

Heritage Happenings



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The cross is empty, and the power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to you. This is the point the Apostle Paul makes when he writes, *"But now you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God. The benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life"* (Romans 6:22).

The empty cross and the empty tomb make all the difference! You and I live in victory because of Jesus.

You are free from the power of sin, and the power of God is now at work in your life. When you say "yes" to Jesus as your Lord and Savior, the power of God enters your life. God transforms you from the inside out to change your condition.

However, there is a battle surrounding your transformation—a battle for your soul. God will begin to do great work in you, but then you may face temptations that pull you in various directions.

Our weekend teaching this month focuses on our new life in Jesus and how, by God's grace, we can overcome temptation.

It is important to understand this because God wants to empower us to overcome. What do you need the strength to overcome? What temptations are you facing that require God's power? What threatens to undo the good work of God in you?

God promises that in Christ, you are more than conquerors. But how do we experience this reality every day?



Pastor Ron

"Empty Cross, Full Life"

Pastor Ron's Easter Teaching Series



The cross is the symbol of Christianity. But is it more than a trinket around your neck or a decoration in the sanctuary? Jesus shows us that empty cross and the empty tomb are more than a story. Jesus is alive and can give you a full and meaningful life.

May 10 & 11 – The Empty Cross: Power
May 18 – The Empty Cross: Purpose
May 24 & 25 – The Empty Cross: People

National Day of Prayer May 1st

The National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 1st. A Prayer Breakfast will be held at The Barn at 7:30 am. Tickets are free and are available in the church office. **Please RSVP by signing up on the bulletin board by April 27th.**



Ladies Brunch May 3rd



Circle of Ruth invites all the ladies of Heritage Church to brunch on Saturday, May 3rd, 11 am in the Lounge. Food and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 30th on the bulletin board or call the church office. We hope you'll join us!

Circle of Ruth Meets May 8th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, May 8th at 6:30 PM in the Heritage church lounge. We will be having a tech night, learning how to use YouVersion and RightNow Media on your cell phone or ipads. Be sure to bring your devices and passwords. Beth Caldwell will be bringing a dessert to share and we will be signing Father's Day cards along with choosing our next Bible study. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!

HONORING MOM

Mother's Day May 11th

If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of your Mother or Grandmother this Mother's Day, please fill out a form (on the table in the stairway or have it emailed) and return it, along with your donation, earmarked Mother's Day, to the Church office by **Sunday, May 4th**. No amount is too big or too small.



Your loved one's name will appear in our special Mother's Day bulletin and your donation will help to send our youth to summer camp at Camps Allegheny, Jumonville and Wesley Woods. These camps give children the opportunity to make new friends, grow closer to God, experience new things and create memories for life.

We will have a special gift for all moms by the sanctuary doors at all services on Mother's Day weekend, so be sure to pick yours up!

Serrv Shop Opens May 10th New Hours!

The Serrv Shop will be opening Saturday, May 10th with new hours from 11 am—2 pm. Volunteers are needed to man the shop so please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help or call the church office. Contact DD Umbaugh for more information: 724-216-8783. Lots of great new handmade items in stock!

May S.O.A.P. Readings

Scripture – which passage am I reading?
Observation – what does this passage say about God? What’s it say about people?
Application – what does this passage mean for me? What will I do about it?
Prayer – what is my prayer as it relates to this?

May 1	Romans 8:1-8
May 2	Romans 8:9-11
May 3	Romans 8:12-17
May 4	Romans 8:18-25
May 5	Romans 8:26-30
May 6	Romans 8:31-35
May 7	Romans 8:36-39
May 8	1 Corinthians 15:54-58
May 9	1 John 5:1-5
May 10	Galatians 2:20-21
May 11	Galatians 3:26-29
May 12	Galatians 4:4-7
May 13	Galatians 5:1-6
May 14	Galatians 5:7-12
May 15	Galatians 5:13-18
May 16	Galatians 5:19-26
May 17	Ephesians 1:1-10
May 18	Ephesians 1:15-23
May 19	Ephesians 2:1-10
May 20	Ephesians 2:19-22
May 21	Ephesians 6:10-20
May 22	Colossians 1:15-20
May 23	Colossians 2:6-10
May 24	Colossians 2:16-19
May 25	Colossians 2:20-23
May 26	Colossians 3:1-4
May 27	Colossians 3:5-11
May 28	Colossians 3:12-14
May 29	Colossians 3:15-17
May 30	1 Peter 5:8-11
May 31	James 4:7-10

Diaper Drive through May



Mothers living in poverty cannot afford to purchase an adequate supply of diapers for their infants or toddlers. Some must choose whether to buy diapers, food or medications. This is further complicated by the fact that diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps or WIC. Because of this, Heritage will be once again holding a diaper drive through the month of May for the Westmoreland County Diaper Bank. Diapers can be placed in the bin under the table in the stairway. The most needed sizes are 4, 5 and 6, and pullups and wipes are needed, too. Thank you for any donations you can give.

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.**



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!



If you are affiliated with Heritage and are graduating from high school, college or graduate school this year, please let the office know by May 15th. We'd love to share with the congregation what your future plans are and celebrate your accomplishments.

