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## The Heritage Herald

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



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**&**

**Live at our Parking Lot Services on**

Sunday, July 19, 2020

Sunday, August 2, 2020

The bulletin is available on the website under  
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I've been thinking a lot about freedom lately, mine, yours and ours. Paul tells us in Galatians 5:1a "For freedom Christ has set us free." I'd love to tell you that I'm so captured by the concept of freedom because of this bible verse but I yearn to break free from the boundaries the pandemic has created. There have been blessings, signs of new life, words of encouragement, time spent with my family that never would have happened under previous circumstances. But it's summer and I'm not at the ocean.

We all have our happy places. For some of us, it's the ocean, others love the mountains, others the desert, the courageous few the caves, some love fishing on a lake... wherever your happy place is, it's good to have some time each year to be there. We need time to refresh our spirits. We need to clear out the cobwebs of our weariness and let go of the frustrations that clutter our lives.

Some of us, won't be able to go to our happy place this year. So how will we refresh? How can we shake loose of that nagging crankiness? I certainly don't have all the answers. I probably don't have the right answer for you. But what I'm certain of is that first you must recognize you aren't feeling okay. To quote some of my favorite little friends, "you feel yucky." And, it's really okay to say you don't feel alright!

Especially when I'm feeling yucky, I begin my day with thanking God for something. It can be some event from the day before, or the bug that landed on the screen to entertain our one year cat, Olivia. I let God know I'm grateful to be alive. It's more to convince myself than God but it helps to say something positive. I'm still sad I can't go to the ocean this summer but look at the bulletin, the website, and Facebook and you'll see it. No, I can't let everyone's dreams come true and put your happy place there (unless you write and preach a sermon series-then, we can talk).

I've let my yearning for the freedom I experience at the ocean, guide my prayer time right here at home. Right here, I experience the same freedom as I do at the ocean because the only true freedom I have is in Christ. The life that I have may not be perfect but it has meaning and I know it's exactly as God has designed it. The truth be told, I don't even have to go 1500 miles to be refreshed. Whenever I drive through the Flint Hills, I can feel my soul soar much like it does at the sea.

But I still need to shake loose some cobwebs, so I'm trying to relax more. I intentionally close my computer after a certain time each night. I've been reading books I choose, not just extra books to compliment what I'll teach or about leadership. We've been playing new board games.

The world feels different because it is and I am too. I know you are as well. We as a faith community are different too! We've been worshiping, growing and serving! God is making a way where there seemed to be no way! This is what Freedom in Christ is all about! We are free to follow Christ, love God and love one another.

Peace to you, my family,

Pastor Maria



	<u>June 2020</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
INCOME: ALL SOURCES	\$ 42,387.09	\$ 279,940.98
EXPENSES:	\$ 12,865.18	\$ 220,138.91
Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 29,521.91	\$ 59,802.07

Our expenses continued to report differently this month due to our ability to obtain a PPP loan. We are able to use the designated PPP loan proceeds to pay staff salaries, mortgage interest and basic utilities. Doing this has allowed us to remain in the positive financially. We have exceed our goal for the 10k challenge and want to thank everyone who contributed. We are working on purchasing our new video equipment and increase our internet bandwidth which allows us to continue our online presence with recordings and 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)



### SAFE GATHERINGS CERTIFICATION

Now is a great time to get certified or re-certified.

Do you want to work with children and youth at Heritage? Then you need to be Safe Gatherings

certified. As a church family who desires to protect

our children and youth this certification is critically important and it can all be done online. It is a goal of Pastor Maria that everyone working with children and youth in any capacity be certified.

Here's what you need to know: SafeGatheringsTraining is an online training that will take about 2 hours to complete. If you are not certified or your certification is expiring, please complete the online training. Certification is good for 4 years.

1. Go to the "Safe Gatherings" website <http://www.safegatherings.com>.
2. Registration must be completed all at once, so you need to have all your personal information and reference information ready before you begin (emails for your lay leader and clergy reference). You must print out and mail the background check form to the address provided. This allows for the background checks to take place. The training itself can be started and stopped, but just has to be completed within 30 days.
3. Contact Susie Bond or Melissa Barker for a coupon code that will be used to cover payment for the class.
4. Clergy & lay reference –You can list any staff member that you have known for at least 2 years for your clergy reference. For your lay reference it can be anyone that has known you for 2 years. It does not need to be someone from the church. Just let them know the reference request will be coming via email.





