Heritage Happenings

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WHAT MAKES US UNIQUELY METHODIST? AND WHY SHOULD IT MATTER?

Beginning this month and in newsletters and emails to follow, I'd like to spend time sharing our Global Methodist doctrines and practices. I think this will prove fruitful as, together, we explore what it means to live within a new Methodist movement. We will begin with what we call **The Wesleyan Way of Salvation.**

Our *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline* reminds us that the gift of grace is available to all persons. We affirm, alongside the Apostle Paul, "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

Grace is the manifestation of God's love toward fallen creation, to be freely received and freely given. This undeserved gift works to liberate humanity from both the guilt and power of sin, and love as children of God, freed for joyful obedience. In the classic Wesleyan expression, grace works in numerous ways throughout our lives, beginning with the general providence of God toward all.

God's *prevenient or preventing grace* refers to "the first dawning of grace in the soul," mitigating the effects of original sin, even before we are aware of our need for God.

God's *convincing grace* leads us to what the Bible terms "repentance," awakening in us a desire to "flee the wrath to come" and enabling us to begin to "fear God and work righteousness."

God's *justifying grace* works by faith to bring reconciliation to God through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. It is pardon for sin and results in our assurance of salvation.

God's *sanctifying grace* begins with God's work of regeneration, sometimes referred to as "being born-again." It is God's work in us as we continually turn to him and seek to be perfected in his love. Sanctification is the process by which the Holy Spirit works to replace sin with the fruit of the Spirit. With John Wesley, we believe that a life of holiness and ultimately "entire sanctification" should be the goal of each individual's journey with God.

Our ultimate hope and promise in Christ is *glorification*, where our souls and bodies are perfectly restored through this grace. (*The Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline: The Global Methodist Church, ¶102).* www.globalmethodist.org

Living On Purpose,

Pastor Ron

The Rummage Sale will be held from 8 am to 4 pm on April 26th, and 8 am to noon on April 27th. Food will be available both days and thank you in advance to all of our wonderful volunteers and to those who donated food and items for the sale.

Heritage's Annual Diaper Drive

Mothers living in poverty cannot afford to purchase an adequate supply of diapers for their infants or toddlers. Some must choose whether to buy diapers, food or medications. This is further complicated by the fact that diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps or WIC. Because of this, Heritage will be once again holding a diaper drive through the month of May. Diapers can be placed in the bin under the table in the stairway. The most needed sizes are 4, 5 and 6, and pullups and wipes are needed, too. The diapers will be given to the Westmoreland County Diaper Bank. Thank you for any donations you can give.

National Day of Prayer May 2nd

The National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 2nd. A Prayer Breakfast will be held at The Barn at 7:30 am. Tickets are free and are available in the church office. Please RSVP by signing up on the bulletin board by April 26th.

At 7 am, the Junior & Senior High School students and staff will have Prayer at the Pole. From 12-1 pm a Prayer & Praise Event will be held on the Diamond with live music by Reverent Heart Ministries. A Hymn Sing will be held at Concordia at Bethlen (formerly Ligonier Gardens) from 2-3 pm with Kathe Nason accompanying. Our sanctuary will be open for silent reflection and prayer from 9 am – 2 pm.

HONORING MOM

Mother's Day May 12th

If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of your Mother or Grandmother this Mother's Day, please fill out a form (on the table in the stairway or have it emailed) and return it, along with your donation, earmarked Mother's Day, to the Church office by **Sunday, May 5th**. Your loved one's name will appear in our special Mother's Day bulletin and your donation will help to send our youth to summer camp at Camps Allegheny, Jumonville and Wesley Woods. These camps give children the opportunity to make new friends, grow closer to God, experience new things and create memories for life.

We will have a special gift for all moms by the sanctuary doors at all services on Mother's Day weekend, so be sure to pick yours up!

MAY S.O.A.P. Readings

Do you have a regular practice of reading your Bible? While it's challenging, reading the Bible regularly helps us know God better, live a more fulfilling life, know God's will, and obey him. If you don't have a regular Bible reading plan, you're invited to use this SOAP process.

SOAP is an abbreviation for Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer. Read the passages below and answer the following questions. You'll need your Bible, a journal/notebook, and a pen.

Scripture – which passage am I reading?
Observation – what stands out to me in this passage?
Application – how will I apply these truths to my life?
Prayer – what is my prayer as it relates to this?

