

# Heritage Happenings



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

### Our Social Heritage and Social Witness (Part 3)



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

9. We believe that children, whether through birth or adoption, are a sacred gift to us from God, and we accept our responsibility to both protect and nurture the youngest among us, particularly against such abuses as enforced child labor, involuntary conscription, human trafficking, and other such practices in the world (Deuteronomy 4:9-10, Psalm 127:3-5, 1 Timothy 5:4,8,16).

10. We believe that followers of God have been called to exercise self-control and holiness in their personal lives, generosity and kindness in their relations with others, and grace in all matters of life (Romans 12:9-21, Galatians 5:22-23).

11. We believe in the rule of justice and law in society, in the right of individuals to follow God's call and to lawfully immigrate to new places, and in the pursuit of peace both between nations and individuals. We offer ourselves to work in order to reduce the bitterness that has overflowed in God's world (Genesis 12:1, Isaiah 11:1-9, 2 Corinthians 13:11, Ephesians 2:19-10).

12. We believe the practice of the Golden Rule, treating others as we would wish to be treated, can effectively guide our social and business relationships. We seek to cultivate the mind of Christ and a heart for others (Matthew 7:12, Romans 12:1-2).

13. We believe that each person should have the right to exercise their religious beliefs without fear of persecution and that governments should respect freedom of religion and the important role of faith communities within the greater society. We further denounce discrimination or persecution which may target any because of their gender, economic status, ethnic or tribal identity, age, or political views (Isaiah 1:17, Matthew 5:44, Romans 8:35).

14. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of Christ, and we accept our calling to work towards that end as Christ's light and the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13-16, Revelation 11:15-17, Revelation 21-22).

Next month we'll begin exploring the ministry of local Global Methodist Churches.

Living On Purpose,

*Pastor Ron*



## Our Church is Kind of a Big Deal! Pastor Ron's September Teaching

Sept. 7/8 "We Focus on Jesus"

Sept. 15 "We Build Each Other Up"

Sept. 22 "We All Use Our Gifts"

Sept. 29 "We Work Alongside the Holy Spirit"

We're Kind of a  
**BIG DEAL**

**"Discovering Great Spiritual Habits"**  
**Sunday, September 15, 2024**  
**2 -4:30 pm in the Lounge**  
(RSVP on the bulletin board)

University of the Holy Spirit Great habits are important for life, especially our spiritual life with Jesus. There are four habits that, when practiced, magnify your growth with Jesus. This class will teach you the four habits that lead to spiritual maturity and help you implement the habits in practical ways.

### PASTOR'S FALL BIBLE STUDY Same Class, Two Options

Begins

September 10 @ 6:30 pm or September 12 @ 9 am  
(Church Lounge) (Senior Center)

RSVP on the bulletin board

The **Book of Romans** tells us about God, who He is, and what He has done. It tells us of Jesus Christ, and what His death accomplished. It tells us about ourselves, what we were like without Christ, and who we are after trusting in Christ. Paul points out that God did not demand people have their lives straightened out before coming to Christ. While we were still sinners Christ died on a cross for our sins.

THE GOSPEL  
**ROMANS**  
OF GOD

HERITAGE CHURCH

**REVIVE**

An Evening of Worship and Prayer for the Ligonier Valley  
7 pm in the Sanctuary of Heritage Church on the Diamond

**SEPTEMBER 26**  
**OCTOBER 24**  
**NOVEMBER 21**

Join us for an evening of modern worship music and intentional prayer  
for our families, our community, and our churches

## September 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?**

September 1	Matthew 14:22-31
September 2	John 10:1-6
September 3	John 10:7-10
September 4	Hebrews 12:1-3
September 5	Hebrews 10:19-25
September 6	Philippians 4:4-9
September 7	Philippians 3:7-11
September 8	Romans 15:1-6
September 9	Romans 15:7-13
September 10	1Thessalonians 5:1-11
September 11	1Peter 2:9-10
September 12	Ephesians 3:14-21
September 13	Ephesians 4:17-24
September 14	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
September 15	Romans 12:1-8
September 16	1Corinthians 12:1-6
September 17	1Corinthians 12:7-11
September 18	1Corinthians 12:12-20
September 19	1Corinthians 12:21-26
September 20	1Corinthians 12:27-31
September 21	1Corinthians 13:1-8
September 22	Matthew 28:16-20
September 23	2Corinthians 2:14-17
September 24	2Corinthians 3:12-18
September 25	2Corinthians 4:7-18
September 26	2Corinthians 5:11-15
September 27	2Corinthians 5:16-6:2
September 28	Acts 1:1-8
September 29	Acts 2:1-4
September 30	Acts 2:42-47

