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



Dear Heritage Family,

The Leadership Team of Heritage United Methodist Church is excited to safely welcome you back to in-person worship with fewer restrictions and a higher degree of "normal"!

If you'd like to attend in-person worship, please join us starting this Sunday, April 18th at our 9:30am service. There's no need to pre-register.

We ask that anyone over the age of 4 please wear a mask and join us to sing and praise together!

Please enter through the main entrance Fellowship Hall doors. Our greeters and ushers are looking forward to welcoming you on Sunday and will provide direction as you arrive. The North doors will be open to those in need of a handicap entrance.

If you'd like to read more about everything we are doing to keep our congregation safe, a detailed list can be found **HERE** on our <http://heritageumc.org> website.

The Leadership Team will continue to monitor community health trends and CDC/local guidance to evaluate and adjust our protocols, as needed. We will update you with changes and appreciate your support through these fluid times. Our goal is to keep everyone as safe as possible. Anyone who is not comfortable attending in-person worship is welcome and encouraged to participate in services online.

Please direct any questions to the church staff and/or any member of the Leadership Team. We look forward to seeing our Heritage Family together again in worship!

BJ Clark, Bob Kimmich, Brian Sheets, Brooke Fairchild, Gary Cinotto, Jane Davis, Jeff Hallam, Julie Dragoo, Kenda Worsford, Lee Herring, Maria Campbell, Mindy Welland (youth representative), Sonia Fulton

# PASTOR'S PEN

*A word from the heart*



## Springtime in Kansas

As I sit at my computer, it is raining! The whole world out my window is being refreshed with a gentle cleansing drizzle. Every tree branch has flowers or leaves beginning to emerge. The grass is that vibrant early-spring green. The birds chirp with melodious delight. God has smiled upon all creation and declares, 'It is good!'

Easter found us outside the tomb peeking in. We lingered because we try to understand. We try to name our confusion. We know the story. We believe the tomb was empty. Christ is risen! And we rejoice and celebrate God's victory over death. But how can we hold on to the joy?

We are an Easter people! We proclaim the Resurrection and Jesus as our Savior. Yet life feels just like it was before Good Friday. There is work to be done, bills to pay and claims on our time coming from every direction. What does it look like to live resurrection lives?

We believe that we are saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus. We believe that means after death we will live in the light of God's presence. That is certainly comforting. But what difference does it make right here, right now?

As committed followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to LIVE as Jesus showed us to live. We are called to love God with our whole being (mind, body and spirit) and love our neighbors as ourselves. But that might take some changes in us. As people who are saved by God's grace, we are called to see our neighbors the same way. They are also made in God's image for a special purpose. Just like us, their purpose is to take part in growing God's kingdom. You might think but they sure don't act that way. It's true, they might not. They may need to be loved and cared for first to help them become loving. They may need to be accepted just as they are and with God's help that will help them love themselves. It is our job (according to God) to be a GOOD NEIGHBOR. God asks us to love our neighbor, even if the other person doesn't love us. Just like God loved us before we knew or loved God. Living the Good News (Resurrection Living) is about enjoying our life as God wants us to live them. God invites us to take part in God's KINGDOM-LIVING right now. First, we need to recognize that we are loved. We need to see the beauty of all God has created just for us. We need to acknowledge that we are blessed and respond by wanting to bless others. We need to accept truth that we have been served by God and begin to serve others to demonstrate our love for God. We are being filled with the Holy Spirit each day and empowered to be courageous and joyous.

Let's ENGAGE in Living the Good News each day! What can you do today to show love for your neighbor? Send a card? Deliver some brownies? Mow their lawn? Offer to pet-sit when they travel? Listen to their stories? Whatever it takes: be the kind of neighbor that God wants you to be!

Be the Good News!

*Pastor Maria*




# HUMC FINANCE REPORT


	<u>Feb 2021</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>
INCOME: ALL SOURCES	\$ 44,497.06	\$ 114,685.32
EXPENSES:	(\$44,563.56)	(\$133,562.95)
Surplus (shortfall)	(\$66.50)	(\$18,877.63)

The Leadership Team is closely monitoring our financial picture and a decision was made not to make a March mission share payment. We are hoping that as we reopen to in person worship, giving will pick up and we can make additional mission share payments in the future. If you have questions regarding church finances, contact our Treasurer Brooke Fairchild at [brooke.r.fairchild@gmail.com](mailto:brooke.r.fairchild@gmail.com)


## Four Ways to Give to Heritage




1. In person



2. Mail to the church office



3. Text  
844-610-0379



4. Online at  
[www.heritageumc.org](http://www.heritageumc.org)

Many of you have asked about the safety and security of our giving provider Vanco, we have reached out to them and here is their statement.

