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



Our Heritage UMC family is joining the Good Neighbor Experiment. Through sermons, small group studies, actions in our neighborhoods - we will learn to develop long-term relationships in our neighborhoods that can change the world.

The sermon series will begin Sunday, January 17 and small groups will be forming in February. We hope everyone will want to be a part of this life-changing experiment and join a small group or do as part of your existing small group. To sign-up for a small group contact Cindy Svec at cindys@heritageumc.org.

JAN 17 Good Neighbor Experiment-Love your neighbor Mark 12:28-31
JAN 24 Good Neighbor Experiment-Relationships 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
JAN 31 Good Neighbor Experiment-Abundance Luke 5:1-11
FEB 7 Good Neighbor Experiment-Joy Luke 6:17-23



A New Day

January 2021

I don't know about you, but I often have songs running through my mind. "This is the day...this is the day that the Lord has made...that the Lord has IS the day that God has made. It is a new day filled with new possibilities. It is the day that you can choose to live as a committed follower of Jesus Christ. You can choose to set aside whatever pain or stress or disappointment that yesterday held. You can give all of it to God. You can ask God to forgive any harm or pain you have caused another. You can ask God to let you see the way that God sees you. There is nothing that happened to you or was done by you that will 'separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.'

Hear those words again, "Nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39) Nothing...nada...can separate you from God. God always seeks to draw you closer to God. We are the ones who run away. We are the ones who hide or deny God so that it feels like God is not present for us. But God's heart which is filled with love and compassion wants us to see through the fog, the confusion and the anger and recognize that God is still there...waiting.

We had great hopes for 2020 to be a year of clarity and then, the pandemic hit. It seemed like our plans and dreams went on hold; some still appear to be. There were moments that we were afraid. There were moments we railed at God. If God is powerful, why can't God stop this. If God truly loved us, why did our relative or friend die. There were also those moments that we realized the view outside our window was breathtaking (and we had never really noticed that before). There were phone calls, texts, emails, Facetime and ZOOM chats that we might not have had if all had been well. Our families were blessed to welcome new babies and new family members through engagements and weddings. Life was going on but just not as we had intended it. God was at work to make something good out of the "mess" we were in.

Through every day in 2020 and these early days of 2021, God has been with us. Even as we looked in horror and sadness upon the attack on the Capitol, GOD DID NOT TURN AWAY. It is time for us to open our minds and spirits and listen to what God is urging us to know and do. This is the day that the Lord has made. It is full of the fresh scent of sunrise, the refreshing chill of winter and the abundant love of God. The pandemic is not gone but we are still here. We need to stay safe and healthy and be mindful to DO NO HARM. Take precautions not just for yourself but for those you will encounter who may be at high risk.

Let us be glad and rejoice in THIS DAY! It is the one you have been given as a gift. Treasure it and use it wisely. 2021 is a new year and it is full of infinite possibilities.

Peace and joy+

Pastor Maria



	<u>Dec 2020</u>	<u>2020 YTD</u>
INCOME: ALL SOURCES	\$ 71,656.63	\$ 564,910.42
EXPENSES:	\$ 58,804.76	\$ 506,986.64
Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 12,851.87	\$ 57,923.78

We are grateful for everyone who helped us reach our goal of paying our Missions Share for 2020. We paid a total of \$54,787.00 in Mission Shares. \$2000 came from a members' designated donation in January, \$21,300 came from cell tower bonuses, \$3459 came in Christmas Eve donations, \$1000 was given by the youth from their designated fund, \$2500 was given by the Mission team from their designated fund and \$24,528.00 came from operating funds.

Thanks to the PPP loan and its forgiveness, we ended the year in a positive manner.

If you have questions regarding church finances, contact Jeff Hallam at jhallam312@gmail.com.

Chat with us during live stream worship!

If you feel the spirit moving you to join in on the chat during our live worship services Sundays at 9:30 am, we'd love to hear from you! Simply keep your view in the minimized format (not full screen) and join in the chat on the side of your screen. This is where you can let us know you are watching, chime in with an "Amen" when you feel moved and find out more about things happening at Heritage this week. If you have any questions about how to chat with us contact Dawn at dawnb@heritageumc.org during the week and she will try to help get you set up!



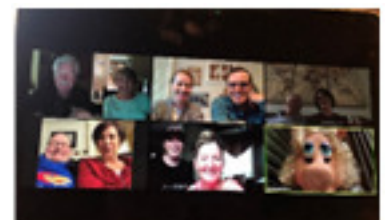
Try something new & fun in 2021!

Faith Journaling – 2nd Saturday each month at 9am – This online zoom class for youth and adults is a great way to start your weekend! Join us and invite a friend! Contact dawnb@heritageumc.org for details and to get on the email list for this class. **Our next Faith Journaling class is Feb 13.**

Fellowship Fun on Zoom

Connectional Ministries invites you to join us once a month on Zoom for some games, trivia and fellowship. All are welcome!

