

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS



Worship Times

Sunday-10:00 AM

Wednesday-6:30 PM

**Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors**



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Friday 8:30-noon

Please remember to use P.O. Box 234 when sending mail to the church.

From the Pastor . . .

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Corinthians 1:10)

UNITY. This word “unity” is one we’ve heard a lot lately. We’ve heard it from political parties, we’ve heard it from public health officials in the midst of the current pandemic, and we’ve heard it from church leaders as the United Methodist Church seems to be on a collision course with separation. Unfortunately, in every instance, these calls for “unity” are coy ways of saying, “You people need to listen to ME!” The call is not for a coming together under a common goal; it is about one idea, one plan, one theology being right and every other one being wrong.

As we read Paul’s words to the church in Corinth, you may be thinking that this is another example of the Bible asking us to do something that we as humans, as citizens, or as Christians are simply incapable. However, Paul is the practical one. Chosen by the risen Christ himself, Paul takes the gospel and the teachings of Jesus and puts it all into a no-nonsense, practical way for us. In this case, Paul is writing to the church because their unity is challenged by people lining up behind different leaders. Just like today, different leaders have different ways—different ideas—for reaching the same goal. But, human pride and human stubbornness gets in the way. “This is the way we’ve always done it” vs. “This is a new way of doing (the same thing),” is generally how we experience it in the church. But the stakes are much higher than carpet color, method of receiving Communion, or whether or not we like the hymns projected onto a screen.

At Corinth, the church was being torn apart because some followed Paul and others wanted to follow a local leader named Apollos. Because of this division, the church could not focus on the important stuff. In the case of Corinth, a church member having an affair with his stepmother. A relationship that Paul makes clear falls under Jesus’ teaching of sexual immorality. But, as I said, the church cannot lovingly and properly address this situation because of their preoccupation of division. When Paul says, “in the name of Jesus Christ . . . let there be no divisions among you,” he’s not using Jesus’ name as a tag line or expression of exasperation (like many of us heard from well meaning parents or bosses). Paul is being quite literal. He means be unified in Christ! And if we are unified in Christ—in His teachings and gospel—we can follow different leaders and we can come together in unity. At the same time, if we are unified in Christ—His teachings and gospel—we understand and are unified in what is not righteous, what is sinful. But we can now handle it through, what John Wesley called, “accountability in love” — with compassion, empathy, and mercy.

Unfortunately, the calls to unity we are hearing today are not! And if we line up with leaders who are not unified in Christ, we are not unified in Christ and we are not living the life God wills for us.

Pastor Ron

FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30 pm- Bible Study: Gospel of John	9:00 am-Prayer Group 10:00 am- Bible Study: Gospel of John 5:30 pm- Outreach 6:30 pm- Trustees	3:00-4:00 pm- Confirmation 6:30 pm-Worship with Communion 7:00 pm-UMYF	10:00 am-Bible Study at the church 5:30 pm-SPRC 6:30 pm-Ad Council		7:30 am-Men's Breakfast
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 am- Sunday School classes for all ages, Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am- Worship with Communion	6:30 pm- Bible Study: Gospel of John 	9:00 am-Prayer Group 10:00 am- Bible Study: Gospel of John	3:00-4:00 pm- Confirmation 6:30 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-UMYF	10:00 am-Bible Study at the church		9:30 am-UMW 10:00 am- Survivors of Suicide Support Group
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 am- Sunday School classes for all ages, Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am- Worship	6:30 pm- Bible Study: Gospel of John	9:00 am-Prayer Group 10:00 am- Bible Study: Gospel of John	3:00-4:00 pm- Confirmation 6:30 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-UMYF	10:00 am-Bible Study at the church 		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00 am- Sunday School classes for all ages, Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am- Worship	6:30 pm- Bible Study: Gospel of John	9:00 am-Prayer Group 10:00 am- Bible Study: Gospel of John (deadline for newsletter articles)	3:00-4:00 pm- Confirmation 6:30 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-UMYF	10:00 am-Bible Study at the church (newsletter will be sent)		
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Social Media & Heritage UMC. Some quick statistics on how our social media efforts are playing out. Face Book is our main social media presence, but we also have our videos available on You Tube. We are averaging about 1 post on FB per day. This includes Sunday and Wednesday worship services and the Wednesday devotional: “In the Word Wednesday with Pastor Ron.” The metric we are using is what FB calls “People Reached” — this number indicates how many people saw our post. Since November 1st (thru

December 21st) we are averaging 183 people reached per post. For our 2 worship services, Sunday & Wednesday, we are averaging 315 people reached each week. “In the Word Wednesday with Pastor Ron” has averaged 129 people reached each week. Our You Tube audience is growing as we have upwards of 40 views per video. These numbers mean that Heritage UMC is connecting people to Jesus Christ beyond our own church members; and that is what the Great Commission is all about.

