

# Heritage Happenings



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## From the Pastor



Heritage family,

What is “the gospel?” That’s a question that may be harder to answer than we think.

In the very fun movie *The Princess Bride*, one of the characters, Inigo Montoya repeatedly says, “You Keep Using That Word, I Do Not

Think It Means What You Think It Means.” Maybe we could say the same about the use of the word, “gospel.” Far too often, it means different things to different people.

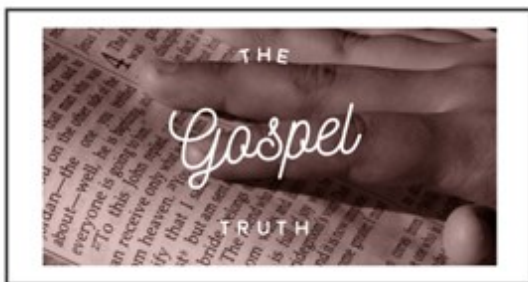
During our October teaching series, we’ll explore the core of the message of good news (gospel) about Jesus Christ that we in the Methodist tradition proclaim with a “Wesleyan accent.” In a letter in response to someone asking about the content of the preaching of the early Methodist circuit riders, John Wesley boiled down the message of the gospel to four simple statements while also outlining the ways in which people are called to respond to that good news:

God loves you, therefore love and obey God (September 30/October 1).

Christ died for you, therefore die to sin (October 8).

Christ rose again, therefore rise in the image of God (October 11 6:30pm).

Christ lives evermore, therefore live for him until you live with him (October 22).



I look forward to seeing you in worship and invite you to bring a friend with you.

Living On Purpose,  
Pastor Ron

## CHARGE CONFERENCE OCT. 5<sup>TH</sup>



Church Council members are expected to attend but the Charge Conference meeting is open to all. Only Council members are permitted to vote. The meeting will be held Thursday, October 5th at 7 pm in the church lounge.

Council members unable to attend should let the office know. Thank you!



A big thank you to Sean Rock Exterminating and Matt Ferry of the Ligonier Valley Fire Department for working together to help us get rid of a serious bee issue on August 30th. The bees had made nests all along the roofline under the soffit and fascia.

## Family Meeting October 8th

As a congregation we have successfully transitioned into the Global Methodist Church. This new Methodist denomination is growing every month with more and more churches coming on board. I know we will have a great future under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. I do recognize that while we have made this transition, not everyone is as familiar with the Global Methodist Church as they would like.



GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

So, to educate ourselves and to provide a doorway for those who would like to become members of Heritage GMC, I am offering a Global Methodist Information gathering. It will be a time for us to acquaint ourselves with GMC doctrine and discipline, ask questions, and gain greater confidence in our decision to connect with this new movement.

This gathering is open to anyone from Heritage church but especially to those who have inquired about membership. If, following the presentation, you would like to pursue membership, we will arrange a date to receive you.

Here's the date: **Sunday October 8 from 5:30 - 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.** (Yes, the Steelers play but we will have soundly beaten the Ravens by 5:30!). This meeting will be a covered dish, so please sign up on the bulletin board by October 1st and let us know what you're able to bring. Drinks and place settings will be provided.



Camp Allegheny Fall Volunteer Days are Oct. 14th & 21st. There are projects for all skill levels! Get more information or RSVP at [info@campallegheny.org](mailto:info@campallegheny.org) or 814-754-5122.

**Fort Days Week Schedule for Heritage**

**Join us for Worship on Wed., Oct. 11th**



Due to parking issues and road closures Fort Days weekend, there will be no worship services on the 13th & 14th. We will be worshipping together on Wednesday, October 11th at 6:30 pm instead! Please do not come before 6:15 pm as Christian Adventure parents will be signing out their children until then.

**CIRCLE OF RUTH OCT. 12th**

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, October 12th, 6:30 PM at Louise Wagner's (1016 Gravel Hill Rd., Ligonier). We will be continuing the study *Faith, Doubt and God's Mysterious Timing* by Laurie Short. Ellen Yeskey will be leading the study and Beth Caldwell will be bringing a dessert to share. We will also be putting together Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert! All women of the church are invited to attend.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, OCT. 13TH**

**Fort Days' Pancake Breakfast**



Heritage Church will once again be providing the ministry of hospitality for the Civil Air Patrol, the Ligonier community, and visitors coming to town for Fort Ligonier Days. We will be serving our annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast/Brunch from 6:30 AM – Noon on Friday & Saturday,

October 13-14. The profits will be given to the Ligonier Food Pantry. Plans are underway... the food and supplies have been ordered; now we need **you – our volunteers!** Help will be needed Thursday @ 6 PM to set up the kitchen and dining areas and from 6 AM – 2 PM on Friday & Saturday to serve our patrons and clean up. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board.

