

Heritage Happenings

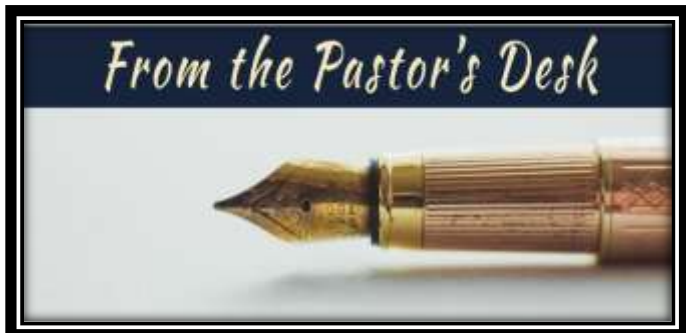


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GOSPEL GENEROSITY

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When I think about us as redeemed people in Jesus, I am reminded that our redemption frees us to be generous. Luke reflects this truth in his gospel, stating, *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you"* (Luke 6:38). At Heritage, we express this biblical truth in three ways: because of Jesus, we can be generous with our time, talent, and treasure. The freedom Jesus gives us enables us to worship and live generously for Him and for others. In fact, we are called to love God and people generously.

This month, we will be focusing on biblical generosity, especially as it relates to our mission and purpose. Here are some key points to know: We are continually learning how to **worship** with a generous spirit. By incorporating modern music into our 10:45 Sunday worship service, we are creating space to experience the Holy Spirit, who shapes us into maturing, generous disciples of Jesus.

Additionally, by introducing new and relevant ministries, we are helping men, women, and children **follow Jesus**. While we have discontinued a formal Sunday school hour for kids, we have dedicated servants generously ministering where there is need. This means we will offer Children's Church and a middle school youth ministry to support kids in their journey to follow Jesus. The generosity of our adult small group leaders opening their homes for discipleship is a significant and encouraging step as well.

Finally, we remain generous by serving and **sharing Jesus** with our community. Over the summer, we witnessed this through the ministries of Vacation Bible School and the Back to School Bash. This fall, there will be more opportunities to share our time and talents generously.

Generosity is not just about money, although giving generously is an important act of worship. It is our response to Jesus, the one who has saved us and given us eternal and abundant life.

Pastor Ron



OCTOBER WEEKEND TEACHING "GOSPEL GENEROSITY"

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That full life shows up in generosity. Jesus has redeemed us, and that redemption frees us to give — not out of obligation, but out of freedom. "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over" (Luke 6:38).

At Heritage, we say it this way: because of Jesus, we can be generous with our **time, talent, and treasure**. Loving God and loving people — generously. That's the full life.

Join us for worship this month. Come be formed by Scripture and the Holy Spirit — and discover the full, generous life Jesus offers.

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HERITAGE'S FORT LIGONIER DAYS SCHEDULE

Join us for Worship on Oct. 7th at 7 pm



Due to the difficulties in getting around Ligonier over the Fort Days weekend, there will be no worship services October 10th or 11th. Instead, join us on Wednesday, October 7th at 7 pm and enjoy a shorter service with live music by the Worship Team. See you there!

The church office will be closed Oct. 9th

Heritage's Annual Fort Days Pancake Breakfast Oct. 9th & 10th

Heritage Church will once again be providing the ministry of hospitality for the Civil Air Patrol, the Ligonier community, and visitors coming to town for Fort Ligonier Days. We will be serving the annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast/Brunch from 6:30 AM – Noon on Friday & Saturday, October 9th & 10th. The profits will be given to the Ligonier Food Pantry.



Plans are underway... the food and supplies have been ordered; now we need **you – our volunteers!** Help will be needed Thursday @ 6 PM to setup the kitchen and dining areas and from 6 AM – 1 PM on Friday & Saturday to serve our patrons. Signup sheets are on the bulletin board or contact the office.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Discipleship Classes
Next Option
Sundays 9:40 am – 10:30 am

MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE

How to Get the Most Out of My Bible Reading

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 class you’ll learn an easy plan for reading and understanding your Bible.

Sunday October 18
Sunday October 25
Sunday November 1

Please sign up by October 13

**All University of the Holy Spirit classes are open to those 13 and older.*



Yes, we know what month it is.

And yes, we're doing a church-wide study called **SUPERNATURAL** one week before Halloween. That's not an accident.

Every October, the world spends thirty-one days fascinated by a spiritual realm it claims not to believe in. We think the Bible has been telling the truth about that realm all along — and it's a better story than any horror movie!

On Saturday, October 24, we're spending a morning on all of it.

We'll look at why the modern church quietly stopped believing in the unseen, what Scripture says about the spiritual world, and what it means to walk in the Holy Spirit the way Wesley did without fear and without hype.

If you've ever wondered whether there's more going on than what you can see, this morning is for you. Bring a friend. Bring your questions. Everyone's welcome.

SUPERNATURAL: How Christians Can Think About the Spiritual World
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by signing up on the bulletin board no later than Monday, October 19th.



