sherry Clark

### Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services  
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

### July Birthdays

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|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1st              | Sharon Shaffer    | 15th             | Fred Nipps       |
|                  | Michael Swab      |                  | Ken Orme         |
|                  | Emily Hegan       | 17th             | Ryan Glista      |
|                  | Sebastian Hegan   | 18th             | Erin Bogart      |
| 8th              | Bob Brown         |                  | Maureen Vincent  |
|                  | Betty Winters     | 22nd             | Helene Bloom     |
|                  | Riley McGinnis    | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Claire Fritz     |
| 9th              | Tracy Daugherty   | 28th             | Risa Panichelle  |
| 11th             | Estella Gilbert   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Isaac Wagner     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Jim Kelly         | 29th             | Craig Woolridge  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | Marie Holzer      | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Jase Neiderhiser |
| 13th             | Kelly Hockenberry | 31st             | Charlie Varriano |