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The Heritage Herald

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



THROUGH THE
WILDERNESS

A scenic photograph of a river flowing through a forested area. The river is surrounded by tall evergreen trees and some yellow-leaved shrubs. In the background, there are mountains under a clear sky. The text "THROUGH THE WILDERNESS" is overlaid on the image in white capital letters.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ONLINE ANYTIME

Live at our last Parking Lot Service for 2020

Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 9:30 am

The bulletin is available on the website under
Heritage Happenings.

WWW.HERITAGEUMC.ORG



Where are the Pumpkins?

This is just my second year, soon to be my second Autumn, at Heritage and my heart is aching. After the most fun a person can have helping to unload a trailer of pumpkins last September, I truly was looking forward to doing it again this year. I can only begin to imagine how it feels for those of you who have been doing it for many years. For our community, it will also be a huge loss. The yearly photo collection of their children in the **pumpkin patch** in front of Heritage UMC will have a missing 2020 year.

Where have all the pumpkins gone? Surely someone must be writing a song, or should it be called a lament? We may not have our beloved pumpkin patch, but we will have much to celebrate!!! We will celebrate that our 4th Graders will receive their Bibles. We will place within their hands (yes, in an appropriate physically distanced way) the treasure of the sacred word of God. We will tell them that the actual bible is a gift from their church but it is filled with stories about how much God loves them.

We will celebrate Children's Sabbath because our children are God's gift to us. We celebrate all children as beloved of God and seek to lift them up in worship as a reminder that God calls us to speak for those who have no voice.

We will celebrate Confirmation 2020. Yes, many months after it was first scheduled to happen on Pentecost Sunday. But we will celebrate a Confirmation class that is resilient and committed to God. Stay tuned for further details as they evolve.

I say evolve because that is how ministry happens these days. Your staff has learned to PIVOT. Pivot is the new buzz word. It means we are not to plan too far in advance. The gurus are suggesting we no longer make long range plans. (What? I have spent years thriving on 1-3, 3-5, and 5-10, year goals) When we have made plans, we had to postpone them because of rising COVID-19 positivity rates. Our primary goal these days is to keep everyone safe and DO NO HARM.

Where are the Pumpkins? I hope you find ways to decorate your homes and porches and decks with real or artificial pumpkins. This is a year we need to celebrate in all the ways that we can! Celebrate that we are alive! Celebrate that God is still good! Celebrate that we can assemble Hope Totes and share them with our community partners!

Send **F.R.A.N.** a note! Your **F**riend **R**elative **A**nd **N**eighbor probably needs a **pumpkin** reminder that they are loved!

Grace to you and peace,

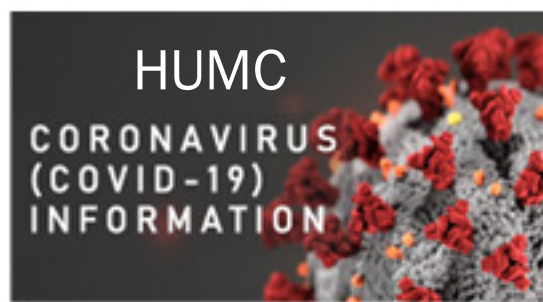
Pastor Maria



HUMC FINANCE REPORT

	<u>Aug 2020</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
INCOME: ALL SOURCES	\$ 40,229.68	\$356,253.73
EXPENSES:	\$ 53,428.59	\$310,815.26
Surplus (shortfall)	\$ (-13,198.91)	\$ 45,438.47

Income was down again for August, however Finance choose to make a Mission Share payment based on our overall year to date position and will look at our giving numbers again at the end of September to see if we can make an additional payment. 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.

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.



A Message from SPRC

We are writing to inform you that we have received a letter of resignation from Darryl Guzman, our Director of Music Ministries. Darryl had a brief hospitalization shortly after joining us on staff. After follow-up last week, he and his wife prayerfully decided that for health reasons based upon recent doctor visits, he needed to cut back on work responsibilities and let go of one of his jobs. Darryl resigned effective immediately.

