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



## Good Neighbor Experiment Small Groups

We encourage everyone to join a group and make 'good neighboring' a Lenten practice. We have created groups for every level of interest, from in depth study to fellowship and discussion. Contact Cindy Svec at [cindys@heritageumc.org](mailto:cindys@heritageumc.org) to sign-up. Groups will begin the week of Feb. 21 and will take place via Zoom.

### GROUPS YOU CAN JOIN

Monday evening 7:00 p.m. – Study Group

Tuesday 365 2:00 p.m.– add on to Bible 365 - shortened class

Tuesday Women's group 1:00 p.m. – Study Group

Tuesday evening 7:00 p.m. – gather for fellowship & conversation on neighboring

Wednesday Chat & Chew 12:00 p.m. – grab your lunch & be a part of a Study Group

Thursday evening 7:00 p.m. – Study Group

Wednesday Youth Bible Studies (MS & HS) – discussions on neighboring will be incorporated into youth studies

Men's Group—TBD

More groups forming & open to suggestions!

**Join us and help change the world one neighborhood at a time!**



What is Lent (and why should you care)?

Lent is a period of self-reflection in preparation for Christ's Resurrection on Easter. It is a time to refocus and with God's help live a more abundant life.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which is February 17th this year. It is a period of 40 days (We do not count Sundays). The reason that Sundays are not included is the Church considers every Sunday 'a little Easter.' This period is often called a journey because it gives us time to ponder, wander, reflect and return to the promises that were made in our Baptism, our Confirmation or our Profession of Faith. During the season of Lent, we are encouraged to feast on God's Word, worship, prayer and fast from the distractions that keep our focus away from God.

I challenge you to worship each Sunday and for the special services of Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday (4/1) and Good Friday (4/2). These services will give you time to reflect on God's enormous love for us.

I also invite you to take on the Good Neighbor Experiment as your (or one of your) spiritual practice/s. Choose to participate in a class, a group or series of conversations during Lent. Let us embrace the Great Commandment to love God with our whole being and love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus told us, loving God is the first and greatest commandment and loving our neighbor is like it. When we love our neighbors, we express our love for God by obeying him. We also participate in making God's kingdom come on earth by creating the kind of world that God wants for us. When we have good relationships with our neighbors, we create the kind of loving communities that God wants us to inhabit. When we freely share God's blessings (our abundance: our talents and resources), we treat others as God desires. When we have good relationships and share abundantly, we experience JOY! The joy of living as God intends for us to live. Isn't this what you want for yourself, your family, your friends and your neighbors? Good Neighbors, Good Neighborhoods and Good Communities.

Journey with us this Lent and prepare for the true gift of Easter! Claim God's promises for you! Prepare to celebrate with JOY on Easter as you embrace what Christ's resurrection means for us. Commit to follow Jesus the Christ!

Grace upon grace+

Pastor Maria



# HUMC FINANCE REPORT

	<u>Jan 2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
INCOME: ALL SOURCES	\$ 33,916.07	\$ 33,916.07
EXPENSES:	\$ 45,207.40	\$ 45,207.40
Surplus (shortfall)	<b>\$ -11,291.33</b>	<b>\$ -11,291.33</b>

We are off to a slow start this year, but we still managed to pay our 10% tithe for our Mission Shares in January. A check was sent in the amount of \$3400 to the conference. Trustees and staff are working hard to keep our expenses to a minimum, but we need your faithful giving to continue this year.

If you have questions regarding church finances, contact our Treasurer Brooke Fairchild at [brooke.r.fairchild@gmail.com](mailto:brooke.r.fairchild@gmail.com)

## LENTEN JOURNEY BAGS



Due to the extreme weather conditions expected and for the safety of our volunteers and congregation, the Lenten Journey Bag distribution scheduled for Sunday February 14th from 9:30-noon at Heritage House parking lot has been CANCELED.

The bags will be delivered to the homes of our congregation early next week. Please watch for them to arrive on your porch before Ash Wednesday.

