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## The Heritage Herald

Worship, Grow, Serve to see transformed lives  
reflecting the love of Christ.



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Communion will be  
celebrated on Sunday,  
June 7th live in the  
parking lot at 9:30am  
at our Drive In Church.

The bulletin is available on the website under Heritage Happenings.  
Please subscribe to our You Tube channel for easy access to our services.



## New Creation

“See, I am making all things new...Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”  
Revelation 21:5 NRSV

I have no doubt that God is at work. Look around! Everywhere you look there are signs of God's activity. God is at work in the flowers, grass, and leaves on the trees. God is at work in the new songs that the birds are chirping. God is at work in our lives as we slow down long enough to walk as families in our neighborhoods. How many times have you seen “new” families? No, they didn't all move in in the last six weeks!

God is at work in the people saying yes to helping others in neighborhood chat groups. Yes, to the mom who broke her foot and needed someone to get her prescription. Yes, I will shop for your groceries. Yes, I will run that errand for you. Of course, I will drive by and honk Happy Birthday...doesn't matter that I don't know you that well. We are saying yes to life. God is inviting us to notice that LIFE matters. It always has mattered to God. We have always mattered to God.

No, I don't think that God caused this pandemic. But I do believe that God can bring good out of any situation. “See, I am making all things new!” There is no better time than right now for God to be using God's creative power to work in and through us. Look at what we are doing. We are worshiping, growing and serving! In the middle of this pandemic when we are sheltered in our homes, our church is doing exactly what God has called us to do. We are doing exactly what our purpose is. We are continuing to worship, grow and serve so we can see transformed lives reflect the love of Christ. We are connecting and making certain that we are BEING the church while in our own homes but TOGETHER AS THE CHURCH. We continue to reach out and care for one another and our community, just as Christ has called us to do. We are loving as God loves us.

God's heart breaks when the people of God suffer but God will not let this deter him from building the kingdom here on earth. We will **RISE as the RESURRECTION PEOPLE THAT WE ARE! God has invited us into NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.** What tomorrow holds only God truly knows but what we do today is the gift we give to God and one another. Love God with your whole being and love others as God loves you. When you feel a nudge to reach out to FRAN (FRIENDS, RELATIVES AND NEIGHBORS) do whatever the Spirit urges you to do to help. Remind them they're loved. BE THE CHURCH RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE! YOU REALLY ARE A NEW CREATION!

Grace and abundant peace+

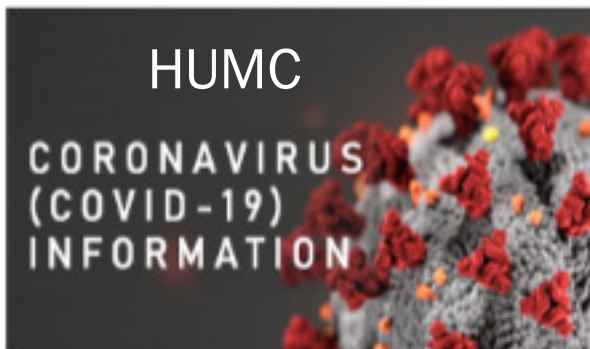
*Pastor Maria*



# HUMC FINANCE REPORT

	<u>April 2020</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
INCOME: ALL SOURCES	\$ 51,624.05	\$ 200,933.29
EXPENSES:	\$ 38,415.12	\$ 189,211.43
Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 13,208.93	\$ 11,711.86

April was a good month for Heritage. You have continued to be faithful givers and our trustees and staff have been good stewards working to reduce expenses. Please continue to give online or by mail so that we can continue our mission. While we are out of the building, finance has given the trustees the go ahead to complete an improvement project to the chancel area in the sanctuary. Two families have pledged \$1000 each towards the start of a \$10,000 challenge to raise funds for the church to purchase our own video equipment. This will allow us to continue our online recordings and grow them into other ministry areas as well as the ability to do live streaming. If you have questions regarding church finances, contact the Finance Team Chair, Doug Grossenbacher at [dgrossenbacher@att.net](mailto:dgrossenbacher@att.net) or the Treasurer, Jeff Hallam at [jhallam312@gmail.com](mailto:jhallam312@gmail.com)



At this time all in person activities are cancelled as required by Emergency Order. We continue to offer worship and children's ministry online and our small groups, bible studies and youth have been meeting via Zoom.

The church office will officially remain closed through May 31 and staff will continue to work from home. Messages and mail will be checked on a regular basis.

Pastor Maria, the leadership team and staff are closely following the State, County and Conference requirements to put a plan in place that will allow us to safely reopen. At this time we are looking at mid-June as our soft opening for worship. This will require us to follow social distancing rules and group limits in our building. Many things will be different and we do not anticipate having nursery or children's events in place until the fall due to social distancing requirements.