**Annual Conference Oct. 12th-15th**

I am asking for your prayers for the upcoming convening of the Western Allegheny Provisional Conference of the Global Methodist Church that will be held October 12th-15th (Fort Days Weekend). Looking forward to returning with great news on the direction that our leadership will be taking us. Pastor Ron has invited everyone to the Family Meeting on October 8th for further information on the GMC. I'm sure you will be excited where God is leading us. *Susan Dominick, Lay Delegate*



Ten Heritage family & friends attended *Moses* at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster on September 19th. Everyone had a great time and Susan Dominick is planning to get a group together to see *Daniel* in the spring.

Thank you to all the gardeners who have been sharing their produce on the harvest table this year. One of the items I enjoyed was a beautiful green pepper, and I prepared it with a chicken breast, and it was delicious. I would not have put those two items together, but you all should try it. On several occasions I had tomatoes that were fresher than I can buy at the grocery, and so much better. A beautiful cucumber and a nice small zucchini were also choices I made. This has been a year of transition for me, and feeling your love and generosity was such a blessing. *Dottie Johnson*



**From the Finance Committee**

Dear Heritage Brothers and Sisters,

For August, Heritage had a deficit of \$14,394 which has brought the year-to-date deficit to \$27,379. However, not all is lost. This year, there were several one-time costs related to the parsonage in getting it ready for Pastor Ron and Pastor Melissa. The Endowment Committee contributed \$10,000 to assist in offsetting some of these costs. In addition, camper-ship reimbursement of \$1,341 will also be received in September. Both items will reduce but not eliminate the year-to-date shortfall. Also keep in mind, other non-routine maintenance costs related to the church and elevator were also incurred in August which further hampered the monthly results.

We have been experiencing inconsistent monthly giving. As an example, the monthly contributions for June, July and August were \$19,817, \$27,151 (**5 Sundays**) and \$16,747, respectively. We understand that these were summer months and with that, inconsistency is the norm. Weekly trends for September have been favorable and we expect to surpass our August numbers.

Through the generosity of our members our outstanding disaffiliation debt has been reduced to \$48,650.00. \$1,000 monthly payments will continue to be paid to reduce the principal and interest on the note.

As you can see, it is not all bad and we are making progress. However, we need to make more progress. Our monthly operating obligations are approximately \$25,000. Monthly contributions under this amount will add to the shortfall. Momentum is building and weekly attendance is growing. Please consider supporting Heritage even more as we work towards being debt free and having an operating surplus instead of deficits.

**Greeters Needed**

It is time for Heritage Church to become more welcoming! We are trying to be more intentional in welcoming everyone – members and guests – at the 10:45 AM worship service each Sunday. A few persons have signed up to serve as greeters; however, we are hoping to have additional persons participate in this ministry. If you are willing to help, contact Chuck Shaffer (814-341-5550).







**DD's Craft Class**

We made these really pretty pumpkins at DD's Craft Class on September 20<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in participating in upcoming classes, let DD or the office know.

**Updated office contact information:**

Many of you have Beth's cell phone number but please use that only for emergencies. To contact the office during regular business hours, email [lignonierheritage@gmail.com](mailto:lignonierheritage@gmail.com) or call 724-238-2627. Thank you!

**Operation Christmas Child**



Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be available beginning October 8<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary. The boxes will contain directions for packing with a list of gift ideas, as well as a list of items that cannot be included, and an envelope for shipping costs. Each of these shoeboxes is an opportunity to share the gospel with a precious boy or girl around the world. All shoeboxes must be returned to the sanctuary by November 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who packs a box! If you pay for your box online, please be sure to put a post-it note on the outside of the box so we know.

**HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED**

Fun sized candy donations are needed for trick or treating at the church. Please have your donations in by October 29<sup>th</sup>. A bin is located under the table in the stairway for your donations. Thank you in advance!



**Heritage Presents  
Chiz Rider Nov. 4th at 6 pm**



Invite your friends and neighbors for a special night out with Chiz Rider on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm in the sanctuary! Chiz is a Christian musician who started many years ago with the purpose of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through his God-given talents. Come and enjoy

some incredible music and restore your faith! A free will offering will be taken. Hope to see you there!

