

Heritage Happenings



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One of the most serious challenges facing countless Americans, including Christians, is mental health. Many people struggle with feelings of sadness, anxiety, or worry, and they may wonder how their faith connects to their mental well-being. The Bible offers wisdom and comfort for those facing these challenges. It reminds us that we are not alone and that God cares about our hearts and minds. Sometimes, we face battles that others can't see. These struggles may involve trying to move forward after a loss or feeling uncertain about the future.

Through September and October, I'll be teaching what Scripture says about having peace of mind as we struggle through real experiences like anxiety, depression, worry, negative thoughts, and burnout. This is the perfect time to invite your friends or family to worship with you as we work through this important and necessary topic.

Pastor Ron



Peace of Mind

Pastor Ron's Fall Teaching Series

Sometimes, we face battles that others can't see. These struggles may involve trying to move forward after a loss or feeling uncertain about the future. What can we do when we don't understand our emotions and hope seems distant? In our new series, "Peace of Mind," we will explore biblical ways to confront our mental battles and discover a sense of peace.

September 6/7	Myths of Mental Health
September 13/14	Jesus, Heal My Anxious Mind
September 21	Truth to Remember When I'm Battling Depression
September 28	Why Do I Always Worry?
October 5	Silencing My Negative Thoughts
October 18/19	Healing from Trauma
October 25/26	Beating Burnout

Discipleship Groups Fall Session

As followers of Jesus, we're all called to take our next, right step. We've begun small discipleship groups to help you follow Jesus and experience spiritual transformation.



These high-commitment groups include 4-8 people and are unapologetically focused on building maturing followers of Jesus. If you're ready for this next step, connect to one of our current groups.

- Mondays 6:30 pm** *The Cadre Men's Group*
(contact Rich Ziegenfus)
- Monday 7 pm** *The Garrison Men's Group*
(contact Wes Evans)
- Monday 6:30 pm** *New group beginning*
(contact Ron Geisler)



Monday Night Bible Study

The Monday Night Bible Study will resume September 8th, 6:30 pm in the lounge. All are welcome to join us!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join your friends for a weekly Bible study that delves into the Fall teaching series titled "Peace of Mind." We will explore the New Testament book of Philippians and its insights on peace, joy, and healing. This group is open to everyone in the Heritage Church and the entire Ligonier community.

Thursdays 9 am- 10 am
Ligonier Senior Center
September 18, 25
October 2, 16, 23, 30

Circle of Ruth Meets Sept. 11th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, September 11th at 6:30 PM in the Heritage church lounge. We will begin our new study *Lyrics of Life* by Lisa Harper. Ellen Yeskey will be leading the study and Louise Wagner will be bringing a dessert to share. All women are welcome! Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!



September 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?

September 1	Philippians 4:4-7
September 2	Philippians 4:8-9
September 3	1Peter 5:6-11
September 4	2Timothy 1:6-8
September 5	Isaiah 41:8-10
September 6	John 14:25-27
September 7	Jonah 2:1-7
September 8	Matthew 6:25-27
September 9	Matthew 6:28-34
September 10	Matthew 11:28-30
September 11	Psalms 23
September 12	Psalms 91:1-8
September 13	Psalms 91:9-16
September 14	Romans 8:14-17
September 15	Romans 8:18-21
September 16	Romans 8:22-25
September 17	Romans 8:26-30
September 18	Romans 8:31-35
September 19	Romans 8:37-39
September 20	Psalms 34:1-7
September 21	Psalms 34:8-14
September 22	Psalms 34:15-22
September 23	2Corinthians 4:7-12
September 24	2Corinthians 4:13-18
September 25	Joshua 1:7-9
September 26	Psalms 42:1-11
September 27	Psalms 43
September 28	Psalms 46
September 29	Psalms 55:1-11
September 30	Psalms 55:16-23



Rummage Sale September 12 & 13

The Outreach Committee is holding the Fall Rummage Sale and Luncheon on Friday, September 12 from 8 am – 4 pm and Saturday, September 13 from 8 am - noon. All proceeds support local and global mission projects.

Donations of good, clean, usable clothing and household items are needed. You may place clothing and smaller items in the Pancake Kitchen any time; however, do not bring any furniture or large items to the church before September 8. NOTE: No TVs, computers or other electronics. If you need assistance getting your donations to the church, call Chuck Shaffer at 814-341-5550.

We will need help moving the rummage into the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday afternoon, arranging the sale items on Wednesday & Thursday beginning at 9 AM, and assisting with the sale and luncheon beginning at 7:45 AM on Friday & Saturday. Additional help is needed at 12:15 PM on Saturday to pack up and clean up. In addition, donations of sandwiches, desserts, etc. are needed for the luncheon.

Your help is needed! Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board at the top of the stairwell.



The University of the Holy Spirit
“Discovering Heritage Church”



Are you feeling called by God to become a member or partner of Heritage Church? Every Christian needs a church home.

Join us for our next course in the UHS to learn about the story and mission of Heritage Church and discover how you can follow Jesus with us and contribute to our ministry.

Sunday, September 28, 2025
9:30 am – 10:30 am

Heritage Church Lounge
Booklet provided

RSVP by Sept. 21st on the bulletin board

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. Registration forms are available on the table in the stairway. Register asap.

Red Cross Blood Drive Oct. 24th

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Heritage will be held on Friday, October 24th from noon—5 pm. Register online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767. A sign up sheet for volunteers will be posted on the bulletin board soon. Thank you for helping with this lifesaving ministry.



