

Heritage Happenings



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“Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

November is the season of thanksgiving. Personally, this is my favorite time of year. It's full of family gatherings, decorations, cooler temperatures, and great food. November is a great time to reflect on what's happened in the previous ten months and begin planning for a whole new year. November is a month of thankful praise and thankful opportunities.

Giving thanks to God for all His blessings should be one of the most distinctive marks of the Jesus follower. We must not allow a spirit of ingratitude to harden our hearts and chill our relationship with God and with others.

Nothing turns us into bitter, selfish, dissatisfied people more quickly than an ungrateful heart. And nothing will do more to restore contentment and the joy of our salvation than a true spirit of thankfulness.

Having a thankful heart can change your entire perspective and outlook on life. One of the best ways to experience the power of thanksgiving is through prayer.

When we offer a prayer of thanks to God, our focus shifts from our problems to our blessings. We can experience gratitude and give thanks despite the circumstances and storms surrounding us.

We have a choice every day to give thanks to God. Thank God for His providential care over your life. Thank God for our hope and joy in Him, regardless of how we may be feeling at the moment. Let Him change your heart to strengthen you with His peace.

The best way to defeat Satan's attacks of disappointment, fear, and worry is through a humble and grateful heart! We have so much to be thankful for because of the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ and the peace He offers. Let's learn to thank God for all seasons of life.

Thank you, God, for the life you have blessed me with. Thank you for the opportunities that I have been given and for the strength to make the most of them. Thank you for guiding me through difficult times and for giving me the courage to face whatever comes my way. Most of all, thank you for your unconditional love and support, which has seen me through every challenge and kept me going. You are an ever-present source of comfort and hope, and I am deeply grateful for all that you have done for me. Amen.

Living On Purpose,
Pastor Ron



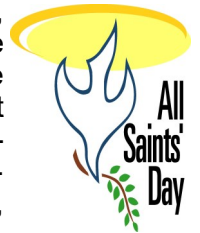
Ceiling Shattering Prayer Pastor Ron's November Teaching

Ceiling Shattering Prayer is all about helping you pray the prayers that will move the heart of God. Over four weeks, Pastor Ron will explain why some prayers are ineffective, what it means to trust God with what we ask for, and how to pray prayers that require a God-sized faith

November 2&3	I'm Praying Too Small!
November 10	Make Me Bold!
November 17	Speak to Me!
November 23&24	Break My Heart

Celebrating the Saints of Heritage

Join us at both services on Sunday, November 3rd as we celebrate the professing members of Heritage who have passed away in the last year. We will be honoring the following: Eugene Seiling, Jane Flowers, Romaine Nagel, Walter Jaap, Ruth Burdick and Nancy Clark.



Shoeboxes Due Nov. 3rd

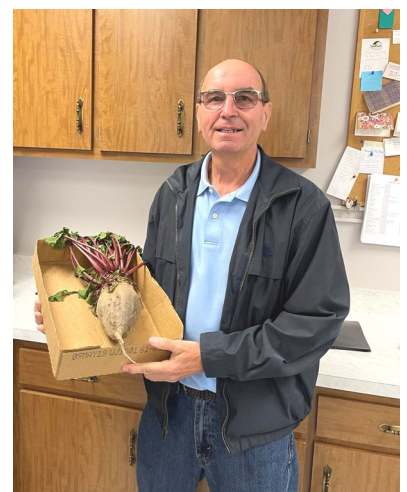
Shoeboxes are still available in the sanctuary and include directions for packing with a list of gift ideas, as well as a list of items that cannot be included, and an envelope for shipping costs. All shoeboxes must be returned to the sanctuary by Sunday, November 3rd. Thank you to everyone who packs 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. Also, if you took a box but didn't get a chance to fill it, please bring it back and we'll save it for next year.**

Beet of the Week

Congrats to Ron Wagner on growing this 3.12 lb.

beet. Your average beet (according to Google) weighs in at just .41 oz.

Maybe next year we can have a contest or something... Thank you so much to all of our dedicated gardeners for sharing your produce this year!



November 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?

