

Heritage Happenings



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From the Pastor's Desk



In the French novel *The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas, the characters have a famous motto: "All for one and one for all." They promised to support each other in pursuit of a common goal. Reflecting on Paul's letter to the Ephesians, I see that he encourages them to embrace a similar idea of unity.

As believers, we are united by our shared calling as followers of Christ. Paul urges the Ephesians to "live a life worthy of the calling you have received" (Ephesians 4:1). In the first three chapters of Ephesians, he establishes important teachings. Now, in chapter 4, he challenges them to reflect on their beliefs in their daily lives.

Our calling influences our behavior. Paul describes the qualities we should show in verses 2 and 3: humility, gentleness, patience, unity, and peace. We are united through Christ's death and resurrection and the presence of the Holy Spirit. When Paul says to "make every effort" in verse 3, he means we should actively work to maintain this unity. The Spirit provides unity, but it is our job to protect it (Ephesians 4:3).

Paul emphasizes our shared beliefs by repeating the word "one": "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6). All for one: Lord Jesus.

Father God, thank You for Your Spirit, the source of unity among believers. Help us to protect and cherish this unity. Righteous God, guide us to live in a way that honors Your calling as a community of faith.

Pastor Ron

Ephesians – One Church

Pastor Ron's Summer Teaching Series



When the local church is united around Jesus and His mission, it becomes unstoppable! In his letter to the church in Ephesus, the Apostle Paul aimed to help them understand their identity in Christ and how to live a holy life. Throughout the letter, Paul emphasizes the importance of unity, encouraging the church to come together so that the world may recognize Jesus.

Our weekend teachings this summer will guide us through the major theology of Ephesians. By the end, we will have a clearer understanding of who we are in Christ and how this identity influences our mission.

We encourage everyone to bring their Bibles to worship, allowing us to delve deeply into God's Word.

Ephesians Summer Bible Study

There's so much more in Ephesians than we can cover in a 30-minute weekend sermon. If you'd like to dive deeper into the Holy Spirit's message to the church through the book of Ephesians, join Pastor Geisler in a special summer Bible study session.

DEEP DIVE

Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8 pm

June 25, July 2, July 9

July 23, July 30, August 6

Linus Blanket Donations Needed

Using an interest-free loan, we were able to purchase the remaining stock of fabric at Joanne's at Greensburg for \$1,169; saving over \$7,400 to use to make Linus Blankets. **Support is needed to pay back the loan.** Offerings can be placed in the offering baskets or through the Church Office. Simply mark your gift "Linus". Thank you! And don't forget, all are welcome to join us the third Thursday of the month (July 17th) at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall to work on blankets that will be distributed to children undergoing medical treatment at area hospitals. Below is a thank you from a grateful parent.



Thank you so much for the support and generosity! My son was offered this blanket at the USO in Pittsburgh. He hasn't let go of it. We appreciate the care and support we get from the Pittsburgh community!

1 LT Ian Lefler, USAF

Spaghetti Dinner for Missions August 16th

Save the date! There will be a Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for missions on Saturday, August 16th from 11 am–5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A sign up sheet will be available soon on the bulletin board for volunteers and donations.





After a little break things are beginning to start up again!



Vacation Bible School will be held July 21-25th at The Barn from 10 am—3 pm. Help is still needed for chaperoning the children that week. Will be willing to take one day of your time or all five days!!!

Any artistic person willing to make a simple poster for that week to welcome the kids to VBS (and to let the parents know they are at the right place!) Call me!

Will need helpers to grocery shop and help put the lunches together. Call me!



Children's church will be starting again July 6th during the 10:45 a.m. service. We will be using a new curriculum this summer.

Lastly keep the Kid's Ministry team in your prayers as we continue to see new families coming to church!

Thanks! Evelyn Lemmon 724-454-4650



Thank you so much to everyone who donated in honor or memory of a loved one for Mother's Day and Father's Day. The money raised (\$2,335) will help to offset

the cost of camperships. Heritage covers 75% of the cost, and this year, we have 8 children affiliated with our church attending camp.



Thank you for helping me go to camp! I loved it! I learned a lot about God and the Bible. I had lots of fun. Thanks, Emilia (Schirf)

Outreach Thank You!

