

# Heritage Happenings



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## From the Pastor's Desk



Let's be honest with one another: temptation doesn't knock politely. It shows up in the ordinary moments—when we're tired and scrolling late at night, when old hurts flare up and bitterness feels justified, when the pressure to cut corners at work seems so small compared to the stress we're carrying. We all know that tug. And sometimes we give in, only to feel the familiar ache of regret afterward.

But hear this good news again: **temptation is not the same as sin**. The enemy wants us to believe we've already failed the moment the thought arrives. Jesus faced every kind of temptation we do—hunger, power, pride—and yet he never once yielded (Hebrews 4:15). He understands the battle you're in right now, and because he overcame, he is ready to help you do the same.

So, what do we do when the pull is strong? First, don't isolate. Tell someone who loves Jesus and loves you. There's power in confessing, "I'm struggling with this today—will you pray with me?" Second, run to the Word, not as a duty, but as bread for your soul. Speak Scripture out loud if it helps. Third, cry out for the way of escape God has promised (1 Corinthians 10:13). He is faithful; he always provides one.

You are not fighting alone, and you are not fighting in your own strength. The risen Christ lives in you. His Spirit is at work, convicting, strengthening, and leading you step by step toward freedom. The victory isn't just possible—it's already won for you on the cross. During the weeks of Lent, we're focusing on how the Holy Spirit in us can defeat the power of temptation, so it doesn't lead to sin.

I'm praying for you that you would know the joy of walking in obedience and know the deep love of your Savior who never gives up on you.

*Ron Geisler*

## Overcoming Temptation Pastor Ron's Lent Teaching Series



Overcoming  
Temptation

In Jesus, you can experience victory over temptation and sin. Our Lenten journey is designed to equip us to live as victorious disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Come and worship and learn how to be an "overcomer."

- Feb. 22 *I Am Loved by God Even in Temptation*
- March 1 *God's Not Absent When I'm Tempted*
- March 8 *Why Does Temptation Show Up When I'm Weakest?*
- March 15 *Defeating What the Flesh Wants*
- March 22 *Defeating What the Eyes Want*
- March 29 *Defeating What Pride Wants*

## The University of the Holy Spirit "Making Sense of My Bible"



Reading and understanding the Bible can be challenging. While there might be challenges, we can admit that regular reading of the Bible helps us know God better, live a more fulfilling life, know God's will, and obey him.

In this session of the University of the Holy Spirit, you'll learn an easy plan for reading and understanding your Bible. It's called the SOAP process.

You're invited to sign up for this 2-hour class and walk away with resources to help you practice regular, helpful Bible reading.

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

**12:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

**Heritage Church Lounge**

(Lunch Provided. RSVP by March 11, 2026)

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## Message from the Lead Team



Church family, we remain deeply committed to our mission to *know, follow, and share Jesus Christ*. Everything we do—every act of worship, every moment of service, every step of discipleship—flows from that calling.

In this season, we are prayerfully strengthening our strategies to reach and disciple Gen Z and emerging young adults. Recent news reports highlight a notable surge in spiritual hunger among 18–30 year-olds nationwide, with many seeking prayer, worship, and a renewed encounter with Jesus. We see this as a profound opportunity and a reminder that God is already at work.

As a congregation, we want to meet this moment with faith, creativity, and courage. We are listening, learning, and preparing to engage the next generation with authenticity, compassion, and the unchanging hope of the gospel.

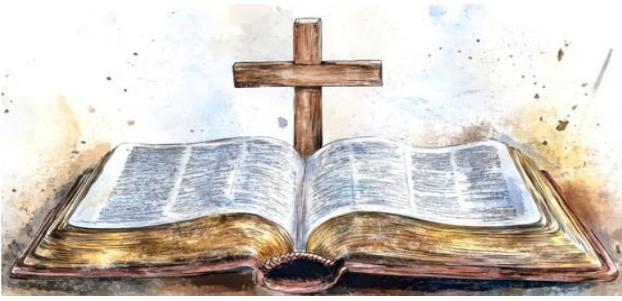
Thank you for walking this mission with us. Christ is building His Church, and we are grateful to be part of His work together.

