

Mission Statement: To Love and to Lead
The Mission of Heritage United Methodist Church is to Love God and people passionately and to Lead people into a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP WITH US EVERY SUNDAY!

9:15 AM
Traditional Service

10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship

Nursery provided for all services.

Sunday School for All Ages
9:15 & 10:45 AM

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*In Our Thoughts
 & Prayers*

In the Hospital:
 Sparks: **Jeri Nash, Roy Mosher**
 Crawford H & R: **Glenn Briley**
 Crawford H & R: **Mary Coble**
 Crawford H & R: **Mary Friday**
 Crawford H & R: **Lena Mae Smith**
 Legacy Rehab in FS: **Richard Childers**

At Home:
Danny Berg, Gerlinda Dibble,
Roy Dyer, Paul Nash, Oline and Irene
Oxford, Shawn Stumbaugh

All Military Personnel all around
 the world

Nursing Home:
Jean Stratton (Legacy Lodge)

Assisted Living:
Billie Jacks (Alma Health Care)
Maxine Fahrner (Hope's Creek)
Mattie Lindsey (Alma H & R)

In Thanksgiving:
Edwin, Angela, Kevin, Brittany, Austen,
Justin, Madison, Ethan, Trevor,
Brinkley, Caitlyn, Sabree and Laneley
Diaz in the birth of their sister, *Paisley Dawn*.
 Proud grandparents are Joe and Pat Brodie
 and Sharon Diaz.

February Volunteers

Ushers

9:15 am	10:45 am
Gene Rankin	Erich Bauman
Jerry Goodson	Rick Rauser
Jack Infield	John Poole
Buddy Turner	Tom Banhart
Bob Bretch	Mike Guthrie
Wayne Weege	
Joe Stewart	

Greeters

9:15 am:
 Dorinda Stewart/Linda Infield
 Rick and Susan Moore

10:45 am:
 Jon and Kim Talley
 Guy and Kris Tutwiler

Worship Notes

February 5: An Undefeated Season: The Overcoming Life, Part II	February 12: An Undefeated Season: A Winning Romance	February 19: An Undefeated Season: Defeating Divorce
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AN UNDEFEATED SEASON: WE WIN...IN OUR WEAKNESS!



This past week, I was asked to help edit a film script which will soon be submitted to major Hollywood production companies. I spent several hours making dialogue revisions and changes to a dramatic story which centers around the life of Peter and the persecution of early Christians in Rome. In one particular scene, Peter encourages the fear-struck believers with these words from the Apostle Paul:

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." II Cor. 12:9-11

Let's be honest-we live in a culture and age that stresses the importance of winning at any cost. We've been taught and driven from an early age to be competitive, to be the strongest, the fastest, the smartest, the wealthiest, and the most successful. So, at base level, there is something about Paul's words that just rubs the wrong way. The last thing we are supposed to do is admit we are frail, weak and vulnerable, or that we might have a chink in our armor.

Don't get me wrong. I believe that God wants His children to walk in health, prosperity, and success in this world. We should be exceptional people above the world's standards! But there is a higher principle in the spiritual Kingdom which demands absolute surrender of ourselves if we are going to live victoriously in this life-and be a force of influence in our world.

As Sue Barnes shared this past Sunday, freedom and victory starts with complete humility and admitting that you can't break addiction of any kind in your own strength. Even further, humbling ourselves by admitting to our sins and weaknesses, and confessing our desperate need for God is the necessary key to the national healing that we long for:

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (II Chronicles 7:14)

Unlike the first century Christians, we are not being burned alive or thrown into an arena with hungry lions because of our faith-not yet, anyway. But this principle stretches across the centuries and is still truth for the challenges we face in our generation: if we are to be victorious and undefeated, we must learn to humble ourselves under God's mighty hand, that He might lift us up (I Peter 5:6) and that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit" (Zechariah 4:5)

Do you feel weak? Are you discouraged? Have you failed? Are you ready to give up? Great! You have arrived at the place where His grace is sufficient, where His power is perfect, where Christ can rest in you!

I can't wait to worship with you this Sunday!

Chuck King
 Chuck King
 Worship Arts Pastor

HONORARIUMS

In memory of **Marie Cole** (mother of **Carolyn Loyd**) by:

- M/M Alan Swaim (Food Pantry)
- M/M John Symonds (Food Pantry)

OPPORTUNITIES

If you have some time to spare and love to serve, please contact the church office at 474-6424. We have several opportunities:

- Straightening and restocking the supplies in the pews weekly, every other month
- Dusting the Sunday School rooms
- Break down & set up the Fellowship Hall, particularly for Wednesdays
- Transport recyclable items from church to VBHS.

MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in February, you are invited to place an offering in our little white church on the chancel rail during the announcements this Sunday. Currently, all birthday offerings go to support the Rupp Family ministering in the Far East.

