

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

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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)

As Paul always does in his letters to the churches he built, he gets right to the point. The church in Corinth was facing some deep divisions. Most notably in leadership and how certain activities of the congregation and individuals were being seen and addressed. Paul's words probably sounded as impossible to the Corinthians as they do to us today. After all, diversity of thought is a foundation of our American democracy. But, over the years we've seen that exuberance, or should I say militancy, of our own opinions has caused deep divisions in our nation as well as our church— The United Methodist Church.

But Paul isn't talking about politics and ideals of how to run a country. Just a few verses later he will go on to say that "the gospel is not words of human wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power (v 17). The agreement, the unity of mind and thought that Paul is addressing for the church is to be in the gospel of Jesus Christ. And, once again, you may be saying to yourself, that agreement and unity even on this topic cannot be accomplished. I say to you what Paul will tell the Galatians in his letter to that church, a gospel other than that "breathed by God" into the hearts of the scripture authors and laid down in the pages of the Bible, "is really no gospel at all" (Galatians 1:7).

As it has been since Paul's day, in every generation there are those who believe they have out-thought the apostles and the Church Fathers, led by God's Holy Spirit, to claim *they* have figured out the real meaning of the gospel. Which Paul reminds us, "is really no gospel at all." Why can I say this? Along with Paul, I quote the prophet, "the wisdom of the wise will perish, the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish" (Isaiah 29:14). God, through Jesus Christ, determines what Christianity is; and those who interpret it must find their interpretation, their theology, in what has been given in God's word.

So, as many leaders of the United Methodist Church (clergy and laity) have followed their own opinions — "Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions" (Proverbs 18:2) — Heritage must find agreement and unity in mind and thought based on the gospel of Jesus Christ as set down by the apostles.

Your church leaders are beginning this effort; focused on four key pillars:

1. Focus (or refocus) on Jesus
2. Claiming (or reclaiming) the authority of Scripture
3. Refining our theology . . . what "we" believe (and what we do not)
4. Reforming our systems

The gospel of Jesus Christ in the writing of scripture provides all of this for us. As your pastor, I am and have been focusing on the preaching and teaching of the gospel: from the pulpit—Matthew, and in Bible study—John. Confirmation and UMYF lessons are focused on biblical truths and our core beliefs as Christians and Methodists. The church Ad Council is doing a book study on *A Firm Foundation: Hope and Vision for a New Methodist Future*, leading up to forthcoming Town Hall Meetings on the subject of a formal church separation and General Conference 2021 which may formally deconstruct the UMC and force each local church to decide where it stands on the gospel of Jesus Christ as we move into the future.

The days and years of “The Big Umbrella” are over. In its failure, it has proven what Jesus, the disciples, and Paul understood and taught two-thousand years ago. That to be a church, to be the Body of Christ, we must be in agreement, in mind and thought, that the gospel of Jesus Christ is our foundation and our hope.

Pastor Ron



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. It is very important then to keep our formal Prayer Request List current and up to date. Beginning in April, 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 that you would like shared with the congregation, please make it known to the Pastor, a Prayer Team member, or the church office. 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 to be added to the congregation’s Prayer Request List. Questions? Please contact Pastor Ron or one of the Prayer Team: Karen Matthias, Karen Wentworth, Bob Nellis, or Bill Dravis.

MARCH 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	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 6:30 pm- Finance	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
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28	29	30	31			
9:00 am- Sunday School classes for all ages, Coffee Fellowship Palm Sunday 10:00 am- Worship	6:30 pm- Bible Study: Gospel of John (newsletter will be sent)	9:00 am-Prayer Group 10:00 am- Bible Study: Gospel of John 6:30 pm- Trustees	3:00-4:00 pm- Confirmation 6:30 pm-Worship 7:00 pm-UMYF			