We invite you to hold him in your prayers, as we acknowledge that he is being responsible with his health in taking this action.

In God's Service,
 Gary Cinotto, SPRC chairperson
 Maria Campbell, Pastor



Look What's Happening in Children's Ministries



Jack and Gus are watching for the birds to come.

School Year Sunday School may look different this year, but we are having fun learning about God's love and the importance of sharing that love with all of God's family. Every family has 3 options with School Year Sunday School this year – Zoom on Sundays, watch a pre-recorded lesson or teach the lesson at home.

We are happy to report that our Heritage families are taking advantage of all 3 options.

We made bird feeders during our 'compassion' lesson because God wants us to show compassion for all creatures.

The Heritage sign is on the move again! Maybe it will show up in your yard!



4th Grade Gift Bibles

4th grade Bibles will be presented at 'Drive In' Church on Sunday, Oct. 4. All 4th graders should have received a letter and email from Miss Susie. Please RSVP to susieb@heritageumc.org if you are able to join us.

Time for Bingo Fun!

Join us on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot for some family fun. We will be playing Bingo and even doing some Bible Trivia. We will be sure to practice social distancing. The next set of Sunday School curriculum will be handed out at this time as well. Look for emails with more information.

Children's Sabbath

Children's Sabbath will look a little different this year, but will still take place on October 18. We will be asking interested participants to record their parts (Call to Worship, prayer, scripture, etc.) and will include them within worship. Be looking for emails with more information on how to participate.

If you have any questions or suggestions for Children's Ministries please contact Susie Bond at susieb@heritageumc.org.



Weekly Youth Activities

Be sure to check your weekly email from Ms Dawn for changes to the schedule, updates and zoom links each week.

Sundays

11:00 am Confirmation Class (Zoom)

5:00 pm DiYG (Drive-in Youth Group)

Mondays

8:30 pm High School Bible Study (Zoom)

Wednesdays

5:00 pm Middle School Bible Study (Zoom)

LOVE PRAY BINGO

Hey Youth! Earn a prize by completing "four in a row" or the entire "sixteen square blackout" on your LOVE PRAY BINGO card. Turn in your photos and sentences to Ms Dawn to claim your prize!

FAITH JOURNALING

This class is for Youth & Adults. Learn different ways to journal and connect with God through creativity. No experience is necessary.

Next class is Saturday, October 10 at 9am.

To Do's:

Complete the Youth Student Info Form. This is a Google Docs Form. It is important that we have a completed form for each student. It includes participation, photo & medical releases as well as contact information that Ms Dawn needs for your student. Complete your student form today!

Make time for your FAITH. Attend DiYG & Bible Study classes. Additional activities for fall include Mini Golf, Movie Night & Game Nights!

Adults - Sign up to help at DiYG & Bible Studies. We must have parent and adult helpers! Please sign up for 2-3 spots this semester so we can continue to have activities & classes for our Youth.

Sign-Up Jesus links:

DiYG helper: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084DACA29A1FD0-adult1>

High School Bible Study helper: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084DACA29A1FD0-adult>

Middle School Bible Study helper: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084DACA29A1FD0-middle1>

Questions, contact Youth Director Dawn Beck, dawnb@heritageumc.org.



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Pumpkins for Missions

COVID squashed our patch. 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!

Help at The Hub

The Hub is located at the Metropolitan Ave UMC building in the Argentine community and is a new Kansas City district ministry to provide hospitality, build community, and unite people. Volunteers are needed to help weekly with Learning Pods at The Hub, our new community partner. Contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org, to find out more info on how you can help make a difference in the lives of children in our community.

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

We will continue to collect non-perishable food for the local food pantry, diapers and diaper wipes for Head Start Growing Futures, hy-vee receipts for Mahaffie Elementary School and pop pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House too.

Drop off your donations at Missions Curbside at Heritage House parking on Sundays through October from 9:30-11 am. A Missions team representative will be there to accept your donations, provide you with a tax receipt, etc.... Thank you for your ongoing support of our community partners and Missions team projects.