At Vanco, we take protecting the security and privacy of all our clients' payment information and transactions very seriously. That's why we utilize the most advanced technology and follow the most stringent guidelines to ensure all your information remains secure. And to ensure we adapt seamlessly to any changes in technology or the business environment, we review our security measures and policies continuously. You should always be able to trust how your information is handled by your payment solutions provider.

As part of our comprehensive security and privacy safeguards, we only collect the pertinent information required to perform your payment transactions. And, that information is stored in Vanco's secure system and only used when needed to fulfill your requests and services.





### Save the date!!!

#### VBS 2021

Knights of the North Castle

Evenings this summer

July 11- July 15

### Sunday School

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](mailto:staff@heritageumc.org)



We have some exciting things planned for Youth Ministries this summer!

We are going **mini golfing** again! Look for details from Ms. Dawn.

**Zip-lining!** Erin Clark is our parent lead for this activity.

**Godspell at Starlight Theatre in June!** Beth Welland is our parent lead for this activity.

**Mission Weekend and Worship in Kansas City** - Details coming soon! Looking for parents to help Ms. Dawn plan this weekend.

We will be helping at **Heritage VBS**, evenings July 11-15. Contact Ms. Dawn or Elise Mashburn to sign-up now for the area you want to help!

Gather with friends at **DQ and Sonic Days** this summer!

**Family Campout** – This is something the youth really want to do. I'm looking for someone to help plan this event.





**MISSIONS CURBSIDE**  
**SUNDAYS 9:30-11:00 AM**  
**HERITAGE HOUSE PARKING LOT**  
**DONATIONS WELCOMED**

**NOW ACCEPTING:**

- Non perishable food items for Local Food Pantry
- Diapers and Diaper wipes for Growing Futures
- Hy-Vee Receipts and Box Tops for Mahaffie Elementary
- Pop Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- Full sized hygiene items for Hope Totes
- New and gently used winter coats
- New and gently used elementary aged books for The HUB

**Thank you for your support of our community partners!**

## *Missions Call to Action*

During the month of April, we will be collecting Diapers and Diaper wipes for Growing Futures.

Growing Futures is a community-based, comprehensive early education program that gives young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life. Growing Futures is a not-for-profit 501C 3 organization that relies on support from government grants, private foundations and generous individuals in the community who donate their resources to make their program a success.

Drop off donations at Heritage UMC Missions Curbside: Sundays 9:30-11am  
 Heritage House Parking Lot, 12900 Quivira Road, Overland Park, KS 66213

**Pass the word and invite others to join us in caring for our community!**





## Good Neighbor Experiment

Welcome to the Good Neighbor Experiment. We just wrapped up Labs 1 & 2 with several of our small groups and how fun it has been to learn more about our neighbors and the gifts we can share with one another.

We will be re-offering the Good Neighbor curriculum in May and June. It is a short 6-week discussion study which is the combination of fostering long-term relationships with the people who live near to you, focusing on the abundance of gifts they possess and following joy as it leads you toward authenticity.

The Good Neighbor Experiment is not a tool to convert your neighbors to Christianity, or to attend Heritage UMC. It is an opportunity to love our neighbors, get to know them and foster a relationship with them.

Contact Cindy Svec, [cindys@heritageumc.org](mailto:cindys@heritageumc.org), for more info and to join a Good Neighbor small group today!



## Graduate Recognition in May newsletter

We will be recognizing those graduating from high school, college, trade schools and post-graduate programs in next month's newsletter. Please send the following graduate information to Dawn Beck,

[dawnb@heritageumc.org](mailto:dawnb@heritageumc.org) by April 30:

Graduate name- Parent name(s) -Graduating from what school? - Degree—Plans after graduation (school attending, field of study, employment, etc.)

**Graduation Sunday is May 16!** We will be celebrating all our graduates during worship on Sunday May 16 at 9:30 am. More information coming!