May 1	Acts 10:1-8
May 2	Acts 10:9-23
May 3	Acts 10:24-33
May 4	Acts 10:34-40
May 5	Acts 10:41-48
May 6	Acts 11:1-14
May 7	Acts 11:15-18
May 8	Acts 12:1-10
May 9	Acts 12:11-19
May 10	Acts 12:20-24
May 11	Acts 12:25-13:3
May 12	Acts 13:4-12
May 13	Acts 13:13-25
May 14	Acts 13:26-33
May 15	Acts 13:36-45
May 16	Acts 13:46-52
May 17	Acts 14:1-7
May 18	Acts 14:8-20
May 19	Acts 14:21-28
May 20	Acts 15:1-11
May 21	Acts 15:12-21
May 22	Acts 15:22-35
May 23	Acts 15:36-41
May 24	Acts 16:1-5
May 25	Acts 16:6-10
May 26	Acts 16:11-15
May 27	Acts 16:16-21
May 28	Acts 16:22-30
May 29	Acts 16:31-40
May 30	Acts 17:1-9
May 31	Acts 17:10-15

Serrv Shop Opens May 4th

The Serrv Shop will be opening Saturday May 4th. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board for anyone that would like to volunteer. Hours to work are 10-1 or 1-4.

Circle of Ruth Meets May 9th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, May 9th at 6:30 PM in the Heritage church lounge. We will be continuing our Bible study, *Faith, Doubt and God's Mysterious Timing* by Laurie Polich Short (chapter 9). Ellen Yeskey will be leading the study and Beth Caldwell will be bringing a dessert to share. We will be signing Father's Day cards and finalizing our brunch plans. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!

Ladies Brunch May 18th

Circle of Ruth is inviting all the ladies of Heritage church to brunch on Saturday, May 18th, 11 am in the Lounge. Food and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 15th on the bulletin board. We hope you'll join us!

Ligonier Valley Free Museum Day is **Sunday, May 5th** from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM! Explore five Ligonier Valley museums including Compass Inn Museum, Fort Ligonier, Ligonier Valley Rail Road Museum, Lincoln Highway Experience, and the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art for FREE!

Can you help us with Children's Church?

Have you been thinking about helping with our Children's Programs? If so, Children's Church is an excellent way to give it a try! Volunteers are needed during the 10:45 am service June 9th through July 28th. You can choose to do just one Sunday, or multiple Sundays. The lesson will be laid out for you. Child Abuse & Criminal Clearances are required and are free to obtain for volunteers. We need two adults for each Sunday. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board soon. For questions, contact Ellen Yeskey at meezhy@hotmail.com.

Can we have VBS this year?

We would really love to have Vacation Bible School this year! In order to do that, we need a director or co-directors. If this is something you feel called to do, or if you have questions, contact Ellen at meezhy@hotmail.com.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

If you are affiliated with Heritage and are graduating from high school, college or graduate school this year, please let the office know by May 15th. We'd love to share with the congregation what your future plans are and celebrate your accomplishments.

It's Time to Register for Summer Camp!

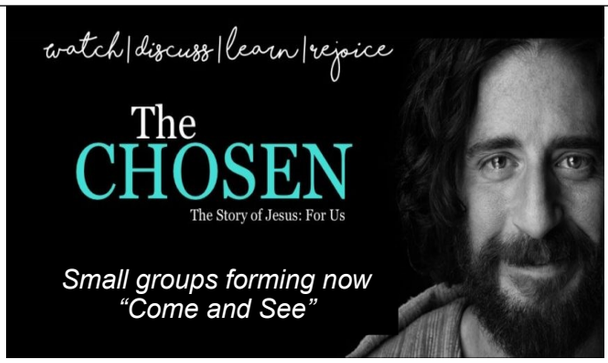
All children affiliated with Heritage can go to Camps Allegheny, Wesley Woods or Jumonville. Heritage will pay 75% of the cost of camp. **Please be sure to let the church office know that your child is registered.**

Project Linus

Providing Security Through Blankets

Linus Blanket Class May 16th, 6 pm

The Linus Blanketeers will meet in the Fellowship Hall for their regular workday at 1 pm on Thursday, May 16th. For those who are unable to make those meetings and would like to learn how to make the blankets at home, Sharon Shaffer and others will be able to teach you on May 16th at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You'll need a G or H hook. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the office if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity. We hope you'll come and be a part of the fun!



The Chosen: An interactive video & book study following the life of Jesus, his ministry and the disciples' lives who surround him is coming to Heritage. The Chosen has been a tremendously impactful TV and theatrical production that is perfect for any Christian maturity level. Susan Dominick with Sue Morrison will be facilitating these small group classes on Thursday evening from 7:00-8:30 pm and/or Friday morning from 10-11:30 am **starting May 30th 2024**. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

The study includes watching a 50 minute video together with discussion, recapping past homework for more in-depth learning and prayer. We start with Season One and go 9 sessions, with a break then right into season two and then season three. We are looking to complete all three season before Advent/Christmas season.