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

Worship @ 10 :45 for 3's, 4's & Kinder

We are teaching many aspects of worship to our youngest children! We are blessed by the leadership of Alia Lyle, she is doing an awesome job! We are currently working on giving an offering to Jesus. We are asking parents to join us in this teaching concept at home! Preschool children usually have lots of 'art' projects that they do at home or at school during the week. We are asking that you as parents spend some time on Saturday afternoon or evening as part of your preparation for church the next day, to let your child look over their 'art' projects and pick out the BEST one to give to Jesus. Then letting them bring it to church for us to display! The most important part of the process is helping them offer their best to give to Jesus!

BAPTISMS



Sherry Swearingin was baptized and is the daughter of Rev. Wendell and Claudine Keller.



David Swearingin was baptized and is the son of Sherry Swearingin and the grandson of Rev. Wendell and Claudine Keller.

ATTENTION: 6TH GRADERS

All 6th graders are invited to join the youth THIS Sunday from 4:15 pm - 9 pm in the Block for our annual Super Bowl Party. There will be BBQ, fun and fellowship! Hope to see you there!

GRIEF SHARE

A new GriefShare Support Group meets every Monday at 9:30 am in the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class. If you have had a loss, plan to attend this Christ-centered program as you go through your grief. For more information call Shirley Touchstone at 629-7901.

ONCE UPON A PROM



An organization started by VBHS EAST Lab students is collecting formal dresses to give to girls who can't afford a dress for prom. Please drop by the Fellowship Hall on February 18th at any time from 1-5 pm to donate your formal dresses. Please make sure they are clean and in good condition.

BIRTHDAY LIST

A list of February birthdays is available in the Great Hall.

DIVORCE CARE

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 26th at 6:00 pm, Heritage will launch a brand new ministry opportunity called "Divorce Care". The class is a thirteen-week program designed to help heal the hurts and pain that are associated with going through a divorce. The information you receive will be both biblical and practical in a support group setting. The class will meet in the Community Room. If you have any questions about the class or wish to sign up please contact Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritagevb.org.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Women's Ministry is alive and well at Heritage! If you are looking for a place to plug in with other women, we have several options for you. Check out our weekly women's ministry opportunities:

- Monday - 9:30 -11:30 am Beth Moore's *Breaking Free* -childcare provided
- Thursday - 6:15 am Kyle Idelman's *Not A Fan*
- Thursday - 8:00 am Moms In Prayer

Mark your calendar - Coming April 20-21 2nd annual Women's Conference - SPARKLE! Join us as we look at ordinary women from the Bible that God used in extraordinary ways to SPARKLE for His glory!!!

PULSE STUDENT MINISTRIES



Join us for a Super Bowl Party THIS Sunday, February 5th from 4:15 - 9 pm in the Block. **6TH GRADERS ARE INVITED!** There will be BBQ, fun and fellowship!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Please join us Saturday, February 11th in the Fellowship Hall at 7 am for breakfast and our next study based on the movie, *Courageous*.

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY



Are you, your Sunday School or Life Group interested in being part of a team that interacts with city government, service agencies, ministries, and our neighbors? If you are, please contact Max Goins or Jerry Goodson; join our "Salt and Light" team so we can shine the light of Jesus on this River Valley.

IMPORTANT DATE AND TIME CHANGES FOR THIS WEEK

- Confirmation Class WILL NOT meet this Sunday evening.
- This Sunday's Timothy Team Teacher's meeting will be at 4:00 pm instead of the usual 4:30 pm.
- Made For Praise WILL practice from 4 - 5 pm THIS Sunday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



April 12, 13, 14
at Heritage Church
Cost: \$15 per person
Tickets go on sale VERY SOON!

PRAY & PLAY

Erin Reeves and her daughter, Eliana, invite all toddlers - 3's & under and their grown-ups to Pray & Play with them on the first Friday of each month at 9:30 am in the Purple Room. Be ready to sing, dance, read and play right alongside your tot all the while learning God's Word! For more information contact Erin or Debbie at dmarsh@heritagevb.org!

UPDATE FROM THE BOY SCOUTS



Sunday, February 5 will be Scout Sunday. Each year surrounding the anniversary of Scouting, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts commemorate the 12th Point of the Scout Law; "A Scout is Reverent". Please join in welcoming our Scouts next week.

As a part of Scouting's Anniversary, we will be having our annual Scouting for Food Drive. This year we will place bags at the front door of Van Buren homes starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 4th and return to pick them up starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 11th. All collections go to the Heritage Food Pantry. This year we are asking Heritage members to bring your donations with you on Scout Sunday on February 5th. There will be Scouts here to collect.

The Food Pantry needs peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans and canned vegetables in particular. Please join us in supporting this important ministry.

Thank you for supporting our Scouting Program at Heritage.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Logan Moore! She has been crowned as the new Miss Van Buren High School 2012. She was also awarded the Community Service Award. Logan is the daughter of Zane and Laura Moore and sister to Ethan Moore..