## Circle of Ruth Meets Sept. 12th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, September 12th 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 10). Ellen Yeskey will be leading the study and Louise Wagner will be bringing a dessert to share. We will be choosing our next Bible Study and putting together shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!

## Spaghetti Supper for Stephen Sept. 21st



St. James will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser for Stephen Cieslo (Mary Kay's son) on Saturday, September 21st from 2-5 pm. St. James is located at 300 W. Main St. in Ligonier. Check upcoming bulletins and emails for more information. Mary Kay thanks everyone for their continuing support and prayers.



## Rummage Sale Planned Sept. 13-14

The Outreach Committee is planning a Fall Rummage Sale to be held on Friday & Saturday, September 13 – 14. 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 still needed. 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 begin setting up tables & clothing racks and moving sale items to the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM on Tuesday. We will arrange sale items on Wednesday & Thursday beginning at 9 AM, and the sale will begin at 8 AM Friday & Saturday. Additional help is needed at 12:15 PM on Saturday to pack up and cleanup.

In addition, a 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.

## Saturday Night Service Celebrates 13 years on September 21st

Come and celebrate as we begin the 13th year of the Saturday Night service, on September 21st at 6:00 pm. The Glory Guys will perform live music and Rich Ziegenfus will be giving the message.



Pastor John Flower gave the first message on September 22, 2012. Since that night we have had 63 different speakers bringing the message to you. Pastors, lay speakers, missionaries to name a few. There have been 27 soloists/bands providing special music. Look for Ken Clark to come back on October 19th to speak about Clean Water Kenya and all the success his ministry has done for the Maasai Culture. Save the date December 21st, Chiz Rider will return to Heritage and play many of his 8 trumpets for a Christmas Concert. Chiz draws people closer to God's love through his music. Thank you to our congregation, our ushers, our laptop operators and our sound guys and of course our speakers. Amen. *Ron Wagner*

## A CPR/FIRST AID CERTIFICATION CLASS

will be held on Fri., Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm in the Lounge. Space is limited so if you would like to sign up, please contact the office asap. The cost is usually \$90/person, but Mutual Aid is only asking for a donation as we allow them to use the lounge during Fort Days.



## A SENIORS FOR SAFE DRIVING COURSE

will be held at the Christian Family & Children's Center (Donegal) on Tues., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 am – 1:30 pm. The cost is \$17/person. To register call 1-800-559-4880. More information is posted on the bulletin board. Susan Dominick is happy to drive the church van if we get enough people registered so let her know if you would like a ride.

**BLOOD DRIVE OCT. 25th**



The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Heritage will be held on Friday, October 25th from noon—5 pm. Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or by calling 1-800-733-2767. A sign up

sheet for volunteers will be posted on the bulletin board soon. Thank you for helping with this lifesaving ministry.

**BRIAN'S BASKETS**

In memory of Brian Bloom we are collecting laundry and dish detergent for the approximately 150 families who use the Ligonier Valley Food Pantry. A collection bin is located in the stairway under the table and we will be collecting through December 1st.

Also Louise Wagner and another friend are knitting dishcloths for this mission, so if you know how to do that and would like to help, please let the office know.

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! Sincerely, Diana Neiderhiser

**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!

**SKI/SNOWBOARD SWAP**



We still need to confirm the date for the SKI & SNOWBOARD SWAP, but it will be held a Saturday in November at our church. If you have any equipment or clothing please consider donating it or you can also sell it and pick up the cash at the end of the swap. Any questions, please call or text me. Thanks!!! Diana Neiderhiser (724) 961-3185.



