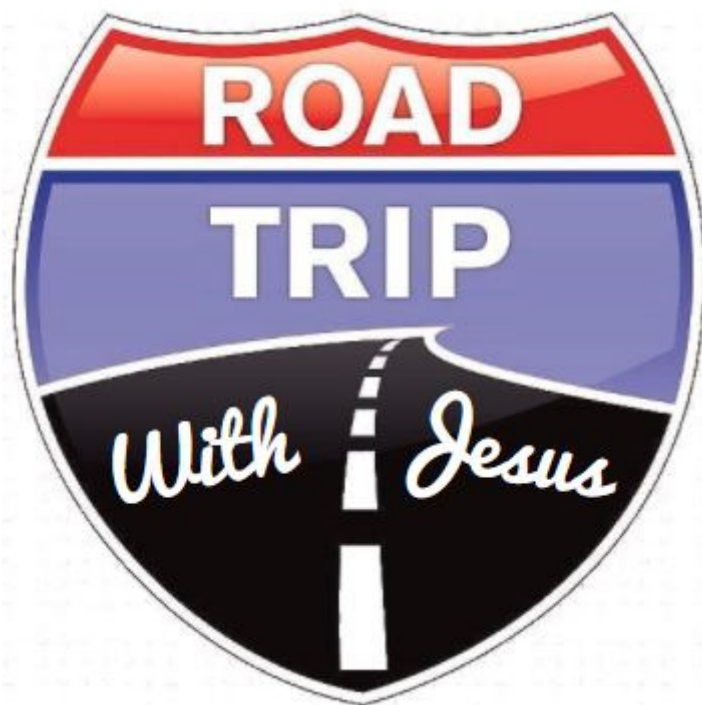


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Worship, Grow, Serve to see transformed lives reflecting the love of Christ.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH FOR KIDS COMING THIS SUMMER!

Our summer series, "Road Trip with Jesus" will kick off in-person on Sunday, June 6 for children ages 4yrs through 5th grade. Children's Church will be held during the 9:30 worship service. More details to come.

Help Wanted: adult, parent, and youth "tour guides" to join us on the journey. For more information, please contact Elise Mashburn at :elisemashburn@gmail.com

A family room is currently available for parents with small children during worship. Room 115 is located off the hallway behind the sanctuary. The service is played live on a TV in this room for parents who might need a quiet place for children during the service.

PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

Years ago I collected postcards, like other people collect coins and art. I shared my interest with my family and friends and encouraged them to send me postcards when they traveled. I must admit that I was my most enthusiastic contributor. Whenever we went anywhere, even day trips, I would find a postcard to commemorate the event. It didn't take long until I had filled numerous albums and special boxes with postcards from around the world.

Through the years, collecting lost its appeal. I began devoting my time and attention to other needs in the world around me. But to this day whenever I come across a postcard in a book or a drawer, I pause and delight in the front cover and the words that accompanied its journey to me. Postcards remind us that our loved ones and friends are thinking of us when they are away. We remind them that they are on our mind while we travel when we send one. Postcards are a way to keep us connected...engaged in one another's lives.

Last year as we were beginning to understand that the pandemic was NOT going to be over in a month or two, I reminded us that we were "apart together." Even though we could not worship together in-person, thanks to your generosity and the hard work of our AV team, we were still worshipping together.

We learned that although ZOOM and Facetime are no replacement for being in each other's physical presence, we could still look into one another's eyes. Connection is essential to our understanding of who we are as followers of Jesus. The Great Commandment reminds us to love God with our whole being and love one another. This bond---this abiding in Christ---calls us to constantly be seeking ways to remain connected and engaged.



Yet summer is always a time when we are pulled in many directions. Vacations and short trips will take us to places that our hearts long to see, especially after a year of sheltering in. I praise God that wherever we are, we can still worship together online. Some of us just might be viewing worship in the mountains, others in the desert, and still others by the ocean. We need this time to celebrate and rejoice that we are alive. Although our lives will be forever changed, we have faced adversity and are here to look toward the future.

I want us to celebrate life. A great way for us to celebrate each other as we travel is to SEND POSTCARDS to the church. Send yours and we will display them in Fellowship Hall so we can all CELEBRATE your adventures. Our sermon series starting June 6th will be Postcards: Past and Present.

Let's engage in connections in all the ways that we can. Let's be creative as we expand our in-person gathering possibilities. Come celebrate our Graduates on May 16 and Celebrate our Confirmants on May 23. We will have a reception outdoors for both events after worship. Our youth and children have done a lot of adjusting this past year. Let's show them that we are proud of their accomplishments.

