

# Heritage Happenings



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## SET FREE!

Most of us know, at least in our heads, that Jesus came to set us free. We've heard it preached. We've sung it. We've nodded along in agreement on Sunday morning. And yet, if we're honest, many of us still live like prisoners.

We carry guilt that's already been forgiven. We rehearse fears that have already been defeated. We shrink back from the life God is calling us toward because somewhere deep down, we still feel like we don't quite belong — like we're tolerated by God rather than truly loved by Him.

Paul had something to say about that.

In Romans 8:1–17, the Apostle Paul delivers one of the most breathtaking declarations in all of Scripture: *"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."* No condemnation. Not reduced condemnation. Not condemnation on hold. None. And from that foundation, Paul unfolds what the Spirit-filled, truly liberated life actually looks like.

In June, we're diving into a three-week series called **Set Free** — and I believe God has something significant in store for you through it.

Week one opens with a question worth sitting with: *What cage are you still living in?* Even after we come to faith, invisible walls can form around us — walls of shame, regret, habit, and fear. Scripture says the law of the Spirit of life has set us free. We'll explore what that means and what it looks like to finally walk out of the cage.

Week two takes us into the interior life. Paul's words are straightforward and striking: the mind set on the flesh leads to death, but the mind set on the Spirit leads to life and peace. Where your mind goes, you go. This week is a practical, honest look at the battle for our thought lives - and the Spirit's power to win it.

Week three lands on identity. Paul closes this passage with a stunning reminder — we have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear, but the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry, *"Abba, Father."* We are children, not slaves. And that changes everything about how we live. I hope you'll join me — and bring someone who needs to hear it. *Freedom isn't just a promise. It's your inheritance.*

*Dr. Ron Geisler*

## Congratulations

Graduates

**Cali Bachner** will be graduating from Ligonier Valley High School this year. She lettered in golf her Junior and Senior years. She also will be graduating from Westmoreland County Community College (College in High School Program) with an Associate Degree. Cali will be taking some time off after high school to look into and decide what future and career path she would like to take.



**Lilly Horrell** will be graduating this year from Mount Pleasant Area High School and will be working full time at Oak Lodge in Stahlstown after graduation.

**Tyler Jones**, a graduate of Ligonier Valley High School, will be heading to St. Francis University this fall majoring in Finance. Along with continuing his education, Tyler will also be joining the St. Francis golf team, where he looks forward to competing collegiately and representing the Red Flash.



**Evan Kelly** will graduate May 29th from Derry Area High School. While at Derry, Evan participated on the Wrestling Team, Track and Field Team and the Clay Target Team. Evan plans on attending WCCC for Criminal Justice then applying to the Pennsylvania State Police Academy once he reaches the required age of 20.



## June 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?

*These passages are intentionally short.*

*Sit with single verses as you apply SOAP.*

June 1	Romans 8:1
June 2	Romans 8:2
June 3	Romans 8:3–4
June 4	Romans 8:5–6
June 5	Romans 8:7–8
June 6	Romans 8:9
June 7	Romans 8:10–11
June 8	Romans 8:12–13
June 9	Romans 8:14–15
June 10	Romans 8:16–17
June 11	Psalms 32:1–2
June 12	Psalms 103:10–12
June 13	Psalms 119:45
June 14	Isaiah 61:1
June 15	Isaiah 43:18–19
June 16	Ezekiel 36:26–27
June 17	Jeremiah 31:33–34
June 18	Proverbs 23:7
June 19	Psalms 1:1–3
June 20	Isaiah 26:3
June 21	John 8:36
June 22	Galatians 5:1
June 23	Galatians 5:16
June 24	2 Corinthians 3:17
June 25	Ephesians 1:5–6
June 26	Ephesians 4:22–24
June 27	Colossians 3:1–2
June 28	2 Timothy 1:7
June 29	1 John 3:1
June 30	Hebrews 2:14–15

## SET FREE!

### Pastor Ron's June Teaching Series



There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ, but many believers still live like prisoners. This three-week series walks through Paul's liberating vision in Romans 8, exploring what it truly means to be free. We'll confront the invisible cages that still hold us, discover

how the battle for our lives is really a battle for our minds, and reclaim our identity as beloved children of God rather than fearful slaves. The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. It's time to live like it.

## Lead Team Update

*The Lead Team is grateful for the continued momentum across our ministries and community partnerships. We want to share several important updates from our recent discussions.*

### Inside Ligonier Home Tour 2026

Planning continues for our participation in the **Inside Ligonier Home Tour** on **June 27, 2026**. A **sign-up sheet for volunteers who would like to serve as hosts** is posted on the bulletin board. Hosts will welcome guests, share highlights of our church's history, and help create a warm, engaging experience for all who visit. A brief meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11th, 6 pm in the lounge for volunteers.

### America 250 Celebration – July 17, 2026

The Lead Team has officially approved our participation in the **America 250 Celebration**, scheduled for **July 17th**. This special event will be **led by Jim Hutchinson**, joined by musicians from the **Pittsburgh and Johnstown Symphonies**, creating a memorable and uplifting celebration. This gathering is **Heritage's gift to the community**, offered freely as a moment of gratitude, unity, and shared celebration.

### Children's Ministry & Youth Engagement

The Children's Ministry Team has approved two new initiatives and is actively moving into the planning stage:

• **Back to School Bash** – A community-oriented event designed to bless families as the new school year begins.

