

HERITAGE HERALD

WORSHIP, GROW, SERVE TO SEE TRANSFORMED LIVES REFLECTING
THE LOVE OF CHRIST



35TH ANNIVERSARY OF HUMC

Mark your calendar & plan to join us on Sunday 10/24/21 to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of HUMC.

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THE PUMPKINS ARE HERE

Use this link to sign up for a volunteer shift!

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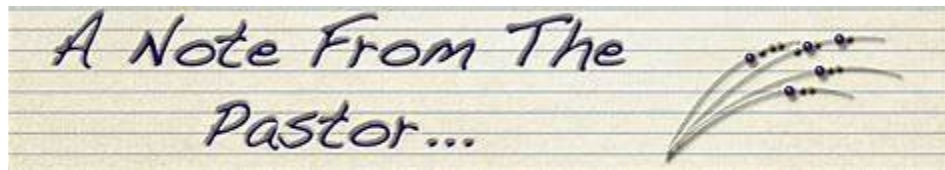
SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

We need one lead teacher and one assistant for each of our children's Sunday School classes. Little Seekers (3y-K) and Son Seekers (1st-3rd)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f45aaa729a2fb6-sunday>

All Saints Sunday Nov 7 – We will be honoring the memory of those from our Heritage family and loved ones who have passed away during the last year by listing their names in the bulletin on Nov 5. If you have a loved one who passed away within the last year (since Nov 2020), who you would like to recognize on All Saints Sunday, please email stacey@heritageumc.org with your loved one's name, date of passing and relationship to you by **October 28**.

If you are a college student please email your address to stacey@heritageumc.org



Celebrating...and giving thanks!

This is such a wonderful time of year. There are so many activities and events which give us ways to celebrate! Pumpkins decorating the front lawn of the church certainly makes my heart smile. I love watching the children (and adults) stroll up and down the rows to pick just the right pumpkin. It's a blessing to see their excitement when the 'perfect one' is discovered (certainly makes the work of unloading worthwhile). Who knew being the pastor of "The Pumpkin Church" could be such fun?

As I reminded the children recently, our pumpkins are pumpkins with a purpose. They help us raise Money for Missions. We often talk about God's call to love our neighbors. The pumpkins help us accomplish our missional goals to serve all God's people, near and far. I want to thank you for every way that you help to make it possible from unloading the trucks, volunteering to sell pumpkins, supporting the Pumpkin Patch by buying pumpkins and bringing your family and friends to join us in our mission. We couldn't do it without you!

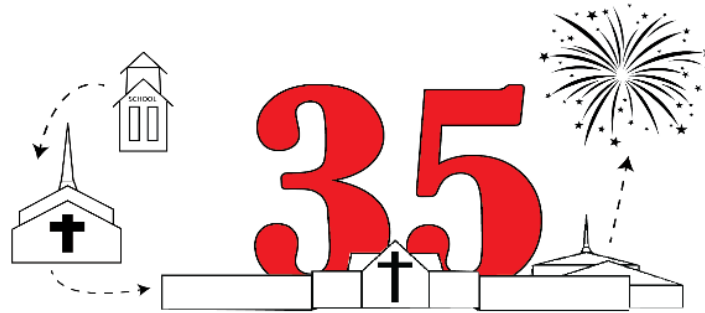
The Pumpkin Patch is not the only fun we will have this fall. **WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR 35TH ANNIVERSARY! What an amazing time in the life of our church family. We will celebrate this milestone on October 24th beginning in our worship service at 9:30.** We will continue the good times by sharing a meal after worship. We are inviting you, old friends and new friends, and everyone who has been part of our journey as a church family. We want to hear your stories about good times at Heritage and invite you to fill out one of the memory cards at church or email them to the church.

Why do we celebrate? Why do we give thanks? We are incredibly blessed by God! God has gathered people to be part of this faith community so that we could fulfill God's purposes. We are privileged to be part of what God is doing in our community and around the world. There are so many reasons to lift our hands in praise! God has proven God's faithfulness to us from the earliest days of gathering to become a church, meeting at Walnut Grove Elementary, during the building and expanding of our church home and until today.