October 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?

October 1	Acts 2:42-47
October 2	Luke 6:32-38
October 3	Genesis 18:1-8
October 4	Ruth 2:8-18
October 5	Luke 10:30-37
October 6	Luke 10:38-42
October 7	John 13:1-15
October 8	Acts 9:36-42
October 9	Galatians 6:1-10
October 10	Hebrews 13:1-6
October 11	Matthew 25:34-40
October 12	Exodus 35:30-35
October 13	1Kings 5:1-12
October 14	Nehemiah 3:1-12
October 15	Matthew 25:14-30
October 16	Romans 12:3-8
October 17	Ephesians 4:11-16
October 18	Colossians 3:17-24
October 19	1Peter 4:7-11
October 20	Deuteronomy 15:7-11
October 21	1Chronicles 29:10-17
October 22	Proverbs 3:5-10
October 23	Proverbs 11:23-28
October 24	Matthew 6:1-4
October 25	Mark 12:38-44
October 26	Luke 12:13-21
October 27	Luke 19:1-10
October 28	2Corinthians 8:1-9
October 29	2Corinthians 9:6-11
October 30	Acts 4:32-37
October 31	Psalms 112:1-9

Circle of Ruth Meets Oct. 15th



Circle of Ruth will meet Thursday, October 15th at 6:30 PM in the church lounge. Please note, we are meeting one week later due to Fort Days. We will be continuing with our study, *"When Changing Nothing Changes Everything"* by Laurie Polich Short. In this next session titled, "The Big Picture Changes the Small Picture" (chapters 1–3), Laurie will lead us in discovering how knowing the bigger story helps us live the current chapter of our life more intentionally. Wendy Treasure will lead the Bible study and Shirley Nipps will bring a dessert to share. We will also be putting together the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. All women are invited! We hope you'll join us for fellowship, fun, and dessert! Please enter through the alley door.

Heritage Methodist Church

A Global Methodist Community of Faith



Annual Church Conference

Thursday, October 22, 2026
6:30 pm

All **Professing Members** of Heritage Church are invited to attend and participate in the annual church conference. The purpose of the conference is to review and evaluate the mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, elect leaders, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the leadership team in keeping with the goals of the Global Methodist Church. This is an important obligation of all members. We hope you can attend.

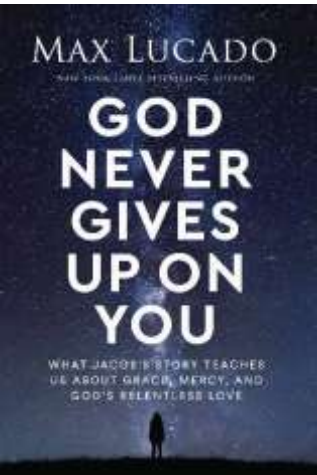


Operation Christmas Child



Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be available in the sanctuary beginning Saturday, October 17th. The boxes contain directions for packing with a list of gift ideas, as well as a list of items that cannot be included, and an envelope for shipping costs. Each of these shoeboxes is an opportunity to share the gospel with a precious boy or girl around the world. All shoeboxes must be returned to the sanctuary by Sunday, November 8th. Thank you to everyone who packs a box! **If you pay for your box online, please be sure to put a post-it note on the outside of the box so we know.**

Monday Night Bible Study News



Monday Night Bible Study will begin a new Max Lucado study, *God Never Gives Up on You*, on October 26th at 6:30 pm in the Lounge. In this four-week session, we will hear how God's grace is greater than your biggest setback and how God enacts his perfect plan through imperfect people – including you and me! All are welcome. Please enter through the alley door.



Red Cross Blood Drive Oct. 23rd

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Heritage will be held on Friday, October 23rd from noon—5 pm. Register online at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is posted on the bulletin board. Thank you for helping with this lifesaving ministry. You'll receive a \$10 Amazon Gift Card by email as a thank you from the Red Cross for donating.

CROP WALK Oct. 25th



The Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 25th, 2 pm at St. James Lutheran Church. If you would like to make a donation instead of walking, a collection plate will be available on the table in the stairway outside of the sanctuary for this purpose. **Please make checks payable to CWS/CROP.**

HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

Fun sized candy donations are needed for trick or treating at the church. Please have your donations in by October 25th. A bin is located by the table in the stairway for your donations. Thank you in advance!



Youth Group Update

All middle school aged youth are welcome to join in the fun at our next Youth Group Meetings, October 4th and 18th from 4 -6 pm. So far, the group has gone bowling, out for ice cream, played games, enjoyed Bible study, and more! For more information, contact Emily Kelly at emkelly478@aol.com.





Heritage offers two Men’s Ministry Groups and all men are welcome to attend one or both as able.

- The Garrison meets Mondays, 6:30 pm at Wes Evans’s home through November 2nd. Contact Wes at 814-525-8488 if interested in attending.
- The Cadre meets on Tuesdays, 6 pm at Rich Ziegenfus’s home through November 17th. Contact Rich at 724-244-0119 for more information.

