

# Heritage Happenings



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## Death Could Not Hold Him — and It Cannot Hold Us

The stone is rolled away. The tomb is empty. The soldiers are stunned. And everything — *everything* — has changed.

Easter is not merely a celebration of springtime renewal or the vague hope that "love wins." Easter is the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead — a historical, physical, world-altering event that stands as the cornerstone of our faith. As Paul declared, if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is empty, and our faith is futile (1 Corinthians 15:14). But He *has* been raised. And that changes how we live every single day.

The resurrection declares that Jesus is exactly who He claimed to be — Lord over sin, death, and every power that opposes God. It vindicates His sacrifice on the cross as fully sufficient. It ratifies every promise He ever made.

But here is the challenge: resurrection life is not a spectator event.

Because Jesus lives, we are called to *know* Him — not merely know about Him, but walk with Him in daily, dependent relationship. Because Jesus lives, we are called to *follow* Him — surrendering our comfort, our preferences, our plans to the One who conquered the grave. Because Jesus lives, we are called to *share* Him — carrying the greatest news in human history to every person within our reach.

The tomb is empty. Now go and tell someone.

*He is risen*

*Dr. Ron Geisler*

## Everywhere Jesus Pastor Ron's April Teaching Series



Easter doesn't end at the tomb. Join us as we continue the celebration with *Everywhere Jesus*, a three-week series exploring the risen Christ's presence in every dimension of our lives. We'll discover how Jesus transforms **every life** with purpose and redemption, shapes **every home** with grace and love, and reaches into **every corner** of our world with hope that knows no limits. Whether you're new to faith or have followed Jesus for years, this series will challenge and inspire you to see Him — and experience Him — everywhere.

April 4 & 5	Easter Weekend
April 12	<i>Jesus in Every Life</i>
April 19	<i>Jesus in Every Home</i>
April 26	<i>Jesus in Every Corner</i>



Holy Week is almost here, and Heritage is offering several events and worship experiences to grow your relationship with Jesus.

**Palm Sunday** (March 29th) The Children's Program will be performed at the 10:45 am service. **4 pm - Living Last Words** presentation for the church and community with music and monologues in the sanctuary. We are hosting this important presentation which will help us keep Holy Week in the right perspective. Ashley will be livestreaming the service if you're unable to attend.

**Maunder Thursday** (April 2nd) 7 pm service in the sanctuary

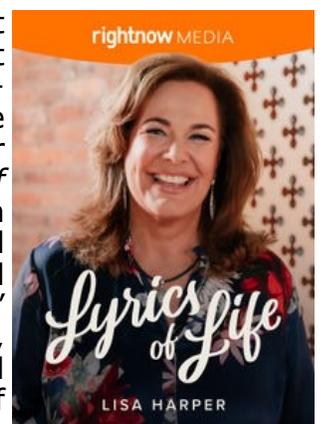
**Good Friday** (April 3rd) 12 pm Community Service. Come and worship Jesus who was crucified, died, and was buried to take your sins.

**Saturday Night Service** (April 4th) Led by Pastor Ron at 6 pm with live music by Scott Schmitt.

**Easter Sunday** (April 5th) Sunrise Service on the Diamond at 6:30 am led by Pastor Ron with live music by the CCW Praise Band. Regular worship at 8:30 & 10:45 am.

## Circle of Ruth Meets April 9th

Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, April 9th 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 "Absolutely Seen and Always Secure." Through this session, we will know that God sees every aspect of our lives and we are



calmed by His consistent presence. Gina Ziegenfus will lead the Bible study and Ellen Yeskey will bring a dessert to share. We will be signing Mother's Day cards for our card ministry and planning the May brunch. All women are invited to join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert! Please enter through the alley door.

## IMPORTANT

### Security Team Update

Please note that beginning the weekend of April 11th & 12th, the alley door and the Market Street door will be locked once services begin. You will still be able to enter through the main sanctuary doors. Thanks!



## April 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?

April 1	Isaiah 53:4-6
April 2	Luke 22:19-20
April 3	John 19:28-30
April 4	Psalms 16:9-10
April 5	Mark 16:1-8
April 6	Luke 24:36-44
April 7	Zechariah 9:9-13
April 8	John 20:24-29
April 9	Jon 12:23-26
April 10	Hosea 6:1-3
April 11	Acts 2:22-24
April 12	Romans 6:1-7
April 13	Ezekiel 37:11-14
April 14	1Corinthians 15:3-8
April 15	Job 19:25-27
April 16	Isaiah 50:6-9
April 17	Colossians 3:1-4
April 18	Psalms 22:1-5
April 19	1Peter 1:3-6
April 20	John 11:17-27
April 21	Luke 24:45-49
April 22	Daniel 12:1-3
April 23	2Corinthians 5:11-15
April 24	Psalms 118:15-17
April 25	Isaiah 26:19
April 26	Acts 4:32-37
April 27	Revelation 1:17-18
April 28	Numbers 21:4-9
April 29	John 3:14-16
April 30	1Corinthians 15:54-58

