

Heritage Happenings



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From the Pastor....



Did you know that in the 18th century, John Wesley and George Whitefield were accused of being "enthusiasts?" Here's a short history lesson from Wikipedia: "Enthusiasm" was a British pejorative term for advocacy of any political or religious cause in public, i.e. fanaticism.

The Royal Society bylaws stipulated that any person discussing religion or politics at a Society meeting was to be summarily ejected for being an "enthusiast." During the 18th century, popular Methodists such as John Wesley or George Whitefield were accused of blind enthusiasm, a charge against which they defended themselves by distinguishing fanaticism from "religion of the heart." Methodists who enthusiastically preach about and experience the new birth and entire sanctification often have emotional experiences."

Being accused of *enthusiasm* was a serious thing. We might think it seems odd now but remember, Christians have been and continue to be accused of all sorts of things. But if I'm going to be accused of something I guess I would want to be accused of being enthusiastic about Jesus. I would suggest that it's normal for a Christian to be enthusiastic. After all, the English word *enthusiasm* comes from two Greek words. *En* or "in" and *theos* or "God." So biblically speaking being *enthusiastic* means to be *in God!*

For the remainder of the summer and early Fall, we will be learning what it means to practice *enthusiasm*. My Sunday message theme will focus on remaining an *Exciting Church*. I believe that an exciting church is an enthusiastic church – a church *in God*. Each week we'll study Scripture that reminds us about the values and priorities of the church.

I hope you'll join me. You may even want to invite a friend or neighbor. Let's continue to bless Ligonier and the entire valley with the love of Jesus.

Living On Purpose,
Pastor Ron

Meet Pastor Ron

Several onetime small group sessions are being scheduled so our members can meet with and get to know Pastor Ron on a personal basis. These group meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday beginning the third week of August and continuing to the fifth week. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending and we will be happy to accommodate you. If you already scheduled with a small group, you do not need to phone the office. Contact Rich Ziegenfus 724-238-5780 or rpz2@outlook.com if you have any questions.

Vacation Bible School Aug. 7-11

It's not too late to register for Vacation Bible School! Free for all children ages 3 yrs. through 5th grade. Older kids are welcome to help out. Register at lignonierhumc.mycokesburyvbs.com/register-child. Free lunch for children and youth helpers.



Game Night- Tuesday August 8th, 5-7pm

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 Fox's. FREE to all students grades 1st-12th grade.



Church Picnic August 13th Combined Worship at 10 am

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, August 13th for a combined worship service at 10 am, followed by our annual church picnic at noon at the Flax Scutching Grounds in Stahlstown.



Meat and drinks will be provided, sides are needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board by August 6th if you can attend. Don't miss out on the live music by the Glory Guys, games, good food and great people! Hope you can make it!

Project ♥ Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets



Linus Celebration Luncheon August 17th

Ten years ago Sharon Shaffer learned about the Linus Project while vacationing at Valle Del Oro resort in Mesa AZ. She came home and introduced the program first to Lynne Flower and then the Ruth Circle. Early in the fall of 2013 a group ladies of Heritage Church began making cuddle blankets for infants, toddlers and young children in hospitals and other stressful places in Allegheny, Butler, Washington and Westmoreland counties. Over the years the project expanded to include crib blankets and quilts and crib blankets for WIC infants in Westmoreland County.

During the past decade over 30 ladies have been involved in this project of compassion. Every 'blanketeer' – current and former – is invited to a covered dish luncheon at 12:00 noon on our 'Linus Day' – August 17. Following lunch, we will have a group photo taken for the PLACE. Please call the Church Office to let us know that you are planning to attend and what dish you plan to bring.

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 free, 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. Come one day or both! Register on our website at ligonierheritagemc.org.

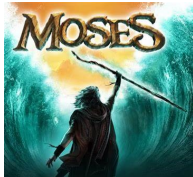
Sandwich & Salad Luncheon Aug. 26th

The Outreach Committee is holding a "Sandwich & Salad Luncheon" on August 26 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 Methodist Church is needed and greatly appreciated!

Day Trip to Sight & Sound Sept. 19th

We have 10 tickets available for the Tuesday, September 19th showing of Moses at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster. Tickets are \$115 each which includes lunch at the Amish buffet included. The group will be using the church van. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Susan Dominick 724-672-1156 for more information. If all spots are full, sign up to be an alternate as another trip may be planned.



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, tub lift chair, shower seat, bed rail, seat assist, raised toilet seat, canes, and crutches. In order to borrow any item(s), contact Chuck Shaffer (814-341-5550) or Church Office.

