



HERITAGE HAPPENINGS

Worship Times

Sunday-10:00 AM

Wednesday-6:30 PM

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From the Pastor

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

(Hebrews 10:24-25)

As I close in on the conclusion of my first year as pastor of Heritage, I reflect on the challenges we have faced as a congregation of a church and as individual members of the church and this community. We have faced division within the church—both the United Methodist denomination and Heritage UMC, financial challenges to keep the doors open, the departure of key staff and leaders, and the Covid 19 pandemic that kept us apart for over a year now. Yet, by God's grace, Heritage is still alive and well.

Worship attendance was affected by much that was beyond our control. Federal and local government guidance and regulation, church guidance and edicts from the Conference bishop, as well as our own health concerns. Despite these challenges to in-person worship, or maybe in spite of them, Heritage's faith in God kept us offering worship opportunities when other churches remained closed (many of which still are). For those who wished to come to the church to worship we offered "full" in-person worship encouraging healthy precautions. For those whose health concerns led them to remain at home, Heritage stepped up with online worship opportunities— Sunday, Wednesday evening, and Wednesday In the Word with Pastor Ron devotional; live-streamed and recorded for participation on Face Book, You Tube, and the HeritageWaverly.org web site. This allowed us to reach people for Christ beyond Waverly, beyond Bremer County, and beyond the borders of Iowa, touching several hundred people each week. When pastors and congregations around the country were focused on their own personal concerns, Heritage was living out The Great Commission. Well done, good and faithful servants!

As the epidemic winds down in our country, and especially in our state, we must look to God's word for guidance and direction. When we come to worship, we come not just to pray and sing, but also praising God with our works of compassion and mercy. The author of Hebrews tells us we are to be aggressive, prodding each other; provoking one another to love and good deeds. Things we cannot do in our absence from the church.

On the rare occasions today when church Discipline is exercised, it is usually understood as correcting someone who has gone astray, who has done something wrong. The Preacher in Hebrews, however, suggest that, instead of pulling people back from the wrong path, we should acquire a notion of church discipline as pushing each other along on the right path. Something that occurs when we gather together to worship God in Jesus Christ, singing, praising, and hearing God's word read and proclaimed—supporting and caring for our brothers and sisters.

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Christian worship is what is known as an eschatological event. We participate in the here and now looking to eternal praise of God. A time is coming, wrote Paul, when “every knee will bend in heaven and on earth and every tongue will confess Jesus Christ is Lord” (Phil 2:10-11). Our knees bend, now, and our tongues confess, now, as we look to “the Day approaching” when we will worship Christ forever in the heavenly realms.

It is easy to lose sight of this, that our little congregation is gathering in the presence of the Lord and all the Saints; making it hard to maintain the practice of worshiping together. The Preacher in Hebrews points out that attendance at services have not been all that it could be. Some have gotten into the “habit” of neglecting to come together (10:25).

For some, perhaps many across the nation, we have become “comfy,” sitting in our easy chair, in our PJ’s sipping coffee while checking social media and text messages on our cell phones. The only thing about that, says the Preacher of Hebrews, is that while we are participating in a distracted viewing of a worship service, the faithful in the sanctuary have been gathered by a mystery beyond their own seeing and knowing. What looks like leisure turns out to be neglect, and what appears to be the labor of prayer leads to a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace that surpasses all understanding.

When Jesus calls us to “Come, all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28) he is calling us to “gather” in his name (Matthew 18:20).

Pastor Ron



As my schedule has evolved over the past year, I need to adjust my office hours. My **NEW OFFICE HOURS** are:

Monday: 9a – 3p

Tuesday: 1p – 3p

These are also the days I do most of my weekly administrative tasks. So, I ask that you call ahead so I can plan time with you. You may always call or text my cell phone: 319-538-7132 or email me at pastor@heritagewaverly.org. While I am always happy to see you, things come up and the schedule may change suddenly.

Thanks, Pastor Ron

Little acts of love done in Jesus’ name are mighty in the sight of the Lord.

June Worship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
2 nd	Wednesday	Dumbfounded	Matthew 17:4
6 th	Sunday	Sunday of Hope	Beaver Creek Band

Parables of Jesus Series

9 th	Wednesday**	Parable of the Sower	Matthew 13:1-9
13 th	Sunday**	Parable of the Weeds	Matthew 13:24-30
16 th	Wednesday	Righteous Indignation	Matthew 13:30
20 th	Sunday	Parable of the Wandering Sheep	Matthew 18:10-14
23 rd	Wednesday	How Important Are You	Matthew 18:12
27 th	Sunday	Parable of the Kingdom of God	Matthew 13:31-35
30 th	Wednesday	The Least Shall Be Greatest	Matthew 13:31-32

** Holy Communion

United Methodist Women

- We sold 88 geraniums this year. Thank-you to all those who bought geraniums and to Gary & Marian Pursell for going to get them!
- Sheila Drinkwine made the cakes for the May 23rd dessert reception for the High School graduates.
- We are sending \$100 to Bidwell in Des Moines.
- Birthdays were celebrated.
- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 8th, at 6:30 PM. Jodi Melcher & Robin Vette will be hostesses. All women of the church are welcome!