Things are still zooming along in Children's Ministries. Don't forget to join us for these fun zooms and get to see your church friends.

**Summer Fun Zooms** – every Wednesday we have fun exercising, dancing, singing and even computer coding. Susie will send out a Zoom link each Tuesday. If you are not receiving it and would like to join us please contact her at [susieb@heritageumc.org](mailto:susieb@heritageumc.org).

**Sunday School Zooms** – every Sunday Zoom with your Sunday School friends. Each class occurs every other Sunday. We have fun sharing joys and concerns, catching up and playing games. Here is the upcoming schedule:

Sun., July 12: Preschool Class at 11:00 a.m.

Sun., July 19: K-2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

Sun., July 26: Preschool Class at 11:00 a.m.

Sun., August 2: K-2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

When your class is not zooming, there is a pre-recorded lesson available for you to watch.



### **Fun Family Project – Make an Offering Box for the Church**

Are you looking for something that your family can do for the church? We are needing offering boxes for when we return to live worship. Children's Ministries will provide the box and you can do the rest. If you need any other supplies we can provide that too. Please contact Susie Bond at [susieb@heritageumc.org](mailto:susieb@heritageumc.org) if you would like to make a box.

**Miss Susie is coming to visit!** Miss Susie is missing our Heritage children very much, so she would like to come and visit. She will be in a mask, stay on your driveway and properly social distance, but will bring chalk, bubbles and hula hoops to play with. For my older friends we can just chat.

Please sign-up for a visit using the Sign-up Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D44AFAE2BA31-miss>

If you want to be a part of any of the above activities and don't receive Children's Ministries weekly emails from Susie Bond, please contact her at [susieb@heritageumc.org](mailto:susieb@heritageumc.org).



## Look what's happening in Youth Student Ministries this summer! Come have fun with us!

\*Check weekly Youth Student email for updates, changes, details, additional activities and Zoom links.

**Drive-In Youth Group** (weather permitting) –  
Sundays 5-6 pm outside at Heritage House

### Weekly Bible Studies on Zoom –

Middle School (Monday nights at 7 pm)  
High School (Monday nights at 8:30 pm)

A Note from Ms Dawn:

*Philippians 4:6-7 "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."*

Our Heritage Youth Students are living out this verse every day! Thinking about the events of the last several weeks and months, it could be quite easy for these teenagers to worry, but I



have seen them pray just like the scripture calls them to do. It might be easy to complain about their circumstances, but I have heard them thank God for what they have. These followers of Jesus Christ have embraced the change around them. They are following Jesus in whatever way they can, connecting with those around them in new ways and they are finding that peace and that joy that living with Christ Jesus in their hearts promises. These disciples are growing in their faith. They are reading the Bible, studying & discussing scripture each week. They are standing up for those who cannot stand on

their own, speaking together with those who need a voice and listening to those who have not been heard. I have witnessed some pretty awesome faith right here in the hearts of these students at Heritage and I just want you all to know it! Praise God!

For questions or to get involved with Heritage Youth Student Ministries, contact Dawn Beck,  
[dawnb@heritageumc.org](mailto:dawnb@heritageumc.org)

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It's time to celebrate our HUMC high school and college graduates! Seniors will be decorating their cars and will park in a designated area during Drive-In Church on Sunday, July 19th at 8am. After the service, we invite you to drive by their cars and celebrate by flashing your lights, waving, and cheering! (sorry, no honking) There will be a graduate card drop off available that morning as well. Watch for a link to a senior video showcasing our graduates in the Friday e-note the weekend of July 19th.

## **Congratulations graduates--we are proud of you!**

High School Graduates:



Alex Baiza, son of Dan and Deann Baiza. Graduating from Olathe Northwest High School. Alex will be attending Northwest Missouri State University this fall, majoring in Agricultural Science.



Mackenzi Beck, daughter of Dawn & Kevin Beck. Graduating from Blue Valley West High School. Mackenzi will be attending The University of Kansas, studying Business.



Riley Bronaugh, son of Jared & Melissa Bronaugh (dad & stepmother) and Victoria Bronaugh (mother). Graduating from Lansing High School. Riley is going to work at Nebraska Furniture Mart and take some time off from school.

# HAPPENINGS AT HERITAGE



Steven Gregory Cox, son of Gregg & Cherryl Cox. Graduating from Olathe South High School. Steven is currently working as an intern with Morgan Miller Plumbing. In the Fall he plans to take a few classes to further his career in plumbing while continuing to work at the same time.



