

# Heritage Happenings



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## From the Pastor's Desk

For several days in June, I had the honor, along with your lay delegate Larry Barth, of attending the third gathering of the Allegheny West Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

These days of the annual conference included powerful worship driven by the Holy Spirit and inspiring teaching and preaching. What we experienced resembled the old-fashioned Methodist camp meetings and revivals. The days of mundane business are behind us! I am grateful to be part of this new movement, where we are intentionally reclaiming the Wesleyan tradition of holy conferencing.

This year, we ordained 43 individuals, saw over 90 people respond to a call to plant churches, and had more than 20 people respond to a call to ministry during the ordination service. We also collected over \$145,000 for the Miracle Offering that supports clergy education, elected delegates to represent the Allegheny West Conference at the 2026 General Conference in Johannesburg, and signed a covenant of agreement with the Kenya Annual Conference for future ministry partnership.

This new Methodist movement, of which we are a part, is heading in an exciting direction. We are recapturing sound biblical and Methodist doctrine while pursuing transformational worship empowered by the Holy Spirit's presence. This annual conference reminded us of what God wants to accomplish in all the churches, including Heritage, associated with the Global Methodist Church. Entering my third year as your pastor, I am committed to guiding us where the Holy Spirit leads. In the coming months, we will prioritize discipleship small groups, experiential worship, and intentional mission that connect us with the people of the Ligonier Valley who need to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus.

*Pastor Ron*

### Ephesians – One Church Pastor Ron's Summer Teaching Series

**EPHESIANS**  
*One Church*

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.

## Church Picnic August 10th

The annual church picnic will be held at the Flax Scutching Grounds on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm with live music by The Glory Guys. Meat & drinks will be provided, side dishes and desserts are needed. \$5 person, checks payable to Heritage MC, earmarked "Picnic." RSVP by Monday., August 4<sup>th</sup> by signing up on the bulletin board or contacting the office. We hope to see you there!



## Spaghetti Dinner for Missions August 16th



The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, August 16th, from 11 AM – 5 PM. The dinner will include Spaghetti with meat sauce, Garden Salad, Bread, Cake and Beverage. The dinner will be \$10 and available to Eat In or Take Out. In addition, gluten-free meals will also be available. There are three ways that your support is needed: bake a cake, volunteer your time, and come and enjoy a delicious meal.

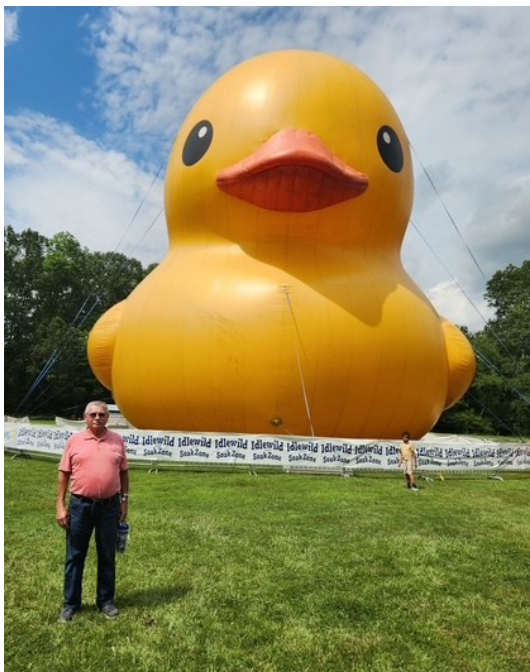
## Linus Blanketeers Meet August 21st

Linus Blanketeers will meet on Thursday, August 21st beginning at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! They will be working on getting the blankets for the Salvation Army ready to go (the blankets without labels). The ladies received another thank you from a grateful parent. Please read below:

*Dear Ruth Circle, I just wanted to send a thank you for the blanket that my son received from Southwest Surgery Center in West Mifflin PA. He picked out his favorite blanket and it gave him so much comfort. He still uses the blanket in the car. Thank you! Susan Garris*

## Chuck and the Duck

Photo taken June 27th at Idlewild of Chuck Shaffer and the world's largest rubber duck.