November 1	Matthew 6:5-8
November 2	Matthew 6:9-15
November 3	Matthew 7:7-12
November 4	Romans 8:26-27
November 5	James 5:13-16
November 6	Philippians 4:4-7
November 7	1Thessalonians 5:16-24
November 8	Ephesians 6:10-20
November 9	1John 5:13-17
November 10	Luke 18:1-8
November 11	Luke 18:9-14
November 12	Matthew 5:43-48
November 13	1Timothy 2:1-8
November 14	2Chronicles 6:3-11
November 15	2Chronicles 6:12-15
November 16	2Chronicles 6:16-21
November 17	2Chronicles 6:22-25
November 18	2Chronicles 6:26-31
November 19	2Chronicles 6:32-35
November 20	2Chronicles 6:36-42
November 21	2Chronicles 7:12-16
November 22	Hebrews 4:14-16
November 23	Acts 2:42-47
November 24	James 4:1-7
November 25	1Peter 3:8-12
November 26	Acts 12:1-5
November 27	Acts 12:6-11
November 28	Acts 12:12-19
November 29	John 17:1-12
November 30	John 17:13-26

Benefit Auction November 9th



The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Benefit Auction at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 9, inside The (VYN) Barn, located on Springer Road. The auction will feature furniture, antiques, collectables, home décor, and kitchen appliances. Some of the items to be sold can be viewed at www.auctionzip.com. Go to the homepage and enter the number 4025 for the auctioneer's ID; then scroll down to "Benefit Auction." Doors will open at 8:00 PM for previewing the items for sale. All proceeds will support local and global mission projects.

Lunch will be available. A number of donations are needed; a signup sheet is located on the bulletin board. Please note that **all** donations need to be in the Lounge Kitchen no later than noon on Friday! No pie, no cake, please.

Your help is needed! We will move sale items from the storage building to the Barn on Monday, November 4. Two crews will be needed – the first crew will start loading trucks @8:30 AM at the storage building; the second crew will meet at 10 AM at the Barn to set up tables & chairs and unload the trucks.

Tuesday – Thursday will be 'setup' days... we will need to put furniture back together, display the smaller items and dust, polish, and shine sale items.

On Saturday, we need several helpers in the kitchen area and several "sale runners" during the auction. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board. Thank you in advance for your help!

Circle of Ruth Meets Nov. 14th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 PM in the Heritage church lounge. We will be continuing our Bible Study, *God's Unbreakable Promises* with Jada Edwards. Dena Fritz will lead the Bible study and Brenda Sherbondy will bring a dessert to share. We will be signing Thanksgiving cards for our card ministry. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!



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.

Mark your calendars!

IMPORTANT FAMILY DINNER & MEETING Sunday, November 17th

You and your family are invited to dinner and a church meeting on Sunday, November 17, following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Details are coming, but please hold this date. During this church family meeting, you'll be able to hear and respond to the work of the Discipleship Planning Team and how it relates to our ministry and direction.

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Nov. 20th, 6:30 pm

As Global Methodist Christians it's important to celebrate our ministry, reflect on what God has been doing, and prepare for a new year of following Jesus. All of this happens at our **annual Church Conference**. You are invited to attend and participate on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 6:30 pm. Rev. Dr. Laura Saffell, the Presiding Elder in the Pittsburgh South Circuit, will preside.



REVIVE



**Community Thanksgiving Service at Heritage
Sunday, November 24th, 7pm**



The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Heritage on Sunday, November 24th at 7 pm. There will be a community choir led by Miriam Davies singing "Thanksgiving" by John Ness Beck. If you are interested in participating in the choir, please let the office know. We will have copies of the music in the office soon. Rehearsal will be at 6 pm, prior to the service.

Thanksgiving Week Schedule

- Regular worship Nov. 24th at 8:30 & 10:45 am
- Community Service Nov. 24th at 7 pm
- Hanging of the Greens (TBD)
- Office Closed Thursday & Friday
- Light Up Ligonier Nov. 29th at 6:30 pm
- Ardi Hill speaking Nov. 30th at 6 pm

Ready for Advent?