If you are interested in helping with a current project, Masks for Mahaffie, Hope Totes, Food pantry, Curbside collection, etc, contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org for more information. All are welcome to help support our Missions team projects and community partners!

HAPPENINGS AT HERITAGE



Heritage UMC Prayer Wall

Stop by Heritage United Methodist Church and add a prayer or lift up a joy or concern on the PRAYER WALL. Baggies are clipped to the chain link fence around the preschool playground. Bring a sharpie pen from home and write something you want to lift up in prayer to God. Simply write your message on the ribbon and tie it to the fence. When finished, please leave the empty baggie clipped to the fence for disposal.

We know God knows what is in our hearts and our prayers but this is a simple visual way to share our prayers with others and pray for each other's prayers too as the Prayer Wall is open to everyone. Let's show our community spirit by building a colorful prayer wall.

Adult Small Groups

The Adult Small groups are continuing to connect and gather. They are meeting via zoom calls or in person outdoors until we can re-gather in the church building.

Check out the list below of active classes and reach out to the group leader for more information:

- Sunday School Class- meets in person at 9am at Heritage House barn, contact Kelli Cox, mkmcx@tctelco.net
- Monday Evening Adult Bible Study Class- new class beginning on September 21 at 7pm via zoom call, contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org
- Tuesday Adult Bible 365 Class- meets at 1pm via zoom call, contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org
- Tuesday Women's Bible Study Class- beginning September 15 at 1pm via zoom call, contact Jenny Hallam, jhallam1@gmail.com
- Thursday Men's Breakfast Group- meets in person at 6:30am at Heritage House barn, contact Daryl Davis, dmdavis@everest.net
- Journaling Class- meets monthly via zoom call, October 10th, November 14th, and December 12th, contact Dawn Beck, dawnb@heritageumc.org
- Ladies Dinner Group- meets monthly via zoom call, contact Marsha Dorrell, marsha.dorrell@gmail.com or Sally Williams, sjswilliams@hotmail.com
- Ladies Book Club- meets monthly via zoom call, contact Sally Williams, sjswilliams@hotmail.com, for next book title.



Heritage UMC Special Church Conference Sunday September 27, 2020 at 1pm via ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84971784073?pwd=VEhNWEJseWpoRklSZFB4Nk80aE5MZz09>

The purpose of the special meeting is for members to vote on the Simple Board Leadership structure change.

On January 26, 2020, a presentation by Nicole Conard, GP Conference staff, was made to Church Council and The Nomination and Leadership Development Team (NALD) of Heritage outlining a potential structural change. NALD is proposing the Simple Board Leadership structure change to begin January 2021. The proposal was affirmed by Church Council on August 20, 2020. The change is subject to the All Church Conference approval/vote.

Simple Board model:

Consolidates administrative functions into a single "approval" board

The goal of this change in structure is to implement and align the mission and vision of the church

A streamlined model of leadership that seeks to increase missional outreach and accountability as the congregation strives to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Responsibilities of Leadership Board

Fiduciary Responsibilities - establish yearly budget, streamline approval process, ensure resources are aligned with the set goals and priorities of the church as a whole

Strategic Planning - confirm vision cast by pastor and leadership team, establish yearly goals and monitor progress regularly

Problem Solving - improve efficiency and allow teams to act/implement change quicker

Coordination - less time in meetings and allow more time for doing the work of the church

Collaboration - work in partnership with programs and ministry teams to fulfill mission and vision of the church

Accountability - enable new ministries to grow when fewer serve administrative needs of the church

The Leadership Team members will be identified by the NALD and approved at Charge Conference. The Leadership Team will consist of 12 lay members and the Pastor. An additional non-voting/no voice Secretary will serve on Leadership Team for administrative support. Representation from SPRC, Trustees, and Finance along with members-at-large and the Lay Leader will make up 12 members. Representatives identified to serve will include multi-generational, gender, offer variety of personal and professional experience and will covenant to uphold the priorities and best interest of Heritage as a whole church as their goal.

