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



Holy Week at Heritage

Holy Week on-your-own Activity - We encourage you to pull your Stations of the Cross Kit out of your Lenten Journey Bag this week and find a quiet place to reflect and pray through the Stations of the Cross.

Saturday, March 27 – Outdoor Easter Celebration at 10:00am– bring your kids and join us as we celebrate Easter's coming with games and activities outside in the parking lot and front lawn. We will have an Easter egg hunt in a bag to go home with each child.

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday online and limited in person worship at 9:30am

Sunday, March 28– Parking Lot Palm Parade outside at 10:30am- Everyone is invited! Join our palm parade around the grounds of Heritage. We will be waving our palms in the air & singing Hosanna! Families, couples, and individuals of all ages are invited.

Monday, March 29– Online Prayer Vigil sign up for a time to pray at:

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

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday online and limited in-person worship at 6:30pm

Friday, April 2 – Walk with Jesus Good Friday Experience at 6:30pm -Experience walking to the cross with Jesus. Join us for this outdoor event filled with scripture and prayer and take a reflective walk through Jesus' last days.

Sunday, April 4 -Easter online and limited in person worship at 9:30am

Easter Parking Lot Service at 11:00am– all are welcome

For questions about Holy Week activities or worship, call us at the church office 913-897-6446 or contact Dawn at dawnb@heritageumc.org.



It's only the beginning... Those words can hold great excitement but they can also hold terror. When we see those ominous clouds roll in during Spring, we know what is about to happen. We have choices but they are about taking shelter and being safe. There are also those moments when those words herald a new adventure. The sun is shining, the air is fresh and all we can envision is full of hope and excitement. Of course, as humans we tend to prefer joy and peace over fear and destruction. Truth be told, we learn from both situations.

But there are all those other moments in-between. Some of them even have a combination of the two. A little bit new adventure mixed with some fear and trepidation. Sometimes it is relocation, a new position or a change in your family system. All change brings some unsettling of our routine, as well as, the opportunity for growth. Even the adoption of a kitten or puppy can cause enormous change in the family dynamics. Who will take on the responsibilities? How will their siblings respond (human and feline or canine)? Ah, but the rewards! Another being to love and love you unconditionally. (Yes, cat families I know it does appear to be conditional at times. But who could put a price on purrs?)

For the followers of Jesus, change was coming. They had hope that their lives would get better. They had hope that he would change the world. And yes, he did but not as they had expected. They walked with him to Jerusalem. They shouted Hosanna along with the crowd on Palm Sunday. They cried to see him hanging from a cross. He told them what would happen but there was no way for them to fully understand. When it was fulfilled and he had risen, they were terrified! BUT IT WAS NOT OVER!

It's only the beginning... From the moment they arrived at the tomb to find him missing, their world was changed in a way they could not have anticipated. Yes, what he predicted, did happen. Yes, he really was the Messiah! Yes, they would have to remember all that he said and did because they would have to continue his work. That day their mission changed! They were the ones who had to tell the story of God's love. First the news would have to spread among his followers and then, the world.

It's only the beginning... of the Good News of Jesus Christ. He came to save us so that we might have life and have it abundantly. That is the story that we must tell. That is how it begins. It begins with us sitting with a friend when they need us. It begins by sharing how our own lives have been changed. It begins by doing the very things Jesus did, just as his early followers were commanded. It begins by exuding gratefulness for all we are and all we have been given. It begins by loving others as we are loved by God. Nothing fancy or particularly astute...just honest sharing about the love of God in our lives.

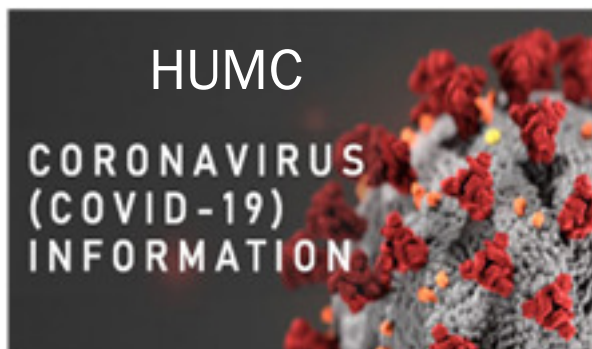
It's only the beginning... there is more Good News: Jesus intentionally came to save us! God loves us that much! "What wondrous love is this?" Invite everyone you know to hear the story. Be a Good Neighbor...share God's love!