• **Youth Engagement Initiatives** – Strengthening connections with children, youth, and families in our congregation and community.

In addition, a **new program for middle school-age children** has been approved. This ministry will be **led by Emily Kelly** in partnership with the Children's Ministry team.

### Strengthening Community Partnerships

A plan is underway to **intentionally meet with the various groups that utilize our church building**. This effort will help us build stronger relationships, understand needs, and explore opportunities for shared ministry and hospitality.

## Looking Ahead

We remain committed to our mission to *know, follow, and share Jesus Christ*. Each of these initiatives reflects our desire to be a church rooted in Christ, engaged with our community, and attentive to the spiritual needs of emerging generations. We look forward to sharing more as plans develop.



### 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 the Heritage mission.

**Sunday, June 14th from 12 pm – 2pm**  
**Heritage Church Lounge**

Lunch & Booklet provided.

RSVP by June 8th on the bulletin board

**RUTH CIRCLE MISSION PROJECT**

“Meals in a Bag” are shelf-stable kits designed for easy, budget-friendly cooking with all ingredients fitting into a resealable 2 gallon Ziplock bag. They generally serve 2-4 people and are designed to cost around \$10 or less. Union Mission provides them for their clients and anyone who stops by the shelter asking for food assistance. The Circle of Ruth will be collecting the filled bags and taking them to the Union Mission regularly. Bags can be found at the top and bottom of the stairway with the recipe and ingredient list that need to go into the bag. Filled bags can be placed in the collection bins. Thank you for participating in this important mission.



**Red Cross Blood Drive June 19th**



Heritage will host a blood drive on Friday, June 19th 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. Volunteers are needed. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board soon.

**Father’s Day June 21st**

If you’d like to make a donation in honor or memory of your father or grandfather and have their names included in our special Father’s Day bulletin, forms can be found on the table in the stairway. Your donation will help to offset the cost of summer camp for our youth. The deadline to make your donation is Sunday, June 14th. Thanks to all of our amazing dads!



Exciting new things happening with Kid’s Ministry! Here’s what is in the works. A program is being developed for our middle school aged children because we have at least 5 children aging out of elementary school. VBS is scheduled for July 20th-24th again at The Barn and will be run by Camp Allegheny. Three kids have already signed up and it is just May! Lastly there will be a Back to School Bash reaching out to the community with backpacks and school supplies. That is a project in progress!

So it is an exciting time in Kid’s Ministry! Prayers and extra help are always welcomed. Reach out to me if you want to know how you can help! Thanks!

Evelyn Lemmon  
Director of Kid’s Ministry  
724-454-4650

**Additional Greeters Needed**

Do you appreciate being welcomed to the 10:45 worship service? We are trying to be very intentional in welcoming everyone – members and guests – each Sunday. We are looking for additional persons who willing to participate in this ministry. If you are willing to help approximately two Sundays every two months, contact Chuck Shaffer (814-341-5550).

Scott, my son Bruce, and I thank everyone who has been praying for our daughter-in-law Tammy Redfield these past years. We also want to thank those who sent notes, cards, and verbal condolences. Your caring and concern has meant a great deal to our family. Sincerely, Joyce Hines



A great time was held by all at the Circle of Ruth brunch on May 2nd. Seated from left: Pat Zimmerman, Dena Fritz, Louise Wagner, Evelyn Lemmon, Diane Dennis. Second row from left: Brenda Sherbondy, Dottie Johnson, Cathy Vanderhoff, Nancy Rising, Sharon Shaffer, Elaine Steele, Connie Magdic, Beth Caldwell. Back row from left: Gina Ziegenfus, Joyce Hines, Tammy Younkin, Wendy Treasure, Lelia Tosh, Shirley Tosh.

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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30 am–12:30 pm Pastor Ron's End of Times Class  6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus
<b>7</b> 10:45 am Children's Church	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6 pm Home Tour Mtg. in Lounge	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron
<b>14</b> 10:45 am Children's Church  12-2 pm New Member Class in Lounge	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30 pm Education Mtg. in Lounge	<b>18</b> 1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall	<b>19</b> Office Closed  12 -5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>20</b> 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Adam Sweigart w/ music by Amy Clarke
<b>21</b> 10:45 am Children's Church  	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 12 pm Newsletter Deadline	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10 am–4 pm Inside Ligonier Home Tour  6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/ music by Scott Schmitt
<b>28</b> 10:45 am Children's Church	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

### June Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Chloe Brown  
 7<sup>th</sup> Rasi Douglas  
 8<sup>th</sup> Emma Jackman  
 8<sup>th</sup> Josh Harbert  
 8<sup>th</sup> Emily Barth  
 9<sup>th</sup> Beckett Lenhart  
 9<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Bloom  
 10<sup>th</sup> David Gilbert  
 11<sup>th</sup> Bill Stutz  
 13<sup>th</sup> Ellen Yeskey  
 20<sup>th</sup> Wesley Evans  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Ashley Berkebile  
 24<sup>th</sup> Shirley Nipps  
 25<sup>th</sup> Ilse Yeskey  
 Madison Rebert  
 Ann Beck  
 26<sup>th</sup> Sean Lenhart  
 28<sup>th</sup> Mason Daugherty

### Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services  
 9:40 am Sunday School  
 Weds 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall  
 Friday 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall  
 Saturday 11:00 am Serrv Shop  
 6:00 pm Saturday Night Service

### June Anniversaries:

14th Dan & Dena Fritz  
 30th Gary & Wendy Black