Let's be Good Neighbors at home and at church. If God is with us, who could stand against us?

Grace to you and Joy+

Pastor Maria



HUMC FINANCE REPORT

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY	April	Year to Date
Income	\$ 32,797.72	\$ 147,483.04
Expenses	(\$58,594.47)	(\$192,157.42)
TOTAL	(\$25,796.75)	(\$44,674.38)

Mission Shares Paid	Month	Year to Date
	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 9,000.00

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

Four Ways to Give to Heritage



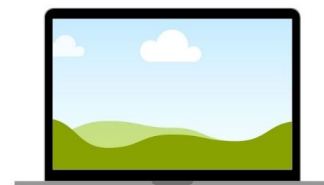
1. In person



2. Mail to the church office



3. Text
844-610-0379

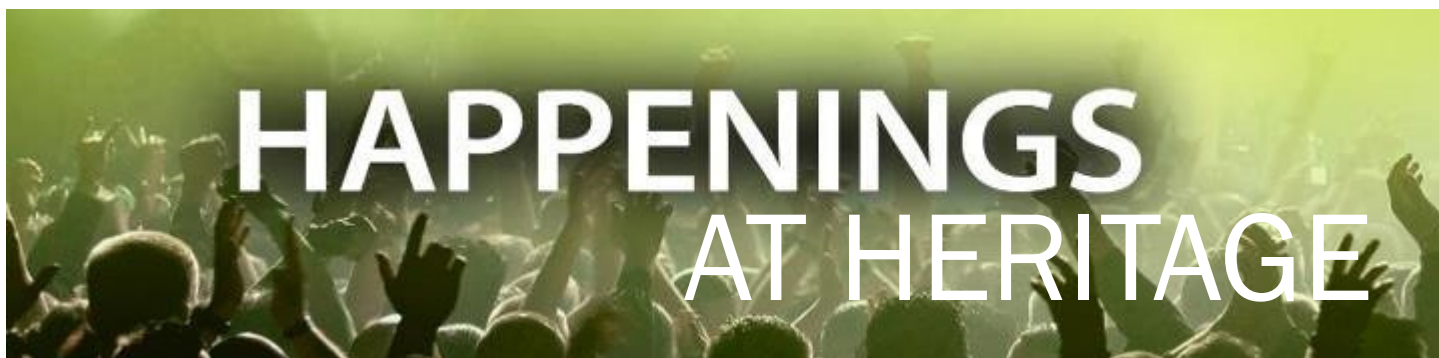


4. Online at
www.heritageumc.org

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.



Join us for Coffee Connection!

Sunday, June 6

Coffee Connection is the first step in becoming a member of Heritage. But it is not just for those new to Heritage! Coffee Connection is open to everyone! It is

for anyone who would like to learn more about our church, our mission, and our vision. Come learn about Heritage and spend some time in conversation with Pastor Maria. Don't drink coffee? No worries! There will

be something for everyone! Coffee Connection is Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Although it is not required, we would love to know you are coming, so please RSVP to

Dawn Beck at dawnb@heritageumc.org.



Women's Weekly Coffee Chat Mondays 9:30-10:30am

Join us weekly for a little coffee and time for some fun and fellowship via zoom meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85716085155?pwd=TkNSQndZeFBWNHZXKzhRaGJiM0g0QT09>

Contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org, to learn more about Adult Small Group Opportunities!

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Heritage United Methodist Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Heritage United Methodist Church" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app





JOIN US THIS SUMMER AS WE CELEBRATE BEING TOGETHER AGAIN

June : **Pray together** with the family Summer of Kindness activities

July: **Play together** as we bring back VBS

August: **Celebrate together** fun & fellowship with a Chalk Art & Worship Palooza Weekend.



SUMMER OF KINDNESS

Come together with the Great Plains conference, Rio Texas and Michigan Conferences as we use our gifts to create a Summer of Kindness. Click on this link <https://buff.ly/3vAqsTU> for an activity packet full of Prayer practices, rituals, and activities for faith formation wherever you may be.

You will find fun ways for your family to grow in God's love together as you participate in the activities during the summer.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN A BOX FAMILY ACTIVITIES

What is Annual Conference? Who is the bishop? What does abide mean? Kids can explore the answers to these questions with Annual Conference in a box. The downloadable packet includes a variety of activities that kids can do at home with minimal supplies, including taking Bishop Saenz on some adventures.

[Download the kit here.](#)



VBS 2021 July 11-15 6:00pm-7:45pm

Click on the link below to register for VBS. Registration is open for children from PK –5th grade and for all volunteers.