## New Monday Night Bible Study Begins April 13th



Have you been feeling weighed down or caught up in a web of self-critical thoughts? Max Lucado teaches us in his new book, "Tame Your Thoughts," that with God's help, you can learn to renew your mind, break free from negative patterns, and become a

little more like Jesus every day. This six session Bible study explores three scripture-based tools for managing your thoughts and transforming your life. All are welcome to join us on Monday, April 13th, 6:30 pm in the lounge as we begin this new study. Please enter through the alley door.



## The University of the Holy Spirit "Discovering 4 Habits for Spiritual Growth"

Great habits are important for life, especially our spiritual life with Jesus. There are four habits that, when practiced, magnify your growth with Jesus. This class will teach you the four habits that lead to spiritual maturity and help you apply them.

You can sign up for this short class and walk away with resources to help you learn and practice spiritual habits.

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Heritage Church Lounge

Lunch & workbook provided.

RSVP by April 15, 2026

## COFFEE HOUSE April 24th 7 pm

The next Ligonier Community Coffee House will be held a week later in April. Join us on Friday, April 24th, 7 pm, in the upper level of The Barn. You don't want to 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. Thank you to everyone who helped out with baked goods for the March Coffee House.



## Rummage Sale April 24-25

The Outreach Committee is planning a Spring Rummage Sale and Luncheon to be held on Friday, April 24 from 8 am – 4 pm and Saturday, April 25 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 April 21. [Do not place any donations in the Fellowship Hall until after Easter!] No TVs, computers or entertainment centers. If you need assistance with your donations, call Chuck Shaffer at 814-341-5550.

Your help is needed! 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 cleanup. In addition, donations of sandwiches, desserts, etc. are needed for the luncheon. Signup sheets will be on the bulletin board at the top of the stairwell soon.

## Christian Adventure Begins April 8th!



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**It's time to register for Summer Camp! Check out the great deal for new campers!**



Camp Allegheny would like to thank our church for its continuing ministry to them and is offering us a chance to send 2 **first**

**-time campers** from our church to summer camp at 50% off. Registration must be completed by contacting Erika at [Erika@campallegheny.org](mailto:Erika@campallegheny.org). Heritage will cover the remaining balance as we typically cover 75% of the cost for our campers who attend Camps Allegheny, Jumonville or Wesley Woods. Please let the office know if you would like to take advantage of sending your child to camp for the first time for free. First come, first served for this great deal.

### CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

If you are affiliated with Heritage and are graduating from high school, college or graduate school this year, please let the office know by May 15th. We'd love to share with the congregation what your future plans are and celebrate your accomplishments.

### Save the Date for VBS!



Vacation Bible School will be held July 20th-24th at The Barn. Please let Evelyn Lemmon know if you would be able to help out.

## Celebrating Mission, Community, and the Next Generation: A Lead Team Update

Our Lead Team recently completed a wide-ranging review of upcoming ministry opportunities, and we are pleased to share several encouraging developments that reflect our commitment to *know, follow, and share Jesus Christ* in ways that bless both our congregation and the wider Ligonier community.

### Palm Sunday - Living Last Words Presentation

Several weeks ago, after thoughtful discussion and prayer, the team unanimously approved moving forward with hosting the **Palm Sunday Presentation of "The Living Last Words."** This will be a reverent, immersive experience designed to help our congregation and guests reflect deeply on Christ's passion. Those who attend will experience a meaningful, spiritually rich presentation that invites people into the story of Holy Week.

### Inside Ligonier Home Tour 2026 Participation - June 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Separately, the team affirmed our church's participation in the **Inside Ligonier Home Tour 2026**. This opportunity will place our church on full display to the community, allowing neighbors and visitors to experience our sanctuary, ministries, and hospitality. We look forward to welcoming guests, sharing our story, and strengthening our presence in the heart of Ligonier.

### America 250 Celebration: Opening Our Doors to the Community - Date TBD

The team also approved plans to open our church for a **free community celebration** in honor of America's 250th anniversary. This milestone offers a unique opportunity to gather people of all ages for reflection, gratitude, and fellowship. Early planning includes hospitality, historical displays, music, and opportunities for prayer and connection. We hope this event will be a gift to our community and a moment of shared unity.