The Vision Leadership Team will consist of the Worship, Christian Formation and Missions & Outreach ministry teams and committees as they currently exist to fulfill the mission of Heritage to Worship, Grow and Serve to see transformed lives reflecting the love of Jesus Christ. All members will have the opportunity to share their gifts and talents through service on Vision Ministry Teams and committees.

Pastor Maria and members of NALD are available to answer any questions and provide further explanation as needed about the proposal and recommended Simple Board structure change.

Please reach out to them prior to the Special Church Conference on September 27, 2020. If you need assistance connecting to the ZOOM meeting, please let us know.

Pastor Maria, pastormaria@heritageumc.org

Terri Newkirk, tnewkirk@everestkc.net

Kathie Newell, grizfans@gmail.com

Lauren Marcucci Gravino, lgmarcucci24@gmail.com

Daryl Davis, dmdavis@everestkc.net

Linda Siders, lksiders@hotmail.com

Greg Laaser, laaserg@gmail.com

BJ Clark, bclark44@gmail.com

Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org

Deb Gerdes, dgerdes@hotmail.com



Proposed Leadership Board Structure

Chair- _____ Secretary- Non-voting member _____

Treasurer- _____ Member at Large Finance - _____

SPRC Chair- _____ Member at Large SPRC - _____

Trustee Chair- _____ Member at Large Trustee - _____

Member at Large - _____ Member at Large Youth- _____

Lay Leader- _____ Pastor- _____

Examples of how Simple Board approval process would work:

The worship team needs to have an area specific to worship enhanced and it will require a work project. Currently they would need to go to Trustees and present their needs and the plan. Trustees would need to wait until the next Finance meeting and seek approval and then, in the case of the Chancel remodel they would bring it to Church Council. This process takes numerous months depending upon meeting schedules. Under the Simple Board model. Worship would take the proposal to the Leadership Team that could make the decision at that meeting.

A special offering request from Missions team would not need Finance Committee approval and then Church Council approval. Under Simple Board structure, the request would only need to be approved by the Leadership Board.

Ballot

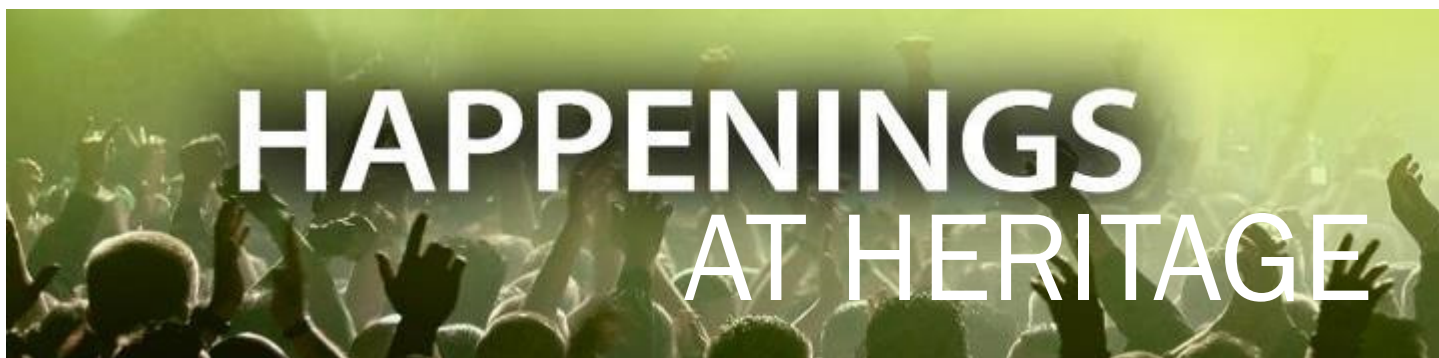
Name/Signature: _____

- I am a member of Heritage UMC
- Yes, I approve Simple Board Model
- No, I do not approve Simple Board Model

Name/Signature: _____

- I am a member of Heritage UMC
- Yes, I approve Simple Board Model
- No, I do not approve Simple Board Model

Mail ballot to Heritage UMC, 12850 Quivira, OPKS 66213, postmarked by September 30th or email it to staff@heritageumc.org



Heritage Info Pages

BABYSITTING

Mindy Welland (Senior at Olathe East '21)

Babysitting- Have babysat since middle school & I am babysitter certified!