Pastor Ron

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

February 2nd-Outreach, 5:30 PM
Trustees, 6:30 PM
February 3rd-Confirmation, 3:00 PM
UMYF, 7:00 PM
February 4th-SPRC, 5:30 PM
Ad Council, 6:30 PM
February 6th-Men’s Breakfast, 7:30 AM
February 10th-Confirmation, 3:00 PM
UMYF, 7:00 PM
February 13th-United Methodist Women, 9:30 AM
Survivors of Suicide Support Group, 10:00 AM
February 17th- Confirmation, 3:00 PM
UMYF, 7:00 PM
February 24th- Confirmation, 3:00 PM
UMYF, 7:00 PM

One-Room Sunday School Report Card

It was a joyful return to Sunday school on January 3rd! The students were eager to participate in their mission of learning from the *Holy Bible*. They also are totally absorbed in their mission of extending their spiritual love outside the brick walls of HUMC.

Those attending worship during a particular Sunday in February will be able to receive a special gift from their "labor-of-love".

We would certainly appreciate a monetary donation to purchase postage stamps or a donation of postage stamps to be used during this month. You may bring your donation to the office or deliver it personally to the school room on a Sunday morning.

May God continue to remain in your heart during these challenging times.

We bid you, "Shalom."

Ani W., Bob N., Chelsey C., and Karen W.
Shalom

Outreach Committee

In January Ed & Marty Van Hemert delivered 80# of food to the food pantry in Shell Rock. Thank you to all who donated and many thanks to Marty for her wonderful leadership in Outreach!

Going forward we will be holding a Heritage Kitchen Shower and will continue to collect peanut butter for the backpack program. There are index cards on the mask table in the entryway that have food items that are needed for the kitchen. Leave your items and the card in the kitchen.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 2nd, at 5:30 PM. Come join us if you have a heart for "hands on" service to our community!

February Ushers

February 7th-UMYF
February 14th-Gary & Marian Pursell
February 21st-Denny & Karen Wentworth
February 28th-Betty Peterson & Bev Stansell



February Scripture Readers

February 7th-UMYF
February 14th-Karen Matthias
February 21st-Catherine Orth
February 28th-David Fox





February Birthdays



February 1st-Vivian Chestnut
February 2nd-Marian Pursell
February 5th-Adena Pigman Baker
February 9th-Rhonda Benning
February 10th-Nick Sheldon
February 12th-Jada Zars
February 13th-Janet Gambaiani,
 Anita Snook
February 14th-Brian Boomer,
 Sherwin Smith
February 15th-Chelsey Cole
February 16th-Brooke Russell
February 18th-Art McLey
February 19th-Jennifer Brandt,
 Teresa Sipple
February 21st-Lisa Eick,
 Sheridan Eick
February 22nd-Beth Mattke,
 Gary Smith
February 23rd-Gary Pursell,
 Craig Rewerts
February 25th-Jean Kramer

February Anniversaries

February 2nd- Don & Tracy Wilkinson
February 10th-Troy & Annette Sage
February 14th-Richard & Janet Gambaiani
February 17th-Eugene & Jean Smith
February 19th-Eric & Pat Hansen
February 27th-John & Carolyn Vossberg
February 28th-Dennis & Bev Stansell



**(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary please call the church
and let us know. Thank you! 352-1776)**



My Heritage UMC Promises

My Prayers

I am called to pray for God's beloved



Prayer Concern(s)

Living with Cancer

Kathy Brown
Tim Jensen
Barb Ottman
Wendy Brooks
Randy & Edmond Wolf, Virgil Matthias
Staci Bruns
Shirley Schutte

Contact Person(s)

