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



Advent at Heritage

***Hanging of the Greens Services streaming live on YouTube at 9:30am** Sunday, November 29

***Sunday morning Worship services streaming live on YouTube**
Sundays, December 6, 13, 20 at 9:30am

***Live Nativity and Forest of Trees** Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 pm

***Christmas Eve Service Under the Stars** Thursday, December 24 at 6:00 pm

***Christmas Eve Service on YouTube** Thursday, December 24th

***Sunday morning Worship streaming live on YouTube at 9:30am** Sunday, December 27



Getting Ready

There is a great deal of buzz these days. Depending upon your circle of friends and peers, the buzz is different but the chatter is real. Yes, we have been talking about the election for longer than many of us want to remember. Yes, we have been talking about the pandemic for most of 2020 (and it looks like we will be still talking about it in 2021). Yes, we have been talking about the impact this pandemic will have on our FUTURE. Yes, we have been talking about a vaccine and talking and talking about it. All this chatter can drive me crazy. Sometimes I would just like some quiet.

But when I want the quiet, I'm not looking to be alone. I want quiet to spend time talking. Some conversations do not happen with my family, friends, or peers. Some conversations do not happen aloud. The conversations that I have been seeking are with God. And the reason that I need these conversations especially now is because we are getting ready. We are getting ready to embrace the incarnate presence of God. We are getting ready to welcome the King of Kings into our conversations, our homes, our world. But this year it is DIFFERENT, so I have needed God more than ever!

We cannot open our doors like we always have. This year we need to worship in different ways. This year we must shout our praises silently or privately. This year getting ready will look and feel different. This year our gratitude may hold new meaning for many. Loved ones will not be gathered around our Thanksgiving table. Friends won't gather in large numbers to celebrate together. This year we will create new traditions. This year we will give thanks for life because it is precious and is not to be taken for granted. This year we need to hold on to what is most important! We need to hold on to God's promises with a tighter grasp.

We need to make Christ known in as many ways as we can! We need to shine the light of Christ within us everywhere we go and upon everyone we encounter. The world needs to know our Savior because we need to be saved. Saved from the chatter that brings darkness and skepticism and hate into our world. We are the children of God and we have not been abandoned or forgotten. God is with us in the saving of this world, right here and right now. We are the ones called to be getting ready to spread that news...share that life-giving HOPE! We will have a Live Nativity. We will have a forest of trees in Fellowship Hall. We will set out our luminaries on Quivira to share the Light of Christ. We will have a Christmas Eve outdoor worship service (you'll be able to sit in your cars or stand outside) because we want to celebrate the Promised One who keeps coming!

We are getting ready for HOPE and PEACE and JOY and **LOVE** to reign in our lives! Join me in getting ready! Our King is coming...again!

Grace upon grace+

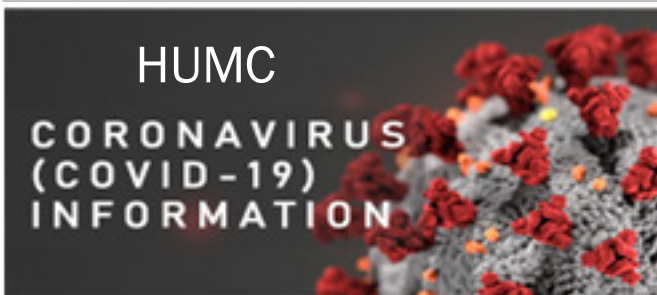
Pastor Maria



	<u>Oct 2020</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
INCOME: ALL SOURCES	\$ 53,801.61	\$ 448,669.99
EXPENSES:	\$ 46,455.24	\$ 398,537.82
Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 7,346.37	\$ 50,132.17

Year to date we have paid \$31,825.10 in Mission Shares. We are closely monitoring our giving and plan to tithe additionally before year end.

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



Watch the weekly e-note and website for updates on church office hours, building use and when we will be regathering in person. We are constantly monitoring the numbers and as the gating criteria set by church council is met, we will be reaching out to you with changes as they are made.

Now that we are live streaming we have been inviting some of our small groups to attend on Sunday mornings to test out our safety protocols and train our ushers in the proper procedures. This is preparing us for when we can open the doors. At this time that date has not been decided, however we want you to know that we are as anxious as you to again gather in person. Of course our biggest concern is the health and safety of everyone. If you have any questions, or are interested in becoming trained as an usher, please reach out to Melissa in the church office at 913.897.6446 or at melissab@heritageumc.org

Adult Small Groups

Adult Discipleship Small Groups- Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! We have many small groups gathering via zoom and there is always room for you! Additional small groups are beginning to re-gather in person in the church building following CDC guidelines. For a complete list and to learn more about the Bible Studies and Adult small groups available, contact Cindy Svec and join a small group today!