Thank you to all who volunteered to help, donated food/desserts and came to enjoy the Sandwich and Salad luncheon during Antiques on the Diamond. A total of \$1,385 was made for missions. *Chuck Shaffer, Chairperson*

Falcon Coulson an extra in the upcoming Hershey Movie

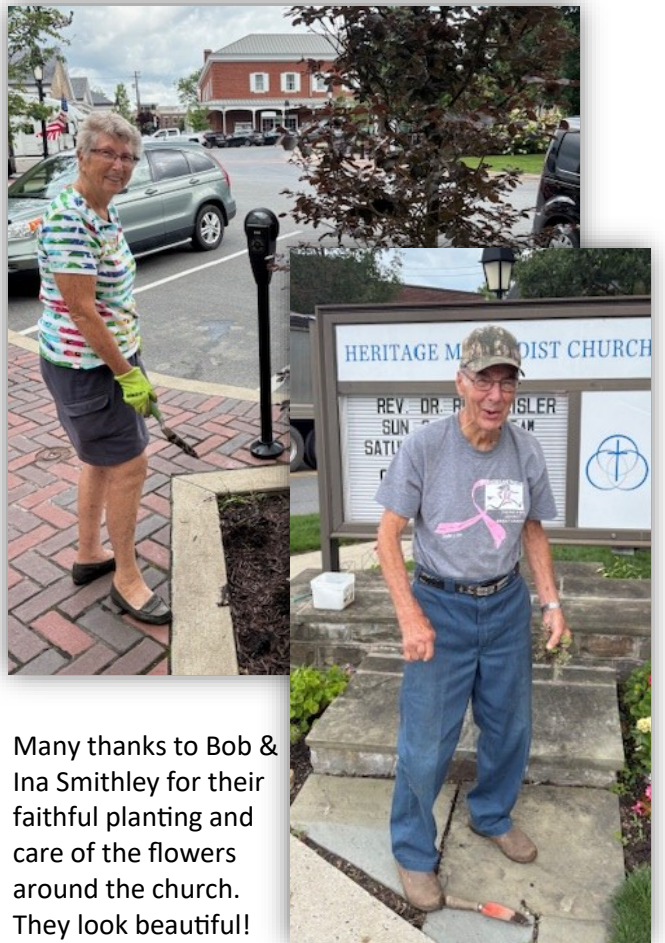
When the Milton Hershey movie that was filmed right here in Ligonier comes out we will need to look for one of our own!

Falcon Coulson was spotted as an extra! She looks great in period garb and she had a fun time participating.

Falcon and her daughter Flora recently joined Heritage.

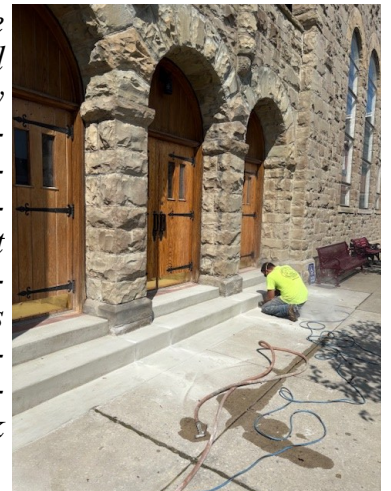


(Photo a joint effort between Evelyn Lemmon and Falcon Coulson)



Many thanks to Bob & Ina Smithley for their faithful planting and care of the flowers around the church. They look beautiful!

The new concrete steps are in and look great! Many thanks to Darlington Construction and the Trustees for making it happen. Hopefully by the time this newsletter is published, the hand-rails will be back in place.



July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30–8 pm Ephesians Bible Study in Lounge	3	4 Office Closed 	5 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/ music by Scott Schmitt
6 10:45 am Children's Church	7 Office Closed	8	9 6:30–8 pm Ephesians Bible Study in Lounge	10 6:30 pm Worship Leader Training in Lounge	11	12 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/ music by Scott Schmitt
13 10:45 am Children's Church	14	15	16	17	18	19 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Adam Sweigart
20 10:45 am Children's Church	21	22	23 6:30–8 pm Ephesians Bible Study in Lounge	24	25 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	26 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/ music by Kasey Kisner
	Vacation Bible School at The Barn 10 am —3 pm					
27 10:45 am Children's Church	28	29	30 6:30–8 pm Ephesians Bible Study in Lounge	31		

Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services
Monday 6:00 pm The Cadre Men's Group
7:00 pm The Garrison Men's Group
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

July Birthdays

1st Sharon Shaffer
Michael Swab
Emily Hegan
Sebastian Hegan
8th Betty Winters
Riley McGinnis
9th Tracy Daugherty
11th Estella Gilbert
13th Jim Kelly
13th Marie Holzer
13th Kelly Hockenberry
15th Ken Orme
17th Ryan Glista
Walker Jackman
22nd Helene Bloom
23rd Claire Fritz
28th Risa Panichelle
28th Isaac Wagner
29th Craig Woolridge
30th Jase Neiderhiser
31st Charlie Varriano