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The Heritage Herald

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Sunday, September 6, 2020

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Because God...

I always knew what August was supposed to be. As a child, we spent the first two weeks of August every year (yes, EVERY) on vacation in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York at a resort with my extended family. It was run by Italian-Americans. We ate the same sort of food that we ate at home surrounded at the table by our family members. But everything else was different. Outside there were trees and fresh air. School started the day after Labor Day. It was simple and dependable.

Life took on a different rhythm when we came to Kansas. We experimented with vacation weeks because for many years, all vacations were flying back East to spend with family. School started mid-August. I wondered why we returned so early. In those years, we often had early release on the first days of school because it was so hot and there was no air conditioning in the schools. But still, the schedule was simple and dependable.

Life is anything and everything but simple and dependable now. My heart goes out to every administrator, teacher and parent. These are difficult times to navigate and our newest word in the decision-making world, PIVOT. Pivoting is something we have to be ready to do in a moment. We can make well-thought out and thoroughly researched plans that get approval which may need to be changed by the latest spikes in COVID numbers the following day. Life is anything but simple and dependable. How do we manage to get through this and still be sane, let alone kind, loving and generous?

My WHY and I trust your WHY is Because God...

Because God has never failed us yet!

Because God didn't leave the Israelites in the desert even when they whined.

Because God chose to come in the person of Jesus Christ to save us

Because God showed up when I sat alone in the hospital...every single time.

Because God answers prayers even when the answers are different

Because God sent people in need to us and we answered when no one else did

Because God is unfailing, all-powerful and good, **we will get through this** and not only survive BUT THRIVE!

Heritage is exactly the faith community that God needs at 12850 Quivira to do the work that we alone can do in our place. WHY? Because God is working through us!!!

Thank you for being faithful,

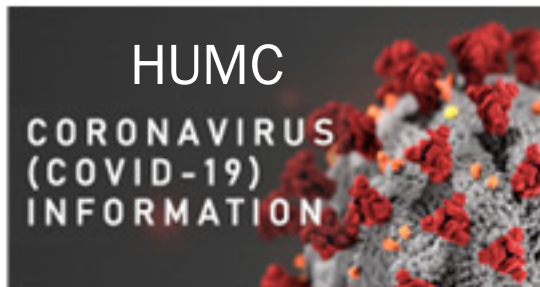
Pastor Maria



HUMC FINANCE REPORT

	<u>July 2020</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
INCOME: ALL SOURCES	\$ 36,083.07	\$ 316,024.05
EXPENSES:	\$ 37,247.76	\$ 257,386.67
Surplus (shortfall)	\$ (1,164.69)	\$ 58,637.38

We used the remaining PPP loan proceeds to pay a portion of the staff salaries in July. We have now exhausted the PPP loan proceeds and have gone back to paying all staff and expenses from normal operating funds. If you have questions regarding church finances, contact the Finance Team Chair, Doug Grossenbacher at dgrossenbacher@att.net or the Treasurer, Jeff Hallam at jhallam312@gmail.com



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.



Congratulations and Welcome to the Heritage Family

Macy Raelynn Swanson

Born – July 27
9lbs. 14 oz. and 22"
Parents – Kris & Ashley
Big brothers – Michael & Max

Caden Robert Sinks

Born – August 9
Parents – Chuck & Caitlin
Big sister – Lillian
Big brother – Jackson





1st annual ChalkArtPalooza was a huge success

We are thankful to all the families, young and old, that joined us for our 1st Annual ChalkArtPalooza. It was a wonderful weekend event and we didn't let a little rain stop us from sharing the stories of the Old Testament. Prizes were awarded and our top 3 winners were:



1st place – The Loper Family
Baby Moses



2nd place – Daryl Davis &
Erin Reilly
Moses Parting the Sea



3rd place – Lillian Sinks &
family
Noah's Ark



We concluded our ChalkArtPalooza weekend with our **'Drive In' Blessing of the Backpacks/Devices/School Supplies**. It was fantastic to see the parking lot full of children and youth lifting all their school items to be blessed. It was wonderful to be together blessing our children and youth as they begin what may be a very challenging school year. Everyone was reminded that Jesus is always with them wherever school is taking place and their church family will continue to pray for them throughout this school year.