**August 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?

August 1	Ephesians 4:17-24
August 2	Ephesians 4:25-28
August 3	Ephesians 4:29-32
August 4	Ephesians 5:1-7
August 5	Ephesians 5:8-14
August 6	Ephesians 5:15-21
August 7	1Peter 1:13-16
August 8	1Peter 1:17-21
August 9	1Peter 1:22-2:3
August 10	1Peter 2:9-10
August 11	Psalms 51:1-4
August 12	Psalms 51:5-9
August 13	Psalms 51:10-15
August 14	Psalms 51:16-19
August 15	Luke 16:19-31
August 16	1Thessalonians 4:1-7
August 17	1Thessalonians 4:8-12
August 18	John 3:1-4
August 19	John 3:5-15
August 20	John 3:16-21
August 21	Matthew 5:13-16
August 22	Matthew 5:21-26
August 23	Matthew 5:27-32
August 24	Matthew 5:38-42
August 25	Matthew 5:43-48
August 26	Matthew 6:1-4
August 27	Matthew 6:5-15
August 28	Matthew 6:19-24
August 29	Matthew 6:25-34
August 30	Matthew 7:7-14
August 31	Matthew 7:24-29

Family Magic Matinee

A Comedy Magic Show by Edd Fairman  
Wizard of Sorts

Benefit Show!

SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 2 • 2 PM

New Florence  
Methodist Church

All are invited to a Family Magic Matinee featuring Edd Fairman, “Wizard of Sorts” at New Florence Methodist Church on Saturday, August 2nd at 2 pm. Tickets are available at the door or use the QR code to purchase tickets ahead of time. Adults \$14.64, Children \$10.38. Proceeds support New Florence First MC’s Building Fund for much needed repairs.

**Sharing Your Harvest**



The Church Harvest Table has been set up in the vestibule for those who have extra garden produce to share. Thank you to our wonderful gardeners for your hard work and generosity!

**Kid's Ministry News**



**Wow! What an awesome week of VBS!!!**

There were 20 kids that had a fun filled, very active week with Joe and Alauna from Camp Allegheny. Every day was filled with many games, crafts, Bible exploration, songs and snacks, lunch, and lots of water!!!! Many thanks for the church “Lunch Ladies”- Pat Garrison, Pat Zimmerman, Connie Magdic and Shirley Nipps! Shepherds at the Barn and the “Barn Lunch Ladies and Gentleman” included Dena Fritz, Emily Kelly, Amber Cavallo, Nevaeh Cavallo, Lauren Snyder and our token male Mr. Ken Orme!!!!

Kip Crumrine from Valley Youth Network was so gracious and accommodating to host this wonderful week. We are already to repeat Camp on the Go for next year's VBS! Thank you for all your prayers and financial support to make this program so successful! Such a fun way for children to “know, follow and share Jesus.”

Evelyn Lemmon, Director of Kid's Ministry

**Fresh Express Distribution Aug. 25th**

Heritage Church will be assisting the Westmoreland County Food Bank distribute ‘fresh’ foods to Ligonier Food Pantry recipients on Monday, August 25th. The distribution takes place at 3 PM in the Holy Trinity Church parking lot. We need approximately 20 persons to help. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the church stairway.





Fall Rummage Sale



The Outreach Committee is planning a Fall Rummage Sale to be held September 12 & 13. Donations of good, clean, usable clothing and household items are needed. NOTE! No TVs and computers or other electronics! Donations can be brought to the church during office hours. Please refrain from bringing furniture or large items until September 8.



**WOMEN’S RETREAT SEPT. 26-28** at Camp Christian in Mill Run for relaxation and meaningful worship. Led by Pastor Melissa Geisler. See the bulletin board for more information or email [pastormelissa4015@gmail.com](mailto:pastormelissa4015@gmail.com). Registration forms are available on the table in the stairway.

Serrv Shop Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to man the Serrv shop Saturdays from 11 am—2 pm 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.

