

10.12.25 Heritage Updates

Church Directory

If we don't have a current picture of you in the church directory, please send one to the office office@HeritagePCA.net). Remember, you can use your attendance insert to update your contact/family info anytime.

It's Shoebox Time!

Time to dig out all the great stuff you've been collecting all year (right??) or think about what you'd like to pack now. We'll be packing shoeboxes as a church family following November's 'First Supper Sunday' Lunch on **11.2**, but you are more than welcome to pack shoeboxes at home too. Completed boxes are due to Heritage **by Sunday, November 16**.



Tip: Start setting aside the \$10/box donation each week now so it's not hard to come up with in November.

Greeters Wanted

If you have a friendly smile and would like to greet people as they come through our doors on Sunday mornings, please contact a member of the Mercy Ministry (Lorraine Morgan, Lawanna Mayberry or Sandy Sculley). Note: we're looking for both men and women!

Nursery & Jr Church Volunteers

Please share in the privilege of serving our Heritage and visitor families. We really need your help with nursery coverage for worship & Sunday School! You can sign up using SignUp Genius or at the signup sheets at the nursery & Jr Church doors. (A background check is required for all new volunteers, at no cost to you.)

Heritage Kids

Nursery is available for **infants-PreK** during worship (if staffing allows). Feel free to use it for however much of the service you desire.

Junior Church is available (if staffing allows) during the 2nd half of the service for students in **Kindergarten through 4th grade**. Children will leave during the songs before the sermon and return during the final song. The classroom is in the back of Fellowship Hall - straight out the back of the sanctuary.

Red Folder activity pages are also available at the table by the sanctuary door for anyone who wishes to use them.

God's Kingdom Building: Collin & Zury, serving with RUF in Senegal

Wednesday, Oct 1: Throughout this hot season, we have seen God at work in amazing ways.

At the very end of July, we held our final semester activity, a beach day. We invited our English Club students to join our RUF group for fellowship, games, surfing, and a nice lunch by the beach. Not only did we have our biggest attendance ever, but we were also thankful to our Lord for providing great opportunities for our RUF students to connect with non-Christian students and reflect the love of Christ. This is what makes our community special. **Please pray that these relationships will flourish and that God will reach students with His love.**

After participating in the theological training of twelve men serving in Mbour, Collin had the opportunity of preaching at their ordination service. Four teaching elders and four deacons were ordained. It was a wonderful time of celebration and worship, despite the huge sandstorm that interrupted the sermon and made everyone stand up and hold on to the poles of the large tent we were under! The storm passed in about 20 minutes, and the service continued.

Our dear friends and teammates Jim and Karen Weaver recently made the difficult decision of leaving Senegal in order to take care of their son Roman, whose mental health was quickly deteriorating and needed special attention. It was an urgent matter, so they had to leave within a week from their decision. Needless to say, it was really hard to say goodbye to them. We've been really close to them, and consider them not only friends, but family. Our team will dearly miss them and we **pray that they may be able to soon reestablish themselves in the U.S., and get adjusted back to living in the U.S.**

Saturday, Oct 5: In the early morning hours of Friday, October 3rd, someone broke into our apartment while we were sleeping. In spite of having a security guard up all night in our building, the thief managed to enter through the back of the building, jumping into our apartment through a small window. We don't think he was inside for more than a few minutes, but he managed to steal Collin's Macbook Pro, his iPhone, and a significant amount of cash he had prepared to take on our 10th anniversary trip planned for that very night. As you can imagine, when we woke up to realize someone had been inside our apartment, we felt very vulnerable, and our sense of safety and security was taken from us.

As we're away, we would appreciate your prayers for peace of mind, and for God's protection of our house. Also, pray that our personal information and ministry data doesn't fall into the hands of the wrong people. We would also appreciate your prayers for God's provision for replacing Collin's phone and computer, both very important tools for ministry. MTW's policy doesn't allow us to use funds from our support account to replace these items.

Tuesday, Oct 7:

The couple of weeks before the break in, we were already fighting big battles. We were sick from what we think was yet another strand of COVID. We also faced a sense of incertitude as we looked ahead at the changes in ministry with our local partners. Our dear friends and colleagues, the Weavers, had to suddenly leave Senegal. And in the midst of all that, we had our RUF training with our Gambian brothers and sisters. While the training went really well, we felt pretty exhausted by the end of it! Then, of course, came the break-in! We honestly didn't feel like leaving on a trip to celebrate our 10th anniversary after that.

After a few days away, we can more clearly see how the enemy tried to crush and discourage our spirits. Yet, by God's grace and through you, His loving and faithful people, we have not only been encouraged and fortified but also spurred on in our faith as we have seen his generous provision, protection, and care. It's as if God were saying, "You are not alone — I've got you!"

We are really touched by your love, care and concern after the robbery we experienced a few days ago. Your many kind words of encouragement, prayers and offers of assistance have been a sweet balm to our souls. Your generosity has been overwhelming! As of tonight, we have received enough gifts and pledges, that we no longer need additional funds to replace our stolen items. THANK YOU SO MUCH!! God has provided in abundance.