God has much more planned for Heritage's future. We have so much to celebrate! We have so many reasons to give thanks! We are blessed to be able to **WORSHIP, GROW AND SERVE** to see transformed lives reflecting the love of Christ!

**JOIN US OCTOBER 24TH...LET'S CELEBRATE...
LET'S GIVE THANKS! LET'S PARTY!
LET'S MAKE SOME NEW MEMORIES!**

*Grace upon grace+
Pastor Maria*



Mark your calendar & plan to join on Sunday 10/24/21 to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of HUMC. There will be a catered and served meal after worship!

There will be fun, fellowship, food, memories & dreams at the service & afterwards.

If you have a memory you would like to share—pick up a sheet in the sanctuary or office starting on 8/29 or & Return it to the RED BOWL in the back of the sanctuary. Or you can email your favorite memory to Melissa Greene at mgreene@bluevalleyk12.org. (Please include your name, the approximate date of the memory & what the memory is.)

We would also like to exhibit memorabilia collected through the years. Please contact Tammy Kapeller at Tammy.Kapeller@gmail.com or (913) 219-7137 if you have any brochures, coffee mugs, T-Shirts etc. you would consider loaning for all members to view and enjoy.

Coffee Connection – Oct 31 10:30A Rm 108

Coffee Connection is especially for those new to Heritage, but everyone is invited. You will be introduced to Heritage, our mission and our ministries. Meet Pastor Maria and some of our staff and members and ask questions in a casual setting. We can't wait to meet you! RSVP is appreciated but not required to dawnb@heritageumc.org

Membership Connection Classes – Nov 10 & 17, 6:30-8P Rm 101/102

For those interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church and about Heritage UMC. If you are interested in membership, considering joining Heritage or transferring membership this is the place to be. If you have questions contact Dawn Beck, dawnb@heritageumc.org.

PUMPKINS for MISSIONS

The pumpkin patch is open daily 10am-7pm 9/27/2021 through 10/31/2021.

There are 3 daily volunteer shifts:

Shift #1: 10am-1pm-pick up shift information in the church office and open patch at 10am.

Shift #2: 1pm-4pm- stop by the pumpkin patch for info on the shift change

Shift #3: 4pm-7pm -stop by the pumpkin patch for info on the shift change and close patch at 7pm.

A minimum of 1 adult volunteer is needed at each shift. Youth and children are welcome to help. It is a great family service opportunity and a way for kids to earn some service hours too.

Volunteers greet pumpkin customers, help them select the perfect pumpkins, collect cash payment, maintain the pumpkin patch and have a whole lot of fun!

All the information you will need will be available in the shift notebook or feel free to ask for help.

Use this link to sign up for a volunteer shift!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44a4a722a2fd0-pumpkins>

Save the Date for the 2nd pumpkin shipment which is arriving on Sunday October 10th at 10:30am.

Questions, contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org, 913-219-8349

Thank you for your support!





Mark your calendars for our annual **Trunk or Treat** at Heritage.

Saturday, October 30th 4-5:30pm

There will be plenty of trunks to visit for candy as well as games and activities.

Join us for a fun and safe 'trunk or treating' experience and be sure to bring along a friend!

Here's how you can help:

1. **Bring Candy and other kid-friendly individually-wrapped snacks** – NO PEANUT PRODUCTS (Drop items off in the church office.)
2. **Host a decorated trunk.** Decorate your own or we can help decorate your trunk if you just want to give us your 'trunk' for the event. Please plan to supply candy, treats, or other small prizes. We will have extra if you run out.
3. **Volunteer to help** the day of the event.

Sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F45AAA729A2FB6-trunk> or on the sign-up sheet at the Children's Ministry table. Contact Elise Mashburn with questions. elisem@heritageumc.org

GOOD NEWS!

Staff Parish Relations Committee welcomes Elise Mashburn as Director of Children's Ministry and Jake Weskamp as Director of Audio-Visual Ministries. Both Elise and Jake hold these positions as unpaid staff. They have chosen to offer their gifts of time and talents to help the church continue to serve our community with excellence. These positions are essential to meeting the needs of our church as we look to the future.