We are still trying to figure out how this will look to keep everyone safe. One thing we will be doing shortly is sending out a survey to see how you all feel about returning to help us determine numbers for seating plans. As plans are realized we will communicate them to you via the Friday e-note.

Pray for God's wisdom and guidance. God is with us and God is faithful.



### **Bible Time with the Bond's**

We had a lot of fun filming 'Bible Time with the Bond's' and hope you enjoyed watching them. If you haven't had a chance to view an episode, listed below are the links to every episode in order. Special thanks to our dogs, Sox, Sly and Charlie, who 'stole the show'.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= DZHleJ3Ts0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnBK9mL2mbQ&t=1104s>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4\\_iGRkB0wU&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4_iGRkB0wU&t=0s)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=meegSqa22pY&t=0s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrIfbMUtuag&t=0s>
  
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85fVAj1Eonc&t=110s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDM3tMfe9dE&t=18s>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiE7MVV\\_ZO0&t=43s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiE7MVV_ZO0&t=43s)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E1EJs6mrxEA&t=26s>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqssu07av7c&t=8s>



### **Scripture Fun 101**

Join us for our new video series 'Scripture Fun 101', where we learn about scripture and have fun doing it. On occasion we will even have some special guests. You can watch it on Sunday mornings for an online Sunday School class or anytime during the week. Here are our first two episodes.

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_8HdoUSsnu8&t=959s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_8HdoUSsnu8&t=959s)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pg1QJmIFvnc>

### **VBS Update**

Due to the impact of Covid-19 we will not be starting VBS on June 8. We will continue to look at different options for VBS and keep you updated on any developments.

### **Summer Sunday School**

Look for Summer Sunday School coming to Zoom this summer. More information available soon!

If you have any questions or suggestions for Children's Ministries, please contact Susie Bond at [susieb@heritageumc.org](mailto:susieb@heritageumc.org).



### **Youth schedule updates:**

**Graduation Sunday**, originally scheduled for May 10 is postponed. We are hoping to reschedule this celebration for late July. Details will be announced at a later date.

**Confirmation Sunday**, originally scheduled for May 31 is being postponed. The rescheduled date is TBD.

**High School Mission Trip to San Marcos, TX** originally scheduled for June 20-27 has been cancelled by the camp organization. We are looking into alternative activities for our high school youth.

#### **Youth Zoom Schedule for May:**

(Zoom meeting links are included in weekly youth emails)

##### **Chill – Wednesdays at 7pm:**

**May 6, May 13 & May 20**

*\*no Chill on May 27*

##### **Youth Group – Sundays at 5pm:**

**May 17 and May 31**

*\*no YG on May 10 or May 24*

##### **Confirmation Class – Sundays at 11:45am:**

**One regular class left - May 17**

*\*no confirmation on May 10*

The youth have been continuing their walk with Christ faithfully over the past several weeks. We meet each week for Youth Group and Youth Chill. We've had fun with scripture searches, Bible trivia, an "around the house" scavenger hunt, discussions and online fellowship on our Zoom meetings. Confirmation class continues to meet once a week where confirmands are digging deep into their faith with their mentors by their side.

*Take a moment to pray for the Youth at Heritage. Pray that they are loved and stay connected to friends and family. Pray that they may find hope and peace in this unusual time, patience to wait for God's timing and joy in each day as they live a "new normal".*

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### Special Thank You

Sending special thanks to our Christian Education team members who help our congregation grow in faith as small group leaders, confirmation mentors, youth sponsors, Sunday school teachers, classroom aids and more. Your love and dedication is greatly appreciated. Hope you will enjoy a special little treat of thanks coming soon in your mailbox.

### Bible 365 Zoom Chat

Are you reading the Bible during the quarantine? Interested in chatting with Pastor Maria and others about the scriptures? Join us for our weekly Bible 365 Zoom call on Tuesdays at 1pm. Email Cindy Svec, [cindys@heritageumc.org](mailto:cindys@heritageumc.org) for the call instructions.



**SCRIP** orders to resume in June. Watch for upcoming details and info on how to place an order by June 14th. Thank you for your continued support of this Missions Team fundraiser.

### Curbside Drop Off

Coming soon! We will begin offering Curbside Drop Off of donations for our ongoing Missions projects. You will be able to drop off Hy-Vee receipts, Box Tops, diapers, non-perishable food items for the local food pantry and more. Watch for more details coming soon!



### Heritage Huddles are Zooming too!

Our Heritage Huddles are doing their best to stay connected during these challenging times. We encourage all our huddles to gather virtually until we can all get together in person again.

For questions about Heritage Huddles please contact Susie Bond at [susieb@heritageumc.org](mailto:susieb@heritageumc.org).