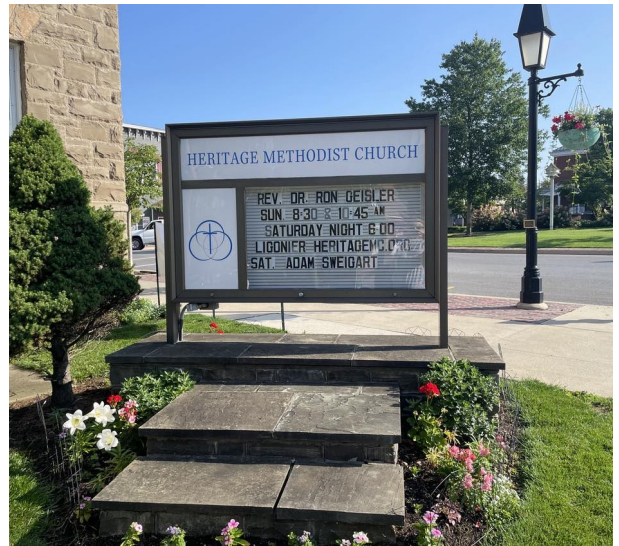
Ski & Snowboard Swap Nov. 11th



The SKI & SNOWBOARD SWAP date has been set for Saturday, November 11 this year. We will once again have drop offs on the Thursday & Friday before the swap for good used equipment and clothing. You can sell your items or donate, whatever you prefer. Every penny from items donated goes towards our food bank to help our

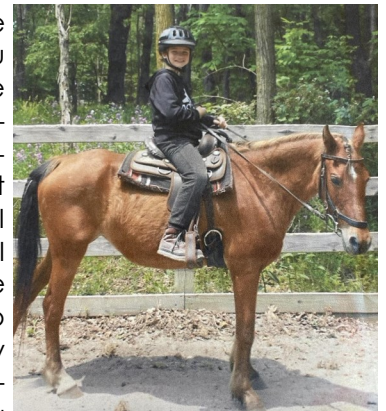
neighbors in need. Any questions, please let me know. Thanks! Diana Neiderhiser 724-961-3185 or Diana.Neiderhiser@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to Brian and Megan Fritz on the July 7th birth of their daughter, Lennon Lloyd. Lennon joins big sister, Emma, and is the granddaughter of Dan and Dena Fritz.



A huge thank you to Dottie Johnson for the gift she made to the church in memory of her late husband, John, for improving the outside marquee. Dottie's gift made it possible to get much needed work done including new clear Lexan protecting the interior, resetting and repointing the flagstone, and interior reworking and repainting.

Dear Heritage Church, Thank you for providing me with this opportunity. It was an amazing experience. If it wasn't for you, I couldn't go. I learned how to tie a saddle at Camp Allegheny Pony Camp and the story of Moses parting the Red Sea. Thanks again, Gage Claycomb



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. So far \$21,410 has been collected. Thank you!



July 5th cleaning of the limestone above the doors by Window Genie. Ron Wagner cleaned the cement below the stained glass windows at the end of June. It looks so much better! So if you were thinking something looks different but you couldn't quite put your finger on it, there you go.

August 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 6 pm Membership Mtg. in Lounge 6 pm Advisory Team Mtg. in Multipurpose Room	2 9:30 am Meals on Wheels Mtg. in Lounge 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge	3 9:30 am Worship Committee Mtg. in Lounge	4 12-3 pm VBS Decorating	5 12-3 pm VBS Decorating 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music by Kasey Kisner
6	7  Vacation Bible School 9 am - 12:15 pm	8 5-7 pm Youth Game Night	9	10	11	12 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron
13 10 am Combined Worship 12 pm Church Picnic at Flax Scutching Grounds 	14 7 pm Get to Know Pastor Ron Small Group Mtg. at Dickson's	15 2 pm Fellowship Class Get to Know Pastor Ron in Lounge 7 pm Get to Know Pastor Ron Small Group Mtg. at Stovall's	16 6 pm Nominations/Lay Leadership Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm.	17 12 pm Luncheon for Blanketeers 1 pm Linus Blanket Mtg. in Fellowship Hall	18 6:30-9 pm Seminar on Israel	19 8:30 am-1:30 pm Seminar on Israel 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus
20	21 7 pm Get to Know Pastor Ron Small Group Mtg. at Ziegenfus's	22 2 pm Get to Know Pastor Ron Small Group Mtg. at Johnson's 7 pm Get to Know Pastor Ron Small Group Mtg. at Shearer's	23 5:30 Education Mtg. in Lounge	24 6 pm Church Council Mtg. in Lounge	25 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	26 11 am - 2 pm Antiques on the Diamond Luncheon 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Dave Wilcox w/music by Amy Clarke
27 2 pm Get to Know Pastor Ron Small Group Mtg. at the Wagner's cabin	28 7 pm Get to Know Pastor Ron Small Group Mtg. at Schaetzle's	29 2 pm & 7 pm Get to Know Pastor Ron Small Group Mtg. at Dominick's	30 5:00 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	31		

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

Happy Anniversary

Duane & Muriel Slade August 5
 Jane & Kevin Dougherty August 11th
 Gary & Pat Garrison August 12th
 Pastor Frank & Judi Hodges August 16th

August Birthdays

1st Judi Hodges
 6th Brianne Bloom
 8th Clayton Watson
 9th Diana Neiderhiser
 14th Duane Slade
 16th Finn Daugherty
 17th Abbey Weakland
 18th Nancy Zur
 21st Carolyn Hoover
 Ryan Jones
 Dorothy Shultz
 28th Ryan Harbert
 Tyler Stoner
 Emily Verner
 31st Barbara Glista