<https://heritageumc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Missions Curbside has moved back to the main building.

Curbside drop off will be available from 9:15am – 11am in Fellowship Hall and at curbside in the circle drive of the main church building.

Missions Team volunteers will be able to accept donations from friends attending in-person worship before and after the service and will also be available to accept donation drop offs following the service until 11am. Online worshippers are encouraged to come by the church following the service to drop off their donations.

If you stop by the church during the worship service, the Missions shopping cart will be available in the courtyard for your donations.

Thank you for your faithful and generous donations in support of our community partners!

We look forward to receiving your continued support!



Missions Team Updates

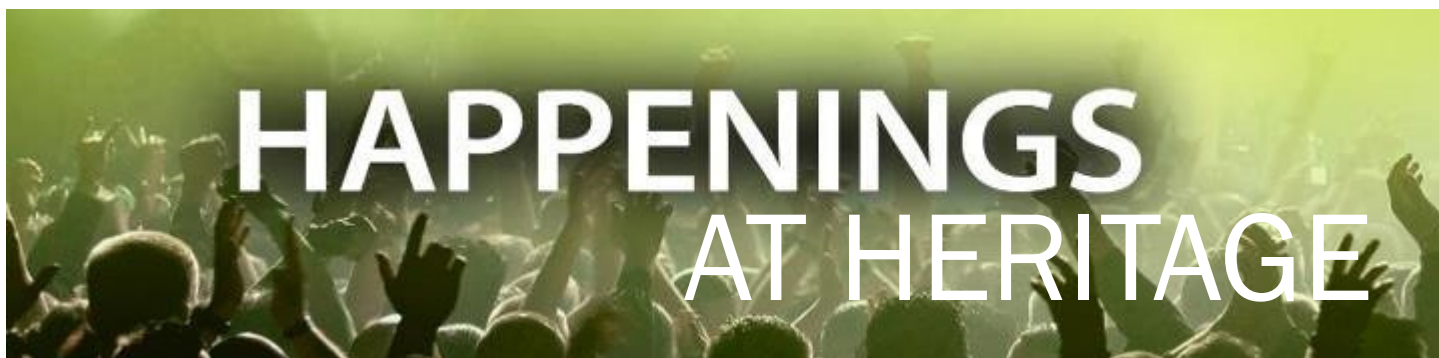
Thank you for your generosity and support of our community partners. The Missions Team has been busy. On your behalf, we drop off donations to the New Hope food pantry in Olathe twice a month with the non-perishable donations you provide at curbside.

Last week, we dropped off \$875 worth of donations we collected in April. We were able to donate a full SUV filled with diapers and diaper wipes to our community partner, Growing Futures in Overland Park, KS.

We also delivered 75 Good Neighbor treat bags to the Overland Park Police Department in honor of and in appreciation of their service to our community.

Thank you for your continued support of our community partners and your generosity!

If you are interested in helping with the Missions Team and our upcoming projects, contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org.



Good Neighbor Experiment

Water Bottle Ministry

The Water Ministry is BACK! The church needs your help this summer to keep the water cooler filled each day. This community outreach is a great opportunity for the family to get involved and help the members in our community stay safe this summer while walking/running/biking. If you would like to help be a Good Neighbor, sign up to fill the cooler with water bottles

and ice. Please sign up using the Sign up Genius link below. If you would like to donate water bottles, please drop them off in the church office during office hours. We are very excited to start up the Water Ministry again and look forward to helping our community members stay safe while out and about in the summer heat. The Water Ministry will start Memorial Day weekend and end on Labor Day. Questions, contact Erin Washington, erin.washington5@yahoo.com or Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org.

Sign up today: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44a4a722a2fd0-water>



Christian Education Appreciation

Many thanks to the volunteers who have helped us continue to offer Christian Education opportunities to our children, youth, and adults over the past year. You have been flexible, filled in as needed, helped us try new technology, regrouped and gone above and beyond! Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our members and for spreading the love of Jesus Christ through your leadership. A special note and treat is headed your way as our thanks for all you do for Christian Education at Heritage UMC.



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 "near 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>

A Prayer for Graduates

We pray you follow where God leads you.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight." - Proverbs 3:5-6

We pray you keep the Holy Spirit in your heart.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

- Philippians 4:6-7

We pray that you walk with God's wisdom.

"But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." - James 1:5

We pray you take refuge in God's grace.