Grace upon grace+
Pastor Maria



	<u>Feb 2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
INCOME: ALL SOURCES	\$ 36,272.19	\$ 70,188.26
EXPENSES:	\$ 43,791.99	\$ 88,999.39
Surplus (shortfall)	\$ -7,519.80	\$ -18,811.13

We continue to fall behind in February and ask each of you to renew your commitment to be faithful stewards of God's gifts. As a church community, we are honoring our commitment to tithe 10% to our Mission Shares for February. A check was sent in the amount of \$3500 to the conference the first week of March for our mission share tithe. Trustees and staff are working hard to keep our expenses to a minimum. If you have questions regarding church finances, contact our Treasurer Brooke Fairchild at brooke.r.fairchild@gmail.com



An Update on Reopening

The Leadership Team is working on a plan to safely reopen in-person worship. The church has started with in-person attendance to practice the protocols and train the Worship team. We are currently trying to limit the congregation size to about 25 people. These training services are vital to our reopening plan as we establish best practices for recommended safety measures.

We plan to reopen for in-person worship on Sunday, April 11th, as long as community positivity rates and other indicators continue to trend positively. In order to maintain distancing requirements, we must limit capacity to 25% or just shy of 50 people. Please reach out to Dawn Beck, Director of Worship Engagement, if you are interested in attending.

We each have a role to ensure the safety of others while worshiping in person. As attendance is confirmed, you will receive a list of protocols to follow while in the church. It's important to adhere to the protocols so we can protect our congregation while moving forward with our reopening plan.

We will provide additional information closer to April 11th. If you have questions, please contact Dawn Beck or a member of the Leadership Team.

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Sunday School

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 includes some fun skits that include our youth for you to watch at home. Check them out on our YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCO5G0-sCtrsKGa_RDRH4h9w

Zoom Times:

Preschool – 11:00 a.m.

Kindergarten/1st grade – 11:30 a.m.

2nd – 5th grade – 11:00 a.m.

If you need a zoom link to join us or have any questions, please contact us at staff@heritageumc.org

A Parting Message from Miss Susie

Dear Heritage,

I just wanted to thank all of you for your kind emails and cards. You are all family to me, and I will miss being a part of Heritage very much. Heritage was a second home for me, and my children and I will forever be grateful for that. I have such fond memories of potlucks, church celebrations, VBS, Bible Studies, pumpkin onloading, youth auctions and so much more. But what I will miss the most is all the personal interactions – catching up on your lives, laughing together and even crying together. I will carry my memories of Heritage with me always.

It is never easy to say good-bye and honestly, I hope it is not goodbye. If I can ever do anything to help you in any way, don't hesitate to reach out. I am just an email or phone call away. I know God is at work in all of this, so I have no doubt our paths will cross again. May we all continue to worship, grow and serve wherever we may be.

In parting, I leave you with the word of God that has always guided me.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Never forget how much you are loved by our amazing God!

Joy to you,

Miss Susie



Need service hours?

We are looking for Youth helpers for the outdoor Easter Celebration on Saturday, March 27 at 10 am.

We need readers and actors for the outside Prayer Experience on Good Friday, April 2 at 6:30 pm.

Would you like to be a liturgist or serve as an usher or greeter for Sunday morning worship?

Email Ms Dawn, dawnb@heritageumc.org to help with any of these service opportunities at Heritage.

Ms Dawn's Lenten Scripture Challenge for Youth

Find each scripture in your Bible, read it, then choose to do one of the following: write a reflection or draw a picture about the scripture or what the scripture means to you. The first Youth to send me their completed challenge (40 scriptures with pictures and/or reflections for each scripture) will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card from Youth Ministries! Any student who completes all or part of the challenge and turns their scripture reflections and/or drawings in to Ms Dawn by Easter (the end of Lent) will receive a prize!