**Ski & Snowboard Swap Nov. 11th**

The SKI & SNOWBOARD SWAP will be held on Saturday, November 11. We will 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 contact Diana Neiderhiser: 724-961-3185 or [Diana.Neiderhiser@yahoo.com](mailto:Diana.Neiderhiser@yahoo.com).



**Game Night October 3rd 5-7pm**

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

**Girls' Night Oct. 11th**

Girls' Night "Fall Festivities" for girls 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm. Join Miss Lindsey in the Youth Room for a craft, baking, and devotional time.



TBA students painted rocks for Meals on Wheels recipients in September.

TBA Youth Group continues each Monday 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. TBA will be taking the van to Word of Life Church on Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm for a night of worship with Mac Powell & Friends: An Acoustic Night of Hits, Stories & Faith. Tickets are \$27. Capture The Flag for TBA will be at Fort Ligonier on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7pm. Admission is \$8 a student.

**Thank You from Chuck Shaffer, Outreach**

The Fall Rummage Sale & Luncheon was truly an all-church mission project! At least 48 members & friends of Heritage Church supported the sale and luncheon by donating their time and/or luncheon supplies. Together we raised \$4,435 toward our mission budget. Thank you to everyone who donated clothing, household items and/or furniture... to everyone who pitched in and helped move the sale items into the Fellowship Hall and Elevator Lobby... set up & arrange sale items, assisted customers during the sale, and/or helped clean up on Saturday afternoon... to everyone who donated desserts, sandwiches, soda, water, etc. for the luncheon.

Thank you to everyone who helped out as Heritage Ambassadors on the four Thursday Night Markets throughout the summer. Many locals and out of towners visited, prayed, and learned about our church history because we were open. We are looking forward to having our sanctuary open during other chamber events in the future, and looking forward to visitors during our services from finding out more about our church. What a blessing to also have the Serrv Shop open at the same time. Thank you to those volunteers as well. *Susan Dominick*

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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<b>1</b> Communion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5-7 pm 1-12 Grade Game Night	<b>4</b> 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge  4:15 pm Christian Adventure	<b>5</b> 7 pm Charge Conference in Lounge	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus
<b>8</b> 5:30–7 pm Family Meeting in Fellowship Hall	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4:15 pm Chris- tian Adventure  6:30 pm Worship Service  6:30 –8 pm Girls' Night	<b>12</b> 6 pm Break- fast Setup  6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. at the Wagner's	<b>13</b> Office Closed  6:30 am–Noon Pancake Breakfast  <b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>14</b> No Worship Service  6:30 am–Noon Pancake Breakfast
<b>15</b> No Worship Services  	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6 pm Outreach Mtg. in Lounge	<b>18</b> 4:15 pm Christian Adventure  6:15 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge.	<b>19</b> 1-4 pm Linus Blanket Workday	<b>20</b> 1 pm Newslet- ter Deadline	<b>21</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Dave Wilcox, Mission Mobilizer, live mu- sic by Scott Schmitt
<b>22</b> TBA 6 pm Mac Powell concert at Word of Life Church	<b>23</b> 5:30 pm TBA at The Fort	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 4:15 pm Christian Adventure  5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm TBA Fall Party	<b>31</b>				

**Happy Anniversary!**  
Oct. 18th Pastor John & Lynne Flower

### Regular and Weekly Meetings

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 6:00 pm Saturday Night Service



Happy Birthday to the beautiful Ann Woodall! She turned 94 on Sept. 20th!

### October Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sydney Thomas
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Beth Scott
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jane Flowers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Janet Formato
- 4<sup>th</sup> Molly Farrell
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sherry Clark
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jack Scott
- 10<sup>th</sup> Leah Wagner
- 13<sup>th</sup> Wendy Watson
- 14<sup>th</sup> Noah Fisher
- 18<sup>th</sup> Hailey Umbaugh
- 19<sup>th</sup> Harry Marker
- 20<sup>th</sup> Maggie Hildebrand
- 20<sup>th</sup> Christina Orban
- 26<sup>th</sup> Gary Weaver
- 27<sup>th</sup> Madison Clise
- 27<sup>th</sup> Elisabeth Harbert
- 29<sup>th</sup> Greta Nicodemus
- 30<sup>th</sup> Kelsey Sherbondy