

Heritage Happenings



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Following 70 years in Babylonian exile, God's people began returning to Jerusalem. One of the early men God called to manage the return was Nehemiah. His responsibility was to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. He was called to ensure that God's people were well protected and could flourish in their homecoming. You can read this story in the Old Testament book of Nehemiah.

While there is much to discover in this book, one of the aspects I like to focus on is the value of rebuilding. The fortifications of Jerusalem needed rebuilding. This suggests that the walls had either been torn down or too damaged to be valuable anymore.

In a very real way, those of us who bravely jumped into the Global Methodist Church find ourselves rebuilding the Methodist movement. We're rebuilding from the local church up. The local church is the heartbeat of God's mission. Heritage is committed to the Global Methodist Church and its mission in the world. Locally we express our mission as *making disciples who know, follow, and share Jesus Christ*. This is the biblical foundation that we are building for ourselves and for all those who come after us. You are noticing early signs of this foundation being built. Some of you are participating and completely on board.

Here are three specific ways we are building a new foundation for the future.

We experience the Holy Spirit in worship. Our weekend worship will be deeper than tradition.

We will create an atmosphere to experience the Spirit. Additionally, we are setting aside more time each month in *Revive* to worship and know Jesus, allowing him to transform us from the inside out.

We will build intentional spaces for discipleship to occur. We will follow Jesus with clarity and purpose. We're building the *University of the Holy Spirit* as a series of courses to reinforce the biblical basics for growing Jesus followers. We will continue to add small groups as the long-term landing spot for discipleship. The newest small group is *The Garrison* men's group. We will add more as the Holy Spirit opens doors. We intend to prioritize the Methodist model of discipleship.

We will encourage every member to serve in ministry and respond to God's call over their life. While we have several ministries available for you to serve, we will keep listening to the Holy Spirit for new ways of serving and sharing the Gospel. We are called to introduce people to Jesus in positive ways and this may include a specific focus on ministry to families.

We have been given an incredibly powerful and exciting opportunity as a Global Methodist congregation. No one is forcing us to do "church as normal" or to do things "we've always done." We are connected to a brand-new movement of God. Let's bravely respond to the mission of God and jump in!

Living On Purpose,

Pastor Ron



Loving the "156" Pastor Ron's October Teaching

Jesus has placed you and me here in Ligonier for such a time as this. He's allowed us to see the spiritual needs in our neighborhood – the "156". He's given



us the chance to see people like he sees them. Jesus invites us to have our hearts broken like his heart is broken for our region. He calls us to introduce people to Jesus in positive ways.

October 6	Loving the 156
October 9	The Harvest is Great
October 20	Joining Jesus
October 26/27	A Great Commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission Grows a Great Church!

CHANGES AT HERITAGE FOR FORT LIGONIER DAYS WEEK

Join us for Worship on Oct. 9th at 7 pm



Due to the difficulties in getting around Ligonier Fort Days weekend, there will be no worship services October 12th or 13th. Instead, join us on Wednesday, October 9th at 7 pm. See you there!

The church office will be closed Oct. 11th

Heritage's Annual Fort Days Pancake Breakfast Oct. 11th & 12th

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 the annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast/Brunch from 6:30 AM – Noon on Friday & Saturday, October 11-12. 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 setup the kitchen and dining areas and from 6 AM – 1 PM on Friday & Saturday to serve our patrons. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board.

Circle of Ruth Meets October 17th (Week later due to Fort Days)

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, October 17th at 6:30 PM in the Heritage church lounge. We will be beginning a new Bible Study, *God's Unbreakable Promises* by Jennie Allen. Linda Shaver will be bringing a dessert to share. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!

October S.O.A.P. Readings

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?

October 1	Mark 16:9-20
October 2	Matthew 28:18-20
October 3	Luke 24:45-49
October 4	John 20:30-31
October 5	Acts 1:3-8
October 6	1Peter 3:15-16
October 7	Romans 1:16-17
October 8	Matthew 9:9-13
October 9	Matthew 9:35-38
October 10	Romans 10:8-13
October 11	Romans 10:14-15
October 12	Isaiah 6:8
October 13	Matthew 5:13-16
October 14	Matthew 5:43-48
October 15	Matthew 4:17
October 16	Matthew 4:18-22
October 17	1Corinthians 15:1-2
October 18	1Corinthians 15:3-8
October 19	2Corinthians 2:14-17
October 20	2Corinthians 4:7-12
October 21	2Corinthians 5:11-15
October 22	2Corinthians 5:16-6:2
October 23	Luke 4:14-21
October 24	Luke 9:1-6
October 25	Luke 10:1-7
October 26	Luke 10:8-12; 16
October 27	Luke 10:18-24
October 28	Luke 15:1-7
October 29	Luke 15:8-10
October 30	Luke 15:11-32
October 31	1Peter 2:9-10



The University of the Holy Spirit
 “Discovering How to Share Jesus”

Sunday, October 20th, 2-4:30 pm
 Heritage Church Lounge
 (RSVP on the bulletin board)

Do you want to invite a friend or neighbor to church but don't know what to say? Do you want to share your faith in an evangelistic conversation but feel inadequate? These are real challenges for Jesus' followers.