The holiday season is quickly approaching. For Christians, the season begins with Advent. We'd like you to participate in worship during the weeks of Advent and Christmas by lighting the weekly Advent candle and reading specific Scripture. Here are the dates, please sign up on the bulletin board to participate.



- December 1
- December 8
- December 15
- December 22
- December 24

Angel Tree Tags for Salvation Army

Heritage will soon have three Angel Tree Tags for the Salvation Army. If you would like to reserve a tag, please contact the church office.



Mitten Tree Collection

We will be collecting new gloves, mittens, scarves and hats for the Salvation Army through the first week of December. A box will be available soon in the vestibule for your donations.

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army Dec. 11th

Heritage will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive at the Ligonier Giant Eagle on Wednesday, December 11th from 10 am—5 pm. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who would like to volunteer.



**Camp Allegheny Dinner Theater
& Basket Auction
Sunday, December 8th**



Silent auction bidding begins at 2:15 pm, doors open for appetizers & seating at 3:15 pm in the dining hall. Show begins at 4 pm. \$40/person by Nov. 22nd (\$5 discount for reservations made by Nov. 3rd). More information is located on the bulletin board or call 814-754-5122.

Heritage Town Clock and Bell

While our current church was being built in 1902, a proposition was made to Rev. N.G. Miller, pastor of our church at the time, by a Pittsburgh firm to provide a town clock and bell to the borough at no cost by an anonymous donor.

On May 6th, 1903, the Town Clock and Bell began keeping time at the church. Electricity was turned on to light the north and east face of the clock. The E. Howard Clock and bell did not need electricity because it was a pendulum clock



Mechanism that runs the pendulum clock

which had to be wound once a week. The striking of the bell could be heard for three or four miles away so that it was an advantage to country people. Everyone in the borough knew what time of day it was day or night.

The anonymous donor's name was not revealed to the public until Rev. Miller retired. The Pittsburgh gentleman's name was Colonel James Guffey. It turns out Mr. Guffey and Pastor Miller were good friends and Mr. Guffey furnished the clock and bell in memory of his mother. Mr. Guffey was in the oil business and formed Gulf Oil in 1907. When Col. Guffey passed away at the age of 91 in 1930, the funeral service was held in Pittsburgh. While the service was being held, the bell at our church was rung 91 times.



40 lb. hammer that strikes the 1,000 lb. bell on the hour

The clock is listed in the Seth Thomas ledger with a date of August 9, 1902, serial #20/1124, according to the Smithsonian Institute Archives Center. The Town Clock and Bell have been maintained by the Ligonier Borough from May 6, 1903, until August 19, 2024. In August the Ligonier Borough decided they cannot prove ownership of the clock and bell and since the clock and bell are installed in our bell tower, we now own them. The bell, which had been turned off for several months, has been turned back on and both clock and bell are working well. The church plans to modernize the clock and bell in the future. Stay tuned for updates as plans are made available.

Ron Wagner

Coffee House at The Barn Nov. 15th



The Coffee House is beginning a new season on Friday, November 15th at The Barn. Doors open at 6:15 pm. Show starts at 7. Come early to get good seats and first choice of delicious desserts!



Thank you to those who donated candy for the trick-or-treaters! It is greatly appreciated and hopefully there will be some left over for the candy dish outside the office. :)

Christian Adventure Begins Oct. 30th

Just a reminder that Christian Adventure will be held Wednesdays from 4:15–6 pm Oct. 30th through Nov. 20th for children K-5th grade. Transportation provided from RK Mellon. Crafts, music, games and fun! Sign up on our website asap.



A big thank you to Pam Hardiman for a bale of straw, to Birdie Roehrig for her artistic gift to paint the cross and Linda O’Sullivan, former LV art teacher, for the painting of the rocks that resulted in our colorful scarecrow display “Fruit of the Spirit.” Creative way to share God’s Word! Don’t forget to vote on your favorite scarecrow! You have until October 31st and can vote at the Library, Betsy’s,

the Holiday Home Store and more.

Advent Children’s Church Begins Nov. 24th

Advent Children’s Church will be held Nov. 24th–Dec. 15th during the 10:45 am service following the Children’s Moment. It will center on preparing for a Christmas Program during the 10:45 am service on December 15th. For all children ages 3 through grade 12.