Thank You

Thank you for your many prayers and other expressions of Christian love and concern shown to me during and following my recent surgery – numerous cards with supportive messages, many delicious meals, Pastor Ron’s calls, and the beautiful floral arrangement. It is truly a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful, caring church family!

Sharon Shaffer



Our condolences to Beth Caldwell and her family at the loss of her father, Dean Caldwell on July 20th.

Greetings Heritage,

It was both a privilege, and a pleasure, to serve as our church’s lay delegate to the annual conference of the Allegheny West Conference of the Global Methodist Church, which took place June 18-21 at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in Mt Vernon, Ohio. Gathered together were lay delegates and clergy from Global Methodist churches throughout Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

Linda and I arrived on Wednesday, in time to attend the evening worship service. The first verse of the opening song of praise started with the words,

“I’ve still got joy in chaos; I’ve got peace that makes no sense...”

For me, these words rang true and set the tone for the holy conferencing which was to continue throughout our time together. We do indeed, live in a chaotic world that, at times, seems completely up-side-down and yet our faith enables us live in joy and abundance. As the tumult grows around us I am increasingly struck with how necessary it is to rely on God’s wisdom and steadfastness rather than our own understanding.

Throughout the conference I was impressed with the balance that seemed to be present in every circumstance. In all things, and at



all times, prayer, and the power of prayer, was a constant emphasis. Boldness was appropriately tempered with humility, seriousness was interspersed with humor. Legislation gave way to worship and teaching. There was a sense of what has already been accomplished in our still young denomination, but no sense of resting in that accomplishment. There is still much to do. It is exciting to see a scripture based, Christ centered church that is enthusiastic and growing.

Repeatedly during the conference, I found myself wishing that all of you, as members of Heritage Methodist Church, could have been there to have seen and felt, firsthand, what I was seeing and feeling. I believe that you would have been encouraged and reassured, as I was, in the leadership of our Allegheny West Conference and well pleased, as I am, to be part of the Global Methodist Denomination.


Of necessity, this is a brief overview of annual conference – my impressions rather than details. I look forward to talking with anyone who has a question or concern, or simply a desire to know more.

Yours in Christ,

Larry Barth



# August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/ music by Scott Schmitt
3 10:45 am Children's Church	4	5 6:30–8 pm Leadership Training in Lounge	6 9:30 am Meals on Wheels Mtg. in Lounge  6:30 –8 pm Ephesians Bible Study in Lounge	7	8	9 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Chuck w/ music Linda Biery
10 1 pm Church Picnic at the Flax Scutching Grounds  	11	12 6:30–8 pm Leadership Training in Lounge	13	14	15 9 am Spaghetti Supper Prep	16 11 am–5 pm Spaghetti Supper for Missions  6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus
17	18	19 6:30–8 pm Leadership Training in Lounge	20	21 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall	22 1 pm Newsletter Deadline	23 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Adam Sweigart w/ music by Amy Clarke
24	25 3 pm Fresh Express at Holy Trinity	26 6:30–8 pm Leadership Training in Lounge	27	28 6 pm Lead Team Mtg. in Multi-purpose Rm.	29	30 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ardi Hill
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## 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

## Happy Anniversary

Duane & Muriel Slade Anniversary August 5  
Jane & Kevin Dougherty August 11<sup>th</sup>  
Gary & Pat Garrison August 12<sup>th</sup>  
Pastor Frank & Judi Hodges August 16<sup>th</sup>

## August Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Judi Hodges  
3<sup>rd</sup> Katie Rebert  
Falcon Coulson  
6<sup>th</sup> Brianne Bloom  
8<sup>th</sup> Clayton Watson  
9<sup>th</sup> Diana Neiderhiser  
14<sup>th</sup> Duane Slade  
16<sup>th</sup> Finn Daugherty  
17<sup>th</sup> Abbey Weakland  
18<sup>th</sup> Nancy Zur  
19<sup>th</sup> Pastor Ron  
21<sup>st</sup> Carolyn Hoover  
Ryan Jones  
Dorothy Shultz  
28<sup>th</sup> Ryan Harbert  
Tyler Stoner  
Emily Verner  
31<sup>st</sup> Barbara Glista