Chandler Traul, daughter of Joe and Heather Traul. Graduating from Blue Valley West High School. Chandler will be attending Kansas State University, majoring in Elementary Education.

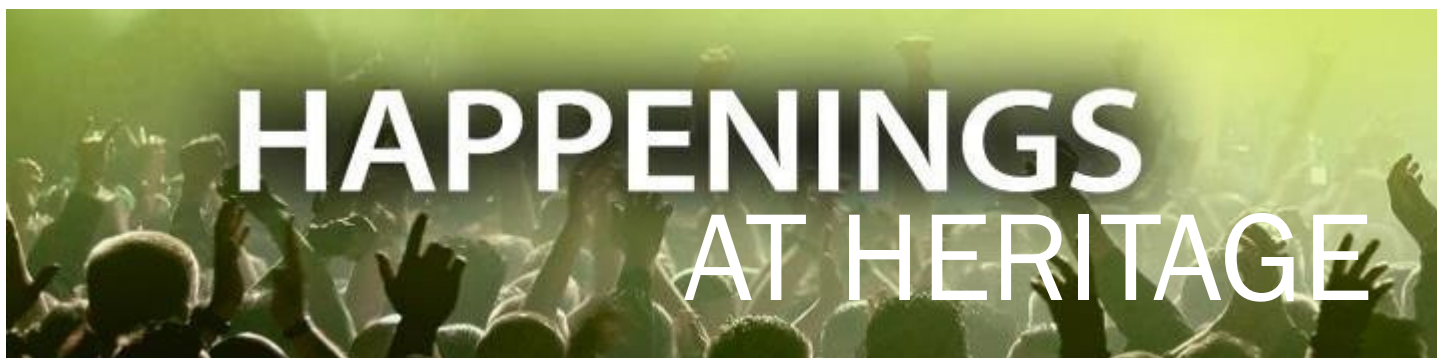


Quinn VanDyke, son of Tracy and Doug VanDyke. Graduating from The Barstow School. Quinn will be playing soccer at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri and is planning to major in Accounting.

## College Graduates:



Gabbie Baiza, daughter of Dan and Deann Baiza. Graduating from Pittsburg State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, a Teaching Certificate and a Minor in Music. Gabbie will be teaching at Webb City High School in Webb City, MO for the 2020-2021 school year.



### Heritage Info Pages



We are still working on putting together our Heritage Info Pages. We already have some great services available – HVAC, electrician, baker, seamstress and babysitter, but would love to get some more.

Or if you are looking for a certain skill or service, please let Susie Bond know and she will work on finding someone for you.

Send all information to Susie Bond at [susieb@heritageumc.org](mailto:susieb@heritageumc.org). If you are providing a skill or service please remember to include the following:

Name

Skill or service - include how many years of experience, is this a hobby or occupation, list any certifications

Way to contact – preferably both cell and email

References if available - past clients

## HERITAGE UMC MISSIONS TEAM

During the month of July we are collecting NEW school supplies to be distributed to Mahaffie Elementary School and the Olathe School District Foundation for students in need.

Drop off your donations on Sundays in July between 10am - Noon at Missions Curbside Drop Off at Heritage House Parking Lot.

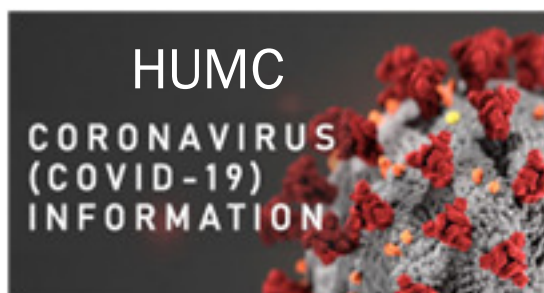
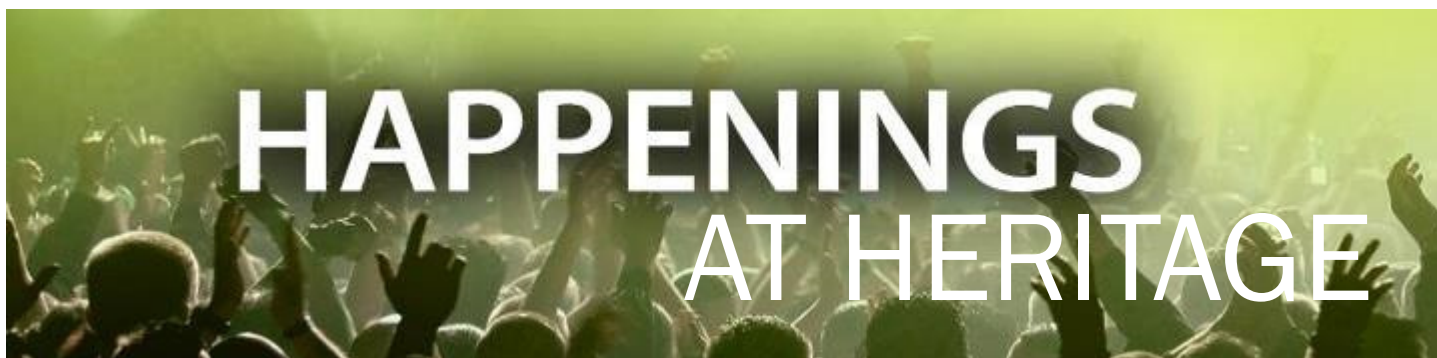
Items needed:

- #2 Pencils
- Pink Erasers
- Box of Markers (classic colors)
- Bottled Glue (4 oz bottles)
- Backpacks
- Box of Colored Pencils
- Box of Crayons (box of 24)
- Scissors (Fiskar-pointed)
- Rulers (w/inches & mm)

On Sunday July 26th from 10am-Noon, we will be distributing backpacks and elementary aged school supply kits to the community. If you need school supplies, please stop by. Invite your friends and neighbors to stop by too. All are welcome.

**Questions, please contact Cindy Svec, [cindys@heritageumc.org](mailto:cindys@heritageumc.org)**





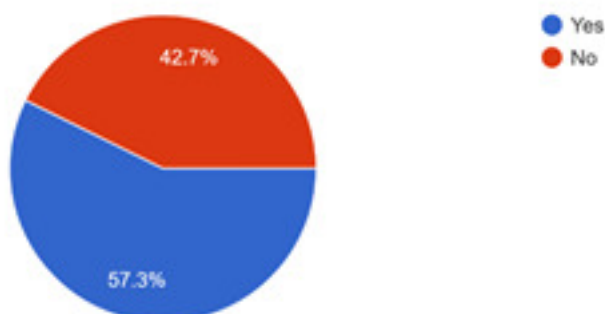
The church office and buildings will continue to remain closed to the public, however the office is now open on Mondays from 9-11am and Wednesdays from 3-5pm. Please know that you can reach us through our staff emails and leave messages at the church number 913.897.6446 for any of us and we will get back to you. Be sure to leave your message on a staff's extension.

We appreciate your responses on our re-opening survey. Those responses were shared with Church Council. Church Council met and has agreed that with the continued spike in positive cases, it would be best to take a wait and see approach. For now, it has been decided that Church Council will meet again to set an opening date when there has been a consistent decline in positive cases in Johnson County for at least a two week period. They believe in taking every precaution to make sure that when we come back we can welcome everyone safely and "Do No Harm". When we do come back, it will be with a limited number of people in the sanctuary, social distancing will be practiced and masks will be mandatory. Additional information will be shared as we get closer to that time. We appreciate your patience with us. We all miss seeing each and everyone of you, but know that we can't wait to be together again. In the meantime, please continue to worship online with us, join our small group zoom meetings and stay in touch with F.R.A.N. your friends, relatives and neighbors.

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## HUMC Survey Results from May 15, 2020

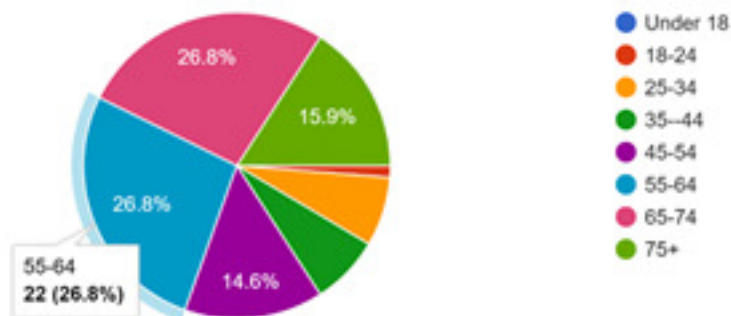
Do you consider yourself or someone in your home to be in one of the "high-risk" categories for COVID-19 (e.g., older adults, and those with underl... such as diabetes, lung disease, or heart disease)?  
82 responses