This month we will gather on Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Susie Bond at susieb@heritageumc.org in order to get the Zoom invite.





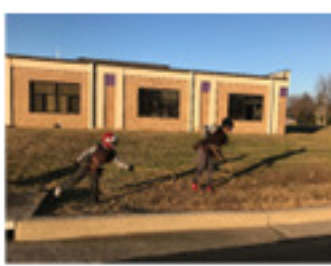
Sunday School is going strong!



Please join us each Sunday on Zoom for Sunday School. Preschool & Older Elementary (2nd – 5th grades) are at 11:00 a.m. Younger Elementary (K/1st grades) is at 11:30 a.m. If you can't make the Zoom, be sure to catch Miss Susie on the recorded lessons that are all available on our YouTube channel. There is also the option to do the lesson at home on your own.

First Annual Live Nativity was a huge success!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the live nativity happen this year. We are grateful for the costume cleaners (Annette, Joy, Jodi, Joyce, Linda), sheep maker (Jackie), stable maker (DJ & Bob), star hangers (Wally & Leon) and of course, all of our awesome actors who stood out in the cold! We also appreciate our AV team and Christmas Carolers who provided the awesome music.



New Year – New Opportunities

Contact Susie Bond at susieb@heritageumc.org if you are interested in any of the following.

Card Makers

We need families wanting to make cards for our congregants. We provide templates and ideas, you provide supplies and labor. This is a great activity to do as a family.

Sunday School Zoom Leaders

We continue to Zoom every Sunday for Sunday School. We have 3 classes (Preschool, Younger Elementary and Older Elementary) and are always looking for people to help lead the Zooms. You can even be an assistant on a Zoom, so you can learn how to do it.

Parent Support Group

Are you struggling right now as a parent and looking for help? Do you just need someone else to talk to that knows how you feel? We are wanting to create a support group for parents at Heritage. Group will be virtual with some in person opportunities. Please let Susie Bond know if you have specific support needs.

For more information about Children's Ministries, please contact Susie Bond at susieb@heritageumc.org



Upcoming Youth Schedule:

Confirmation class Sundays 11 am on Zoom – Jan 17, 24, 31 & Feb 7

Bible Study Wednesdays –Jan 13, 20, 27 & Feb 3 Middle School 5pm & High School 8pm

Worship Rewind Sundays-Jan 17, 24 & Feb 7 –time TBA- Watch worship online with Ms Dawn followed by brief discussion & question/answer time.

Youth Group CREATE night-Jan 31 – Let's make valentines! Time & Location TBA

Parents & other interested adults – PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ONE OF THESE!

I am creating teams of parents & other adult helpers along with students to help in the planning for:

Youth Mission & serving opportunities.

Youth Fundraising & fundraiser event.

I am challenging every parent to sign up for one or both teams. Meetings for these teams will be scheduled soon. Youth are welcome on both teams!

Help wanted in Youth Student Ministries – Spread God's love to a new generation!

We are looking for adult helpers for Youth Bible studies & Youth Group events (in person & on zoom) this semester. Please let Dawn know if you would be willing to be a second adult at one of our Bible studies or Youth Group events, share your faith story or share a special hobby with our Youth students. Our youth students want to learn more about their faith. You are invited to be part of their journey! Contact dawnb@heritageumc.org if you are interested and for more information.

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**Youth & Alumni Epiphany Party
Following God's light,
reflecting the light of Jesus
and shining light in the world in 2021!**



Missions Curbside-

Stop by Heritage House parking lot on Sundays between 9:30am-11am and drop off needed donations. We will accept non-perishable food donations for the local New Hope food pantry, diapers and diaper wipes for Growing Futures in Overland Park, hygiene items for Hope Totes, school supplies and more.

Watch for the weekly Monday Missions Call to Action posts to see what else we are collecting to help support our community partners.

Interested in volunteering at Missions Curbside, we would love your help, contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org for the sign-up genius link and to sign up for a shift or two.



SOUP-ER BOWL

Soup Sundays will continue through the end of January.

Donate canned soup for the New Hope Food Pantry in Olathe, KS. Drop off canned soup at Missions Curbside on Sundays at Heritage House parking lot 9:30-11am.

Help us celebrate the Chiefs drive to the Superbowl by donating SOUP!