### Expanding Our Music Ministry for Congregational Participation

Recognizing the central role of worship in our life together, the Lead Team began an open discussion on expanding our music ministry team. Our goal is to create more opportunities for the congregation to participate actively in singing, strengthening our shared worship, encouraging new volunteers, and cultivating a joyful, intergenerational sound that reflects the heart of our church.

### Reaching Millennials and Gen Z with Authenticity

Finally, the team initiated a conversation on how to authentically reach Millennials and Gen Z. Recent national reports show a remarkable rise in spiritual curiosity among 18-30-year-olds, many of whom are seeking prayer, worship, and a renewed encounter with Jesus. We see this as a significant moment for ministry. Our discussions will continue as we explore ways to build relationships, foster a sense of belonging, and communicate the gospel in ways that resonate with younger generations.

### Looking Ahead

Each of these initiatives reflects our desire to be a church that is rooted in Christ, engaged with our community, and attentive to the spiritual needs of emerging generations. We are grateful for the unity and enthusiasm within our Lead Team and look forward to sharing more details as plans develop.

### Calling All Golfers!



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

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### We Got a New AED!!!

Exciting news!!! In March we got a new AED to replace the one we've had for 13 years (couldn't get parts for it anymore). The AED is located in the stairway by the Market Street glass door. In case you'd like to see how to use it (very simple - the AED walks you through each step), here is a video for you: <https://youtu.be/WtN56rbzEgw>. The more people who know how to use it and where it's located, the better.



Also, just a reminder, we have First Aid kits hanging on the walls in between the bathrooms, both upstairs and down. The kits include Narcan.

### Camp Allegheny Spring Volunteer Day April 25th

There are many projects for skilled and unskilled volunteers at Camp Allegheny and lots of help is needed. For more information or to sign up, call 814-754-5122 or email [info@campallegheny.org](mailto:info@campallegheny.org).



### National Day of Prayer May 7th

The National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 7th. It was established in 1952 by Pres. Harry S. Truman and designated by the US Congress, asking people to "Turn to God in Prayer and Meditation." This year's theme is "Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations."

The annual Prayer Breakfast will be held at The Barn at 7:30 am. **Please reserve your spot by signing up on the bulletin board and picking up your free ticket at the office no later than Wednesday, April 27th.** For more information, go to [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org).

*Our condolences to the family and friends of George Norris, who passed away on March 9th at the age of 84.*



### Hello from Friends in Florida!



Jerry & Kay Blank are doing well in Florida and wanted me to send their love to all their friends at Heritage.



### A Morning to Encourage, Refresh & Equip

Join us for a church-wide women's gathering on Saturday, April 25, from 8:30–11:30 AM at the Frye Farm campus. This free event is for women 18+ in every stage of faith, and is designed to encourage, refresh, and equip you to live as a disciple maker, humble servant, and devoted worshipper. The morning will include worship, biblical teaching, testimony, and breakout times for reflection, prayer, and discussion. Come be spiritually renewed and connect with other women in meaningful community. Bring a friend and join us! Be sure to register by April 16 by going online to <https://charteroak.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3534639>.



Thank you to everyone who donated jelly and jam for the April Ligonier Valley Food Pantry distribution. Our goal was 75 and as of press time, we surpassed that by several jars and it's still coming in. **If you can help with boxing it up and dropping it off at Holy Trinity before their distribution on April 18th, please let the office know.**

Thank you to all those who helped with the Lenten luncheons... Cooks, bakers, servers, those who helped set up and clean up, and those who made phone calls. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful people in our church family. Thank you for making a difference. "He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." Ephesians 4:16 NLT.

Ellen Yeskey



Elaine Stevens (pictured on the right), Ashley Berkebile, Stephen Cieslo and Mary Kay Cieslo all used to bowl on Heritage's Bowling Team back when there was a Church League at the Googly. On March 9th, Ashley, Stephen and Elaine got together at Eat 'n Park in Latrobe for lunch. Stephen says to tell you hello and that he's happy washing dishes, making French fries and doing whatever else he can do at Bigginz to be helpful. I told him how handsome he looks and he responded "I know, right?" Lol. I just love that kid.