A note from Karen Sistik, our Red Cross liaison: *"The need for blood is constant...every day the Red Cross must collect more than 13,000 pints of blood for patients across the country. Please encourage your friends, family, and community to come and donate on October 24th. Those who give between Oct. 20th—Nov. 16th will receive a \$10 e-gift card and a chance at a \$5K prize!"*

Greeters Needed



A team of volunteers is trying to be intentional in welcoming everyone – members and guests – at the 10:45 AM worship service each Sunday.

Each team member serves approximately two Sundays every 2 – 3 months. It would be beneficial if we had a few addition volunteers participate in this ministry. If you are willing to help make Heritage Church more welcoming, contact Chuck Shaffer (814-341-5550) by September 14.



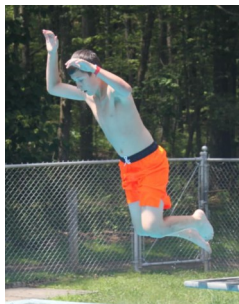
Your cards meant so much to Sam. Acts of kindness mean so much. May God Bless you all.
The Sam Allaman Family

37 members and/or friends of Heritage Church donated supplies and/or time to support the Spaghetti Dinner. The number of patrons on Saturday was small (sold 96 dinners to raise \$830 for missions.) The Sunday worship community was very supportive and purchased or donated \$225. Total raised for missions was \$1,055. – Outreach Committee



Dear Church Family, Thank you for paying for me to go to Pony Camp at Camp Allegheny! It was the best experience of my life. I loved Bible exploration and worship felt like a concert. I made so many new friends and even one or two best friends. I will definitely be going back to Camp Allegheny next year! Flora Coulson

Thank you for helping me go to Camp Allegheny. This year I went to Xtreme Xperience. I love camp and look forward to it each year. I would like to become a counselor at Camp Allegheny in the next year and plan on taking the CIT program in the future. Ella Scott



Thank you for helping me go to Camp this summer. I went to Allegheny Experience. I enjoyed the Bible study and playing Gaga ball and the diving board at the pool. Jack Scott

Dear Ruth Circle Members, Thank you so very much for donating your time and talents to making beautiful blankets for the Project Linus venture. My daughter loved the blanket you made that she received at the Pittsburgh Airport USO! She used it during our trip, and will cherish it for years to come. Keep up this wonderful work that brings smiles to many faces. Many thanks! The Abruzzino's



Linus Blanketeers will meet Thursday, September 18th, 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help with this important venture.



Our condolences to the family and friends of Ralph "Floyd" McConnaughey, who passed away on July 26th. Floyd was the one suggested the name of "Heritage" for our church back in 1968.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Nate Hockenberry, who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 28 on August 8th, 2025. Nate was the son of Dan & Kelly Hockenberry and the grandson of Lee & Birdie Roehrig.

Heritage Church Lead Team - The Lead Team (formerly known as the Church Council) plays a primary role in advancing the mission of Heritage Church, which is to make disciples who know, follow, and share Jesus and in maintaining our alignment with the Global Methodist Church. The current members of this team are Dan Fritz, Rich Ziegenfus, Greg Schaetzle, Tom Shearer, Roxanne Goins, and Cara Evans. If you have any questions or would like to offer assistance, please feel free to reach out to your Lead Team.

Medical Equipment Available

Heritage Church has been gifted a number of pieces of medical assistance equipment. The items are available to be borrowed short or long term. You may use any item(s) for as long as needed. At the present time we have: Geri chair, wheel chairs, rollators, walkers, canes, crutches, portable toilets, tub transfer seat, shower seat, bed rail, seat assist and raised toilet seat. In order to borrow any item(s), contact Chuck Shaffer (814-341-5550) or Church Office.

Church Picnic 2025



September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 6:30–8 pm Leadership Training in Lounge	3 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge 6:30 pm Staff Par- ish Relations Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm.	4	5	6 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pas- tor Ron w/ music by Scott Schmitt
7 9:40 am Sunday School & Fellow- ship Class Resumes 10:45 am Chil- dren's Church	8 6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study Resumes	9 1pm Rummage Sale Set Up	10 9 am Rum- mage Sale Set Up	11 9 am Rum- mage Sale Set Up 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	12 Office Closed 8 am–4 pm Rum- mage Sale & Lunch- eon	13 8 am–Noon Rummage Sale & Luncheon 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pas- tor Ron
14	15	16	17	18 9 am Bible Study at the Senior Center Resumes 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellow- ship Hall	19 12 pm News- letter Deadline	20 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus
21	22 	23	24 5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	25	26	27 6 pm Saturday Night Service:
28 9:30 am “Discovering Herit- age Church” Class in Lounge	29	30				

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
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 Senior Center
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!

Sept. 4th - Dick & Ginny Markle
Sept. 5th – Dennis & Nancy Rising
Sept 7th - Stan & Diana Neiderhiser
Sept. 22nd – Maureen & Bryan Vincent

September Birthdays:

1st Diane Dennis
2nd Jackson Daugherty
3rd Frank Hodges
2nd Nevaeh Cavallo
4th Bill Pritts
7th Eric Schell, Jr.
Isabella Petrilla
8th Pastor Melissa
9th Bill Stablein
9th Molly Weaver
10th Wendy Black
17th Linda McDowell
19th Ava Weakland
20th Ann Woodall
22nd Shilo Petrilla
24th Stan Neiderhiser
29th Jessica Prieto