Jennifer Brandt
Grant & Nancy Jensen
Becky Gors
Sherwin & Bertha Smith
Karen Matthias
Krista Mulder
Bob Nellis

Other Health Concerns

Vivian Chestnut
Dick & Babs Ormston
Denny Stafford, Bob Ebert
Ryan Nesselth, Judy Seeley
Lois Eggleston, Becky Warrington
Jim Birkholz
Kristi Hansen, Will Franken
Roger Russell
Zenda Vikturek, Lew Melcher
Dale Boggess
Nathan Heise
Dave Smith Baby, Larry Skinner Baby
Emma Morey, Ani Wentworth
Kim Endelman
Catherine Orth
Laura Harken
Helen Olson
David Chestnut
Al & Caroline McNamar
Nicole Morgan
Carol Ryan

Bob Nellis
Bob Nellis
Karen Matthias
Karen Matthias
Robin Vette
David & Marylou Birkholz
Kay Greeley
Kay Greeley
Jodi Melcher
Becky Gors
Colleen Franzen
Bill Dravis
Denny & Karen Wentworth
Grant Jensen
Marvin Orth
Al & Caroline McNamar
Kim Cole
Vivian Chestnut
Pastor Ron
Bonnie Moeller
Bob Nellie

Military Personnel & Their Families

Mitch Williams
Jon Simmonds
Michelle & DeVaughn McGee
Aaron Forry

Al & Deanna Williams
Mark & Deb Iserman
David & Karen Stumme
Karen Kuker

Other Concerns

The Family of Tim Jensen

My Gifts

I am called to share my gifts.

FINANCE REPORT for week ending 1-23-2021.

2021 Budget	\$173,219.00
Giving Needed to Date	\$ 10,915.11
Actual Giving to Date	\$ 18,395.00
2021 Apportionments	\$20,096.00
District Asking	\$ 1,158.00



Money Given Toward Apportionments Since Jan. 1, 2021 **\$200.00**
 Apportionment money paid to the Conference since Jan. 1, 2021 **\$0**
 (paid quarterly)

My Service

I am called to serve God by:
 attending worship services
 inviting a neighbor to church
 giving to February Missions
 giving of my time & talents

My Presence

Sunday, January 3rd-39
 Wednesday, January 6th-18
 Sunday, January 10th-43
 Wednesday, January 13th-18
 Sunday, January 17th-40
 Wednesday, January 20th-12
 Sunday, January 24th-29
 Wednesday, January 27th-15

My Witness

When we use our *prayers, presence, and gifts* in *service* of God to others, we act as *witnesses* to God's saving love through Christ and as examples of how to live a life of Christian disciples.

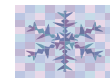
FEBRUARY WORSHIP

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Wednesday	3 rd	Be Prepared	Matthew 7:27	
Sunday	7 th	Sheep Among Wolves	Matthew 10:1-20	Youth Sunday*
Wednesday	10 th	Ready or Not	Matthew 10:14	
Sunday	14 th	God's Character	Matthew 11:25-30	
Wednesday	17 th	Father, Son & You	Matthew 11:27	Ash Wednesday
Sunday	21 st	He Chose to Be One of Us	Romans 8:3	Lenten Study**
Wednesday	24 th	One of Us	John 1:14	Lent
Sunday	28 th	He Chose to Forgive Us	Colossians 2:12-14	Lenten Study**

Youth Sunday* Worship service will be conducted by Heritage UMYF Youth
 Lenten Study** "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado

Church Cancellation Due to the Weather

If church is cancelled due to bad weather, the announcement will be on KWWL Channel 7 (television and website). We will also put the notice on the Waverly radio KWAY (1470 AM and 99.3 FM) and our Facebook page. If school is cancelled or dismissed early on Wednesday because of bad weather, the UMYF and Confirmation Classes will also be cancelled.



Men's Breakfast

There will be a Men's breakfast Saturday, February 6th, at 7:30 AM. They will meet at Cliff's Place in Horton.

Offerings

Thank you to all those who continue to send weekly and monthly offerings to the church! It is very much appreciated!

Prayer Concerns

If you have a prayer concern for the pastor please call his cell, 319-538-7132 or the church office, 352-1776.



Facebook Page

Check out our Facebook page— Heritage United Methodist.
 "Like us" and visit often for important information about what's going on at our church.