I invite members who have family and friends that may not know our Savior or who are questioning about the faith to attend with their loved ones. "Come and See" how this visual testimony of the foundations of our Faith, along with our fellowship and forming a small inclusive supportive group can work wonders for all involved.

Please prayerfully consider this Summertime into Fall activity for yourself and others. Let's grow together and witness what the Lord will do with and through us. Blessings and Shalom, Susan and Sue. For questions, contact Susan at 724-672-1156.

"Discovering Heritage - Becoming a Member/Partner"

Sunday, June 9, 2 pm- 4:30 pm
Heritage Church Lounge

University of the Holy Spirit

We're glad you're connecting with Heritage Church. Now might be the time to pray about becoming a member/partner with Heritage in ministry. If God is calling you to formally join, either by Profession of Faith or transfer of membership from another church, you'll want to participate in this class.

"Discovering Heritage" is a great next step for those who are considering making Heritage their church home! This class explores the foundational principles of our church and is the prerequisite for church membership. RSVP on the bulletin board or by calling the Church office.

Red Cross Blood Drive June 21st

save life Give blood

Heritage will host a blood drive on Friday, June 21st from 12 - 5 pm. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter our zip code to schedule an appointment. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be on the bulletin board soon. Thank you!

Ceiling Fan Blades w/Hardware Needed

DD Umbaugh is looking for ceiling fan blades for the adult craft class. The blades need to have the attached hardware. Please bring them to the church office. Thank you!

UNION MISSION FUNDRAISERS

THE UNION MISSION

- Clay Shoot Friday, May 17th at the Western PA Sportsmen's Club in Murrysville.
- Golf Outing Monday, June 17th at the Ligonier Country Club.
- More information on these events can be found on our bulletin board.

The youth had a great time at Urban Air on March 24th. This was their final outing with Zach and Lindsey.

Congratulations to Hannah Yeskey and Garrett Omasta on their March 25th marriage in Arizona. Hannah is the daughter of Mike & Ellen Yeskey.

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 Meals on Wheels Mtg. in Lounge 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge	**2** 7:30 pm National Day of Prayer Breakfast at The Barn 12 pm Prayer & Praise Event on the Diamond 2 pm Hymn Sing at Concordia @ Bethlen 9 am—2 pm Sanctuary Open	**3**	**4** 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Chuck Shaffer
5 Holy Communion Deadline for Mother's Day campership donations 10 am—4 pm Free Museum Day 2 pm Meals on Wheels Volunteer Tea in Fellowship Hall	**6**	**7** 6 pm Outreach Mtg. in Lounge	**8**	**9** 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	**10**	**11** 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron
12 	**13**	**14** Sight & Sound Trip	**15** 6 pm Discipleship Team Mtg. in Lounge	**16** 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in the Fellowship Hall 6 pm Learn how to Crochet Linus Blankets in Fellowship Hall	**17** 7 pm Coffeehouse at The Barn	**18** 11 am Ladies Brunch in Lounge 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron
19 Last children's Sunday School of the Season	**20** No Monday Bible Study	**21**	**22** 5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge	**23** 1 pm Newsletter Deadline 6 pm Church Council Mtg. in Lounge	**24** Office Closed	**25** 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus w/music by Kasey Kisner
26	**27** Office Closed No Monday Bible Study 	**28** Speaker from Kenya/Ethiopia	**29** 5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	**30** 7 pm Chosen Bible Study	**31** Office Closed 10 am Chosen Bible Study	

Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday	8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services 9:40 am Sunday School
Monday	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 Anniversary!!!

May 25th Bethanie Orban & Keith Gough
May 27th Pastor Ron & Pastor Melissa
May 28th Barb & Roger Johnson

Happy Birthday!!!

1st	Willa Keim
	Birdie Roehrig
3rd	Lynn Keegan
3rd	Bradley Neiderhiser
3rd	Ginny Markle
4th	Ethan Neiderhiser
6th	Gary Garrison
7th	Donnie Gilbert
7th	Dick Markle
9th	Saylor Clise
10th	Scott Watson
11th	Shawn Cavallo
12th	Chuck Shaffer
16th	Sarah Zimmerman
18th	Caden Watson
19th	Phoebe Kelley
19th	Caleb Geisler
20th	Evan Kelly
24th	Emily Daugherty
24th	Julie Goswick
26th	Brooke Thomas
27th	Katherine Burson
28th	Dennis Rising
	Sherry Smith
29th	Ruth Burdick
	Gertrude Shaffer
30th	Brenda George