

# Heritage Happenings



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## From the Pastor's Desk

March is a month of transition! Spring begins on March 20<sup>th</sup>. We turn the clocks ahead on March 9<sup>th</sup>. And Ash Wednesday (March 5<sup>th</sup>) starts the season of Lent. I appreciate how these all converge because, ultimately, we are all in transition. As Christian disciples, our transition is found in becoming more like Jesus. Choosing to follow and obey Jesus is a daily decision for each of us.

As you think about the next 30 days, pay attention to what you see Jesus doing in your life and what might be your next right step. Here at Heritage, we've created a few unique ways to help you grow with Jesus and take your next right step.

- Join your friends at the weekly Wednesday community Lenten worship services
- Worship with your church family during the weekends of Lent
- Use the SOAP Bible reading plan every day during March
- Attend the next University of the Holy Spirit class, "Discovering 4 Habits for Spiritual Growth"
- Connect with a weekly small group

Our hope for each of us is to "know, follow, and share Jesus." Lent is the best season for you and me to deepen our relationship with Jesus and join him in his mission.

*Pastor Ron*

## "Decisions, Decisions"

Pastor Ron's Lenten Teaching Series



What if becoming the person you want to be starts long before the moment you make a decision? Before you click "buy," before you take one more bite, or before you lash out at the people you love. Can the decisions you make today help you live the life you really want tomorrow?

If your life is moving in the direction of your decisions, do you like the direction your decisions are taking you? Don't make permanent decisions based on temporary emotions.

- March 8 & 9 – Take Back Your Life
- March 16 – Overcoming Temptation
- March 22 & 23 – Getting Closer to God
- April 6 – One Word That Will Change Your Life
- April 13 – When You Want to Give Up

## Community Lenten Services Begin March 5th



All are welcome to join together for worship on Wednesdays through Lent. The first three services will be held at Calvary UMC (201 N. Saint Clair St.) on March 5th (Ash Wednesday), March 12th and March 19th. The second three will be held at Covenant Presbyterian (200 N. Market St.) on March 26th, April 2nd and April 9th. The services begin at noon and end at 12:30 pm.

## Jam & Jelly Collection

Heritage is collecting jars of jam & jelly through March for the LV Food Pantry. Our goal is to collect at least 75 jars so that every household is able to receive a jar of sweet preserves in April. Donations may be brought to the church and placed in the bin under the table in the stairway.



## Circle of Ruth Meets Mar. 13th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, March 13th at 6:30 PM in the Heritage church lounge. We will be continuing our Bible Study, *God's Unbreakable Promises*, with session 5, *The Promise is a Person* by Lauren Chandler. Wendy Treasure will lead the Bible study and bring a dessert to share. We will be signing Easter cards. All women are welcome to join us for fellowship, Bible study and dessert!

**THE CADRE MEN'S SMALL GROUP** will continue Mondays through April 14th (except March 10th & 17th) from 6-7 pm at Rich Ziegenfus's home. Come when able! Please reach out to Rich for more info at rpz2@outlook.com.



## The University of the Holy Spirit "Discovering 4 Habits for Spiritual Growth"



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.

You can sign up for this short class and walk away with resources to help you learn and practice spiritual habits.

Sunday, March 23 from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
Heritage Church Lounge  
(Lunch Provided. RSVP by March 16, 2025)

## COFFEE HOUSE MARCH 21st 7 pm

The next Ligonier Community Coffee House is scheduled for March 21st, 7 pm, in the upper level of The Barn. The March Coffee House lineup is shaping up to be 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.



## Heritage Church Small Groups

As we build a pathway of discipleship and growing with Jesus, we encourage you to connect with one of our discipleship small groups. Here are four, with more to come.



Mondays:  
6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study group  
6:30 pm The Cadre Men's Small Group  
7 pm The Garrison Men's Small Group  
6:30 pm, 2nd Thursday of the month, Circle of Ruth

## March 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?

March 1	Proverbs 3:5-6
March 2	Philippians 4:6-7
March 3	James 1:5
March 4	Jeremiah 29:11
March 5	1John 5:14
March 6	Isaiah 41:10
March 7	Proverbs 18:1-4
March 8	Proverbs 18:5-10
March 9	Proverbs 18:11-16
March 10	Proverbs 18:17-24
March 11	Joshua 24:15
March 12	1Kings 3:16-28
March 13	Romans 12:2
March 14	1Corinthians 10:13
March 15	1Peter 5:6-7
March 16	1Peter 5:8-9
March 17	Joshua 1:7-9
March 18	2Timothy 1:6-7
March 19	Deuteronomy 30:19-20
March 20	1Corinthians 15:33-34
March 21	Psalms 27:14
March 22	Psalms 23
March 23	Luke 14:25-27
March 24	Luke 14:28-30
March 25	Luke 14:31-34
March 26	Matthew 6:25-27
March 27	Matthew 6:28-34
March 28	Matthew 7:7-12
March 29	Matthew 7:24-29
March 30	Matthew 6:19-24
March 31	Matthew 7:13-14