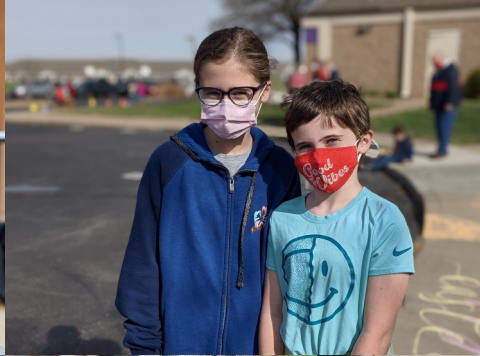
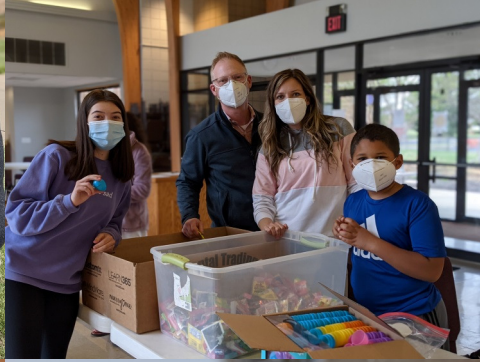


## Can you help us reach our neighbors?

We are working to boost our online presence to reach more of our neighbors and we need your help. Would you be willing to post a review on Google? Posting a review on google helps us improve our church's search ranking so that we can connect with more of our neighbors when they are doing "hear me" searches such as "church near me". Please consider sharing a google review for Heritage United Methodist Church. Click this link to go there now: <https://g.page/r/CZe1pE2FUSc-EAq/review>



Easter Celebration



Prayer Labyrinth





Palm Sunday Parade



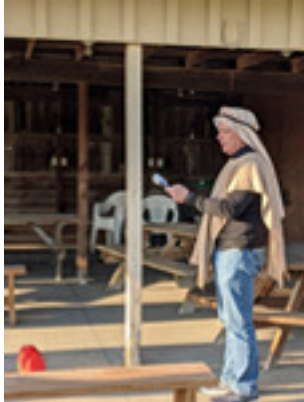
Easter Sunday







Good Friday Walk with Jesus







## MISSIONS & SERVICE TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Volunteer on Sundays 9:30-11am at Missions Curbside at Heritage House Parking Lot
- Volunteer once a month to help deliver food donations to the local food pantry
- Volunteer to replenish ice and water at the Water Bottle Ministry receptacles on the front lawn daily June thru August
- Volunteer on the 1st Saturday of the month and deliver Cross-Lines commodities boxes to community seniors in Overland Park
- Volunteer on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10-Noon at Heritage House sorting donations and packing items
- Volunteer as needed to deliver congregational care meals to home bound members
- Volunteer quarterly writing congregational care cards to home bound members

Volunteers of all ages are invited and encouraged to participate and support our community partners and congregation.

Contact Cindy Svec, [cindys@heritageumc.org](mailto:cindys@heritageumc.org), for more info and to sign-up for a shift to volunteer!





05/01 Jack Melton  
 05/04 Tracy Sampat  
 05/04 Suzanne Berkey  
 05/05 Jeina Stoumbaugh  
 05/05 Henry Jessen  
 05/06 Vaughan Mohlman  
 05/06 Jake Mohlman  
 05/06 Luke Mohlman  
 05/06 Jacob Loper  
 05/06 William Washington  
 05/06 Hudson Fairchild  
 05/06 Hallie Fairchild  
 05/06 Deb Gerdes  
 05/09 Annette Lagerstrom

05/10 Cheryl Johnson  
 05/12 Alec Fitts  
 05/13 Alexandria Brannan  
 05/14 Susie Bond  
 05/22 Sondra Brown  
 05/23 Drew Van Dyke  
 05/23 Patrick Newell  
 05/24 Linda Gaul  
 05/24 Jeff DeVries  
 05/26 Linda Hardman  
 05/27 Brian Sheets  
 05/28 Jacob Hadley  
 05/29 Thelma Hazeltine

Celebrating baptisms at Heritage! - Hudson Gatlin Fairchild and Hallie Grace Fairchild, son & daughter of Jordan and Brooke Fairchild, grandchildren of Doug and Penny Grossenbacher, were baptized on March 28. Welcome Hallie & Hudson!



*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.\*\***

# May 2021 HUMC Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1. May Day/ Spring
2 Laughter	3 Equal pay for equal work	4 Those suffering from asthma	5 Spiritual leaders	6 Nurses	7 Pharmaceutical researchers	8 Those who study the Gospel
9 Mothers and grandmothers	10 Transparent, meaningful relationships	11 God's comfort	12 Faithful giving	13 Those suffering from hepatitis	14 Knowledge & understanding of God's will	15 Families
16 Turning disappointments into opportunities	17 Best friends	18 Those serving in the armed forces	19 Those suffering from Lyme disease	20 Rescue dogs	21 Cultural diversity	22 Strength to resist temptation
23 Courage through adversity	24 Trust in Jesus	25 Wisdom to learn from mistakes	26 Inventors	27 Access to education	28 Those with speech and hearing concerns	29 Co-workers
30 Those suffering from multiple sclerosis	31 Loved ones no longer with us					

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### Next Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, May 10, 2021