United Methodist Women

- We had 39 school kits for Ingathering. Thank-you to all those who put kits together!
- The officers & membership forms were sent to the district.
- Thanksgiving & Christmas cards were sent.
- In 2021 we will be studying women of the Bible.
- Sign-up sheets to be hostesses in 2021 were sent around.
- We will be taking orders for geraniums this Spring. Be watching for details.
- Valentine cards will be sent.
- Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 13th, at 9:30 AM. Karen Kuker and Bonnie Moeller will be hostesses. Our Thank offering will be taken.

February Bible Verse: Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and set and rest."

Mark 6:31

Thursday Morning Adult Holy Bible Study

Thursday morning adult *Holy Bible* study will be held at 10:00 AM, at the church. You will need to bring a *Holy Bible* and a pen or pencil. Thank you and "Shalom!"

Help Needed

If you would like to usher or greet some Sunday or usher some Wednesday night in 2021 please call the office, 352-1776, and let Robin know. And thank-you to all of those who helped out in 2020! We really appreciate your service!



Fiber Optic internet service is now up and running at Heritage UMC. We have set up a special WiFi connection for members and guests. On your wireless device (cell phone, iPad, etc.), look for "HeritageUMCGuest" in your WiFi settings. Join with the password: "HeritageGuest."

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

Please join us at the church on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 for a time of prayer. Prayer is a very powerful tool given to us by God. Let's gather together and put the power of prayer to work!



Taking Geranium Orders Soon

The United Methodist Women will be taking orders for geraniums soon. The geraniums will be ready for pick-up the day before Mother's Day. Be watching for more details!



HERITAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **2021 Officers & Committees**

1. Administrative Council (Ministry Council)

Chair – Kelli Lenz
 Recording Secretary – Barb Nolte
 Treasurer – Brett Vette
 Financial Secretary – Pam Madden
 SPRC – Bob Greenlee
 Trustees – Ryan Vette
 Lay Leader & UMW – Karen Matthias
 Outreach & Christian Ed. Team - Karen Wentworth
 Lay Delegate to AC – Chris Dix
 Youth Delegate – Ani Wentworth

2. Staff-Parish (SPRC)

21 Bob Greenlee	22 Becky Gors	23 Chris Dix
21 Marilyn Campbell	22 Bob Nellis	23 Denee Muller
21 Sherwin Smith	22	23

3. Trustees

21 Ryan Vette	22 Sherwin Smith	23 Lori Westendorf
21	22 Brian Schmidt	23 Jodi Melcher
21	22 Jim Campbell	23

4. Finance

Treasurer – Brett Vette	Financial Secretary – Pam Madden
Lay Leader – Karen Matthias	Representative from Trustees – Ryan Vette
Lay Delegate to AC – Chris Dix	Representative from SPRC – Bob Greenlee
Pastor – Ron Bupp	Ad Council Chair – Kelli Lenz

Counters - Bill Dravis, Mark Iserman, Cindi Hill, Leon Garbes

Auditor: Keith Oltrogge, CPA Denver, IA.

5. Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations)

Pastor – Ron Bupp
 Lay Leader – Karen Matthias
 Ad Council Chair – Kelli Lenz
 SPRC Chair – Bob Greenlee

Christian Education Team

Children's SS – Bob Nellis	UMYF – Kelli Lenz
Children's SS – Karen Wentworth	UMYF – Deb Garbes
Children's SS – Nancy Jensen	Lay Leader – Karen Matthias
(Others as Appropriate)	

Memorial

Ad Council

Outreach Team

Chair – Karen Wentworth

Members per Chair

Endowment

Chair – Chris Dix

Secretary – Bob Holdorf

Pastor – Ron Bupp

Lay Leader – Karen Matthias

SPRC – Bob Greenlee

Grant Jensen

Dale Calease

Karen Kuker

Dave Nelson

Mark Iserman

Bonnie Moeller

Marylou Birkholz

Terry Savage

Ed Van Hemert



Cameron & I would like to give a big thank you & God bless to the Heritage angel who made our Christmas extra special.

Ani Wentworth

Heritage United Methodist Church,

Our food bank can not say thank you enough for the food and paper goods you gave us. All 80 lbs. went to those in need. Our thanks to everyone in church that gave. You are special!

Shell Rock Food Bank

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