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## Monday Night Bible Study New Session Begins March 9th

The Monday Night Bible Study will begin a new session on March 9th, 6:30 pm in the Lounge (enter through the alley door). All are welcome to come and join in the study, "The Case for Easter" by Lee Strobel. In this four-session video Bible Study, Strobel reveals what he discovered as he went piece-by-piece through the evidence of the empty tomb.





## March 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?

March 1	James 1:13-15
March 2	1Corinthians 10:12-13
March 3	Galatians 5:16-17
March 4	Psalms 119:9-16
March 5	2Corinthians 10:3-5
March 6	Ephesians 6:10-11
March 7	Ephesians 6:12-13
March 8	Ephesians 6:14-18
March 9	Genesis 39:1-5
March 10	Genesis 39:6-10
March 11	Genesis 39:11-15
March 12	Genesis 39:16-23
March 13	John 14:15-17
March 14	Philippians 3:7-11
March 15	1Timothy 6:8-12
March 16	Colossians 3:5-10
March 17	Psalms 97
March 18	James 4:4-6
March 19	James 4:7-10
March 20	Hebrews 2:14-18
March 21	Romans 6:1-7
March 22	Romans 6:8-14
March 23	Romans 6:15-18
March 24	Romans 6:19-23
March 25	Romans 7:14-20
March 26	Romans 7:21-25
March 27	Romans 8:1-4
March 28	Romans 8:5-11
March 29	Romans 8:12-17
March 30	Romans 8:26-27
March 31	Romans 8:37-39

## Community Lenten Worship Services Wednesdays at Noon



All are welcome to attend the community weekly Lenten worship services sponsored by the Ligonier Valley Association of Churches. Heritage is hosting the first three: Feb. 18 (led by Pastor Ron), 25 (led by Rev. Bryan Jarrell), Mar. 4

(led by Pastor Jesse Robinson), and St. James is hosting the second three: Mar. 11 (led by Rev. Jono Adams), 18 (led by Rev. Jack Brownfield), & 25 (led by Dr. Jonathan Huddleston). The services begin at noon and last a half hour with a lunch following. Hope to see you there!



## Circle of Ruth Meets Mar. 12th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, March 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 "The Rebar of Redemption." Through this session, we will learn when world events threaten our confidence, we can be assured that God rules over all creation through his anointed king, Jesus. Dena Fritz will lead the Bible study and Wendy Treasure will bring a dessert to share. We will be signing Easter cards for our card ministry. All women are invited to join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert! Please enter through the alley door.



## The Living Last Words Cantata March 29th, 3 pm

Did you have the opportunity to see the "Living Last Supper" at Heritage Methodist Church last year on Palm Sunday? It was a fantastic presentation thanks to the Presbyterian Church of Westmont and our Community Choir, Community Bells and members of the churches in the Valley.

Once again we are going to present a Palm Sunday musical program (Sunday, March 29) at Heritage Methodist Church on the Diamond at 3:00 P.M. This will be "The Living Last Words" by Ruth Elaine Schram and will again be in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church of Westmont and our Community Choir, Community Bells and members of the churches in the Valley. Miriam Davies is asking for volunteers to perform in the Community Choir, and will be inviting the Community Bells to participate. There are several speaking parts available and she will be in touch with individuals in the community. **If you would like to participate in the choir, please contact Miriam at 412-302-2437 or email miriam\_davies@hotmail.com.**

We are so thankful to Heritage Methodist Church and Rev. Dr. Ron Geisler for allowing us to present this program to our Ligonier Valley Community. Mark your calendars now for Palm Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 P.M.

Thank you, Janet Riordan,  
President, Ligonier Valley Assn. of Churches



**NEW HERITAGE GOLF GROUP**

Lee Roehrig would like to start a church golf group in the spring to play occasionally when there's a good deal at local courses. If you're interested, please sign up on the bulletin board and Lee will reach out to you with more information.