Mitten Tree Collection

Beth Caldwell wants you to be on the lookout for hats, mittens and gloves on sale to purchase for the mitten tree for the Salvation Army. These items will be collected at the beginning of November through December 1st for our neighbors in need. A box will be available for your donations in the vestibule.



Thank You Heritage Methodist!

Thank you so much for helping me be able to go to camp! Last year was the first time I had gone to camp for years because of my diabetes. I also met two of my very best friends last year, and I am so grateful that I was able to go with them this year as well. Camp Allegheny really is my home away from home and I am always so excited to go. I am thankful to be a part of this awesome church and get to experience what it feels like to go to sleep-away camp for a whole week and to make wonderful friends that I will never forget. And with that I say, thank you so much for blessing me in this way so that I may go to camp and grow my faith. Flora Coulson



Hello! I wanted to say thank you for providing security blankets for children! My daughter had extensive dental work and she has clung to the blanket since we left!

Thank you for all you do!! Kaylin

Dear Church Friends,
During these past few weeks it has actually been enjoyable sorting through our daily mail due to the many lovely get-well cards I have received. Thank you to everyone who remembered me with cards, thoughts, and prayers. They are working; I am healing quickly! Scott and I are so blessed to be a part of our Heritage family. Sincerely, Joyce Hines

The September 18-19 Rummage Sale/Luncheon was a great success! 41 members and friends of Heritage volunteered time and/or lunch supplies. We raised \$5,796 for missions. Thank you to everyone who supported the Outreach Committee’s fundraising event.

Chuck Shaffer, Chairperson

A big thank you to Birdie Roehrig, Pat Zimmerman and Linda O’Sullivan for manning the Serrv Shop on Saturdays in May, June, July, August and September. Also, a big thank you to DD Umbaugh for continuing to organize the merchandise and do the purchasing for the Shop. Please let the office know if you would like to do some holiday shopping in the Serrv Shop this year and we’ll get that figured out as the Shop is closed until next year. For those who don’t know, the Serrv Shop is full of beautiful handmade items from third world countries. Jewelry, baskets, scarves, purses, bowls, etc. Lots of great items in there and thank you again to the ladies who gave of their time to open the shop this year.



As of press time, 67 Meals in a Bag have been collected by members of Heritage and distributed to the Union Mission. Bags containing a list of ingredients needed along with the recipe are available on the table outside the sanctuary in the stairway. The ingredients usually cost under \$10 and feed 2-4 people. A collection bin for the filled bags is located under the table. Thank you to all who have participated in this important ministry.



Stephen Cieslo (and Willow) sent me this great picture for the newsletter. ☺

Stephen is doing really well but his surgery in August was a bit more extensive than expected and the doctor had to remove his spleen, appendix and 6 spots of

cancer in his abdomen. So he’s been off of work since then but was finally able to go back to Bigginz on September 24th. He is really excited to get back to work and thanks everyone for their continued prayers!

OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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					4 pm Wedding Rehearsal	2 pm McFeely/McDowell Wedding 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus w/live music by Scott Schmitt
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
4 pm Youth Group			11 am Clergy Mtg. in Lounge 7 pm Service	No Bible Study at the LV Sr. Center	Office Closed 6:30 am – Noon Fort Days Pancake Breakfast	NO WORSHIP 6:30 am – Noon Fort Days Pancake Breakfast
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
NO WORSHIP				1 pm Linus Blanket Workday in Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm Circle of Ruth Mtg. in Lounge		6 pm Saturday Night Service: Chuck Shaffer
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4 pm Youth Group				6:30 pm Charge Conference	12-5 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	8:30 am–12:30 pm “Supernatural” Class in Lounge 6 pm Saturday Night Service: Rich Ziegenfus
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
2 pm CROP Walk at St. James	5 pm Trustees Mtg. in MPR	6 pm Outreach Mtg. in Lounge				6 pm Saturday Night Service: Pastor Ron w/live music by Scott Schmitt

Regular and Weekly Meetings

Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services
10:45 am Children’s Church

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 1:00 pm Meals on Wheels
6:30 pm Monday Night Bible Study
7:30 pm The Garrison Men’s Group

Tuesday 6:00 pm The Cadre Men’s Group
6:00 pm Cub Scout Mtg. in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall

Thursday 9:00 am Pastor’s Bible Study at LV Sr. Ctr.

Friday 8:00 pm AA Mtg. in Fellowship Hall

Saturday 6:00 pm Saturday Night Service

October Birthdays

1st Sydney Thomas
2nd Beth Scott
3rd Janet Formato
4th Molly Farrell
5th Sherry Clark
7th Jack Scott
10th Leah Wagner
13th Wendy Watson
18th Hailey Umbaugh
19th Harry Marker
20th Christina Orban
26th Gary Weaver
27th Madison Clise
27th Elisabeth Harbert
29th Greta Nicodemus
30th Kelsey Sherbondy-Cook

Happy Anniversary!
Oct. 4th Wes & Cara Evans
Oct. 18th John & Lynne Flower