

Heritage Happenings



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Our Social Heritage & Social Witness (Part 2)



Last month we began examining our social witness – or the way we live for Jesus in the world. Below is a continuation of our theological position as Global Methodist Christians.

4. We believe that all should have the right to work in safe conditions with fair compensation and free of grinding toil or exploitation by others. We respect the right of workers to engage in collective bargaining to protect their welfare. We pray that all should be allowed to freely follow their vocations, especially those who work on the frontiers of truth and knowledge and those who may enrich the lives of others with beauty and joy. We acknowledge that science and technology are gifts of God intended to improve human life and we encourage dialogue between faith and science as mutual witnesses to God's creative power (Deuteronomy 5:12-14, Luke 10:7, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Timothy 5:18).

5. We believe that God has called us to share His concern for the poor and to alleviate the conditions and policies that have produced vast disparities in wealth and resources, both among individuals and nations, giving rise to poverty. We are called to improve the quality of life and opportunities for all God's people as we share the good news to the poor and freedom for the oppressed (Leviticus 19:9-10, Matthew 25:37-40, Luke 6:20-25, James 2:1-5).

6. We believe that all have been summoned to care for the earth as our common home, stewarding its resources, sharing in its bounty, and exercising responsible and sustainable consumption so that there is enough for all (Genesis 2:15, Leviticus 26:34-35, Psalm 24:1).

7. We believe that human sexuality is a gift of God that is to be affirmed as it is exercised within the legal and spiritual covenant of a loving and monogamous marriage between one man and one woman (Exodus 20:14, Matthew 19:3-9, Ephesians 5:22-33).

8. We are saddened by all expressions of sexual behavior, including pornography, polygamy, and promiscuity, that do not recognize the sacred worth of each individual or that seek to exploit, abuse, objectify, or degrade others, or that represent less than God's intentional design for His children. While affirming a scriptural view of sexuality and gender, we welcome all to experience the redemptive grace of Jesus and are committed to being a safe place of refuge, hospitality, and healing for any who may have experienced brokenness in their sexual lives (Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:24, 1 Corinthians 6:9-20).

We will conclude this Social Witness statement next month. If you can't wait, view the remaining statements at <https://globalmethodist.org/what-we-believe/>.

Living On Purpose,

Pastor Ron



I've Got Questions??

Pastor Ron's August Teaching



Aug. 3 & 4 "Why Do We Receive Communion?"

Aug. 11 "Why Does Baptism Matter?"

Aug. 25 "Am I a Heaven Gazer or Kingdom Raiser?"

FAMILY BIBLE ADVENTURE WEEK

Join us on Sunday, August 4th through Thursday, August 8th from 6-8 pm for Family Bible Adventure Week! Register online at ligonierheritagemc.org or through the church office by July 29th. Registration forms are also available in the sanctuary's literature rack.



ALL CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 11th



All are invited to our annual church picnic that will be held at 1 pm at the Flax Scutching Grounds. Carol & Dave's will be catering but desserts are welcome. The menu will be chicken (fried & grilled), pulled pork, hot dogs, corn on the cob, baked beans, cole slaw and pasta salad. Live music by The Glory Guys. The cost is \$5/person. Please sign up on the bulletin board and pay at the church office by July 29th. Checks payable to Heritage MC. Hope to see you there!

Did you know Heritage serves Home Communion?

The Heritage Home Communion Team provides Communion for those unable to attend worship. This has been a quiet ministry that shares God's grace and God's love with our church family. Sunday, August 4 is our next scheduled Home Communion. The prepared Communion kits will be placed on the Communion Table so that the elements are consecrated by the pastor during the worship service. We are again using the Communion kits with an image of a horseback rider reminiscent of our Methodist founder, John Wesley.



Most often, Home Communion is served to those who are unable to attend worship for an extended period of time, but we also are available to persons following surgery, etc. making attending worship service prohibitive. If you are aware of someone unable to attend church who would like Home Communion, please notify Beth in the office.