As faithful members of our church, they have chosen to fulfill their membership covenant to support our church with their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Join the SPRC as they welcome and thank Elise and Jake.

November Missions Team Project- Christmas Angels



During the month of November, we will be collecting Christmas Angel donations for our community partners. Items needed include soccer balls, footballs, basketballs, board games, new coats, and more. Stop by the Missions table in Fellowship Hall and pick up a Christmas Angel with more details.

Johnson County Social Justice Organization

Heritage has been involved over the past year in sponsoring the formation of a new ministry in our community called the Johnson County Interfaith Justice Organization. Thank you to everyone who has attended a “listening session” and indicated interest in supporting the Social Justice ministry team at Heritage.

Please save the following dates for upcoming gatherings:

November 8, 2021- Community Problems Assembly to vote for the 2 community problems that surfaced during the community wide listening sessions

April 4, 2022- Solutions Briefing to learn the findings of the research, hear testimonies about the problem and prepare for the major event of the year

May 3, 2022- Nehemiah Assembly where we envision 1,000 people of faith gathering to lift up well-researched solutions to our community's most pressing problems.

June 6, 2022- Celebration to celebrate our accomplishments for the year and to launch our individual investment drive.

Additional information will be provided as we get closer to each gathering. All are welcome to participate. Please contact Cindy Svec, cindys@heritageumc.org or your Social Justice Team Leader for more information.

Heritage Ministry Opportunities

NOW is the time for you to make a difference in the life of Heritage UMC. Your active participation is needed in 2022 to support our Ministry Teams and to make a difference in all that we do to WORSHIP, GROW, SERVE. We challenge you to select at least one ministry team to serve/ask for more info/or to continue to support and to share your gifts. Please fill out a Ministry Exploration Form and return it to the church office. Forms can be picked up in the church office or printed off from this link: [2022 Ministry Exploration Form](#)

YOUTH NIGHT IN THE PUMPKIN PATCH Oct 13- Calling all Youth to work in the Pumpkin Patch Wednesday, October 13 during the 4-7P shift. Help the missions team sell pumpkins, fulfill service hours, hang with friends and eat pizza in the patch! Let Ms Dawn know if you will be there so we can order enough pizza. Friends and family are welcome to help too.

SAVE THESE DATES

All Church Christmas Decorating, Donuts & Hot Chocolate – Nov 21 after worship

Help decorate the church for Advent. Everyone's help is needed and there will be jobs & fun for everyone. Donuts and hot chocolate will be provided by the Worship Team.

Forest of Trees Let's grow a forest of decorated trees in Fellowship Hall this Advent!

1. Reserve a tree or a spot (if you have your own tree) in the forest
2. Schedule a time to set up and decorate your tree (an assortment of times will be available between Nov 21 – Dec 12)

Contact Dawn Beck, dawnb@heritageumc.org if you are interested in decorating a tree for the Forest of Trees

Hanging of the Greens Service Nov 28 – 9:30A worship service

Live Nativity & Forest of Trees Event Dec 19 4:30P-6P

A come & go event with special music from our HUMC musicians with a drive through & walk through of the Live Nativity & Forest of the Trees.

Christmas Eve Services Dec 24, 4P & 7P – Communion and candlelight at both services

Lessons & Carols Service Dec 26 9:30A worship service

Celebrations

Congratulations to Jane and Daryl Davis on the birth of their granddaughter, Scottie Jo Davis, born on September 1st to Katrina and Chris!

Congratulations to Janet and Duane Fields on the birth of their granddaughter, Madison Shay Raschke, born on September 28th to Ashley and Ryan AND on the birth of their grandson, Ryker Montgomery also born on September 28th to Lindsey and Justin!



Sympathies



Our prayers are with the families of:

- Nancy Elliott who passed away on July 6th, 2021.
- Ronnie Svec, brother of Bob Svec who passed away on August 9th, 2021.
- Al Beck. Father of Kevin Beck who passed away on September 13th, 2021.



A donation has been received in memory of Jimmy Welland in honor of the anniversary of his death.