Moving Up time

Starting Sunday, August 16, all children will be moving up to their new classrooms and School Year Sunday School will begin. 'Moving Up' bags were handed out at 'Drive In' Blessing of the Backpacks and they contain everything you need for the first couple months of Sunday School. The Children's Ministries Team will be delivering bags to those families that were not able to attend. Everyone will have 3 options each Sunday: Zoom with their class, watch a pre-recorded lesson or parents can lead the lesson at home. There is a letter in the 'Moving Up' bag that explains everything and Susie Bond will send out weekly emails as well.

If you have any questions or don't receive weekly emails, please contact Susie Bond at susieb@heritageumc.org



Check out what Heritage Youth have been doing this summer!



Youth leading worship on Graduation Sunday, July 19.



We will miss our seniors!
So glad we got to celebrate them
with a special parade!



Studying & social distancing
at Drive-In Youth Group.

**Info Meetings
(on zoom) for students
and parents**

Sun, Aug 16 at 7pm

&

Wed, Aug 19 at 7pm

*Find out what's
happening this fall in
Youth Student Ministries.*

*Attend the time that
works best for you. Zoom
link will be sent by email
prior to Info meeting.*

**Fall Youth Schedule
begins on Sept 12.**

Contact Dawn Beck for
more information or
questions, contact
Dawn Beck,
dawnb@heritageumc.org.

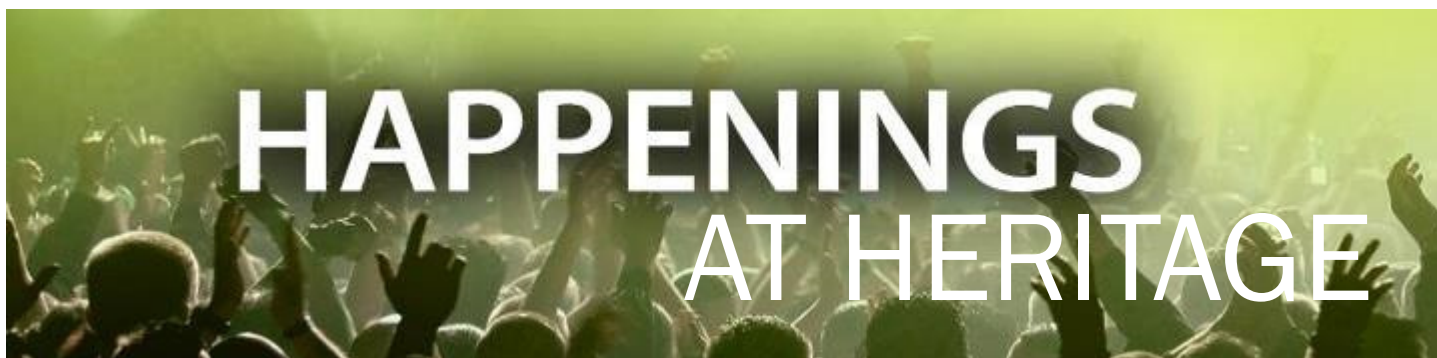
Jamison Baiza
served as
Youth &
Pastoral Intern
this summer.
He shared the
message
with the
congregation
at Drive-In
Church on
Aug 2. Way to
go Jamison!



Youth helping at Drive-In Blessing of
the Backpacks

Students had
fun building
their own
church with
Legos at
middle school
Bible study on
Zoom.





Hello Heritage!

It is with great joy that I greet you as your new music director! I've been on board since July 20, setting up my work space in the music room, learning the ways of Heritage and meeting a number of the wonderful musicians, staff members and members at this church. How exciting it will be to work with everyone!