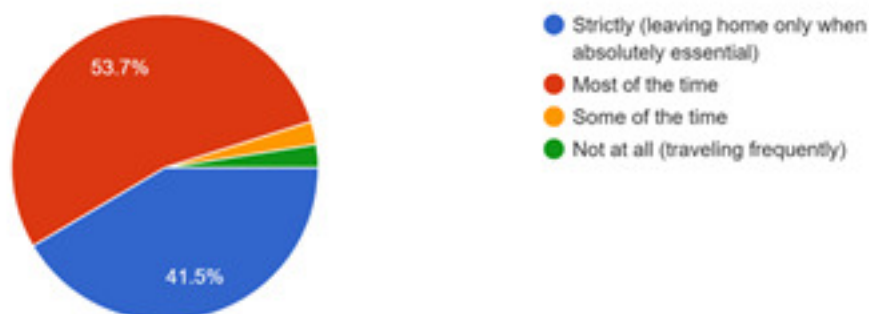
What is your age?

82 responses



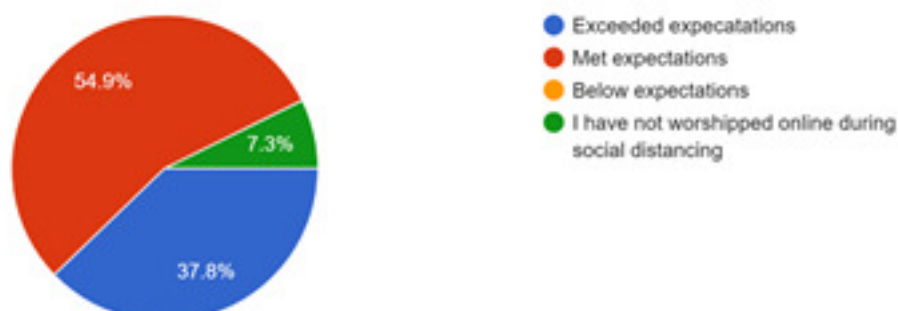
How strictly have you complied with the "Stay-At-Home" orders?

82 responses



If you have worshipped online in the past eight weeks, what has been your experience?

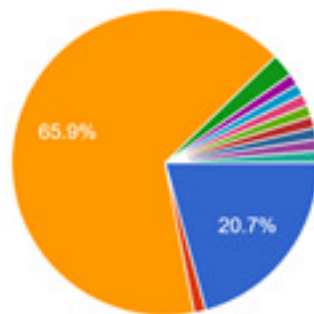
82 responses





After this time of social-distancing and online worship, what do you think will be the change to your pattern of worship?

82 responses



- In the future, I will worship online mor...
- In the future, I will worship in-person...
- No change, I will return to my former p...
- We will make our decision based on h...
- The change in me is, I will have to feel...
- Prefer to Worship in-person but will w...
- I would hope to return to my regular w...
- Anticipating a move soon so that will c...

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Given your current understanding of the spread of coronavirus, which of the following is necessary for you to attend an in-person worship service?

40.2% when stay at home order have been lifted

31.7 % when other public gatherings have resumed

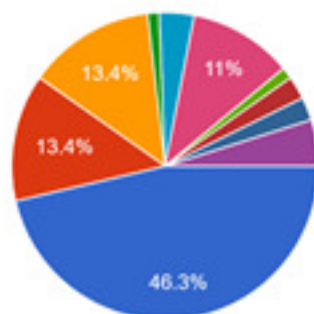
36.6% When a vaccine or treatment is in place

20.7 % I am already comfortable

7.3% I don't know if I will ever feel comfortable

Given your current understanding, when do you predict you might feel comfortable attending in person worship?

82 responses



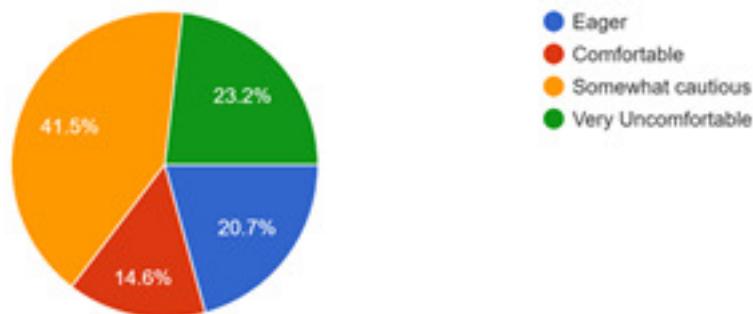
- July 2020
- August 2020
- September 2020
- October 2020
- November 2020
- December 2020
- January 2021
- February 2021
- March 2021
- April 2021
- Longer than 1 year from now





If worship services were offered in mid July, how comfortable do you think you will feel attending?