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



**Ash Wednesday Service**  
**Wednesday, February 17th at 6:00pm**

**Due to the arctic temperatures we are having, we will be live streaming on our YouTube channel.**  
**Watch your email early next week for the direct link!**



## Holy Week and Easter Activities coming soon

### Easter Celebration



Our Easter Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, March 27. We are in the process of creating a team to make it happen. Due to covid we are thinking outside the box with how to do things a little differently than the way it has looked in the past. If you would like to help us be creative and reach out to our community with this event, please contact Dawn Beck at [dawnb@heritageumc.org](mailto:dawnb@heritageumc.org) or Melissa Barker at [melissab@heritageumc.org](mailto:melissab@heritageumc.org) for more details. The team will be meeting soon to make our plans.

### Prayer Vigil

Join Heritage UMC for a day of intentional, focused prayer. Can you dedicate 20 minutes on Monday of Holy Week to join others around the world in praying for unity? The goal is to create a prayer vigil in which someone is praying from 7am-7pm. Help us show unity through prayer.

Click here to sign up for a time slot:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FAAA72CA5FDC25-holy>

Sign-Up Guide:

1. Click the link above for the Sign-Up
2. Select your time slot THEN click 'Submit and Sign Up' at the bottom
3. Enter your name
4. Click 'Sign Up Now'



### Sunday School In A Bag

Everything you need for Sunday School during the Lenten season can be found in your Lenten Journey Bag. You can join us on Zoom or do the lessons on your own at home. It will even include some fun skits that include our youth for you to watch at home.

Zoom Times:

Preschool – 11:00 a.m.

Kindergarten/1st grade – 11:30 a.m.

2nd – 5th grade – 11:00 a.m.

If you would like to lead a Zoom or assist on a Zoom please contact Susie Bond at [susieb@heritageumc.org](mailto:susieb@heritageumc.org).



### Weekly Youth Activities

#### Sundays

9:30 am Watch Worship live or watch online anytime during the week

11:00 am Confirmation Class (zoom)

#### Wednesdays

5:00 pm Middle School Bible Study (zoom)

8:00 pm High School Bible Study (zoom)

**Check weekly emails for additional Youth activities!**

### FAITH JOURNALING

Let your creative juices flow in this journaling & doodling class for Youth & Adults. If you haven't tried it, you don't know what you're missing!

Next class is Saturday, Feb 13 at 9am.

Contact Ms Dawn to be added to the class email and have the zoom link sent to you.

### Things about SNOW

What do we talk about in Youth Bible studies each week? Lots of things! Last week we talked about snow! Test your "snow IQ" with this quiz:

**How many sides does a snowflake have?**

- a) 3
- b) 4
- c) 6
- d) all snowflakes have a different # of sides

**What color are snowflakes?**

- a) blue
- b) white
- c) multi-colored
- d) transparent

**How many times is the word snow mentioned in the Bible?**

- a) 24
- b) 5
- c) never
- d) 12

### Snow Quiz Answers -

1. The answer is c - even though every snowflake is unique and different, all snowflakes have 6 sides. Just like us! We are all different and have our own unique gifts, but we are ALL made in God's image!
2. The answer is d - individual snowflakes are transparent. It is the reflection of light and the coming together of all the transparent snowflakes that makes snow look white. Think about that! It is the light that makes the snow white, just like the light of Jesus shines on us, forgives us and makes us new like clean white snow.
3. The answer is a - There are 24 times that the word snow is mentioned in the Bible! Isn't it amazing that people in a desert land would talk about snow that many times? Snow represents purity and cleanliness. Jesus came to wash away our sin that we might be clean and pure like snow.

### **Something for you to do on these snowy cold days:**

Here are three scriptures that include the word snow. Look them up and see if you can find the other 21!

**Psalms 51:7, Proverbs 31:21, Isaiah 1:18**

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### **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](mailto:cindys@heritageumc.org) for the sign-up genius link and to sign up for a shift or two.

### **Heritage UMC Missions Team February Project**

During the month of February, we will be collecting hygiene items to be placed in "Hope Totes" for our community partners.