Interested in participating in a Bible Study from home? Hosting one with your family, neighbors or friends? Contact Cindy Svec, to discuss checking out a Bible Study kit available from our Christian Education Resources in the Heritage UMC Resource Library.



Fellowship Fun on Zoom

Time for some Fellowship Fun on Zoom! Connectional Ministries invites you to join us once a month on Zoom for games, trivia and fellowship. All are welcome! This month we will gather on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. and we will have an attitude of gratitude! Contact Susie Bond at susieb@heritageumc.org in order to get the Zoom invite.



Sunday School is still happening in Children's Ministries and you have so many ways to learn God's word.

Join us on Zoom each Sunday: Preschool and 2nd/3rd grades at 11:00 a.m. and K/1st grades and 4th/5th grades at 11:30 a.m.

Watch Miss Susie on the pre-recorded lesson.

Do the lesson on your own at home.

'Drive Thru' Live Nativity

Be sure to let Miss Susie know if you want to join us for the 'drive thru' live nativity. We need lots of 'actors' of all ages.

A word of thanks

I know this has been an incredibly challenging year, but as I sit and reflect, I am still able to be thankful for so much happening in Children's Ministries. Before COVID hit, our music crews sang in worship. After COVID, we were able to create 'Bible Time with the Bond's' and 'Scripture Fun 101'. Children and grown-ups alike, were still able to learn stories and scriptures from the Bible and be reminded how awesome our God is and that He will always be there for us. We created new events that were a big hit – Chalk Art Palooza and Bingo in the parking lot. We saw amazing creativity and a new way to share the stories of the Old Testament at Chalk Art Palooza. We had fun learning more about the Bible with Bible Bingo and trivia and we did it all in the church parking lot. With the help of the trustees, we created a Pet Memorial Garden and during Advent, we will have our first annual 'Drive Thru' live nativity. We continue to Zoom for Sunday School and see new friends joining all the time.

We really do have so much to be thankful for and I am truly grateful for all the folks that continue to help make Children's Ministries happen at Heritage. We have teachers leading zooms and organizing events. Yes, it looks different, but God is still in the midst. May we all be thankful this season and show the love of Christ wherever we are.

Now is the time for an attitude of gratitude!

If you have any questions or need help in anyway please contact Susie Bond at susieb@heritageumc.org.



Youth Group Sundays at 5 pm

Check with Ms Dawn or in weekly emails for location details

No YG 11/22, 11/29, December 20, December 27



Youth Bible Studies Wednesdays on zoom

Middle School Bible Study 5 pm

High School Bible Study 8:30 pm

Join us any Wednesday! Each week stand is a standalone lesson & discussion

No Bible Studies 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, December 16, December 23, December 30



Save these dates!

Sunday, Nov 15 - Mission Project shopping! We'll meet to shop for groceries and Christmas Angel gift items.

Sunday, Dec 6 - Christmas decorating! We'll decorate the Youth Christmas Tree for the Forest of Trees in Fellowship Hall during Advent

Sunday, Dec 13 - Live Nativity & Forest of Trees Drive Through - Let Ms Dawn know if you

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

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Congratulations to the 2020 Confirmation Class!

They say "third time's a charm!" After planning a May and an August Confirmation ceremony that both had to be rescheduled, we were finally able to celebrate Confirmation for our nine 2020 confirmands with a wonderful service on November 8. These students demonstrated amazing patience and trust over the last several months! They never lost faith in knowing they would be confirmed! What a confirmation journey you will have to tell! We are so happy to have all of you as official members of Heritage! Can't wait to see how God will use your amazing gifts to worship, grow and serve at Heritage, in the community and in the world!" Thank you to the dedicated mentors who walked this journey with their confirmand and led by example with great faith and love for God and others.



Aislyn Canady

Mentor
Nathan Canady



Derek DeVries

Mentor
Seth Doebbeling



Kylan Elliott

Mentor
Carrie DeVries



Hannah Hatton

Mentor
Kathie Newell



Nicholas Moeller

Mentor
Leslie Moeller



Jayden Sampat

Mentor
Melissa Charest



Henry William

Mentor
Paul William

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Brynn Raney

Mentor
Sally Williams

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Hayden Ruster

Mentor
Raphael Gravino



Monday Missions Call to Action Look for the weekly facebook post for the Missions "Call to Action". Every Monday a new post on the Heritage UMC facebook page will highlight needed items for our community partners and Missions team projects. Check it out and step up to help meet the "Call to Action". Not on Facebook, email cindys@heritageumc.org for the weekly info.

