

Heritage Happenings



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From the Pastor...



By the time you read this, we will have mostly completed all the home group meetings. Thank you to all our gracious hosts who opened their homes and to all of you who took valuable time to attend. I enjoyed getting to know you better and hearing your hopes and dreams for your church. We will find an appropriate way to share the data collected during those gatherings. Furthermore, I hope you are beginning to feel connected to me. Remember, I am available for any private conversations you need to have.

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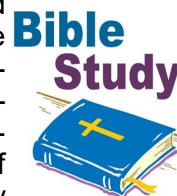
Finally, as we enter the Fall season, I want to encourage you in three ways. First, prioritize **worship** with your church family. Worship is a Christian's MOST important action. We humbly come before God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in a spirit of worship and praise. Engaging in worship together fulfills what Jesus called the Great Commandment – *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself."* (Matthew 22:34-40). Secondly, **practice intentional discipleship.** Find avenues to grow your relationship with Jesus. You could attend a Sunday school class, small group, or Bible study that meets through Heritage church. Take advantage of the church library that is full of helpful resources for your spiritual formation. Practice daily devotional readings and prayer. The possibilities are endless. Finally, invest yourself in **serving.** We have a multitude of ways for you to join Jesus in ministering to one another and to our community.

Living On Purpose,

Pastor Ron

Bible Study at the LV Senior Center Begins Sept. 7th

All Heritage family, friends and neighbors are invited to a Bible Study that will be held on Thursdays at 9 am beginning September 7th at the Ligonier Valley Senior Center, in the dining room of the Heritage Building. The study will be focusing on the Book of John and will be led by Pastor Ron.



FAMILY PRAYER BREAKFAST SEPT. 9th

Prayer
Breakfast



All are invited to join us for the next Family Prayer Breakfast that will be held on Saturday, September 9th, 8 am at Carol & Dave's. The speaker will be Pastor Ron and the cost is \$10/person (pay there). Sign

up on the bulletin board by Wednesday, September 6th or contact the office.

Circle of Ruth Meets Sept. 14th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, September 14th at 6:30 PM in the Heritage lounge. We will begin a new study called *Faith, Doubt and God's Mysterious Timing* by Laurie Short. Ellen Yeskey will be leading the Bible study and Louise Wagner will be bringing a dessert to share. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert! All women of the church are invited to attend.



Rummage Sale Sept. 15-16

The Outreach Committee will hold a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday & Saturday, September 15 - 16. The hours will be 8 AM - 4 PM on Friday and 8 AM - Noon on Saturday. All proceeds support local and global mission projects.

Donations of good, clean, usable clothing and household items are needed; however, it is preferable that you do not bring any items to the church before Labor Day. NOTE: No TVs! If you need assistance getting your donations to the church, call Chuck Shaffer at 814-341-5550 or 724-593-7343.

Your help is needed! We will be meeting at the Darr Farm at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, September 12th to transfer items to the Fellowship Hall, then we'll be setting up tables & clothing racks. We will arrange sale items on Wednesday & Thursday beginning at 9 AM, and the sale begins at 8 AM Friday & Saturday. Additional help is needed at 12:15 PM on Saturday to pack up and cleanup.

In addition, lunch will be available on Friday & Saturday. Donations of sandwiches & desserts and help are needed. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board at the top of the stairwell.



**RIGHTNOW MEDIA
RELAUNCH SEPT. 17th**



All Heritage friends and family are invited to utilize an app called RightNow Media, which is full of Bible Studies for all ages, kids shows and more! The church office will send an invitation through your email to join the week before. There is no cost to

join and Susan Dominick and Raven Schaetzle will be available in the back of the church to help you set up RightNow Media on your device following worship on Sept. 17th. If you didn't get the email and want to join, contact the church office, or scan the QR code with your phone.



**Sunday School Kick Off
Sept. 10th**

All children and youth are invited to join us for our Sunday School kick off that will begin on September 10th at 9:40 am downstairs in the Wesley Room. We will kick off the year with an introduction to the Steps in Faith Program. All third graders will receive their Bibles during worship that weekend.

Christian Adventure Begins Sept. 27th

Calling all K-5th graders to join us for a super fun "How to Be a Hero" Christian Adventure! Christian Adventure is free and is held on Wednesdays from 4-6 pm beginning September 27th through November 15th. Transportation from RK Mellon and the Ligonier Y is available. Please register on our website by Monday, September 25th.

Game Night Sept. 5th

Grades 1-12 are welcome to join us for a fun filled night of board games, video games, and card games on Tuesday, September 5th from 5-7 pm. Pizza provided by Ligonier Fox's.



**TBA Youth Group Meetings
Resume Sept. 11th**

TBA Youth Group kicks off the new school year on Monday, September 11th from 5:30-7pm. TBA is for all students grades 6 and up. Join us every week for Christ centered talks, fellowship, and games. Every last Monday of the month we host a cooking class, teaching students how to make new dishes.

Girls' Night Sept. 13th

The Girls' Night group will have a "Teacher Appreciation Night" on September 13th from 6:30-8pm. Join Miss Lindsey in the Youth Room for a craft, baking, and devotional time centered around our appreciation for local teachers.



Caddie Shak Youth Trip Sept. 24th

Children and youth of Heritage will be heading to Caddie Shak for go-kart racing, mini golf, and more on Sept 24th from 3pm-6:30pm. Any children below grade 6 will need to be accompanied by a parent. Transportation provided by the Heritage Church Van.

Thank you to all of our Vacation Bible School participants and volunteers. This year's theme was "Hero Hotline" and the kids had a blast! We had 60 registered participants, with an average daily attendance of 40, 10 teen helpers, and 18 adult volunteers. \$271 was raised for the Heroes Never Alone organization.