All Church Christmas Caroling Dec. 15th

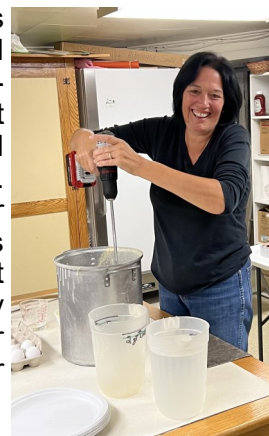
Save the date!!! Never too early to mark your calendar! So December 15th there will be church wide caroling at the Bethlen Home. More details to follow BUT save the date!!!



Nancy Zur would like to thank everyone for your love, support, prayers, food and cards at the loss of her mother, Kay Summerson. She truly appreciates her church family and especially Pastor Ron for participating in Kay’s service and the time he spent with her.

Myra Appleby thanks everyone for their prayers during her recent hospitalization. The doctors were able to shock her heart successfully back into rhythm and she is feeling much better.

34 members and/or friends of Heritage Church helped with the Pancake & Sausage Breakfast during Fort Ligonier Days. We served 723 paying customers. Even though the Treasurer has not received all monies at this time, I estimate that we raised approximately \$2,700 for the Ligonier Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!
Chuck Shaffer, Chairperson



Photos by Ellen Yeskey

27 units of blood products were collected during the Blood Drive hosted by Heritage on October 25. Thanks to everyone who showed up to donate this life-giving gift and to the 6 members/ friends of Heritage who volunteered to serve as hosts or hostesses.






Our condolences to the family and friends of former Heritage member, Daryle Brown, who passed away at the age of 100 on Oct. 18th at Arbutus Manor.

2025 Bulletin Sponsors Needed

Please sign up on the bulletin board and be sure to include what you would like the bulletin in honor or memory of. Cost is \$10 to sponsor. Thank you!

November 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music by Way-Faring Strangers 
3 Holy Communion All Saints' Day Shoeboxes Due 	4 8:30 am Move Auction Items 5:30 pm SPRC Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm. 7 pm Garrison Men's Mtg.	5 8:30 am Auction Set Up 	6 8:30 am Auction Set Up 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge 4:15 pm Christian Adventure	7 8:30 am Auction Set Up	8 12 pm Auction food needed in Lounge Kitchen	9 9 am Outreach Auction at The Barn 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Adam Sweigart w/music by Kasey Kisner
10	11 Office Closed 7 pm Final Garrison Men's Mtg.	12 6 pm Outreach Mtg. in Lounge	13 4:15 pm Christian Adventure 6:15 pm Education Mtg.	14 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge 6:30 -9 pm Ski Swap Drop Off	15 6:30 -9 pm Ski Swap Drop Off 7 pm Coffee House at The Barn	16 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Bill Dempsey w/music by Scott Schmitt 8 am- Noon Ski Swap
17 12 pm Family Dinner Meeting	18	19	20 4:15 pm Christian Adventure 6:30 pm Charge Conference in the Sanctuary	21 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall 7 pm REVIVE Worship Event	22 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	23 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music by Amy Clarke
24 10:45 am Children's Church 7 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Heritage	25	26	27 5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	28 Office Closed 	29 Office Closed 6:30 pm Light Up Ligonier 	30 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Ardi Hill

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 6:00 pm Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall
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

Happy Anniversary!
23rd Jerry & Kay Blank

November Birthdays:

2nd Janis Shearer
5th Louise Wagner
6th Braden Marker
8th Gary Black
9th Zach Yeskey
10th Thomas Dowden
10th Emma Goppman
13th Elaine Steele
13th Mike Yeskey
13th Molly Daugherty
14th Katelyn Amond
14th Brittany Hoover
14th Mackenzie Plummer
16th Beth Caldwell
16th Dottie Johnson
16th Gene Appleby
20th Ryan George
22nd Barbara Johnson
23rd Eric Barth
24th Colin Smith
24th Jordan Smith
24th Lee Roehrig
28th Cameron Clark