**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** was given to Madison Brooke Rebert on Sunday, August 11th at the 10:45 am service. Madison was born June 25, 2022 to Kathleen and Benjamin Rebert, who officially became members of Heritage on the 11th as well.

**Notes of Thanks**

The Union Mission would like to thank Heritage for the leftover picnic food on August 11th. The cook was especially appreciative to have a night free of cooking.

Dear Heritage Members, Thank you for helping me to go to Camp Allegheny Wrangler Camp this year. I love riding the horses. I have made so many friends and we plan to all go to the same Wrangler camp next year. Thank you, Ella Scott



Dear Heritage Members, Thank you for helping me go to Camp Allegheny Xtreme Experience Camp. I had so much fun. I really

enjoyed the Bible lessons, all the food, and every activity we did. I can't wait to go again next year. Thank you, Jack Scott

*Thank you for the outpouring of love, support and condolences offered during the passing of our granddaughter. We are so thankful for our church family. God Bless, Gary & Wendy Black and the Black-Smith Family.*

It has been a long seven and half month journey, but on August 5th I was released from the wound center for my injury. God is so good! During this journey I felt His healing hands, His love and comfort during this long painful journey. Your prayers and words of comfort meant so much as well. I am so blessed to be a part of the Heritage family. Thank you!

Evelyn Lemmon

*Dear Ruth Circle Members, Thank you very much for the beautiful blanket you made! Our son received this after a procedure at Children's hospital! He instantly hugged the blanket right away! We love Mickey Mouse and appreciate it so much! Thank you for your thoughtfulness.*

Love, The Hart Family

Many thanks for the compassionate hands that helped to feed the hungry on August 19!! 19 members and/or friends of Heritage Church helped distribute 22,000 pounds of food to 106 neighboring households during the Fresh Express Distribution.

**Medical Equipment Available**

Heritage Church has been gifted a number of pieces of medical assistance equipment. The items are available to be borrowed on a 'first come, first served' basis. Ready to be loaned out at the present time are.... Geri chair, wheel chairs, rollators, walkers, canes, crutches, portable toilets, tub transfer seat, shower seat, bed rail, seat assist and raised toilet seat. You may use any items for as long as needed. In order to borrow any item(s), contact Chuck Shaffer (814-341-5550) or the Church Office.



# September 2024

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<b>1</b> Communion	<b>2</b> Office Closed 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music by Wayfaring Strangers
<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study Begins in Lounge	<b>10</b> 10 am Rummage Sale Set-up 6:30 Pastor's Bible Study in the Lounge Begins	<b>11</b> 9 am Rummage Sale Set-up	<b>12</b> 9 am Rummage Sale Set-up 9 am LV Sr. Center Bible Study Begins 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	<b>13</b> Office Closed Rummage Sale 8 am-4 pm 	<b>14</b> Rummage Sale 8 am-12 pm 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music by Kasey Kisner
<b>15</b> 2-4 pm UHS Discovering Great Spiritual Habits Class in Lounge	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge	<b>19</b> 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall 5-8 pm Sanctuary Open for Thursday Night Market	<b>20</b> 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	<b>21</b> 6 pm Celebrating 13 years of our Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus w/music by The Glory Guys 2-5 pm Spaghetti Supper at St. James for Stephen
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	<b>26</b> 6 pm Church Council Mtg. in Lounge? 7 pm REVIVE Worship Event	<b>27</b> 1 pm CPR/First Aid Training	<b>28</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Chuck Shaffer
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

- September Birthdays:**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Diane Dennis
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackson Daugherty
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Frank Hodges
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Nevaeh Cavallo
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Bill Pritts
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Eric Schell, Jr.
  - Isabella Petrilla
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Pastor Melissa
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Bill Stablein
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Molly Weaver
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Wendy Black
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Ava Weakland
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Ann Woodall
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Madison Beattie
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Shilo Petrilla
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Stan Neiderhiser
  - 29<sup>th</sup> Jessica Prieto

**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 6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study  
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

**September Anniversaries**

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> - Dick & Ginny Markle

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> - Dennis & Nancy Rising

Sept 7<sup>th</sup> - Stan & Diana Neiderhiser

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Maureen & Bryan Vincent

