

Heritage Happenings



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Recent research by a University of Toronto expert has found that getting caught up in the pursuit of happiness may end up making you feel unhappier. Professor Sam Maglio reported, "The annoying thing about happiness for people interested in pursuing it is that it can be such a moving target. Happiness is something that everyone wants a little bit more of, but there's no clearly defined end state for when you've got it."

People who pursue happiness often feel like they don't have enough time in the day, which makes them feel unhappy. Maglio likens the never-ending pursuit of happiness to the analogy of a hamster on a spinning wheel, only that, unlike hamsters, humans know they're stuck on the wheel for as long as it takes to reach their goal. "Every attempt we make toward pursuing greater happiness is just going to serve more as a reminder of how much more time it's going to take because, with happiness, you're never done with it."

Happiness is one of the things we often pursue. But there are other things too, like money and stuff, perfectionism, approval, and even comfort. Like happiness, we find that things like these are moving targets. We end up chasing the carrot on the stick.

What's the Bible's answer to the things we pursue? Psalm 144:15 tells us "Happy are the people whose God is the LORD." The answer to our problem of chasing carrots is God, himself. Our satisfaction is met in a deep, personal relationship with our eternal God who is more than enough.

This February, we find ourselves between New Year's resolutions' success (or failure) and the season of Lent. We're caught between searching for more of something only to be asked to surrender our desires. With all the moving targets around us, our God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Let Jesus be the rock that never moves.

Pastor Ron

CHASING CARROTS Pastor Ron's February Teaching



off the treadmill and chase after something real.

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| February 2 | The Truth Behind What We're Chasing |
| February 8/9 | Chasing Money and Stuff |
| February 16 | Chasing Perfectionism |
| February 22/23 | Chasing Approval |
| March 2 | Chasing Comfort |

The University of the Holy Spirit "Making Sense of My Bible"



Reading and understanding the Bible can be challenging. While there might be challenges, we can admit that regular reading of the Bible helps us know God better, live a more fulfilling life, know God's will, and obey him.

In this session of the University of the Holy Spirit, you'll learn an easy plan for reading and understanding your Bible. It's called the SOAP process.

You're invited to sign up for this 2-hour class and walk away with resources to help you practice regular, helpful Bible reading.

Sunday, February 2, 2025

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Heritage Church Lounge

(Lunch Provided. RSVP on the bulletin board by Jan. 29.)

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Begins February 6, 2025

Ends April 10, 2025

THE APOSTLES' CREED



Thursdays 9 am -10 am

Ligonier Senior Center

This ancient creed, spoken by billions of Christians worldwide, can focus, protect, connect, remind, instruct, and form us into the people of God. The Apostles' Creed is the bottom line and the battle cry of every Jesus follower.

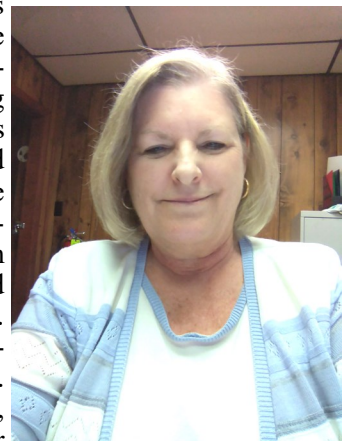
A Gift of Love is a Gift of Life



Clean Water Kenya is asking for donations through Valentine's Day to ensure that tribal families in Kenya have safe and sanitary water. \$35 helps one family and their goal is \$2,000. Please donate online at www.cleanwaterkenya.com or by check to Clean Water Kenya, PO Box 861, Ligonier PA 15658 by February 14th. Thank you!

Welcome to our new organist!

Melissa Rosenbloom was born and raised on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She started playing the organ when she was 16 years old, and served in churches over the years in Maryland, Delaware, Georgia and South Carolina. She is married to Bruce Rosenbloom. They moved to Johnstown, PA in 2023. Melissa likes to travel, read, and play with her Shih Tzu mix dog Trixie. Melissa is delighted to be joining the staff of Heritage Methodist Church. Her first day with us will be Sunday, February 16th.



February 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?

February 1	1 Timothy 6:6-11
February 2	Philippians 4:4-9
February 3	Philippians 4:10-13
February 4	Luke 12:13-21
February 5	Matthew 6:19-24
February 6	Matthew 6:25-27
February 7	Matthew 6:28-34
February 8	Matthew 6:1-4
February 9	Psalms 37:1-6
February 10	Psalms 37:7-11
February 11	Psalms 37:12-20
February 12	Psalms 37:21-29
February 13	Psalms 37:30-40
February 14	Psalms 1
February 15	Psalms 2
February 16	Isaiah 12
February 17	Proverbs 3:1-10
February 18	Proverbs 3:11-20
February 19	Proverbs 3:21-26
February 20	Proverbs 3:27-35
February 21	2 Corinthians 12:1-10
February 22	2 Corinthians 11:24-30
February 23	Galatians 1:6-10
February 24	1 Thessalonians 2:1-6
February 25	Psalms 118:1-10
February 26	Acts 5:27-32
February 27	Romans 12:2
February 28	John 15:18-25

Souper Bowl of Caring Feb. 9th



A collection for the Ligonier Valley Food Pantry will be held Super Bowl Sunday for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Baskets will be placed by the exits for your donations. Checks payable to Heritage MC, earmarked LV Food Pantry.