40 Lent Scriptures

TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD

- Day 1 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8
- Day 2 "And he is the image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:15
- Day 3 "Come, all you who are thirsty." Is. 55:1
- Day 4 "And from them will flow streams of living waters." John 7:38
- Day 5 "He is the firstborn over all creation." Colossians 1:15
- Day 6 "My ways are not your ways, nor my thoughts your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8
- Day 7 "There is a way that seems right to a person, but in the end, it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12
- Day 8 "Arise and shine for your light has come." Isaiah 60:1
- Day 9 "And the people living in darkness have seen a great light." Matthew 4:16
- Day 10 "No servant is greater than His master." Matthew 10:24
- Day 11 "That he lays down his life for his friends." John 15:13
- Day 12 "In you, we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28
- Day 13 "I have set before you an open door which no man can shut." Rev 3:8
- Day 14 "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6
- Day 15 "In the beginning, God created." Genesis 1:1
- Day 16 "I looked and saw a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and tongue, standing before the Lamb." Rev 7:9
- Day 17 "Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5
- Day 18 "There is no language where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19:3
- Day 19 "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10
- Day 20 "You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14
- Day 21 "A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14
- Day 22 "No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
- Day 23 "I am the beginning and the end." Rev 21:6
- Day 24 "According to the eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 3:11
- Day 25 "I was dead, and behold, now I am alive forever more." Rev 1:18
- Day 26 "I hold the keys to death and Hell." Rev 1:18
- Day 27 "There is no one who can snatch them out of my hand." John 10:18
- Day 28 "And we have put our trust in His love." 1 John 4:16
- Day 29 "And lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:24
- Day 30 "How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those that fear you." Psalm 31:19
- Day 31 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 5:3
- Day 32 "All who come after me must deny themselves, pick up their cross, and follow me." Luke 9:23
- Day 33 "In your light, we see light." Psalm 36:9
- Day 34 "But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life and only a few find it." Matthew 7:14
- Day 35 "There is no other name under heaven by which men must be saved." Acts 4:12
- Day 36 "Truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3
- Day 37 "If you seek me, you will find me, if you seek me with your whole heart." Jeremiah 29:13
- Day 38 "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." Romans 10:8
- Day 39 "Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:32
- Day 40 "When he found one very precious pearl, he sold all he had and bought it." Matthew 13:46



Missions Curbside-

Thank you for all the generous donations to the Missions Team at Missions curbside. We will continue to accept donations weekly at Heritage House Parking Lot on Sundays 9:30-11 am. Stop by with your donations. If you are interested in volunteering at Missions curbside, contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org for the sign up link.

All are welcome to work a shift and help collect donations in support of our community partners!

HERITAGE UMC MISSIONS TEAM

During the month of **March** we are collecting donations for Cross-Lines Community Outreach sack lunch program. Sack lunches are given to their working clients daily after breakfast.

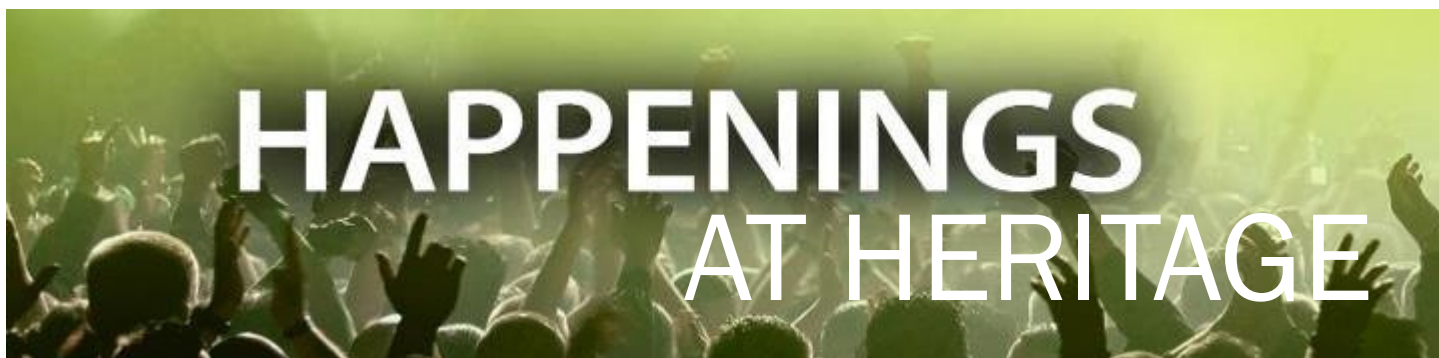
Drop off needed items at Missions Curbside
Sundays 9:30-11 am at Heritage House Parking Lot

Needed Items:

- Applesauce cups
- Fruit cups
- Box of granola bars
- Bag of individually packaged potato chips
- Box of individually packaged cookies



Questions, contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org



WE WANT YOU

We want you as our Liturgists, Ushers, Greeters, as a part of our AV Team and as Online Chat Monitors, Readers & Actors for our Good Friday outside Walk with Jesus Experience. Be a part of the worship experience and join us!

