

Heritage Happenings



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"FIND A NEED AND FILL IT!" I once heard a respected pastor say this, and it has stuck with me ever since. There's a lot of wisdom in that advice. As a church family focused on following Jesus and helping others do the same, serving is of utmost importance. Serving puts you on the front lines of sharing Jesus with those who may not yet know Him.

How's your service? We are blessed to have many individuals who are willing to dedicate a couple of hours each week to serve Jesus through Heritage. I am grateful for these people.

But what about you? Are you currently serving in any capacity within the ministries of Heritage? If not, I encourage you to prayerfully consider where Jesus wants you to serve in 2026. There is a unique need that only you can fulfill. Here's a prayer I recommend you say often in the coming days:

"Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me in the Heritage Church family. Thank you for saving me. I want to respond to your grace by using the gifts you've given me to serve. Show me where I can serve and inspire me to act. Amen."

This simple prayer can open your heart to faithful obedience. As you pray, remember that God has given you specific and wonderful abilities to serve. There is a place for you in our ministry. Once you've prayed, please reach out to me so we can work together to get you involved in serving because of your love for Jesus. Remember, a ministry is only as strong and effective as those who choose to participate. As we all serve Jesus with excellence, I know he will draw more people to the family.

Ron Geisler



Unleashing Heaven Pastor Ron's Teaching Series

The Beatitudes, which are central to Jesus' teachings, introduce a revolutionary concept of blessedness that challenges the prevailing wisdom of our time. These profound statements are not simply platitudes or gentle reminders to "be nice." Instead, they outline the essence of the kingdom of heaven and define how we should live as people of that kingdom.

February 1 **I Will Live Giving Mercy**
February 8 **I Will Live Holy**
February 15 **I Will Dare to Live Openly for Jesus**

Welcome to Diane McDonald!

Please join us in welcoming Diane McDonald to the Heritage Church staff as our new custodian. Diane lives in Ligonier with her son, Trent (26) and her daughter, Ava (15). She has two dogs - a Mini Schnauzer named Lucy and a German Shepherd named Boa. In her spare time Diane likes to do crafts and hang out with her kids. Ava is a foodie so they enjoy trying out new places to eat. Diane also works at Bethlen Home Monday, Wednesday and Friday so she plans to be here Tuesdays and Thursdays. We're glad you're here, Diane!



THE CADRE MEN'S GROUP will begin meeting on Tuesday, January 27th, 6:00 pm at Rich Ziegenfus's home and continue through March 3rd. All men are welcome.

THE GARRISON MEN'S GROUP will begin meeting on Monday, February 2nd, 7 pm in the Multipurpose Room. New members are welcome.



Circle of Ruth Meets Feb. 12th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, February 12th at 6:30 PM in the Heritage church lounge. We will be continuing our Bible Study, *Lyrics of Life* by Lisa Harper with the session titled "When Scars Become Beauty Marks." Through this session, we will learn that we can trust that God hears us when we pray in our darkest moments because of his faithfulness in the past. Sue Hilf will lead the Bible study and Beth Caldwell will bring a dessert to share. Please join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert!





It's a slow season for Kid's Ministry right now but that doesn't mean things aren't happening. Children's Church has started back up for the new year. There has been a small growth in the number of kids attending which is exciting.

The Kid's Ministry team met recently and have some new ideas for expanding our ministry. Just continue to pray for this ministry to show us where God is leading us and the path we are to follow that we may continue to teach children how to know, follow and share Jesus. Keep warm! Spring IS coming.



Souper Bowl of Caring Feb. 8th



A collection for the Ligonier Valley Food Pantry will be held Super Bowl Sunday for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Baskets will be placed by the exits for your donations.

Please make checks payable to Heritage MC, earmarked LV Food Pantry. Thanks!

Jam & Jelly Collection

Heritage is collecting jam and jelly through March for the Ligonier Valley Food Pantry. Donations may be brought to the church and placed in the bin under the table in the stairway after Feb. 1st.

February SOAP Readings

SOAP bookmarks are available on the table in the stairway.

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?

February 1	Luke 6:27-36
February 2	Luke 6:37-38
February 3	Luke 6:39-42
February 4	Luke 6:43-45
February 5	Luke 6:46-49
February 6	Matthew 9:9-13
February 7	1Peter 1:3-5
February 8	1Peter 1:13-16
February 9	1Thessalonians 4:1-8
February 10	2Timothy 1:6-12
February 11	Isaiah 6:1-4
February 12	Isaiah 6:5-7
February 13	Isaiah 6:8-10
February 14	Exodus 15:11-14a
February 15	John 14:15-21
February 16	John 14:23-27
February 17	1John 5:1-5
February 18	1John 5:6-12
February 19	James 1:19-21
February 20	James 1:22-25
February 21	James 1:26-27
February 22	Matthew 4:1-4
February 23	Matthew 4:5-7
February 24	Matthew 4:8-11
February 25	Genesis 3:1-5
February 26	Genesis 3:6-7
February 27	Genesis 3:8-13
February 28	Genesis 3:14-19

Lent



Lent Begins on February 18

Traditionally, Lent includes the six Sundays before Easter and is a season where we take stock of our relationship with Jesus. It's a great way to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Here are some ways Heritage is helping you prepare.

Weekly Worship on Wednesdays at Noon
 Heritage will host the first three Lenten Service (Feb. 18, 25, Mar. 4) and St. James will host the second three (Mar. 11, 18 & 25). The services begin at noon and last a half hour. All are welcome.