Super Bowl Invitation

Heritage Church is invited to attend the annual Super Bowl Sunday event hosted by Pioneer Presbyterian Church. The evening will include engaging in worship at 5:30 pm, watching the big game, and enjoying a meal together. We will gather at the Joshua House at the Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. Please bring some food to share.



Circle of Ruth Meets Feb. 13th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 PM in the Heritage church lounge. We will be continuing our Bible Study, God's Unbreakable Promises, with session 4, When We Mess Up by Jada Edwards. Brenda Sherbondy will lead the Bible study and Shirley Nipps will bring a dessert to share. All women are welcome to join us for fellowship, Bible study and dessert!

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.



COFFEE HOUSE FEB. 21st 7 pm



The next Ligonier Community Coffee House is scheduled for February 21st, 7 pm, in the upper level of The Barn. The February Coffee House lineup is shaping up to be quite a special evening of music! You don't want to miss this evening of fun, great desserts, coffee, and music! For more information, call Lynn or Pat Keegan at 724-537-6139, or visit the Ligonier Community Coffee House Facebook page.

Jam & Jelly Collection

Heritage is collecting jam and jelly through March for the LV Food Pantry. Donations may be brought to the church and placed in the bin under the table in the stairway after Feb. 1st.

Outreach Golf Outing

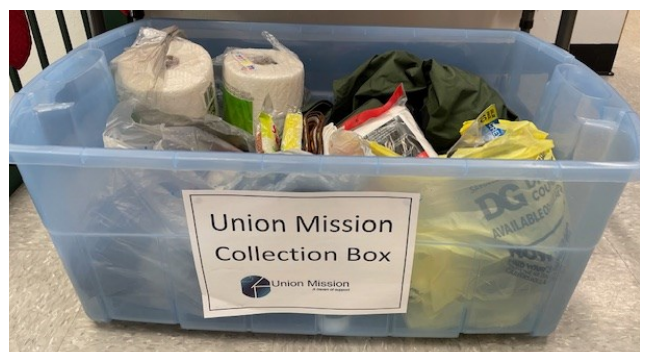
Save the Date! The Outreach Committee will be hosting a Golf Outing fundraiser at the Ligonier Country Club on Friday, May 16th. More information to come!



Beth Caldwell would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and support at the passing of her mother, Jackie.

Dear Friends of HMC, Michael W. Smith, along with his wife, Deborah, wrote a song entitled "Friends." There is a bond in the body of Christ: the Lord Jesus called us His "friends" if we do the works of His Father. You all have been dear and precious friends to me down through the years I have been at Heritage. What is beautiful is... it will never end since we will share Eternity in His Kingdom. Till then, we must work for the Kingdom until He returns or calls us home. Many, many "thank yous" for your gracious giving hearts. We both are partnering together in this trip to Israel's Biblical Tamar Park to work to bless the land of Israel. So it is not goodbye, but... "Till we meet again." May God Bless you richly! *Lots of love from your sister and fellow worker in Christ, Kathe Nason.*

The Circle of Ruth thanks you for your donations for the Union Mission.



February 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus w/music by Kasey Kisner
2 Holy Communion 12:30-3 pm UHS Discovering Your Bible Class	3	4	5 9:30 am Meals on Wheels Mtg. in Lounge 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge	6 9 am Bible Study Resumes at LV Sr. Center	7	8 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron
9 5:30 pm Service & Super Bowl Party at Pioneer Presbyterian Church 	10 6 pm Cadre Small Men's Group Mtg. at Rich Ziegenfus'	11	12	13 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	14 	15 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Adam Sweigart w/music by Amy Clarke
16 Welcome to our new organist, Melissa Rosenbloom!	17 Office Closed 6 pm Cadre Small Men's Group Mtg. at Rich Ziegenfus' 	18	19	20 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall	21 12-5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7 pm Coffee House at The Barn	22 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music by Scott Schmitt
23	24 6 pm Cadre Small Men's Group Mtg. at Rich Ziegenfus'	25	26	27 6 pm Lead Team Mtg. in Multi-purpose Rm.	28	

February Birthdays

Tom Shearer	1st
Lynne Flower	1st
Emily Kelly	4 th
Dylan Kuhn	5 th
Susan Dominick	8 th
Emilia Schirf	10 th
Madelyn Glista	12 th
Muriel Slade	17 th
Nathaniel Schaetzle	18 th
Evelyn Gilbert	20 th
Letty Goswick	21 st
Matt Barany	23 rd
Drew Neiderhiser	28 th

Happy Anniversary

Harry & Libby Marker February 26th

Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday	8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services 9:40 am Sunday School
Monday	6:00 pm Cadre Men's Small Group 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
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