MARCH MEETINGS

March 2nd-Outreach, 5:30 PM
Trustees, 6:30 PM
March 3rd-Confirmation, 3:00 PM
UMYF, 7:00 PM
March 4th-SPRC, 5:30 PM
Ad Council, 6:30 PM
March 9th-Finance Committee, 6:30 PM
March 10th-Confirmation, 3:00 PM
UMYF, 7:00 PM
March 13th-United Methodist Women, 9:30 AM
Survivors of Suicide Support Group, 10:00 AM
March 17th- Confirmation, 3:00 PM
UMYF, 7:00 PM
March 24th- Confirmation, 3:00 PM
UMYF, 7:00 PM
March 30th-Trustees, 6:30 PM
March 31st-Confirmation, 3:00 PM
UMYF, 7:00 PM

One-Room Sunday School Update

Greetings from the One Room Sunday School class. Our Valentines card mission was a great success. We were amazed by the creativity of all the students and received many thanks from those who received cards. Our next mission is making pet toys & blankets for Waverly Pet Rescue. Donations of fleece or funds are always appreciated.

We are teaching from the Lenten series that Pastor Ron is using for the church service entitled "He Chose The Nails."

We welcome children of all ages to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am for a time of music, snacks, lesson & activity. Blessings from Bob, Karen, Ani & Chelsey!

March Ushers

March 7th Karen Kuker & Bill Dravis
March 14th Jim & Marilyn Campbell
March 21st Leon & Deb Garbes
March 28th Mark Iserman, Bob Nellis & Danica Drinkwine



March Scripture Readers

March 7th Danica Drinkwine
March 14th Danica Drinkwine
March 21st Barb Nolte
March 28th Catherine Orth



March Outreach Mission **LZ Phoenix**

LZ Phoenix is in need of the following items for their veterans house:

Large Plastic storage totes
"Shoebox" size storage totes
Casserole dishes with lids, 9x13, 9x9 or 8x8
Heavy plastic silverware
Silverware & serving utensils
Blenders (for making smoothies, etc. for special diets)
Cleaning supplies (Windex, furniture polish, shower cleaners, etc.)
Sponges, scrub brushes, etc.
Liquid laundry detergent, bleach, stain remover, dryer sheets
Laundry baskets & cotton or canvas laundry bags
Charging cords

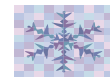


Items may be put in the Outreach tote in the church foyer. Money donations are also very helpful. Write "LZ Phoenix" in the memo portion on your check. Thank you for your donations!

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

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.

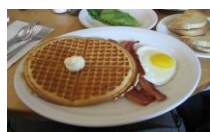


Offerings

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

Men's Breakfast

There will not be a Men's breakfast in March. Be watching for details on the next one.





March Birthdays



March 1st-Randy Dillavou, Amber Stohr
March 2nd-Ken Hoins
March 4th-Pastor Ron
March 5th-Sandra Chapin
March 6th-Lori Westendorf
March 7th-Alisha Jensen, Beverly Stansell
March 8th-Becky Nehl, Deanna Williams
March 9th-Nicole Davis, Bennett Jensen
March 10th-Chelsea Lohmann, Becky Warrington
March 11th-Roger McElroy
March 12th-Bertha Smith
March 15th-Mitch Williams
March 16th-Bailey Lubben
March 17th-Betty Peterson
March 18th-Nancy Jensen
March 19th-Karen Wentworth
March 20th-Stacy Smith
March 26th-Joanne Folkerts
March 27th-Jennifer Stumme
March 28th-Kay Nellis
March 29th-Ed Van Hemert
March 30th-Mark Iserman, Al Williams
March 31st-David Birkholz, Kim Endelman, Dan Smith

March Anniversaries

March 2nd-John & Kim Endelman
March 11th-Dick & Babs Ormston
March 24th-Bryan & Becky Smith



(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
Barb Ottman
Wendy Brooks
Randy & Edmond Wolf, Virgil Matthias
Staci Bruns
Shirley Schutte

Contact Person(s)

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

Other Health Concerns

Vivian Chestnut
Dick & Babs Ormston
Ryan Nesselth, Judy Seeley
Lois Eggleston, Becky Warrington
Jim Birkholz
Roger Russell
Zenda Vikturek, Lew Melcher
Dale Boggess
Nathan Heise
Dave Smith Baby, Larry Skinner Baby
Emma Morey
Kim Endelman
Laura Harken
Helen Olson
David Chestnut
Al & Caroline McNamar
Carol Ryan

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

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 2-20-2021.