June Bible Verse: In Him we were also chosen.
Ephesians 1:11a

Mowers Needed

Mowers are needed to mow the church lawn. The schedule is on the bulletin board in the Family Life Center or call the office, 352-1776, and let Robin know when it would work for you. The church does have a John Deere zero-turn lawn mower you can use.

Beaver Creek to Perform

Join us Sunday, June 6th, when the Beaver Creek Bluegrass Band will perform at the 10:00 AM service. They will be playing some old favorites as well as some new ones. Hope to see you there!



June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		9:00 am-Prayer Group 10:00 am-Bible Study: Gospel of John 5:00 pm-Outreach 6:30 pm-Trustees	5:00-6:00 pm-Freewill Feast & Fellowship 6:30 pm-Worship	10:00 am-Bible Study at the church 5:30 pm-SPRC 6:30 pm-Ad Council		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:15 am-Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am-Beaver Creek Bluegrass Performing 11:00 am-Grilling for a Cure	6:30 pm-Bible Study: Gospel of John	9:00 am-Prayer Group 10:00 am-Bible Study: Gospel of John 6:30 pm-UMW	5:00-6:00 pm-Freewill Feast & Fellowship 6:30 pm-Worship with Communion  HOLY COMMUNION	10:00 am-Bible Study at the church 		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:15 am-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	5:00-6:00 pm-Freewill Feast & Fellowship 6:30 pm-Worship	10:00 am-Bible Study at the church		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<i>Father's Day</i> 9:15 am-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	5:00-6:00 pm-Freewill Feast & Fellowship 6:30 pm-Worship	10:00 am-Bible Study at the church 	office closed (deadline for newsletter articles)	
27	28	29	30			
9:15 am-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 6:30 pm-Trustees	5:00-6:00 pm-Freewill Feast & Fellowship 6:30 pm-Worship Robin out of the office			

Easy, Convenient, and Secure



HeritageWaverly.org is our church web site. Through the web site you now have the ability to give to the church: the General Fund or any of the many areas of ministry the church has. You can make a 1-time gift or set up recurring gifts through your credit/debit card or your bank account. Your account and information is secured through the highest standards of internet security. Go to www.HeritageWaverly.org and open the page called Donate to Heritage UMC, click the link "Click Here to Donate." This will take you to a secure web site where you can set up your personal account and donate to the church or specifically to any of its missions or ministries. A mobile phone app—Heritage (Waverly) United Methodist Church will be available soon. Contact the Church office for info.

IF YOU HAVE TO MISS CHURCH – DON'T MISS SHARING WITH GOD

June Ushers

June 6th –Leon & Deb Garbes
 June 13th –Betty Peterson & Bev Stansell
 June 20th –Karen Kuker & Bill Dravis
 June 27th –Jim & Marilyn Campbell



June Scripture Readers

June 6th – not needed
 June 13th – Ani Wentworth
 June 20th – Cheryl Fox
 June 27th – Lori Westendorf



One-Room Sunday School Update

On May 16th, Bob gave a lesson on "Faith Like a Child" and Karen talked to the class about "Seeds of Faith" & how our faith, like seeds, needs to be nurtured in order to grow. We worked together on worksheets about faith and the kids were given a flower seed packet that they could plant & then share the flowers with others.

Our last class of this school year was May 23rd with a lesson and craft activity on Pentecost. Special snacks of Dilly Bars, Ring Pops & fruit punch were provided by Bob, Karen & Robin.

Thank you for allowing your children to be a part of our One Room Sunday School this year. It has been an honor for us to teach them lessons from the Bible, to teach them about missions & how they can serve others no matter what their age and bring glory to God, and to learn more about each lesson through a craft or activity. We have truly been blessed by these young people and sincerely thank each parent and grandparent who have allowed us to be a part of their faith journey. Blessings!

Bob, Karen, Robin, Ani & Chelsey

JUNE MEETINGS

June 1st-Outreach, 5:00 PM
 Trustees, 6:30
 June 3rd-SPRC, 5:30 PM
 Ad Council, 6:30 PM
 June 8th-United Methodist Women, 6:30 PM
 June 29th -Trustees, 6:30 PM

June Outreach Mission

Our Outreach Committee will meet on June 1st, at 5:00 PM to again work on the Lost Sheep Initiative to update our membership records. Phone calls have been made to those members who did not respond to the letters & cards mailed out last month.

The June mission is Grilling For a Cure/Relay For Life. Please plan on staying for lunch following the church service on June 6th. Grilled hot dogs, brats & hamburgers! There will be a free will donation to the American Cancer Society. Luminarias may be purchased. See the article below.

Thank you to all who donated to the May mission of the Summer Lunch Program!