## KID'S MINISTRY MESSAGE

It's a new year, a new beginning and exciting things are happening with Kid's Ministry. Here are some of the highlights:



- **Children's Church** will be held Sundays beginning March 9th through April 6th following the Children's Message at the 10:45 am service. We will be practicing for the Easter Children's Program that will be held at the 10:45 am service on Palm Sunday, April 13th. Open to ages 3 and up.
- **Spring Christian Adventure** will be held Wednesdays starting March 12<sup>th</sup> - April 9th from 4:15-6 pm. Free for ages K-5th grade. Register by Friday, March 7th by logging onto our website at [www.ligonierheritagemc.org](http://www.ligonierheritagemc.org). Transportation from RK Mellon available.
- **A new program for Children's Church** will be starting the Sunday after Easter following the children's message at the 10:45 service. Sunday school will still occur as usual at 9:40.
- **Vacation Bible School** This year we are partnering with Camp Allegheny through a program they offer and lead called "Camp On the Go." VBS will be held July 21st-25th.

With all this information comes my ask. Many hands make light work has been my motto for many activities. So we need many hands to make our programs meaningful and successful. There are many different ways to serve that are not long-term commitments. So please pray about how you can use your gifts and talents to serve Jesus. Feel free to call me (724) 454-4650 to discuss your willingness to help. Thanks!!!


Evelyn Lemmon, Director of Kid's Ministry



## Rummage Sale April 25-26

Save the Date! The next Rummage Sale will be held on April 25th and 26th. Please hold off until after Easter on bringing in larger items. No TVs, couches or entertainment centers please. We will accept good clean usable household items, books and clothing. Thank you!

## It's Time to Register for Summer Camp!

All children affiliated with Heritage can go to Camps Allegheny, Wesley Woods or Jumonville. Heritage will pay 75% of the cost of camp.  Please be sure to let the church office know that your child is registered.

## 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. Brochures are available with more information on our website or at the church. Golfers and sponsors needed. 

## Family Hospice Seeks Volunteers

Family Hospice, part of UPMC, is now recruiting volunteers. Volunteers have the rewarding privilege of supporting patients with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers through a significant and inevitable season of life. Hospice volunteers make an impact in various ways, such as patient visits, caregiver relief, phone calls, support of grieving family members, clerical assistance, and more. Volunteer involvement is determined by the individual's skills, desires, and schedule. Volunteers are good listeners who display flexibility, understanding, and empathy. Specialized training is provided for new volunteers. For more info please contact Volunteer Coordinator Daun Boyle at 814-515-6056 or [boyledm@upmc.edu](mailto:boyledm@upmc.edu).

## Thank you!

Thank you to all who gave blood or helped at the Feb. 21st Red Cross Blood Drive. 37 people were registered to give. The next blood drive will be held June 20th.

## 2024 Giving Report

Please see the 2024 giving report on the next page from Chuck Shaffer. Thank you to all who support our Outreach program and please consider participating in the Golf Outing in May. You can find more information on our website.

## ONLINE GIVING

Don't forget that you can give anytime on our website: [ligonierheritagemc.org](http://ligonierheritagemc.org).



**Heritage Mission Giving**  
**January 1 - December 31, 2024**

	Outreach	Ruth	Pancake	Ski	Special	Church	Totals
	Committee	Circle	Breakfast	Swap	Offerings	Budget	
Barany, Matt - Second Level Ministry	1200						1200
Blackburn Center	1000						1000
Camp Allegheny	3000						3000
China Outreach - Penn State	1,000						1,000
Clean Water Kenya	1,500						1,500
Clergy Education Fund	1,500						1,500
Connectional Apportionment						10979	10,979
CROP Walk					85		85
Faith in Action	1,000						1,000
Food2Go4Kids	3000						3000
Fresh Express	400						400
Good Samaritan Ministry					250		250
Heifer International	1000						1000
Heritage Food Pantry				405			405
Hurricane Helene Relief					5265		5265
Kenyon, Annie - Missionary	1,000						1,000
Ligonier Fire Department	400				90		490
Ligonier Food Bank	3,000	2855		936	1415		8,206
Ligonier Meals on Wheels	3,000						3,000
Ligonier Meals on Wheels Christmas		317					317
Ligonier Salvation Army	2000						2000
Linus Blankets					3373		3373
Local Emergencies	500						500
Mission Trip Support	2,000						2,000
Nursing Home Devotionals	604						604
Operation Christmas Child		181					181
Red Bird Christian School	2000						2000
Souper Bowl Sunday					354		354
Stoval, Nathaniel - Missionary	500						500
Trans World Radio	200						200
Union Mission	5,075						5,075
Valley Youth Network	8,000						8,000
Voice of the Martyrs	1000						1,000
W PA Prison Ministry	1,000						1,000
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<b>Total</b>	<b>44,879</b>	<b>3353</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1341</b>	<b>10832</b>	<b>10979</b>	<b>71,384</b>