**COFFEE HOUSE MARCH 20th 7 pm  
DESSERTS NEEDED**

The next Ligonier Community Coffee House is scheduled for Friday, March 20th, 7 pm, in the upper level of The Barn. Heritage has been asked to provide the desserts for this month so please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help. Desserts should be placed in the lounge kitchen by 1 pm on the 20th. Don't miss this evening of fun, great desserts, coffee, and music! For more information, call Lynn or Pat Keegan at 724-537-6139, or visit the Ligonier Community Coffee House Facebook page.



**Jam & Jelly Collection**



We are collecting jars of jam & jelly through March for the LV Food Pantry. Our goal is to collect at least 75 jars so that every household is able to receive a jar of sweet preserves in April. Donations may be placed in the bin under the table in the stairway. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far!



**Rummage Sale April 24-25**

Save the Date! The next Rummage Sale will be held on April 25th and 26th. Please hold off until after Easter to bring in items. No TVs, couches or entertainment centers please, and no large items may be brought in until the week of the sale. We will accept good clean usable household items, books and clothing. Thank you!

*thank you*

The Shearer and Amond Family would like to thank our Heritage Church Family for their prayers over the past 6 years for our son-in-law, Chad Amond, and his family. We sincerely appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness, and we are grateful for the love, support and words of comfort we have received. Although Chad passed at an age when life is fullest, we take comfort in knowing he is in a better place surrounded by God's infinite love and peace. God is good!



Children's Easter Program March 29th Practice for the Children's Easter Program will be held throughout March following the Children's Message at the 10:45 am service. The program will be held on Palm Sunday, March 29th during the 10:45 am service. All children are welcome to join in the fun! See Ellen Yeskey for more information.

**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.



**Christian Adventure Starts April 8th!**  
Free for all Children 1st - 5th grade. Use the QR code to register by Friday, April 3rd. Transportation will be available from RK Mellon. Come and invite your friends!



# March 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<b>1</b> 10:45 am Children's Church	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6 pm Cadre Men's Mtg. at Ziegenfus's	<b>4</b> 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge  12 pm Lenten Service at Heritage	<b>5</b> 9 am Thursday Bible Study at Sr. Ctr.  5 pm Pastor's Bible Study in Lounge	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus  
<b>8</b> 10:45 am Children's Church	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study begins new study in Lounge	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 12 pm Lenten Service at St. James	<b>12</b> 9 am Thursday Bible Study at Sr. Ctr.  5 pm Pastor's Bible Study in Lounge  6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/ music by Scott Schmitt
<b>15</b> 10:45 am Children's Church  12:30 -2:30 Making Sense of Your Bible Class in Lounge	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>   Happy St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> 12 pm Lenten Service at St. James  5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge	<b>19</b> 9 am Thursday Bible Study at Sr. Ctr. 1 pm Linus Blanket Mtg. in Fellowship Hall 5 pm Pastor's Bible Study in Lounge	<b>20</b> 7 pm Coffee House at The Barn  	<b>21</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ardi Hill
<b>22</b> 10:45 am Children's Church	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12 pm Lenten Service at St. James  5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	<b>26</b> 9 am Final Thursday Bible Study at Sr. Ctr.  5 pm Final Pastor's Bible Study in Lounge	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/ music by Kasey Kisner
<b>29</b> 10:45 am Children's Program 3 pm Living Last Words Cantata in Sanctuary  	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

### March Birthdays

1st	Myra Appleby
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anthony Marks
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gabrielle Cavallo
6 <sup>th</sup>	Marsha Clark
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Hughes
7 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Garrison
10 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Fritz
14 <sup>th</sup>	Nicholas Steele
16 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Verner
17 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Keegan
	Will Formato
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sutton Fritz
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Brett Marker
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim McGinnis, Sr.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Alicia Goppman
25 <sup>th</sup>	Matthew Hoza
26 <sup>th</sup>	Colton Cavallo
28 <sup>th</sup>	Kyle Fritz
28 <sup>th</sup>	Dylan Plummer
29 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Douglas
29 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Lesko
29 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Lemmon
30 <sup>th</sup>	Don Clark
31 <sup>st</sup>	Alaina Holzer

### 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 Garrison Men's Mtg. in MP Rm.
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

### March Anniversaries

17 <sup>th</sup>	Mike & Ellen Yeskey
25 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah & Garrett Omasta