Weekend Worship & Teaching – Starting February 22, our teaching will focus on overcoming temptation. Are you tempted by anything?

Pastor's Bible Study – *Diving Deeper: Overcoming Temptation. Two options/Same class:*
 Begins Thursday, February 19 (6 weeks) **9 am Senior Center, 5 pm Heritage Church lounge.**
 Sign up on the bulletin board by February 15th or let the office know which study you'd like to attend.

**Please give - the need is critical!
Red Cross Blood Drive Feb. 20th**



Heritage will host a blood drive on Friday, February 20th from 1 - 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. 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 is on the bulletin board or contact the office if you would like to help. Thank you!

**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, February 22, 2026

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Heritage Church Lounge

(Booklet and lunch provided, RSVP on the bulletin board by February 15th.)



Did you hear the news?!

Stephen Cieslo is cancer free!!

Thank you so much to everyone who prayed and supported him (and his mom) throughout his nearly two-year ordeal.

If you follow Stephen on Facebook, you know how well he's doing. Missing his mom for sure, but doing great at his sister and brother-in-law's. He had wanted to go back to work at Ruthie's but sadly that isn't a possibility now. Hopefully he can find something closer to home. Here he is at Texas Roadhouse at the end of December, celebrating his 35th birthday with family and friends.

thank you

Dear Members, The Ligonier Valley Association of Churches would like to thank you for your continued support and most generous donation to the Ligonier Valley Food Pantry. Continued blessings to the members of Heritage Methodist Church in the upcoming year.

Janet Riordan, President.

(full letter is posted on the bulletin board)

To my Church Family, 'Thank You' is such a small phrase to express my feelings. Your thoughtfulness means so to me. Thank you for your kind words, your cards, and your constant prayers. You have made my corner of the world a very special place to be. *Shirley Nipps*

Dear Church Family,

When we pause and reflect on the passing of our mother, Gertrude Shaffer, we are filled with thanksgiving for the love and care showered upon us by our church family. Even though it was during the holiday break between Christmas and New Years Day, many of you willingly gave up a part of your vacation to minister to our family. Thanks to Pastor Ron for his numerous visits; to Beth Lenhart, Ron Wagner, Bob Winters and Rich Ziegenfus for providing a meaningful Celebration of Life service; to the Ruth Circle and several men for coordinating the funeral luncheon; and the many who offered words of comfort and prayer by cards, texts and calls.

When we removed mother's possessions from her room at the Ligonier Gardens, we found a box filled with greeting cards received over the years from the Ruth Circle and many individual members of Heritage. Thank you for your love and concern for others.

Evelyn Lesko, Chuck & Sharon Shaffer

Thank you so much to everyone who brought items in for the Open Hands Ministries Layette Program. We collected 62 receiving blankets, 193 newborn diapers, 32 size one diapers, 14 sleepers, 33 onesies, 1 hat, 13 bibs and 12 pairs of socks.

Circle of Ruth thanks you for your donations for the Union Mission.



Matthew Barany, our former Youth Leader and now a missionary for Second Level Ministries, visited Heritage the weekend of January 10th. Matt, Stephen Cieslo and Ashley Berkebile traveled to Washington PA to join Pastor John and Lynne Flower at the Cracker Barrel for lunch on January 12th. For those who don't know, Pastor John served at Heritage from 2008 through 2019 and Lynne, Stephen and Ashley bowled together on the Church League at Ligonier Lanes. So happy to have the picture below to share with you.



February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:45 am Children's Church	2 7 pm The Garrison Men's Group Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm.	3 6 pm The Cadre Men's Group Mtg. at Ziegenfus's	4 9:30 am MOW Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm. 10 am–12 pm Clergy Mtg. in Lounge	5	6	7 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus w/ music by Linda Biery
8 10:45 am Children's Church	9 7 pm The Garrison Men's Group Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm.	10 6 pm The Cadre Men's Group Mtg. at Ziegenfus's	11	12 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	13	14 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron 
15	16 Office Closed 7 pm The Garrison Men's Group Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm. 	17 6 pm The Cadre Men's Group Mtg. at Ziegenfus's	18 12 pm Lenten Service at Heritage 	19 9 am Pastor's Bible Study at LV Sr. Center 12 pm Newsletter Deadline 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall 5 pm Pastor's Bible Study in Lounge	20 12-5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7 pm Coffeehouse at The Barn	21 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Adam Sweigart w/ music by Amy Clarke
22 12:30–2:30 pm New Member Class in Lounge	23 7 pm The Garrison Men's Group Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm.	24 6 pm The Cadre Men's Group Mtg. at Ziegenfus's	25 12 pm Lenten Service at Heritage 5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	26 9 am Pastor's Bible Study at LV Sr. Center 5 pm Pastor's Bible Study in Lounge 6:30 pm Lead Team Mtg. in Multipurpose Rm.	27	28 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/ music by Wayne Shaffer

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	6:00 pm Saturday Night Service

February Anniversaries

February 26th Harry & Libby Marker

February Birthdays

Tom Shearer	1st
Lynne Flower	1st
Lelia Tosh	1st
Emily Kelly	4 th
Dylan Kuhn	5 th
Bob Winters	6 th
Susan Dominick	8 th
Emilia Schirf	10 th
Madelyn Glista	12 th
Muriel Slade	17 th
Nathaniel Schaeztle	18 th
Evelyn Gilbert	20 th
Letty Goswick	21 st
Matt Barany	23 rd
Drew Neiderhiser	28 th