

Heritage Happenings



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I love to set goals for myself. That's why I love the new year. What about you? What plans do you have for yourself in 2025? While it's important to consider personal growth, what's even more important is the reality that God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). God has always had the same priorities and his call over your life is consistent. We are called to love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and love our neighbors. That's the main thing! Whatever you do in 2025, let that be the foundation.

In this first newsletter of the year, you'll discover ministry that we've planned to help you grow in your love for God and one another. I encourage you to take your next right step whether that means worshiping with greater consistency, joining a small group, or using your spiritual gifts to serve in the name of Jesus.

Happy New Year,

Pastor Ron



Heritage Church Lead Team

During our November Church Conference, we affirmed the switch from the traditional church council to a new **Lead Team**. This transition will become effective January 1, 2025. The role of the Lead Team is simple – advance the mission of Heritage Church – ***We will make disciples who know, follow, and share Jesus Christ.*** This switch is exciting and carries so much potential for the future of our church's ministry. While each member of the team has a certain portfolio of responsibility, what matters most is that they will be working together at the same table on our mission. Here's your Lead Team:

Dan Fritz – Lead Team manager
Cara Evans – Lead Team secretary
Rich Ziegenfus – Certified Lay Minister/Lay Leader
Tom Shearer – Human Resources
Roxanne Goins – Finance
Greg Schaetzle – Trustee
Ron Geisler - Pastor

NEW YEAR, SAME GOD

Pastor Ron's January Teaching

"Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). That's not only good news but causes us to trust that God's priorities are consistent. This month, we will remember that God's call over us is always the same even with the turn of the calendar. God's plan for us never changes.



Jan. 5: "All to Jesus" - Wesley Covenant Service
Jan. 12: Worship God in Spirit and Truth
Jan. 19: Obey and Follow Jesus
Jan. 25/26: Love People & Share the Gospel

Undecorating the Church Jan. 5th

Sadly, we will be undecorating the sanctuary after the 10:45 am service on Sunday, January 5th. Please come and give us a hand if you're able.

Men of Heritage...

We need Jesus and we need to surround ourselves with other men with whom we can follow Jesus.



That's why we've started ***The Garrison Men's Small Group***. Practically, a garrison is where soldiers are trained and where they are stationed to guard a specific place. In ***The Garrison***, men are trained to follow Jesus and protect the spiritual health of their family, community, and church. This group will be starting back up January 6th. Watch the calendar and be part of what God is doing in the lives of men.

Circle of Ruth Meets Jan. 9th



Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, January 9th at 6:30 PM in the Heritage church lounge. We will be continuing our Bible Study with January's session, ***The Unstoppable Love of God*** with Lauren Chandler. Louise Wagner will lead the Bible study and Dena Fritz will bring a dessert to share. We will be signing Valentine's Day cards for our card ministry. All women are welcome to join us for fellowship, Bible study and dessert!

Collection for Union Mission

Circle of Ruth is collecting items for the Union Mission now through the end of January. "The Union Mission is a Christian organization located in Latrobe, that provides a temporary haven for men in need and assists them in building lifelong relationships." They are in need of new and gently used men's clothing, coats, winterwear (hats, gloves, etc.), tennis shoes, white socks and men's new underwear; hygiene and cleaning items; paper products; towels and washcloths; small and XL garbage bags. A bin is available under the table in the stairway for your donations. Thank you very much for supporting this mission project!!



Matt Barany Coming to Heritage Jan. 11-12

Matthew Barany, a former Youth Leader at Heritage, who now serves as the Director of Mobilization for Second Level Ministries, will be giving the message for the Saturday Night Service on January 11th. He'll also be sharing about his ministry on Sunday, January 12th at both services. Join us between services in the lounge for a reception to say hello to Matt. The above picture is of the Second Level Ministry staff.

Kathe is Retiring Jan. 19th!

Congratulations to Kathe Nason on her upcoming retirement! Her last day at Heritage will be on Sunday, January 19th so be sure to join us between services for a reception to give her a happy farewell. Circle of Ruth will provide light refreshments and we are taking up a collection to help Kathe offset the cost of her upcoming trip to Israel. Checks payable to Heritage MC, earmarked Kathe Nason, will need to be in to the church office no later than Thursday, January 17th. Thanks and hope to see you there!