Missions Curbside Collection- We will continue to collect Hy-Vee receipts, pop pull tabs, SCRIP orders, diapers and wipes, food pantry donations, new coats and our Monday Call to Action items through our weekly Missions Curbside Drop Off at Heritage House Parking lot on Sundays 9:30am-11am. Interested in working a shift at curbside? Email cindys@heritageumc.org for the signup genius link to volunteer.

December Missions Team Project: reStart

During the month of December, we will be collecting new socks and new underwear for men, women and children.

December 6th - "Undie" Sunday- donate new undies
December 13th- "Sock" Sunday- donate new socks



Drop off donations at Missions Curbside
Heritage House Parking Lot Sundays 9:30-11:00am

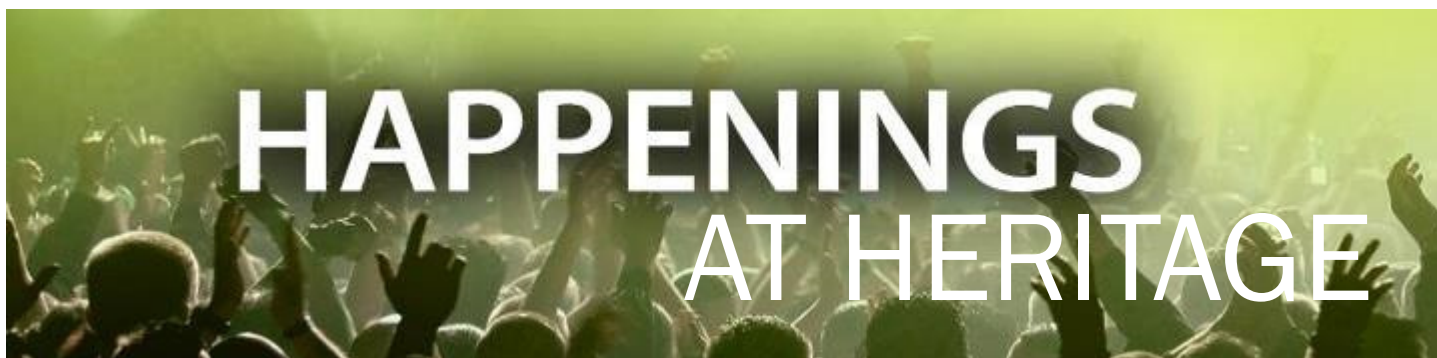
FYI- Socks are the most needed and least donated articles of clothing in homeless shelters

SCRIP Orders Place a monthly SCRIP order and help support the Missions Team. SCRIP cards are regular gift cards you can use at local retailers and online. A percentage of each gift card purchased comes back to the Heritage Missions team and is used to support our ongoing projects. It is easy and costs you nothing more than the cost of the gift card to participate. Just place an order for a few cards to local retailers that you frequent and help support the missions team. Contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org for an Order Form. SCRIP orders and your check payable to Heritage UMC can be dropped off on Sundays at the Curbside Drop Off or mailed to the church office. Great time to pick up a few for holiday shopping and Christmas gift giving!



Special SCRIP Holiday order schedule

Orders due by : 11/15 for 11/22 pick up and 11/29 for December 06 pick up



'Drive Thru' Live Nativity

We know that things will look a little different this year for Advent and Christmas, but the good news is the birth of Jesus will still be celebrated!

This year our plan is to do a 'drive thru' live nativity outside on the church grounds Sunday, Dec. 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. and that is where you all come in!

We are needing folks of all ages to play a role in our live nativity. Our goal is to get enough volunteers so that we can have shifts and people aren't outside in the cold too long.

Please contact Susie Bond at susieb@heritageumc.org if you would like to be a part of our live nativity. We will provide the costumes.

Forest of Trees

Help us create a Forest of Trees in Fellowship Hall this Advent!

In order to fill our forest, we need decorated trees from you!