Contact Info- Cell: 913-280-8943 Email: mjw@scottw.us Home: 913-397-9132

References: Have babysat/nannied for the Clarks

BAKER

Cindy Laaser

Baker - 9 years of experience

Email: cklaaser@gmail.com

Phone: 913-522-1762

References: Church staff, and many other members

ELECTRICIAN

DJ Hatton

Registered professional Engineer – Electrical.

Home electrical. Not a licensed electrician...but can get wiring done correctly!

Basic home improvement.

Way to contact – preferably both cell and email

dwjhatton@gmail.com

cell. 913 269 5306

References/past clients: Hopebuilders KC – electrical mods for door widening, adding lights, fixing outlet problems. Heritage UMC – wiring extension to chancel floor boxes. DJ's basement – new 100 amp sub panel. Wired/finished the electrical rough-in and device installation.

HVAC

Laura & Brent Gatza

Gatza Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

Residential heating and air conditioning contractor (repair, service, maintenance and installation), in business since 2003, licensed and insured, Brent Gatza, master mechanical license

Office phone 913-220-0745; info@gatzaheatingandair.com; <http://www.gatzaheatingandair.com>

Some current and past HUMC customers: Susie Bond, Jim & Ann Keever, Evelyn Summers, Chad & Robin Weinand, Dwayne & Annette Lagerstrom, Gary & Karen Coffman, Chris & Michele Hakim

Grady & Sarah Melius, Steve & Lori Mitts, Brian & Kim Sheets

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Phone: 316-616-5588

Email: amylynnkeith@outlook.com



October 01	Amy Keith	October 24	Melissa Bronaugh
October 05	Chris Barnes	October 25	Robb Raney
October 06	David Charest	October 26	Jared Bronaugh
October 08	Curtis Hunt	October 27	Melissa Barker
October 10	Barbara Bell	October 29	Robert Kimmich
October 11	Ann Nyman	October 30	Robert Svec
October 16	Jeremy Melton	October 31	Cindy Laaser
October 17	Jackie William		
October 23	Penney Grigsby		
October 23	Cara Busenhart		
October 23	Diana Richter		

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Avery Barlows, Olivia Barlows, Dylan Dragoo, Allison Hadley, Brinley Hutson,
Marissa Newkirk, Allison Sampat

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.****

October 2020 HUMC Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 The elderly	2 Those who have experienced violence	3 Those affected by hurricanes
4 Those celebrating World Communion day	5 Teachers around the world	6 Those suffering with pain	7 Freedom of speech	8 Time for prayer	9 Those suffering with breast cancer	10 Those with mental health issues
11 Pastor Maria and fellow clergy	12 Farmers	13 Sharing God's love outside church walls	14 Those who are frustrated	15 Therapists	16 Bosses	17 Those suffering in poverty
18 Integrity	19 Good Habits	20 Sharing Wisdom	21 Intentional living	22 Self-improvement	23 Thankfulness	24 Those who are a positive influence
25 Opportunity to receive an education	26 Safety and security	27 Clean water for all	28 Entrepreneurs and inventors	29 Freedom to vote	30 Growth through tough times	31 Trick or treaters

Heritage United Methodist Church Staff

Senior Pastor	Maria Campbell	Ext. 1	Pastormaria@heritageumc.org
Director of Finance & Administration	Melissa Barker	Ext. 2	melissab@heritageumc.org
Director of Children's & Connectional Ministries	Susie Bond	Ext. 3	susieb@heritageumc.org
Director of Youth Ministries	Dawn Beck	Ext. 4	dawnb@heritageumc.org
Director of Adult Discipleship & Missions & Congregational Care Coordinator	Cindy Svec	Ext. 6	cindys@heritageumc.org
Childcare Coordinator	Katie Loper	913-829-0510	katiel@heritageumc.org

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Next Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020