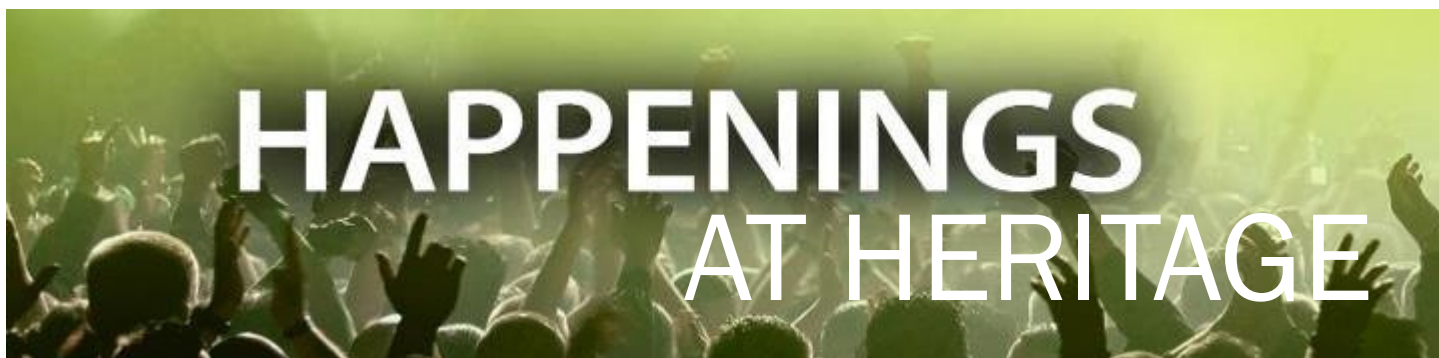
Missions Team- February Project

During the month of February, the Missions team will be collecting personal hygiene items to include in Hope Totes for our community partners.

Donate any of the following items:

- Shampoo- full size bottle
- Deodorant-full size
- Bar soap
- Wash cloths
- Razors
- Combs
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste- full size tube

Drop off your donations at Missions Curbside on Sundays at Heritage House parking lot 9:30-11am. Questions, contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org



2020 Bible 365 Challenge

Congratulations to the following members who successfully read the entire Bible in 2020. What an amazing accomplishment!

Ann Nyman	Cindy Laaser	Carolyn Holmes	Judie Howell	Sandra Hassig
Dr. Pat Caruthers	Lee Herring	Laura Salitros	Susan Seifert	Ann Keever
Jeff Hallam	Jenny Hallam	Evelyn Summers	Terry Smith	
Pastor Maria Campbell				

New Testament: Rod Gerdes and Annette Lagerstrom

(please contact Cindy Svec, if you completed the 2020 Bible 365 Challenge and were accidentally omitted from the list)

If you are interested in reading the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs in one, join us for 2021 Bible 365. Contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org, for a booklet to get started and info on how to join the Tuesday afternoon zoom discussion class too.



LENTEN BAGS

SAVE THE DATE-Sunday February 14th 9:30am-Noon

Plan to stop by Heritage House Parking Lot on Valentine's Day to pick up your Heritage Lenten Bag filled with love and goodies from your Heritage UMC Ministry Teams!

Women's Coffee Chat

Join this NEW Adult Fellowship small group weekly on Monday mornings at 9:30am for some fun and fellowship as we gather via zoom with our morning coffee to connect, catch up and celebrate life together.

Contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org, for zoom link, instructions and more info.





February 02	Steve Bell	February 12	Susan Seifert
February 02	Kathie Smith	February 14	Kevin Beck
February 03	Katie Loper	February 16	Wayne Kramer
February 05	Jana Watkins	February 16	Judie Howell
February 06	Linda Whayne	February 19	Elise Mashburn
February 06	Kimberly Sheets	February 21	Rod Gerdes
February 09	Sharon Pappas	February 23	Donita DeBoer
February 11	Joe Traul	February 26	Nancy Elliott
February 12	Linda Crist	February 27	Sandra Hanson
February 12	Stacey Hatton		

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Max Busenhart, Aubree Cain, Aislyn Canady, Jillian Clark, Rachel Hadley, Will Irwin, Addie Marshal, Zach Newkirk, Lillian Sinks, Wade Washington, Henry William



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED YOUTH

HAYDEN RUSTER

CAMERON JACKSON



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. ****

February HUMC Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Our school communities, principals and teachers	2 Those without shelter from the cold	3 Law enforcement officials	4 Those undergoing cancer treatment	5 Strong marriages and families	6 The sick and struggling
7 Missionaries around the world	8 Friends going through hard times	9 First responders	10 Those who lack faith	11 Those who are poor financially and spiritually	12 Those who are depressed	13 Those without and needing employment
14 Those we love	15 Presidents – current and former	16 Wisdom	17 Season of Lent	18 Children in foster care	19 Those dieting to become more healthy	20 Social Justice
21 Those who need courage	22 Grace	23 Those in prison and their families	24 News media	25 Those trapped in human trafficking	26 Orphans	27 Those who have lost loved ones
28 Those around the world who are hungry						

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Next Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, February 7, 2021