82 responses



When we return to in-person Worship this summer, I promise to be in covenant with my church family and will agree to the following precautions. If your choice is no, please understand that you will be asked to continue to Worship online until which time the conference has determined we no longer have to practice these precautions.

I will wear a face mask 78 Yes 4 No

I will avoid shaking hands 81 Yes 1 No

I will avoid any physical contact 81 Yes 1 No

I will use hand sanitizer 81 Yes 1 No

I will avoid use of restrooms if possible 79 Yes 3 No

I will sit/ stand 6ft from non-family members 80 Yes 2 No

If we only offer one worship service during an interim period, would you be willing to attend a service at a time that is different than your usual service?

82 responses





The Heritage Community Garden has been growing a bumper crop this year. The garden has produced 110 lbs of produce as of July 5th to be donated to the food pantry. We've harvested yellow squash, zucchini, green beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, radishes, Swiss chard, kale and lettuce. If you have extra produce and would like to donate, please drop it by 7pm Sunday evening in the green bucket in the west end of barn. Kim Sheets makes a Monday morning delivery. Please contact Kim if you leave something in the barn at [bkias5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bkias5@sbcglobal.net) to make sure she gets the produce.

Thank You from the Missions Team

Thank you for your generous donations of diapers, diaper wipes and pullups. A car load of donations was delivered to Growing Futures Early Education Center formerly known as Head Start of Shawnee Mission located in Overland Park.

Growing Futures is a community-based, comprehensive early education program that gives young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life. A not-for-profit 501C 3 organization that relies on support from government grants, private foundations and generous individuals in the community who donate their resources to make their program a success.

We look forward to continuing our support of this community partner through 2020 and welcome your additional donations.

~Heritage Missions Team







August 01	Deann Baiza	August 21	Chandler Traul
August 06	Julie Lind	August 22	Andrew Lind
August 06	Pat McMillan	August 22	William Lawson
August 06	Mona Neighbors	August 24	Erin Clark
August 07	Melissa Reinke	August 26	Evelyn Summers
August 07	Traci Raney	August 26	Rika Michelsen
August 08	Debbie Mallinckrodt	August 28	Patricia Caruthers
August 08	Brooke Fairchild	August 29	Maurice Washington
August 13	Kathleen Newell	August 29	Erin Washington
August 15	Dan Green	August 30	Craig Salitros
August 15	Wally Grant	August 31	Samantha Bond
August 17	Jennifer Barlows	August 31	Mamie Buchanan
August 18	Gary Cinotto	August 31	Mary Laws
August 20	Bill Perry		

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Nathan Barnes, Walker Bond, Caden Burt, Dylan Butler, Landon Cardwell, Raegan Clark, Hazel Henderleiter, Phoebe Henderleiter, Pete Izzo, Jolene Loper, Dustin Mashburn, Avery Melius, Harper Morgan, Caleb Rogers, Hayden Ruster, Paul Salitros, Natalie Traul

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Eleanor Kay Sheets born July 2, to Justin and Megan Sheets and big brother Liam. 7 lbs. 10oz. 20.5 inches, Grandparents Kim and Brian Sheets.

Calvin Everett Mitts born on June 19, 2020. Parents Roxanne and Alex Mitts. Grandparents Lori and Steve Mitts.

### IN MEMORY

George Newell (Charter member of Heritage UMC) June 11, 2020, father of Pat Newell

*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. \*\***



# August 2020 HUMC Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Time for reflection
2 New friends	3 Strong Communities	4 Salvation	5 Campers	6 Clean water everywhere	7 Immigrants	8 Those suffering with Alzheimer's
9 Safety and security	10 Spiritual healing	11 Finding opportunity in challenges	12 Youth	13 Those with disabilities	14 Inspirational speakers	15 Purposeful living
16 Those with disabilities	17 Religious mentors	18 Those recovering from surgery	19 Pilots/ flight attendants	20 Gratitude for blessings	21 Senior citizens	22 Peace in the world
23 Those suffering with dyslexia	24 Sharing blessings	25 Goodness	26 Equality	27 Understanding God's word	28 American Red Cross	29 Respectful social media
30 Global responsibility	31 Overdose awareness					

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**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Sunday, August 9, 2020