Steps to provide a tree for the Forest of Trees:

1. Sign up for a time slot to add your tree to the forest with this sign up link or by emailing Dawn Beck, dawnb@heritageumc.org.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084DACA29A1FD0-forest>
2. After you sign up, you will receive an email with specific instructions and safety protocols.
3. One family/group per time slot. Bible study & other groups; please limit to 8 people.
4. Bring your own tree, tree stand, lights and decorations to your scheduled time slot. Time slots are 1 hour long and are available on the following days:

Friday, Nov 27; 9-10 am, 10:30-11:30 am, 12-1 pm

Saturday, Nov 28; 2-3 pm, 3:30-4:30 pm, 5-6 pm

Tuesday, Dec 1; 5:30-6:30 pm, 7-8 pm

Saturday, Dec 5; 9-10 am, 10:30-11:30 am, 12-1 pm

Sunday, Dec 6; 12:30-1:30 pm, 2-3 pm, 3:30-4:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec 8; 5:30-6:30 pm, 7-8 pm

5. Please indicate on sign up what size tree you are planning to bring so we can assign you a space in the forest. We will accommodate all sizes of trees including table top sizes. If you know your theme, let us know that as well.



The Forest of Trees will be available for viewing at the Live Nativity Drive-thru event at 4 pm on Sunday, Dec 13.



All Saints Day 2020

"In my father's house are many dwelling places. If it were not so would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?"

-John 14:2.

Below are the names of saints from our Heritage United Methodist Church family or family members who have gone to their eternal resting place during the past year.

Ralph Menke, grandfather of Kris Swanson, passed away November 13, 2019

Griffin Keane, Susie Bond's nephew, passed away November 14, 2019

Sue Wilson, Kenda Worsfold's mother & Lauren Marcucci Gravino's grandmother, passed away November 28, 2019

*Art Brown passed away December 6, 2019

*Velma Cline passed away December 31, 2019

Roger Ervin, brother-in-law of Karen Coffman, passed away December 31, 2019

*Fran Wren passed away Jan. 9, 2020

*Janet Barnes passed away Jan. 28, 2020

*Everett Knapp passed away Jan. 29, 2020

Phyllis Diane Funk, mother of Lori Mitts, passed away on February 21, 2020

Mary John Snyder, aunt of Cathy Lancelotta, passed on February 28, 2020

Lora Burner Ervin, sister of Karen Coffman, passed away on May 14, 2020

*Dr. Wallace Bruce Wren passed away May 20, 2020

Barbara Wright, aunt of Jenny Hallam, passed away June 3, 2020

George Newell, Pat Newell's father, passed away June 12, 2020

Ray Canady, father of Nate Canady, passed away August 3, 2020

*Ethel Thornton passed away August 9, 2020

Jim Zeleny, cousin of Bob Svec, passed away September 16, 2020

Sharon Dickson, mother of Cheryl Cox, passed away September 20, 2020

Bobbie Gates, family of Katie Loper, passed on October 7, 2020

Elaine Hall, wife of Jim Hall, passed away October 8, 2020

Ernie Cooper, uncle of Raphael Gravino, passed away on October 10, 2020

Lorna Brecheisen, sister of Larry Nokes, passed on October 22, 2020

*HUMC member



December 01 Seth Doebling

December 01 Kayla Eppel

December 05 Keith Campbell

December 07 Marsha Dorrell

December 07 Susan Sachen

December 07 Donna Welland

December 10 Kara Hunt

December 15 Keri Graves

December 17 Joyce Francis

December 18 Sally Williams

December 19 Ken Walker

December 20 Peggy Grant

December 23 Christy Paden

December 23 Julie Davis

December 25 Gary Coffman

December 26 Elhora Nokes

December 26 Patricia Chambliss

December 28 Drew VanHeuveln

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Julia Busenhardt, Lyla Gatz, Wade Kuhlman, Lauren Mashburn, Jayden Sampat,
Alana Shields, Brock Slimmer, Max Swanson, Amelia Traul

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.****

December HUMC Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1. Those living with AIDS	2. Charity	3. Those who are disabled	4. Strength to manage stress	5. Volunteers
6. Acceptance	7. Those in hospitals and nursing homes	8. Those dealing with alcohol abuse	9. Protection against ethnic violence and genocide	10. Human rights	11. Making good choices	12. Those without health insurance
13. World peace	14. Those suffering from a stroke	15. Growth through evangelism	16. Strength & endurance	17. Youth workers	18. Greater faith	19. A pure heart
20. A culture of discipling	21. Our local community	22. Creativity	23. Heritage membership	24. God's mercy	25. Christ's birth	26. Opportunities to witness
27. Increased love and unity	28. Comfort and encouragement	29. Obedience to God's will	30. Good stewardship	31. Hope, peace, love and joy		

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Next Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, December 6, 2020