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'" - Psalm 91:1-2

We pray you will open wide your heart and walk closely with God! - 2 Corinthians 6:13

We pray that you live with hope and purpose.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" - Jeremiah 29:11

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

"May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." - Numbers 6:24-26

Inspired by article, "Prayers of Blessing and Hope for your Graduate" by Debbie McDaniel.



2021 HERITAGE GRADUATES**HIGH SCHOOL GRADS**

Lexi Ayers is graduating from Olathe East High School.

Walker Bond is graduating from Olathe East High School. He plans to attend William Jewell College where he will be playing soccer.

Katie Charest is graduating from Blue Valley Southwest High School and plans to attend the University of Nebraska, and major in Dance & Hospitality, Tourism & Restaurant Management.

Allison Dragoo is graduating from Blue Valley Northwest High School. Allison will be attending Kansas State University to study Marketing & Business.

Alec Fitts is graduating from Blue Valley Southwest High School and plans to attend JCCC.

Logan Henry is graduating from Issaquah High School in Seattle, WA. He will be attending The Culinary Institute of America (St. Helena, California & Hyde Park, New York) to study Culinary Science.

Marissa Newkirk is graduating from Olathe East High School. Marissa plans to participate in missionary work next year through the organization 'Youth With A Mission'.

Grace Pfanstiel is graduating from Blue Valley West High School and will be attending Baylor University.

Nathan Ponnuru

Drew Van Dyke is graduating from Kansas City Christian School. He will be attending Indiana Wesleyan next fall, studying Pre-Law and Political Science and he will be a manager for the Men's Basketball team.

Mason Weakley is graduating from Spring Hill High School and will be attending Baker University and part of the golf team on golf scholarship.

Mindy Welland is graduating from Olathe East High School. Mindy plans to attend Missouri State University to major in Special Education with a minor in Sign Language.

COLLEGE GRADS

Madison Barker is graduating from UMKC with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, with a Minor in Mathematics. Madison will be teaching middle school science in KCMO.

Samantha Bond is graduating from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Human Development & Family Sciences and a minor in Conflict Analysis & Trauma Studies.

Nicole Charest is graduating from Oklahoma City University with a degree in Dance Management.

Kelsey Hassig is graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a Master of Arts Degree in Sociology (MA).

Addi Weakley is graduating from Drake University with a BA in News Journalism and Mass Communication and a Minor in Music, Advertising, and Leadership.

Jonie Welland is graduating from Truman State University with a BA in Psychology and BS in Health Science and a Minor in Disability Studies and French. Jonie plans to attend University of Missouri for an EdS degree in School Psychology.

The information listed above was received by the publication deadline.



June 01	Julie Barnes	June 14	Joshua Barker
June 02	Katie Charest	June 14	Linda Karlin
June 02	Gerald McLaughlin	June 15	Landon Henry
June 03	Michael Bollenbach	June 18	Jesse Loper
June 04	Matthew Berkey	June 19	Patty Erskine
June 04	Angeli Rose Ponnuru	June 19	Jackson Sinks
June 05	Cindy Svec	June 20	Jane Gentzler
June 07	Matthew Preacher	June 21	Jason Elliott
June 07	Shale Mohlman	June 21	Jake Weskamp
June 08	Mendy Weakley	June 22	Leslie Moeller
June 09	Larry Crist	June 22	Greg DeBoer
June 09	Greg Laaser	June 25	Erin Reilly
June 09	Ernest Williams	June 26	Janice Taylor
June 09	Camden Elliott	June 27	Kira Morgan
June 10	Melissa Greene	June 27	John (Bob) Moneymaker
June 12	Michael Charest	June 29	Lyle Anson
June 12	Jane Davis	June 30	Nathan Morgan
June 12	Brynn Raney	June 30	Troy Slimmer
June 12	Craig Ruster	June 30	Logan Henry
June 13	Nathan Ponnuru		

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.****

June 2021 HUMC Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Those affected by tornadoes	2 Those searching for love	3 Innocent children victims	4 Conservation of our environment	5 Retired persons
6 Safe food	7 Best friends	8 Integrity	9 Unity in decision making	10 Lifeguards	11 Protection against child labor	12 Those who can't experience freedom
13 Blood donors	14 Self-control	15 Christian music	16 Those dealing with war and destruction	17 Day care providers	18 Burn victims	19 Refugees
20 Fathers and grandfathers	21 Gentleness & compassion	22 Widows and widowers	23 Those suffering from eating disorders	24 Discipleship	25 Engaged couples	26 Continuous learning
27 Those struggling with work/life balance	28 Humility	29 Growth in righteousness	30 Spiritual Joy			

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Next Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, June 6, 2021