**Heritage Mission Giving  
January 1 - December 31, 2025**

	Outreach Committee	Ruth Circle	Pancake Breakfast	Special Offerings	Church Budget	Totals
Barany, Matt - Second Level Ministry	1200					1200
Blackburn Center	1000					1000
Blood Drive Hospitality	164					164
Brian's Basket				56		56
Camp Allegheny	3,000					3,000
Campership - Fathers Day/Mothers Day				2335		2,335
China Outreach - Penn State	1,000					1,000
Clean Water Kenya	1500					1500
Clergy Education Fund	1,500					1,500
Connectional Apportionment					11129	11129
CROP Walk				195		195
Disaster Relief Team						0
Faith in Action	1000					1000
Food2Go4Kids	3000					3000
Fresh Express	6					6
Good Samaritan Ministry				500		500
Greeting Card Ministry		16				16
Heifer International	1,000					1,000
Hurricane Helene Relief				2265		2265
Kenyon, Annie - Missionary	1000					1000
Ligonier Fire Department	400					400
Ligonier Food Bank	3000		3140	2545		8685
Ligonier Meals on Wheels	3,000					3,000
Ligonier Meals on Wheels Christmas		243				243
Ligonier Salvation Army	2000					2000
Linus Blankets				3419		3419
Local Emergencies	500					500
Local Police Mission Support	129					129
Mission Trip Support	700					700
Nursing Home Devotionals	790					790
Operation Christmas Child		161				161
Souper Bowl Sunday				182		182
Texas Flood Relief				3150		3,150
Union Mission	5,000					5,000
Union Mission Christmas Dinner	500			500		1,000
Valley Youth Network	8,000					8,000
W PA Prison Ministry	1,000					1,000
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<b>Total</b>	<b>40,389</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>3140</b>	<b>15147</b>	<b>11129</b>	<b>70,225</b>

## Heritage Helping Hands

January 1 – December 31, 2025

(Gifts of Time, Skills & In-Kind gifts)

AA Support Group (2)	Ligonier Meals on Wheels (cook and/or deliver meals)
Baccalaureate Hospitality	Ligonier Meals on Wheels Christmas Gifts
Blanketeers	Ligonier Salvation Army (cuddle blankets, Mitten Tree, Red Kettle Ringers)
Linus Project	Linus Blankets (crib 'quilts', cuddle blankets, hats)
– crib 'quilts', cuddle blankets, hats	Medical Equipment Lending Library
Open Hands Layettes	Moms Helping Moms Diaper Drive
– crib blankets, receiving blankets	Open Hands Layettes (crib blankets, receiving blankets, Christmas collection)
Salvation Army	Operation Christmas Child
– Christmas cuddle blankets	Prayer Shawls
Brian's Baskets	Red Cross Blood Drives (3)
Cancer Support Group	Rummage Sale (2) (supports community, Open Hands Boutique, Union Mission)
Fresh Express Distribution	Union Mission (clothing, hygiene supplies, household supplies, dinner supplies)
Fort Days Breakfast (Civil Air Patrol, enactors, vendors)	Union Mission Christmas Dinner
Fort Days EMS First Aid Station	
Greeting Card Ministry	
Heritage Emergency Food Pantry	
Ligonier Food Pantry Jelly/Jam Collection	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7 pm Service  MAUNDY THURSDAY	<b>3</b> 12 pm Service  GOOD FRIDAY	<b>4</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/ music by Scott Schmitt
<b>5</b> 6:30 am Sunrise Service on the Diamond  Happy Easter!	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4 pm Christian Adventure	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm New Monday Night Bible Study starts	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4 pm Christian Adventure	<b>16</b> 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall  1 pm Newsletter Deadline	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Adam Sweigart w/ music by Amy Clarke
<b>19</b> 10:45 am Children's Church  12:30–2:30 pm Discovering Habits for Spiritual Growth Class in Lounge	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 4 pm Christian Adventure	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7 pm Coffee House at The Barn  Sale 8 am–4 pm	<b>25</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/ music by Wayne Shaffer  Sale 8 am–Noon
<b>26</b> 10:45 am Children's Church	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4 pm Christian Adventure  5 pm Trustees Mtg. in Lounge	<b>30</b>	<b>Rummage Sale</b>	

**Happy Anniversary to**  
 Chuck & Sharon Shaffer, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Bill & Pam Stablein, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Jim & Rasi Douglas, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**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  
 Friday 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall  
 Saturday 6:00 pm Saturday Night Service

**April Birthdays**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Cathy Vanderhoff  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Dawn Gilbert  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Hixson  
 4<sup>th</sup> Alec Bloom  
 7<sup>th</sup> Jacob Cramer  
 Cole Brunton  
 10<sup>th</sup> Marjorie McCarty  
 11<sup>th</sup> Morgan Glista  
 13<sup>th</sup> Megan Glista  
 16<sup>th</sup> Nancy Rising  
 20<sup>th</sup> Betsy Kelly  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Sadie Hockenberry  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Chase Weaver  
 25<sup>th</sup> Henry Fisher  
 Hazel Barth  
 26<sup>th</sup> Hattie Barth  
 27<sup>th</sup> Flora Coulson  
 29<sup>th</sup> Bethanie Orban