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

#### Did you know Methodists have 3 "Rules" to help us follow Jesus?

Here's this month's perspective on what makes us uniquely Methodist followers of Jesus, taken from the Global Methodist Church's Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline.

"The General Rules provide a helpful summation of the kind of intentional discipleship that marked early Methodism, summed up in three simple rubrics: do no harm, do good to all, and stay connected to the sacramental and devotional life of the church."

To facilitate this, Wesley created the practice of placing Methodists in small groups called classes. These small groups helped Methodist Christians live into the 3 Rules in the following wavs.

1. To see each person in a small group once a week in order: (1) to inquire how their souls prosper; (2) to advise, reprove, comfort, or exhort, as occasion may require.

2. To meet with the group leaders of the society once a week to inform them of any that are sick, or of any that walk disorderly and will not be reproved.

3. By attending upon all the ordinances of God; such are: The public worship of God. The ministry of the Word, either read or expounded. The Supper of the Lord. Family and private prayer. Searching the Scriptures. Fasting or abstinence.

These are the General Rules of our societies; all of which we are taught by God to observe, even in his written Word, which is the only rule, and the sufficient rule, both of our faith and practice. And all these we know his Spirit writes on truly awakened hearts."

You can see the emphasis John Wesley placed on small groups (classes) to help us follow Jesus. Here's the challenge for you and me: If I'm not already in a regular small group am I willing to take my next right step with Jesus and join one? When you're ready, let's talk.

Living On Purpose, Pastor Ron

(AKA "Grandpa") Congratulations to the Geisler family on the May 22nd birth of their first grandchild, Emilia.



# Antiques Luncheon June 1st

The Outreach Committee will be serving a "Sandwich & Salad Luncheon" on June 1st from 11AM – 2 PM. Donations of pies and help are still needed, sign up on the bulletin board. Everyone is encouraged to stop at the church for lunch while browsing the antiques around the Diamond.

#### "Discovering Heritage -Becoming a Member/Partner" University Sunday, June 9, 2 pm- 4:30 pm Heritage Church Lounge



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 by June 5 on the bulletin board or by calling the Church office

### THE CHOSEN BOOK STUDY

The Chosen: All are welcome to join an interactive video & book study following the life of Jesus, his ministry and the disciples' lives who surround him. Fridays, 10 am beginning May 31st. If interested, contact Susan Dominick at 724-672-1156.



## Honoring Fathers June 16th



If you'd like to make a donation in honor or memory of your father or grandfather and have their names included in our special Father's Day bulletin, forms • Day • can be found on our website and on the

table in the stairway. Your donation will help to offset the cost of summer camp for our youth. The deadline to make your donation is Monday, June 10th. A special gift for dads will be available at all services on Father's Day weekend. Thanks to all of our amazing dads!

#### **Red Cross Blood Drive June 21st**

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



## Serrv Shop Help Needed

The Serrv Shop is open on Saturdays from 10 am-4 pm through September. If you can spare a few hours to help, please sign up on the bulletin board or call the office. Hours to work are 10-1 or 1-4. For questions contact DD Umbaugh. Thank you!

### June 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?

June 1 June 2 June 3 June 4 June 5 June 6 June 7	Acts 17:16-23 Acts 17:24-34 Acts 18:1-8 Acts 18:9-17 Acts 18:18-28 Acts 19:1-7 Acts 19:8-22
June 8	Acts 19:23-41
June 9	Acts 20:1-12
June 10	Acts 20:13-24
June 11	Acts 20:25-38
June 12	Acts 21:1-16
June 13	Acts 21:17-26
June 14	Acts 21:27-39
June 15	Acts 21:40-22:5
June 16	Acts 22:6-21
June 17	Acts 22:22-30
June 18	Acts 23:1-11
June 19	Acts 23:12-22
June 20	Acts 23:23-35
June 21	Acts 24:1-16
June 22	Acts 24:17-27
June 23	Acts 25:1-12
June 24	Acts 25:13-22
June 25	Acts 25:23-27
June 26	Acts 26:1-11
June 27	Acts 26:12-32
June 28	Acts 27:1-20
June 29	Acts 27:21-44
June 30	Acts 28:1-31

### Congratulations to our Graduates!



Congratulations to Emma Grace Jackman on her graduation from Geneva College in May. She graduated with a Major in Criminology and a Minor in Social Services & Psychology. Emma will be applying for a job with the PA Game Commission.

Ryan Michael Jones graduated from Robert Morris University in December with a Major in Wealth Management and a Minor in Finance after 2 1/2 years in college. He was hired by Elek Wealth Management in Ligonier in January.





Hello! I'm Shilo Petrilla! I will be attending IUP as a double major in hospitality management and marketing. Additionally, I will be a student in the Cook's Honors College and the Eberly Business Honors Program. I'm very excited to see what God has in store for me! **Children's Church Servants Needed** 

Children's Church Servants are needed during the 10:45 am service beginning June 9th. The lessons are ready to go! Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Ellen Yeskey for more information.

## Adventures with Jesus VBS Family Bible Week!

Vacation Bible School will look a lot different this year! Our theme is "Adventures with Jesus" and it will be held in the evenings from 6-8 pm August 5



-9. Lot's of servant's are needed! Please sign up on the bulletin board if interested.

Adults must have their child abuse and criminal clearances (free for volunteers). Contact Susan Dominick for more information. Anyone interested in serving please plan to attend a VBS **Planning Meeting that has been scheduled for Tuesday**, **June 11<sup>th</sup>**, **6 pm in the lounge**. All servants please come since we have reimagined the program and need your input, too. The MinistrySafe guidelines will be followed so ALL servants will need to fill out an application and watch an online training. Don't worry, we'll help you. This will allow servants to work in any children's programs going forward.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Ro Nagel, who died on May 8th, one day before her 96th birthday and Walter Jaap, who passed away at the age of 92 on his birthday, May 11th.

Our condolences to the Sarault family at the loss of Debbie's father, Wally Peabody, who passed away on April 28th at the age of 99.

Our condolences also to the family and friends of Abigail Smith, Gary and Wendy Black's 14 year old granddaughter, who passed away on May 12th.

Thank you for the outpouring of love, support and condolences offered during the passing of my mother. I am so thankful for the church family. God Bless, Rich & Gina Ziegenfus and the family of Jane Flowers.

#### Thank You for your Support

The Spring Rummage Sale was a huge success. 44 members and/or friends of Heritage Church supported the sale and luncheon by donating their time and/or luncheon supplies. Together we raised \$4,258 for missions.

Over 1,400 fleece blankets and/or knotted crib quilts were made and donated to hospitalized children through the Linus Project or the Open Hands Layette program in 2023. \$4,789.13 was spent purchasing fleece and other supplies last year. Financial support is needed to continue this ministry this year. Gifts can be placed in the offering anytime – simply mark the envelope "Linus". Include your name or offering envelope number to receive credit on your financial statement.

Thank you to everyone who donated diapers for our annual Diaper Drive! The diapers will be delivered to the Westmoreland County Diaper Bank soon.