More Than Golfers Needed

We are hoping that everyone in the church will support the Golf Tournament fundraiser benefitting the ministries of the Outreach Committee on Friday, May 16th at the Ligonier Country Club.



Even though many of us do not participate in the game of golf, we can provide support by attending the Tournament Dinner, which will begin at approximately 4 PM. The eloquent Pasta Buffet will include 3 meats (Chicken Parm, Sausage Bites, Meat Balls), Pasta with marinara and alfredo sauces, a splendid salad bar with garnishes and dinner rolls or breadsticks and assorted desserts & beverages. In addition to the delicious meal, there will be a fantastic raffle of merchant gift baskets and gift certificates and a silent auction of gift items and local restaurant certificates to bid on!

The cost is \$45/person and **reservations are due by Thursday, May 8th**. Make checks payable to "Heritage Methodist Church" and note "Golf Dinner" in the memo. See either Chuck Shaffer or the Church Office.

COFFEE HOUSE May 16th, 7 pm



The next Ligonier Community Coffee House will be held on Friday, May 16th, 7 pm, in the upper level of The Barn. Come out and enjoy an evening of live music, great desserts, coffee, and fellowship!

Sandwich & Salad Luncheon June 7th

The Outreach Committee will be serving the annual "Sandwich & Salad Luncheon" on Saturday, June 7 from 11AM – 2 PM. Donations of pies and help will be needed, and signup sheets will be on the bulletin board soon. Everyone is encouraged to stop at the church for lunch while browsing the antiques around the Diamond.



Red Cross Blood Drive June 20th



Heritage will host a blood drive on Friday, June 20th from 12 - 5 pm. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter our zip code to schedule an appointment. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be on the bulletin board soon. Thank you!

Free Museum Day May 4th

The Ligonier Valley Free Museum Day will be **Sunday, May 4th** from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM! Explore the Compass Inn Museum, Fort Ligonier, Ligonier Valley Rail Road Museum, Lincoln Highway Experience, Antiochian Heritage Museum and the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art for FREE!

Thank you!!!

Thank you to everyone who donated jam and jelly and thank you to Bill Dempsey for delivering it all to the Ligonier Valley Food Pantry for the April distribution. Our goal was 75 jars but we ended up with 91!

The past weekend's Rummage Sale/Luncheon was a great success! 44 members and friends of Heritage volunteered time and/or lunch supplies. We raised \$3,738 for missions. Thank you to everyone who supported the Outreach Committee's fundraising event.



The kids did an awesome job with their Easter Program on Palm Sunday. Thank you to all who participated and all who helped pull it all together.
Photos by Ellen Yeskey.

Living Last Supper

The Living Last Supper presentation held on Palm Sunday was an incredibly unique experience that blessed all who attended. Thank you to the Ligonier Valley Association of Churches and Jim Hutchinson of Westmont Presbyterian for organizing the event, which featured members of the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. And thank you to those from Heritage who helped make it happen.

Photo by Ellen Yeskey



Maundy Thursday

Thank you to Beth A. Caldwell and Ellen Yeskey for sharing photos of the Maundy Thursday Dinner and Worship on April 17th. Thank you also to all who prepared food and set up the lounge for the evening's service.



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 7:30 am National Day of Prayer Breakfast at The Barn	2	3 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus 11 am Ladies Brunch in the Lounge
4 10 am—4 pm Free Museum Day 	5	6 6 pm Outreach Mtg. in Lounge	7 9:30 am MOW Mtg. in Lounge 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge 6 pm Golf Planning Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm.	8 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	9	10 11 am Serrv Shop Opens! 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music by Scott Schmitt
11 	12	13 Sight & Sound Trip to see Noah	14	15 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall	16 10 am Outreach Golf Outing Fundraiser at Ligonier Country Club 7 pm Coffee House at The Barn	17 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Paul McCracken w/music by Wayne Shaffer
18 2-4 pm Meals on Wheels Volunteer Appreciation Tea in Lounge	19	20	21 5:30 pm Kids Ministry Team Mtg. in Lounge	22 1 pm Newsletter Deadline 6 pm Lead Team Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm.	23 Office Closed	24 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/music by Scott Schmitt
25	26 Office Closed 	27	28 7 pm Baccalaureate at LVHS	29	30	31 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ardi Hill w/music by Kasey Kisner

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 11:00 am—2 pm Serrv Shop Open
6:00 pm Saturday Night Service

Happy Anniversary!

May 25th Bethanie Orban & Keith Gough
May 27th Pastor Ron & Pastor Melissa
May 28th Barb & Roger Johnson

May Birthdays

1st Willa Keim
Birdie Roehrig
3rd Lynn Keegan
3rd Bradley Neiderhiser
3rd Ginny Markle
4th Ethan Neiderhiser
6th Gary Garrison
7th Donnie Gilbert
7th Dick Markle
9th Saylor Clise
10th Scott Watson
11th Shawn Cavallo
Cara Evans

12th Chuck Shaffer
16th Sarah Zimmerman
18th Caden Watson
19th Phoebe Kelley
19th Caleb Geisler
20th Evan Kelly
24th Emily Daugherty
24th Julie Goswick
26th Brooke Thomas
27th Katherine Burson
28th Dennis Rising
Sherry Smith
29th Gertrude Shaffer
30th Brenda George