**Graduation Sunday** (originally scheduled for May 10) has been postponed. We will celebrate all of our 2020 graduates at a later date, TBD. If you have a graduating Senior (high school, college or post graduate studies), please contact Dawn Beck, [dawnb@heritageumc.org](mailto:dawnb@heritageumc.org) for more information about Graduation Sunday.



### General Conference 2020 Update

After the pandemic-caused postponement, the new prospective dates for the UMC's General Conference are Aug. 31-Sept. 10, 2021. The Council of Bishops disclosed the proposed dates, including a Council of Bishops meeting starting Aug. 26, in an email to its members and other church leaders. General Conference organizers have not confirmed the dates. General Conference was originally scheduled to meet at the convention center May 5-15 of this year. With the legislative assembly on the calendar, other church gatherings also will get new dates.

The Council of Bishops said that once the General Conference dates are official, new dates will be announced for the five jurisdictional conferences—simultaneous meetings where new U.S. bishops are elected. The jurisdictional conferences, originally scheduled for July, are now on hold. The yearlong postponement of General Conference is unprecedented, according to the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History.

The gathering—the only body that officially speaks for the entire United Methodist Church—is responsible for many crucial decisions. These include electing members of the Judicial Council, the denomination's equivalent of the Supreme Court, and voting on the four-year budget that funds denomination-wide ministries. Among other factors, the budget affects how many bishops the denomination will financially support and thus how many can be elected.

The 2020 gathering also was set to consider multiple proposals to split the denomination and divide assets after longtime debate over biblical interpretation and the status of LGBTQ people. Those proposals are now on hold.

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## College Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to Alex Baiza who has been selected as the 2020 College Scholarship recipient and will receive a \$500 scholarship from Heritage UMC. Alex will be attending Northwest Missouri State University in the fall to pursue a degree in Agricultural Sciences.

Congratulations Alex!

College Scholarship Committee- Cindy Svec, Larry Crist, Kim Sheets

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## Congregational Care

Do you have a special prayer request? Need a fabric mask? Or have a need for a bag of groceries or help picking up supplies? Please let us help you during the quarantine. We have a team of volunteers who are able and willing to help.

Email Cindy Svec, [cindys@heritageumc.org](mailto:cindys@heritageumc.org), with your request.



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## Please welcome our newest additions to the Heritage Family:



Hudson Gatlin and Hallie Grace Fairchild  
Born: Wednesday, May 6



Kenneth John Godwin  
Born: Monday, May 4





June 01	Julie Barnes	June 20	Jane Gentzler
June 02	Gerald McLaughlin	June 21	Jason Elliott
June 03	Michael Bollenbach	June 21	Jake Weskamp
June 04	Matthew Berkey	June 22	Leslie Moeller
June 05	Cindy Svec	June 22	Greg DeBoer
June 07	Matthew Preacher	June 23	Terri Reynolds
June 08	Mendy Weakley	June 24	Nicole George
June 09	Larry Crist	June 25	Sandra Glenn
June 09	Greg Laaser	June 25	Erin Reilly
June 09	Ernest Williams	June 26	Janice Taylor
June 10	Melissa Greene	June 26	Cynthia Pessetto
June 12	Michael Charest	June 27	Kira Morgan
June 12	Jane Davis	June 27	John (Bob) Moneymaker
June 12	Craig Ruster	June 29	Lyle Anson
June 14	Linda Karlin	June 30	Nathan Morgan
June 14	Josh Barker	June 30	Troy Slimmer
June 19	Patty Erskine		

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Katie Charest, Camden Elliott, Lillian Gerend, Landon Henry, Logan Henry, Jesse Loper, Shale Mohlman, Angeli Ponnuru, Nathan Ponnuru, Brynn Raney, Jackson Sinks, Michael Swanson

*If we missed your birthday or a sympathy, please notify the church office so that we can update our records.*

**\*\* All articles are due by 5pm on the published due date. All articles submitted are prioritized by date and relevance and are subject to editorial review of content and inclusion at the discretion of the editor.\*\***

# June 2020 HUMC Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Spiritual Joy	2 Those affected by tornadoes	3 Those searching for love	4 Innocent children victims	5 Conservation of our environment	6 Retired persons
7 Safe food	8 Best friends	9 Integrity	10 Unity in decision making	11 Lifeguards	12 Protection against child labor	13 Those who can't experience freedom
14 Blood donors	15 Self-control	16 Christian music	17 Those dealing with war and destruction	18 Day care providers	19 Burn victims	20 Refugees
21 Fathers and grandfathers	22 Gentleness & compassion	23 Widows and widowers	24 Those suffering from eating disorders	25 Discipleship	26 Engaged couples	27 Continuous learning
28 Those struggling with work/life balance	29 Humility	30 Growth in righteousness				

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**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Sunday, May 31, 2020