New Organist Needed

We are looking to replace Kathe with an interim/long term organist so please spread the word or recommend anyone that you know who may be interested. We are advertising in local papers and through social media. All inquiries should go through the Church Office.



**The University of the Holy Spirit
"Discovering Heritage Church"**

Is God calling you to become a **partner/member** of Heritage Church? Every Christian needs to belong to a church home. Join us for this next course in the *UHS* to discover the story and mission of Heritage church, and how you can follow Jesus with us and contribute to the ministry.



**Tuesday, January 28, 2025
6 pm – 8:30 pm
Heritage Church Lounge
(Food & Booklet provided,
RSVP on the bulletin board)**

BLOOD DRIVE FEB. 21st

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Heritage will be held on Friday, February 21st from noon—5 pm. Register online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767. A sign up sheet for volunteers is posted on the bulletin board. Thank you for helping with this lifesaving ministry.



Thank you so much to everyone who donated baby items for the Open Hands Layettes! And thanks to the kids who collected them through Advent!



Thank you to everyone who donated hats and gloves for the Mitten Tree (box). We were able to provide 33 gloves, 16 hats and 14 hat/glove sets to the Salvation Army to help keep our neighbors warm this winter.

Thanks to Millie Jones, Winnie Lynn, Gabby Glick, Elaine Steele, Pat Zimmerman, Evelyn Lemmon and Lee & Birdie Roehrig for braving the nasty weather and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the Ligonier Giant Eagle on Dec. 11th.

Dear Heritage, The Ligonier Unit of the Salvation Army thanks Missions for your donation to help with fuel, evictions, shut-offs and other needs. The Women of the Linus Project providing a blanket for each child in our Christmas Project. For the Bell Ringers, all the money raised stays in the valley. The mitten and hat donations spread a lot of warmth to the children. Thank you for everything Heritage does to support us. God Bless You All, Ron Burns, Treasurer

The 2024 Ski & Snowboard Swap was a success!!! Thanks to everyone who helped!!! \$915 was raised at the swap and those funds went to the Ligonier Food Bank. Afterwards another \$415 was raised selling items left over from the sale. Those funds and any funds coming from additional sales will go to an account for Brian's Baskets in memory of Brian Bloom. Brian's Baskets will be downstairs in the Pancake Kitchen and includes items such as laundry & dish detergents, soap, hand knitted dish rags & laundry baskets for those in need. Items will be replenished as needed & donations are greatly appreciated!!! Please share that we have items if you know someone who needs a little help.

Thank you to the kids who participated in the Christmas Program and the adults who coordinated it. Also, a big thank you to all who went caroling at the Bethlen Home on December 15th.



January 2025



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Office Closed 	2	3	4 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus
5 Holy Communion	6 7 pm Men's Garrison Small Group Resumes	7	8 6:30 pm Golf Planning Committee Mtg. in Lounge	9 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	10	11 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Matt Barany w/music by Scott Schmitt
12	13	14	15	16	17 Office Closed	18 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rev. Dr. Paul McCracken
19 Kathe Nason's Last Day - Reception between services 	20 Office Closed 	21	22 5:30 pm Kids Ministry Team Mtg. in Lounge	23 6 pm Lead Team Mtg. in Multi-purpose Rm.	24 Ice Fest 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	25 Ice Fest 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music Kasey Kisner
26 Ice Fest Cub Scout Soup Sale	27	28 6-8:30 pm UHS Discovering Heritage Church (Membership Class)	29	30	31	

January Birthdays

Dylan Jackman – 2nd
 Dean Marks, II – 2nd
 Rob Wagner – 6th
 Westen Nicodemus – 6th
 Celena Valentine – 10th
 Christian Petrilla – 11th
 Peregrine Woolridge – 14th
 Andrew Geisler – 17th
 Hannah Yeskey – 17th
 Tyler Neiderhiser - 18th
 Andrew Flower – 19th
 Howard Behrhorst- 22nd
 Heather Flower – 24th
 Pam Stablein - 25th
 Vivienne Burson – 25th
 Joshua Gruending – 27th

January Anniversaries

Floyd & Dorothy McConnaughey, 5th
 Ron & Louise Wagner, 23rd
 Rick & Maggie Hildebrand, 24th

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 Men's Garrison Small Group
 Tuesday 6:00 pm Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall
 Weds 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
 Friday 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall
 Saturday 6:00 pm Saturday Night Service