Thank you to our current Home Communion team members: Coordinator Evelyn Lesko, Greg Schaetzle, Diane Dennis, Gus & Andrea Niapas and Bob Winters. If you might be interested in joining the team, contact Evelyn at 724-309-9440.

August 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?

August 1	Matthew 26:17-30
August 2	Mark 14:12-26
August 3	Luke 22:7-22
August 4	Luke 22:23-34
August 5	John 6:25-34
August 6	John 6:35-47
August 7	John 6:48-59
August 8	John 6:60-71
August 9	1 Corinthians 10:14-22
August 10	1 Corinthians 11:17-29
August 11	Matthew 3:13-17
August 12	Matthew 28:16-20
August 13	Mark 1:1-8
August 14	Mark 1:9-13
August 15	John 3:1-8
August 16	Acts 2:36-41
August 17	Acts 8:9-17
August 18	Romans 5:12-17
August 19	Romans 5:18-21
August 20	Romans 6:1-7
August 21	Romans 6:8-14
August 22	1 Corinthians 12:12-14
August 23	Colossians 2:6-15
August 24	Galatians 3:23-4:7
August 25	Acts 1:1-11
August 26	Matthew 24:14
August 27	Jonah 1:1-9
August 28	Jonah 1:10-17
August 29	Jonah 2:1-10
August 30	Jonah 3:1-10
August 31	Jonah 4:1-11



June 28th Gold Outing for Valley Youth Network. Pictured from left: Tyler Jones, Lee Roehrig, Mike Yeskey and Pastor Ron.



Sunday School Kick Off Sept. 8th

All children and youth are invited to join us for our Sunday School kick off that will begin on September 8th 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

Christian Adventure is coming soon! Wednesdays from 4-6 pm beginning in the fall (date TBD). All adventurers in K-5th grade are invited to participate in this fun and free program. Snacks, music, crafts and more! Watch your weekly emails and upcoming bulletins for more information. Hope to see you there!



The Outreach Committee is planning a Fall Rummage Sale to be held September 13 & 14. Donations of good, clean, usable clothing and household items are needed. **NOTE!** We no longer accept televisions! Donations can be placed in the Pancake Kitchen during office hours. Please refrain from bringing furniture or large items until September 9.

BRIAN'S BASKETS

In memory of Brian Bloom we are going to put together some items that people usually do not receive from the food bank. Brian was such a kind soul who quietly helped with the food bank every year, and Elizabeth likes this idea to do this project in his memory. Items such as baking supplies, detergents, spices, can openers, etc. for 150 families is the goal. Originally we were planning on 50 families, but we need to make these baskets available to every family that will be going to the food bank in December. More information will be shared in the coming months.



Also Louise Wagner and another friend are knitting dishcloths, and we could definitely have more people working on these. I will have a bin under the table in the upstairs stairway for any items you would like to donate, such as dish liquids or laundry detergents. I am working on outside funding for items for the baskets plus we may plan a fund-raiser or two closer to the holidays.

Thank you all in advance for your support on this project that will help our neighbors in need and help give them a brighter holiday season! Thank you!!! Sincerely, Diana Neiderhiser

Member News



Congratulations to the Jackman family on the July 16th birth of Walker Wayne Jackman, son of Dylan & Janetta Jackman, grandson of Fred & Colette Jackman, and great-grandson of Don & Sherry Smith.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Ruth Burdick, who passed away on June 29th at the age of 89. Ruth had helped quietly behind the scenes for many years at Heritage and will be missed.

Notes of thanks

Thank you for supporting the Outreach Committee's "Sandwich & Salad Luncheon" on July 20. 31 members and/or friends helped and/or donated supplies for the luncheon. Together we raised \$1,080 for our mission budget.