This next course in the UHS will give you a biblical foundation for sharing your faith and confidence-building tools to point people toward Jesus.

A SENIORS FOR SAFE DRIVING COURSE Oct. 1st 9 am—1:30 pm

A Seniors for Safe Driving Course will be held at the Christian Family & Children's Center (Donegal) on Tues., Oct. 1st 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 red-crossblood.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.

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

Register for the Awaken Lay Equipping Weekend at Charter Oak Church on Nov 8th and 9th. This event is an excellent experience if you feel God is working in your life and want to be “all in.” Friday from 6 - 9 PM & Saturday from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Registration fee is \$50 until October 1. From October 1- November 1, the late registration fee is \$75. Register at alleghenywestgmc.org/events/awaken/. Questions to Pastor Ron or Rich Ziegenfus.

BRIAN'S BASKETS

In memory of Brian Bloom we are collecting laundry and dish detergent for those who use our church's Food Pantry. We will be collecting through December 1st and donations may be placed in the Pancake Kitchen. If you can help knit dishcloths, 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

Operation Christmas Child



Shoebboxes for Operation Christmas Child are available in the sanctuary. The boxes 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 Sunday, November 3rd. 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.**

New Director of Kid's Ministry



We are pleased to announce the hiring of Evelyn Lemmon to fill the Director of Kid's Ministry position for Heritage. We are glad to have her on board!

Christian Adventure

Christian Adventure is coming soon! Wednesdays from 4-6 pm beginning October 30th through November 20th from 4:15-6 pm. All adventurers in Kindergarten through 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.



HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED



Fun sized candy donations are needed for trick or treating at the church. Please have your donations in by October 27th. A bin is located under the table in the stairway for your donations. Thank you in advance!

SKI/SNOWBOARD SWAP NOV. 16th

Our annual Ski/Snowboard Swap will be held on Saturday, November 16th from 8 am-Noon. Drop off will be the Thursday and Friday prior from 6:30-9 pm in the sanctuary. 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.



Greeters Needed

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 make Heritage Church more welcoming, contact Chuck Shaffer (814-341-5550).

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.... 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.

Notes of Thanks



Heritage, Thank you so much for sponsoring me on my missions trip to Panama! During the trip I was able to experience things that I wouldn't have been able to before, such as being able to be a part of a prayer with my little knowledge of Spanish. My favorite part of the whole trip was seeing the relief and joy on the people's faces when we gave them something as little as vitamins. Thank you all so much for giving me the opportunity to go!

Thank you, Marlaina McCaffrey

Thank You for Sharing the Ministry

The Fall Rummage Sale & Luncheon was truly an all-church mission project! At least 43 members and/or friends of Heritage Church supported the sale and luncheon by donating their time and/or luncheon supplies. Together we raised \$3,600 toward our mission budget. Thank you to everyone who: donated clothing, household items, tools, and/or furniture, ...donated sandwiches, soup, pepperoni rolls, and delicious desserts, ...pitched in and helped move the sale items into the Fellowship Hall and Elevator Lobby, ...set up & arranged the sale items, ...assisted customers during the sale, ...prepared and served the luncheon, ...and/or helped clean up on Saturday afternoon.

Chuck Shaffer, Chairperson

Thursday Night Markets


Thank you to those who helped out in the sanctuary and Serrv Shop during the Thursday Night Markets. Ken Orme, Susan Dominick, Ann Woodall, Bob & Ina Smithley, Birdie & Lee Roehrig, Pat Zimmerman, Wes & Cara Evans, DD Umbaugh, Pastor Ron, Dennis & Nancy Rising, Kelly Hockenberry and Gary & Pat Garrison. We appreciate you being ambassadors for Heritage and my apologies if I left anyone out.

The Local Life Chain for the Ligonier Valley community will take place on Sunday, October 6th from 2-3 pm on the Ligonier Diamond. For more information on this Pro-Life event, contact Teresa at 724-493-4349.

Thank you to Joy Monticue for filling in as custodian while Mary Kay is off with Stephen. You may see Joy on Wednesday and Friday afternoons so be sure to say hello!

October 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge	3	4 Office Closed	5 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus & Marlaina McCaffrey (recent trip to Panama overview)
6 Holy Communion	7	8	9 7 pm Worship Service	10 6 pm Pancake Breakfast set-up	11 Office Closed 6 am–1 pm Fort Days Pancake Breakfast	12 NO Saturday Night Service 6 am–1 pm Fort Days Pancake Breakfast
13 NO Sunday Worship	14	15	16	17 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	18	19 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Ken Clark of Clean Water Kenya
20 2-4:30 pm UHS Class "Discovering How to Share Jesus" in Lounge	21	22	23 5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge	24 6 pm Church Council Mtg. in Lounge 7 pm REVIVE Worship	25 12-5 pm Blood Drive 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	26 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron
27	28	29	30 9:30 am Meals on Wheels Mtg. in Lounge 4:15 pm Christian Adventure 5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	31 5-6 pm Merchant Trick or Treating 		

October Birthdays

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

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 6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study
7:00 pm The Garrison Men's Mtg.
- 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