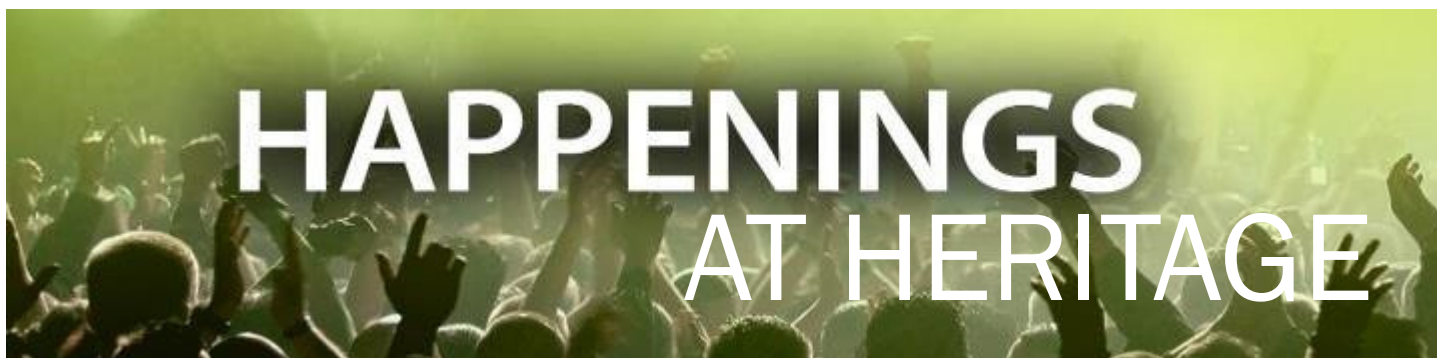
To begin, I'd like to share a little bit about myself how we came to Kansas. It's a bit of a story. Psalm 32:8 says "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." God has certainly done that for us. My wife Susan and I moved to Overland Park on June 2 of 2019. We moved here because our daughter and her husband and our three grandchildren moved here in June of 2018. After living without them for a year, God graciously allowed us to follow them here. We couldn't be happier. We love Overland Park!

Here's a bit more background: We sold our home in Fremont, California in March of 2018 and moved in with my wife's parents, who also lived in Fremont. Our plan was to live with them for about five years and then I would retire and we would move somewhere, taking them with us. I taught full time at Fremont Christian School for thirty-seven years, teaching vocal music and theater arts in the high school. Additionally, I was part time at Centerville Presbyterian Church where I was Director of Traditional Worship and Choral Ministries. I was at the church for twenty-six years. When our daughter and her family moved to Olathe in 2018, we helped them move. (Olathe and Overland Park turned out to be our somewhere.) After helping to get them settled, they left for a family reunion and my wife and I stayed here in Overland Park for an additional week "just looking around." Our thought was that we would follow them here...in about five years. The more we drove around exploring neighborhoods and walking through open houses, the more both of us felt God saying "Now is the time." We were in disbelief (Oh us of little faith!), but as we talked about it and prayed, we felt certain that the Lord was telling us that the upcoming year was to be the last one for me at both the school and church and it was then time to move.

When we arrived back in California, we told my wife's parents that we thought we should move at the end of the school year. We were not sure how they would react, as they had been in their home for over sixty years. But they couldn't say yes fast enough! We were amazed at what God was putting in motion. I told both the pastor at my church job and my superintendent at the school and neither of them were surprised. They saw the handwriting on the wall when our grandchildren moved away from us! God again was confirming that He was moving us.

I was in ministry at both the church and school for many years. I've directed large choirs, small vocal ensembles, coached soloists, coordinated massive choir festivals, designed and directed Broadway shows with high school students, directed plays, led orchestras, produced and directed numerous Christmas, patriotic and spring concerts, designed and led worship on Sunday mornings and for special seasonal services, taken choirs to New York to sing at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, built scenery, taught junior high and senior high beginning theater arts classes... but mostly I have just connected with people. I love working with people of all ages, helping them develop and share the talents and abilities that God has given to them. My wife and I have suffered, cried and prayed through a horrible church split and then watched as God miraculously led us forward and on to better things. That's what He does. He has kept a loving eye on us all these years.

Continued.....



Darryl's story continues...