Full sized hygiene items needed include:

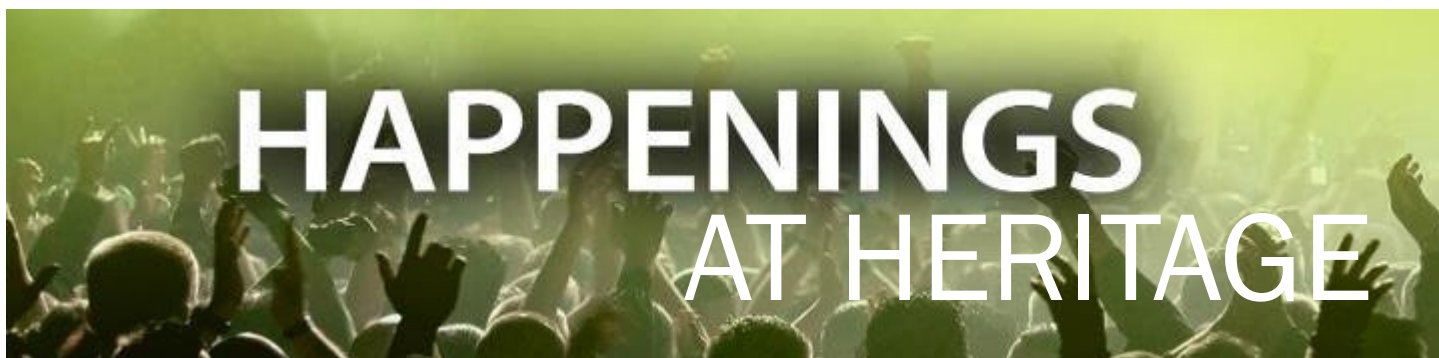
Toothpaste	Toothbrush
Shampoo	Deodorant
Bar soap	Wash Cloth
Comb	Disposable Razors



Donate a complete kit which would include 1 of each item listed or you can donate 8 toothbrushes, 5 full sized toothpaste, 6 deodorants, etc.

Drop off your donations at Missions Curbside on Sundays 9:30-11am at Heritage House Parking Lot, 12900 Quivira, OPKS.

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



## **A Message from SPRC and our Leadership Team**

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been changing and evolving to try to meet the needs of our congregation and beyond. We launched an online "campus" that continues to grow and change and will stay with us as a permanent fixture. In order to meet the needs of our changing church and continue to reach new people, a staff restructure was introduced to realign current staff responsibilities to better manage workload and focus on worship. Two major changes came from the restructure: the creation of a Director of Worship Engagement and the creation of a Worship Song Leader. Dawn Beck has accepted the role of Director of Worship Engagement and will lead and oversee all aspects of worship. Jacob Eppel has accepted the role of Worship Song Leader. Together, we believe these changes best position us to engage in inspiring worship services. Several tasks currently performed by other staff members will transition to Dawn and Jacob to ensure continuity in planning and worship.

The change from the restructure resulted in Susie Bond's current responsibilities of connectional ministry shifting to others. In order to retain Susie in a full-time role, as well as utilize her awesome talents, we saw this as an opportunity to create a position to centralize all activities related to children's and youth ministries into a single full-time role. This position was offered to Susie. After much prayerful consideration and dialog, including part-time arrangements, Susie declined the position and tendered her resignation. We are forever grateful for Susie and the lives she changed with the relationships she fostered showing the love of Christ. Please drop her a note to wish her well and let her know how she impacted you.

Blessings,

Gary Cinotto, Chair SPRC

BJ Clark, Chair Leadership Team

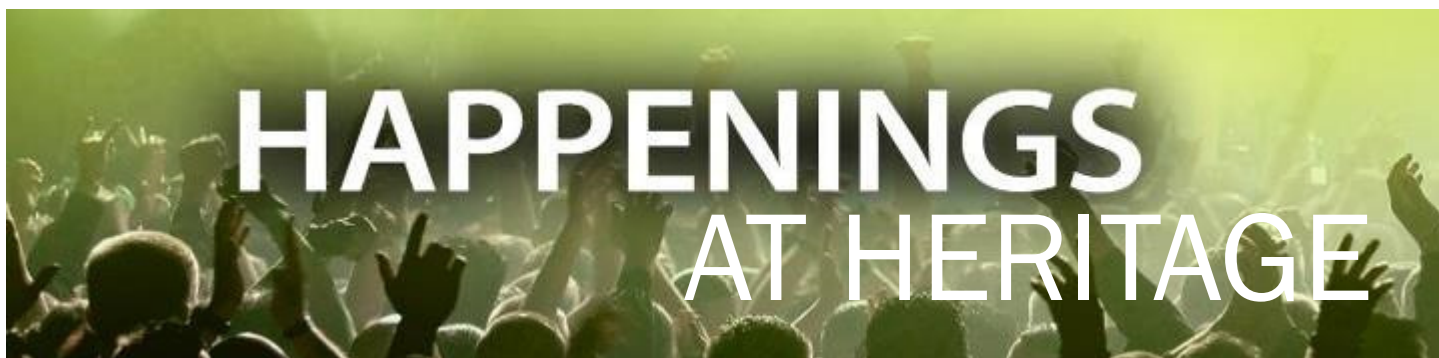
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## **Women's Coffee Chat**