Chuck Shaffer, Outreach Chairman



Hello, I just wanted to reach out as an appreciative mother for your work and ministry to Children's Hospital. My son came in to get some staples after an accident, and picking out a blanket that was camping themed brought the biggest smile to his face...especially since we were supposed to leave for a camping trip the next day but had to delay for his injury. That brought him great joy to a trip that wasn't so fun. Thank you so much for what you do! *Tiffany*

Dear Members of Ruth Circle, Sending along this note to say THANKS for your participation in Project Linus. My 2 1/2 year old daughter recently had to make a visit to the ER at UPMC Passavant Hospital. What started out as a new, slightly scary experience was made instantly better when the nurse presented her with a fleece Baby Shark blanket with purple trim made by your group. She has been carrying the blanket with her for the past week since then and even takes it to sleep as well. I can not thank you enough for the time and talent you shared through your participation in Project Linus. Please know your work is making a difference and is greatly appreciated! Signed, a thankful Mom in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. :)



Can you help?

SERV SHOP SERVANTS NEEDED!

If you can spare a few hours to help out in the shop on a Saturday (10 am – 1 pm or 1-4 pm), please sign up on the bulletin board. We would also love to have the shop open for the Thursday Night Markets, so if you can help on those evenings, please sign up on the bulletin board. The Serrv Shop will be open through September.

Communion Prep servants needed for the early service. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board. Contact Birdie Roehrig or the office for more information.

THURSDAY NIGHT MARKETS will be held on August 15th and September 19th from 5-8 pm. If you can help out with greeting visitors to our sanctuary during those evenings for an hour or two, or work the Serrv Shop, please sign up on the bulletin board. For questions, contact Susan Dominick.

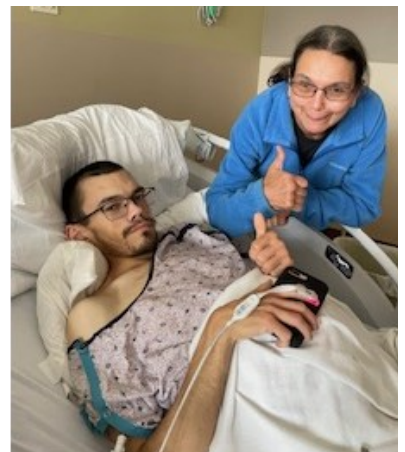
Fresh Express August 19th

Heritage will be assisting the Westmoreland County Food Bank distribute 'fresh' foods to Ligonier Food Pantry recipients on Monday, August 19th. The distribution takes place at 3 PM in the Holy Trinity Church parking lot. We need approximately 20 persons to help. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the church stairway.

Greeters Needed

Interested in helping to make Heritage Church more welcoming? We are trying to be more intentional in welcoming everyone – members and guests – at the 10:45 AM worship service each Sunday. Several persons are currently serving as greeters; however, we are looking for additional persons willing to participate in this ministry. If you are willing to help, contact Chuck Shaffer (814-341-5550).

Thank you to everyone for the support and prayers for Stephen and Mary Kay. Also, thank you to those who are helping to keep the church clean and running smoothly until Mary Kay gets back. ❤️



August 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music by Kasey Kisner
4 Communion	5	6	7	8	9 5-9 pm The Stroll on the Diamond	10 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Ardi Hill
 <p>Family Bible Adventure Week Sunday - Thursday from 6-8 pm</p>						
11 1 pm Church Picnic at Flax Scutching Grounds	12	13	14	15 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall	16	17 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus
18	19 3 pm Fresh Express at Holy Trinity	20	21 9:30 am MOW Mtg. in Lounge 5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge	22	23 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	24 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music by Amy Clarke
25	26	27	28 5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	29	30 Office Closed	31 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Susan Hans w/music by Reverent Heart Ministries

Happy Anniversary

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

Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services
10:45 am. Children's Church
Weds 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
Friday 10:00 am The Chosen Book Study
8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
Saturday 6:00 pm Saturday Night Service

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
19th Pastor Ron
21st Carolyn Hoover
Ryan Jones
Dorothy Shultz
28th Ryan Harbert
Tyler Stoner
Emily Verner
31st Barbara Glista