Dedicate A Luminaria

Luminarias honor every life touched by cancer. You can dedicate them to a loved one lost, someone currently battling cancer or someone that has won the fight. We will make a special Luminaria to be displayed & lit on our Sunday of Hope June 6th. Cost is \$10.00 to be donated to the American Cancer Society. Tell us the name and whether it is in honor or memory and a few things about them. Please let Kelli Lenz or the office know by Wednesday, June 2nd. 352-1776.



Grilling for a Cure

Please plan on staying for lunch following the church service on June 6th for Grilling for a Cure. Grilled hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, salads, beverages & ice cream will be served! There will be a free will donation for the American Cancer Society.



Offerings

Thank you to all those who continue to send weekly and monthly offerings to the church!

It is very much appreciated!

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's breakfast is tentatively set for September.

Be watching for details!



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!



Wednesday Meals Starting Again

The Wednesday night Freewill Feast & Fellowship meal will be starting again June 2nd. The meal will be served from 5:00-6:00 PM and there will be a freewill donation taken for community mission projects.



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."

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.



June Birthdays



June 1st-Tom Nehl
 June 3rd-Bonnie Moeller
 June 9th-Hailee Kent
 June 11th-Merlin Benning
 Emily Bittinger
 June 12th-Karen Stumme
 June 13th-Brian Schmidt
 June 16th-Gabrielle Estel
 June 18th-Mallory Luensmann
 June 19th-Tammy Dillavou
 June 20th-Scott McNamar
 June 22nd-Joyce Bittinger, Rachel Hill,
 Anita Kramer, Becky Pigman
 June 23rd-Shawn Clewell
 Jake Kramer
 June 24th-Pam Madden
 June 25th-Jacque Holdorf
 June 30th-Phillip Hill

June Anniversaries

June 2nd-Terry & Verilyn Savage
 June 3rd-Wendell & Jean Kramer
 David & Karen Stumme
 June 9th-Floyd & Judy Junker
 Craig & Vicky Rewerts
 June 14th-Jim & Marilyn Campbell
 June 16th-Theron & Connie Adams
 June 18th-Bob & Kelli Lenz
 June 19th-Ed & Martha Van Hemert
 June 20th-Roger & Nancy McElroy
 Sherwin & Bertha Smith
 June 22nd-Gary & Nancy Smith
 June 24th-Tom & Becky Nehl
 June 27th-Gary & Marian Pursell

**If we have missed your birthday or anniversary please call the church
and let us know. Thank you! 319-352-1776**



My Heritage UMC Promises



My Prayers

I am called to pray for God's beloved

Prayer Concern(s)

Living with Cancer

Randy, Edmond & Brenda Wolf
Rev. Tom Barnard (Trinity UMC)
Joey Heise
Sheila Keseburg, Sandy Bell
Rosetta Topping, Janet Lemmer
Margaret Lenz

Contact Person(s)

Karen Matthias
Pastor Ron
Bob Nellis
Becky Smith
Becky Smith
Kelli Lenz

Other Health Concerns

Steven Stafford, Ryan Nesseth
Katrina & Judy Seeley
Baby Julia Smith
Emma Morey
Helen Olson
David Chestnut
Nancy McElroy
Sherwin Smith
Marylou Birkholz
Bonnie Dahlstrom

Karen Matthias
Karen Matthias
Bill Dravis
Denny & Karen Wentworth
Kim Cole
Vivian Chestnut
Pastor Ron
Bryan Smith
Karen Kuker
Nancy Smith

Military Personnel & Their Families

Mitch Williams
Jon Simmonds
Michelle & DeVaughn McGee

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

Other Concerns

The Family of Babs Ormston
The Family of Dale Clewell

Prayer Requests are deeply personal needs expressed by those who understand and hope in God's mercy and grace. Here at Heritage, in addition to the Pastor, we have a dedicated Team of Prayer Warriors and each of us is called to "pray without ceasing" for our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Prayer Request List that is provided each week in the bulletin and the monthly newsletter, will be started fresh at the beginning of each month. If you have a prayer request please let the Pastor, a Prayer Team member, or the church office know. If you are on the Prayer Request List and wish to remain, please let us know and your name will be carried over to the new month. Please, please, please....if you are requesting prayer for someone other than yourself, you must have that person's permission. Questions? Contact Pastor Ron or one of the Prayer Team: Karen Matthias, Karen Wentworth, Bob Nellis, or Bill Dravis.

(The finance report for May was not available.)

My Gifts

I am called to share my gifts.

My Service

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



My Presence

Sunday, May 2nd-59
Wednesday, May 5th-10
Sunday, May 9th-46
Wednesday, May 12th-9
Sunday, May 16th-54
Wednesday, May 19th-12
Sunday, 23rd-68

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.

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. Pastor Ron will be delivering a live streamed message “In the Word Wednesday with Pastor Ron” at 10:00 AM. The Sunday 10:00 AM and Wednesday 6:30 PM services will also be online.

Help Needed

If you would like to usher some Sunday morning or Wednesday night please call the office, 319-352-1776, and let Robin know. And thank-you to all of those who have helped out in the past! We really appreciate your service!