Dear Church,
Thank you for helping me go to pony camp again! I had a wonderful time.
Love, Emilia



Dear Heritage Church, Thank you for helping me in going to Camp Allegheny. I enjoyed reading the Bible and learning about the fruits of the spirit. I made a lot of new friends. I had a lot of fun riding horses, swimming, and playing games. I hope to go again next year. Thank you, Ella Scott

Dear Heritage Church, Thank you for helping me go to Camp Allegheny. I made a lot of friends. I loved the activities. My favorite activity was the rock wall. I liked learning about Jesus and God at the church. Thank you for helping my friend Eli go too. Thank you, Jack Scott



 Our condolences to the family and friends of Jean Martin, who passed away on July 24th at the age of 91, Bob Brown, who passed away on July 30th at the age of 99, and Bill Downs, who passed away on August 8th at the age of 95. All three of these wonderful people were once a huge part of Heritage Church.

Address and phone # update for Lois Engleka: 1117 East Elm St., Apt. 4, LaFollette TN 37766. Her new phone number is 724-610-3278.

Dear Heritage, Finishing forty years of ministry seemed the right time to retire at June's Annual Conference. The Clarion congregation surprised and pleased us by inviting past congregations, including Heritage, to attend their celebration of ministry. Lynne and I give thanks to all who traveled to Clarion for our retirement celebration, sent cards and offered prayers. We think and pray for you often and look forward to whenever our paths may cross in life. We've made so many friends; we love and care for you all, grateful for how you have cared and continue to care for us and one another. Our new home is in Washington, PA, and ready for your visits! Our new address is available in the church office. *Photo taken when Pastor John & Lynne Flower were here on August 17th to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Linus Blanketeers of Heritage.*



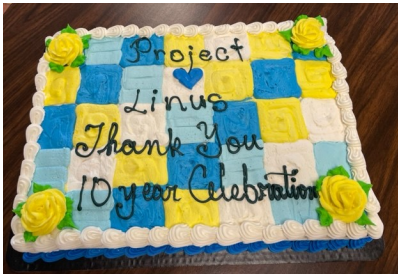
Thank you for your support! At least 24 members and/or friends of Heritage Church helped and/or donated supplies for the "Antiques on the Diamond" Luncheon. Together we made \$1,375, which will support our various mission projects. – Outreach Committee

15,000 Children Say Thank You

During the past decade the ladies of Heritage Church have made over **15,000** blankets. This project of compassion helped to provide comfort and security to infants and children in stressful situations.

Early in the fall of 2013, a group of ladies at 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.

In addition to making blankets on behalf of Project Linus, several of the ladies make crib blankets for the Open Hands Layette project, which is given to WIC eligible infants in Westmoreland County.



September 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus w/music by Scott Schmitt |
| 3 | 4  HAPPY LABOR DAY Office Closed | 5 5–7 pm 1-12 Game Night | 6 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge 5 pm Staff Picnic at the Shaffer's | 7 9 am Bible Study begins at LV Senior Center 5:30 pm Advisory Team Mtg. in Lounge | 8 | 9 8 am Family Prayer Breakfast at Carol & Dave's 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Barry Harr |
| 10 9:40 Sunday School Begins | 11 5:30 pm TBA Youth Group Begins 6 pm LVAC Mtg. at The Barn 6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study Begins | 12 4:30 pm at Darr Farm, Move Rummage to Fellowship Hall | 13 9 am Arrange Rummage 6:30– 8 pm Girl's Night | 14 9 am Arrange Rummage 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge | 15 8 am—4 pm Rummage Sale Office Closed | 16 8 am—Noon Rummage Sale 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Adam Sweigart w/music by Kasey Kisner |
| 17 RightNow Media Relaunch | 18 | 19 Day trip to Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster | 20 5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge | 21 1-5 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall 5-8 pm Sanctuary Open for Ligonier Night Market | 22 1 pm Newsletter Deadline | 23 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ardi Hill |
| 24 3 pm Youth at Caddie Shak | 25 | 26 | 27 4 pm Christian Adventure Begins 5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge | 28 5:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal | 29 2:30 pm Moore/Neiderhiser Wdg. & Reception in Fellowship Hall | 30 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music by Reverent Heart Ministries |

September Birthdays:

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| 1 st | Diane Dennis |
| 2 nd | Jackson Daugherty |
| 3 rd | Frank Hodges |
| 2 nd | Nevaeh Cavallo |
| 4 th | Bill Pritts |
| 5 th | Bob Hoover |
| 7 th | Eric Schell, Jr. |
| | Isabella Petrilla |
| 9 th | Bill Stablein |
| 9 th | Molly Weaver |
| 10 th | Wendy Black |
| 18 th | Mona McKee |
| 19 th | Ava Weakland |
| 21 st | Madison Beattie |
| 22 nd | Shilo Petrilla |
| 24 th | Stan Neiderhiser |
| 29 th | Jessica Prieto |

Happy Anniversary!

Sept. 4th - Dick & Ginny Markle
Sept. 5th – Dennis & Nancy Rising
Sept 7th - Stan & Diana Neiderhiser
Sept. 16th - Bob & Carolyn Hoover
Sept. 22nd – Maureen & Bryan Vincent
Sept. 28th – Bob & Daryle Brown

Regular and Weekly Meetings

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| Sunday | 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services 9:40 am Sunday School |
| Monday | 5:30 pm TBA Youth Group 6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study |
| 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 Sr. Center |
| Friday | 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday | 10 am - 4 pm SERRV Shop Open 6:00 pm Saturday Night Service |