**Heritage Helping Hands** (*Gifts of Time, Skills & In-Kind gifts*)

AA Support Group (2)  
 Baccalaureate Hospitality  
 Blanketeers: Linus Project – crib ‘quilts’, cuddle blankets, hats; Open Hands Layettees – crib blankets, receiving blankets; Salvation Army – Christmas cuddle blankets  
 Cancer Support Group  
 Fresh Express Distribution  
 Fort Days Breakfast (Civil Air Patrol, enactors, vendors)  
 Fort Days EMS First Aid Station  
 Greeting Card Ministry  
 Heritage Emergency Food Pantry  
 Ligonier Valley Food Pantry  
 Ligonier Meals on Wheels (cook and/or deliver meals)  
 Ligonier Meals on Wheels Christmas Gifts  
 Ligonier Salvation Army: Christmas Cuddle Blankets, Mitten Tree, Red Kettle Bell Ringers  
 Linus Blankets (crib ‘quilts’, cuddle blankets, hats)  
 Medical Equipment Lending Library  
 Moms Helping Moms Diaper Drive  
 Open Hands Layettees (crib blankets, receiving blankets, Christmas collection)  
 Operation Christmas Child  
 Prayer Shawls (8)  
 Red Cross Blood Drives (3)  
 Rummage Sale (2) (supports community, Open Hands Boutique, Union Mission)  
 Ski Swap  
 Souper Bowl of Caring  
 Union Mission (clothing, hygiene supplies, household supplies, dinner supplies)

# March 2025

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

						<b>1</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus
<b>2</b> Holy Communion	<b>3</b> 7 pm LVAC Mtg. in Fellowship Hall	<b>4</b> 2:30 pm Golf Planning Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm.	<b>5</b> 12 pm Lenten Service at Calvary UMC 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music by Wayne Shaffer 
<b>9</b> 10:45 am Children's Church	<b>10</b> No Cadre Men's Group Mtg.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 12 pm Lenten Service at Calvary UMC 4:15 pm Christian Adventure	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Bill Dempsey w/music by Scott Schmitt
<b>16</b> 10:45 am Children's Church	<b>17</b> No Cadre Men's Group Mtg. 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 12 pm Lenten Service at Calvary UMC 4:15 pm Christian Adventure 6:15 pm Kid's Ministry Team Mtg. in Lounge	<b>20</b> 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall 	<b>21</b> 1 pm Newsletter Deadline 7 pm Coffeehouse at The Barn	<b>22</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron
<b>23</b> 10:45 am Children's Church 12:30-2:30 pm "Discovering 4 Habits for Spiritual Growth" Class in Lounge	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 12 pm Lenten Service at Covenant Presbyterian 4:15 pm Christian Adventure 5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ardi Hill w/music by Reverent Heart Ministries
<b>30</b> 10:45 am Children's Church	<b>31</b>					<b>March Birthdays</b> 1st Myra Appleby 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anthony Marks 3 <sup>rd</sup> Gabrielle Cavallo 4 <sup>th</sup> Ruth Digiambattista 6 <sup>th</sup> Marsha Clark 6 <sup>th</sup> Dave Hughes 7 <sup>th</sup> Pat Garrison 10 <sup>th</sup> Emma Fritz 14 <sup>th</sup> Nicholas Steele 16 <sup>th</sup> Paul Verner 17 <sup>th</sup> Pat Keegan Will Formato 21 <sup>st</sup> Sutton Fritz 22 <sup>nd</sup> Brett Marker 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jim McGinnis, Sr. 25 <sup>th</sup> Alicia Goppman 25 <sup>th</sup> Matthew Hoza 26 <sup>th</sup> Colton Cavallo 28 <sup>th</sup> Kyle Fritz 28 <sup>th</sup> Dylan Plummer 29 <sup>th</sup> Jim Douglas 29 <sup>th</sup> Evelyn Lesko 29 <sup>th</sup> Evelyn Lemmon 30 <sup>th</sup> Don Clark 31 <sup>st</sup> Alaina Holzer

### 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

### March Anniversaries

17<sup>th</sup> Mike & Ellen Yeskey  
25<sup>th</sup> Hannah & Garrett Omasta