2021 Budget	\$173,219.00
Giving Needed to Date	\$ 24,203.07
Actual Giving to Date	\$ 30,178.19

2021 Apportionments	\$20,096.00
District Asking	\$ 1,158.00



Money Given Toward Apportionments Since Jan. 1, 2021	\$400.00
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 March Missions
 giving of my time & talents

My Presence

Wednesday, February 3rd-22
 Sunday, February 7th-42
 Wednesday, February 10th-21
 Sunday, February 14th-28
 Wednesday, February 17th-44
 Sunday, February 21st-38
 Wednesday, February 24th-24

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.

Worship Service Schedule--March 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>
3/3	Wed*	"Forgiven"	He chose to forgive us	John 12:47	NA
3/7	Sun*	"He Chose to Invite Us"	God chose to invite us	Heb 10:19-20	Lev 10:1-3
3/10	Wed	"Come"	He chose to invite us	Matt 11:28-30	NA
3/14	Sun	"He Chose to Love Us Forever"	God chose to love us forever	1 John 3:16	2 Chr 7:11-16
3/17	Wed	"Forever"	He chose to love us	Matt 28:18-20	NA
3/21	Sun	"He Chose to Give Us Victory"	God gave us victory over death	Rom 8:37	Jos 6:6-16, 20
3/24	Wed	"Victory in Jesus"	He chose to give us victory	John 16:33	NA
3/28	Sun	"Triumph Over Your Heart"	Palm Sunday	Matt 21:1-11	Zechariah 9:9
4/1	Thu*	"Maundy Thursday"	Maundy Thursday	Lk 22:7-22	NA

* Indicates Holy Communion

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

United Methodist Women

- UMW did not meet in February because of the weather.
- Valentine cards were sent.
- In 2021 we will be studying women of the Bible.
- We will be taking orders for geraniums in April. Be watching for details.
- Our next meeting will be Saturday, March 13th, at 9:30 AM. Marian Pursell and Nancy Smith will be hostesses. Our Thank offering will be taken.



March Bible Verse: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, not any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

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 some Sunday morning or Wednesday night please call the office, 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!



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.”

There was a church that had problems with outsiders parking in its parking lot so they put up a sign: “Church Parking Lot—For Members Only”
“Trespassers will be baptized!”

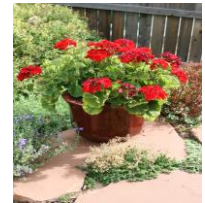
Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

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!



If you need a gift from Rada or to place an order take a catalog from the table by the office and place the order form in the orange folder in the office or give to an outreach member. All purchases support the Outreach missions. If you have friends or family that live in another city or state that are interested in supporting the Outreach ministry at HUMC here is the link they can go to: <http://bit.ly/2xPcqd2> They can shop, place an order and have their order shipped directly to them. Call Kim Cole if you have any questions. 239-8648.



Dear Heritage Family,

Thank you all for all the prayers for Tim & us over the past years. Your love & support is so appreciated.

Thank you, Heritage Choir, for the beautiful flowers and cardinal wind-chime.

Grant, Nancy & family

Dear Heritage UMC,

Thank you for allowing Bonnie Travers to hold our Survivors of Suicide Support Group at your church. We can't thank you enough.

Troy Belmer

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

1. Administrative Council (Ministry Council)

Chair – Kelli Lenz
 Recording Secretary – Barb Nolte
 Treasurer & Trustees – Brett Vette
 Financial Secretary – Pam Madden
 SPRC – Bob Greenlee
 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 Brett Vette	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 – Brett Vette
Lay Delegate to AC – Chris Dix	Representative from SPRC – Denee Muller
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

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