And now we are in Kansas – only 4 minutes from the church! We are very much enjoying our home in Nottingham Forest. Back in January I began looking into a choir director position. Directing choirs has been the heart of my ministry for thirty-seven years. But where do you begin when you are new in town and have no connections? I spent a lot of time in job searches online. Did God want me to resume teaching at a school? Was He directing me to a church? I had a lot of questions but not many answers. On one day when I was feeling particularly discouraged, I said to my wife "I think God has forgotten about me." Waiting on the Lord has never been easy for me. But my pity party didn't last long. The very next day, I saw the online posting for this job. If only I had faith and patience for one more day! But God graciously forgave me for my lack of trust. I applied and heard from Pastor Maria and we met and we hit it off immediately - I mean immediately! She and I both wanted to move forward with the interview process and I met with the SPRC committee and had a great time talking and sharing with them. I also had a separate meeting time with Dr. Pat. What a wonderful woman of God she is! And then COVID-19 hit. Things were on hold for a couple of months and then Pastor Maria reached out to me and said that the church wanted to hire me and... here I am!

Susan's parents live with us, as does one of our adult sons, Zach, an expert woodworker. Our other son Ben lives in San Diego and works for Trader Joe's. Susan and Zach spend a lot of time caring for her parents, who are in good health, but need the extra assistance. Our daughter Rachel is married to Josef and they have three children, our beloved grandchildren: Adeline (9), Amelia (8), and Emery (5). They are such a delight! I work thirty hours a week at Cedar Lake Village Senior Retirement Center in Olathe in the activities department and will be working twenty hours a week at HUMC. No rest for Darryl, yet!

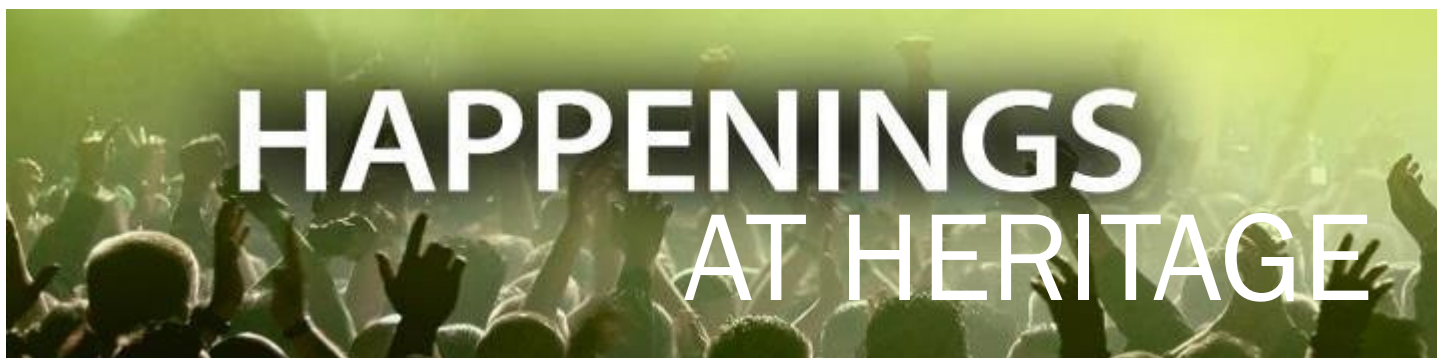
I'm still learning the ropes at the church, but thanks to Pastor Maria and to Melissa Barker, I'm learning and getting set up quickly! Here are things I am currently working on:

1. Provide music for the weekly worship service(s). This entails learning about the musicians, developing new systems, working with Pastor Maria on music selections, and everything else that goes into planning and preparing music for worship services.
2. Reinforce and expand the instrumental musicians. I'm looking for people in the church who play and instrument well, who would like to play in worship on a regular basis. My thought is to build a small orchestra that adds to the instrumental accompaniment during worship.
3. Organize the choral music library into an easy filing and retrieval system.
4. Reinforce existing teams of vocalists and develop additional small teams who will assist in leading singing during the services (working within and safely adhering to the current Covid-19 guidelines).
5. Meet and get to know the members of the congregation.

I'm very interested in hearing from you regarding any of these items. Please help educate me on music and life at HUMC! It will be so nice to meet you and person and put faces with names. I'm also very much looking forward to the day when our many voices can be heard in the sanctuary lifting a song of praise to Jesus! What a day that will be! Until then, blessings on you!