Contact Dawn to find out more and to sign up to help in any of these areas.
dawnb@heritageumc.org.

Did you know we take attendance? If you watch our live online worship service and can sign in to the chat feature, let us know who is watching and even where you are watching from so we can track your attendance. If you watch from your tv and can't chat or watch the recorded version of worship, we would still like to know you are watching. Email us at staff@heritageumc.org or simply go to our website to enter your name into each week's attendance. Thanks!



Good Neighbor Experiment Small Groups-

It is not too late to join a Good Neighbor small group and join in the fun as we see what the Holy Spirit does through the practice of loving your neighbor as yourself.

Contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org, for class zoom links and more info.

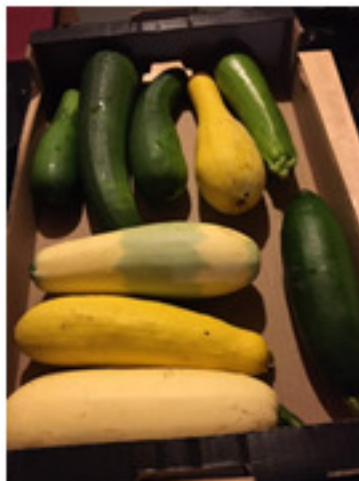


Many hands make light work. Join us for the church spring word day on Saturday Morning April 10th. Contact Bob Svec at rjsvec62@gmail.com for more information.

HAPPENINGS AT HERITAGE

Featured Garden: Heritage Community Garden- Overland Park, KS

This Big Garden project located at Heritage United Methodist Church (12900 Quivira Rd., Overland Park, KS 66213) is the Heritage Community Garden. This garden oasis is run by Wally and Steve! The garden serves the community with fresh produce for the local food pantry. It's a vibrant garden with productive soil and skilled gardeners! Check it out next time you are in the area!



The above is an article from the Big Garden Newsletter.

It will soon be planting time and our community garden will come to life. If you would like more information about the garden or would like to make a donation, please let the church office know and they can provide you with a garden brochure. All of our individual plots are currently spoken for but if you would like a plot, let the office, Steve Mitts, or Wally Grant know and we will try to accommodate. We would love to start a small fruit orchard to also provide fresh fruit to the food pantries but need someone willing to accept the responsibility to provide leadership to such an effort.



April 02 Austin Cardwell

April 03 Sharon Keller

April 03 Derek DeVries

April 06 Keith Paden

April 06 Karlee Barlows

April 08 Laura Schwery

April 08 Sophie Ponnuru

April 08 Lucas Butler

April 09 Allison Dragoo

April 09 Madison Barker

April 09 Jodi (Nina) Picard

April 09 Allison Dragoo

April 10 Kenda Worsfold

April 10 Katie Graves

April 11 Walker Heavin

April 11 Anne Hlasney

April 12 Mila Galle

April 12 Linda Siders

April 14 Dan Baiza

April 16 Lori Mitts

April 16 Sonia Fulton

April 18 Catherine Lancelotta

April 18 Heather Traul

April 18 Jim Siders

April 21 Joy Preacher

April 21 Leon "Jerry" Greene

April 22 Marilyn Anson

April 25 Nicholas Moeller

April 27 Andy Graves

April 28 Jim Keever

April 28 Madison Melton

April 29 Kenny Watkins

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.****

April 2020 HUMC Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Those suffering from child abuse	2 Those having conflicts in the workplace	3 Those suffering from obesity
4 Inventors	5 Those who cannot see	6 Mathematicians	7 Siblings	8 Pets	9 Gardeners	10 Flowering trees
11 Comedians	12 Those affected by hail storms	13 Our Worship Leaders	14 Those who need encouragement	15 Honesty	16 Cyclists	17 Faithfulness
18 Christ's Resurrection and the forgiveness of sins	19 Charities	22 Humility	21 Administrative professionals	22 God's will	23 Those struggling with infertility	24 Strength and endurance
25 Increased love and unity	26 Curiosity	27 Overcoming bad habits	28 Neighbors	29 Those with autism	30 Inner peace	

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Next Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, April 11, 2021