Want to enjoy a little fun and fellowship to start off the week? Grab a cup of coffee and join us for a short devotion and sharing as we connect every Monday morning at 9:30am for Coffee Chat. All are welcome!

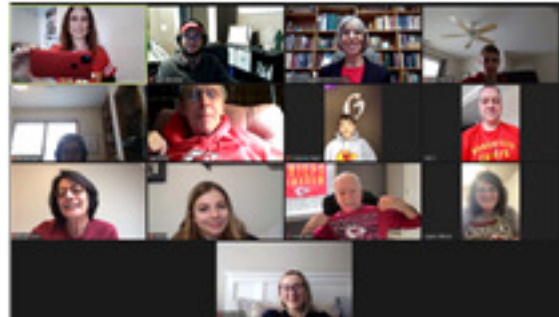
Use this zoom link, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85716085155?pwd=TkNSQndZeFBWNHZXKzhRaGJiM0g0QT09>, to join us or contact Cindy Svec, [cindys@heritageumc.org](mailto:cindys@heritageumc.org), for more info.





## WE LOVE OUR CONGREGATION AND WE LOVE OUR CHIEFS!

Here's some of our Heritage families in their Chief's gear watching worship last week. Share your Heritage worship selfies and photos with us so we can add a face to your name in the sanctuary and put on our photo wall at the church. Email photos to [dawnb@heritageumc.org](mailto:dawnb@heritageumc.org) or [staff@heritageumc.org](mailto:staff@heritageumc.org).



## Kansas City tops Tampa! (In food collection, not Super Bowl)

We all know how the Super Bowl came out on Sunday -- the Kansas City Chiefs lost to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, but, Kansas City was victorious on two other accounts. One, in food donations that pitted the KC District against the Gulf Central District in Florida, and two, in Lenexa St. Paul UMC against Horizon Church in Tampa, where the two pastors have been friends since divinity school.

The Gulf Central District in Florida collected 83,944 pounds of food with 39 churches participating. The KC District collected 275,269 – more than triple the amount – from 15 churches.

To read the full story click here: <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/newsdetail/kc-tampa-rivalry-benefits-food-distribution-15025545>





March 01	Joel Dragoo	March 13	Wilma Armstrong
March 08	Janet Fields	March 15	Robert Hazeltine
March 09	Troy Cook	March 15	Bryce Anson
March 09	Jennifer Walker	March 17	DJ Hatton
March 09	Quinn Van Dyke	March 18	Erin Green
March 10	Gabbie Baiza	March 20	Larry Nokes
March 10	Beth Welland	March 23	Doug Grossenbacher
March 12	Alex Baiza	March 24	Daryl Davis
March 12	Jim Mallinckrodt	March 27	Mackenzi Beck

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Jayce Anson, Elliott Bowman, Porter Henderleiter, Brynn Marshall,  
Greyson Sayers, Brenden Swanson

*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.\*\***

# March 2021 HUMC Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Those who experience discrimination	2 Peace Corps volunteers	3 Musicians	4 Those struggling with cancer	5 Employee Appreciation	6 Persecuted churches & Christians around the world
7 Scientists	8 Women of the world	9 Artists	10 Sisters	11 Those affected by earthquakes	12 Those suffering from kidney disease	13 Girl Scouts
14 Sunday School teachers	15 Teenagers	16 Those needing comfort	17 Those who do good	18 Sons and daughters	19 Those who share the gospel	20 Spring and rebirth
21 Heritage Staff	22 Those who have hurt us	23 Single parents	24 Those who make us laugh	25 Those who speak a different language	26 Faithful followers of Christ	27 Those who are generous
28 Those studying abroad	29 Vietnam veterans	30 Doctors	31 Unity and diversity			

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**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Sunday, March 7, 2021