Darryl Guzman

PS – Some of my favorite things: Movies about space aliens, Puccini operas, good restaurants, the Kansas City Symphony, French roast coffee, home improvement projects, robots and Godzilla.



New Class on Zoom! - Faith Journaling

9am the 2nd Saturday of the month - Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14 & Dec 12
For youth and adults. No journaling experience necessary! Experience scripture in a new way! Email Dawn Beck, dawnb@heritageumc.org if you are interested in this class to receive more details and information about what to bring to class.



Adult Small Groups

Bible 365 on Tuesdays, Men's breakfast group on Thursdays, Women's Book Club, Sunday School class at Heritage House Barn on Sunday mornings, etc... These small groups are alive and well and meeting regularly. They are meeting via zoom calls or in person outdoors until we can re-gather in the church building. If you are interested in joining a group and learning more about the small group offerings, email Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org for information.

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, with your request.



Connecting During Covid

Several members of our church family reached out to help Mona Neighbors celebrate her 80th birthday last month. Here are a few pictures of the celebration.





Harvester donations have been made on behalf of the following guests who registered and viewed online worship. We thank them for their participation and honor them with a special donation to our community partner.

May Guests

Marvin and Nancy Berk
Clifton Webster

June Guests

Marily Foster
Mary Beth Byrne

July Guests

Judy Selzer, Wendell Selzer, Steve Smith, Robert Wendt, Karol Brecheisen, Cathy Baiza Lilley, Mathew Gammill

Missions Team Fall Line-up

September - Hygiene items for Hope Totes

October- Sack Lunches for Cross-Lines

November- Christmas Angels

December- Socks and Underwear for reStart Shelter

Watch for more details coming soon on how to participate and drop off donations!



Pumpkins for Missions

Due to COVID restrictions and for the safety of our volunteers, congregation and community, sadly, we will not be hosting the Pumpkins for Missions pumpkin patch this year. We look forward to hosting the pumpkin patch in 2021 and will welcome your support!

SCRIP Fundraiser for Missions

Support the Missions team by placing a monthly SCRIP order for gift cards to use for everyday purchases, gift giving and more to local retailers. Each gift card purchased earns the Missions team a small percentage which is used to support our ongoing projects. It is easy and no extra charge to you. Orders are due on the second Sunday of the month. Contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org, for an order form.





September 02 Sharon Schowengerdt

September 06 Robin Weinand

September 06 Jeff Hallam

September 11 LindseyFields

September 12 Wiley McMillan

September 16 Carrie DeVries

September 19 Phoebe McLaughlin

September 24 Robert Reinke

September 25 Andrea Cook

September 29 Darren Newkirk

September 29 Bruce Durnell

September 30 Carolyn Holmes

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Gus Allen, Jack Allen, Nicholas Berkey, Logan Butler, Avery Green, Hannah Hatton, Dillon Heavin, Cameron Henderleiter, Hazel Howe, Payton Hutson, Cameron Jackson, Bethany Melton, Anna Metheny, Rylenn Rogers, Bryce Slimmer

IN MEMORY

Ethel Thornton who went home to be with the Lord Sunday, August, 9th

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.****

September 2020 HUMC Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Babies & toddlers	2 Serenity	3 Architects	4 Friends	5 Charity
6 Satisfaction	7 Honest & humble prayers	8 Students & teachers returning to school/college	9 Comfort to those feeling lost	10 Suicide prevention	11 Shelter for the homeless	12 Love one another
13 Grandparents	14 Volunteers	15 Lawn care workers	16 Those waiting for organ transplants	17 Those in jail or prison	18 Nonprofit organizations	19 Encouragement for those suffering hardships
20 Gentle spirits	21 Senior citizens	22 Guidance to make good decisions	23 Generosity	24 Freedom from debt	25 Pets	26 Unity in the church
27 Opportunities to share the gospel	28 Peace from fear and doubt	29 Strength to admit our sins	30 Those affected by medication overdose			

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Next Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, Sept 13, 2020