

**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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## FROM THE HEART OF THE WELCOME MINISTER



What is a winning romance? I couldn't resist the nerdiness in myself as I googled the topic to see what the world considered it to be. I don't know why, but I was shocked at what I found. The web had posted top ten winning romances. Among those to be listed were *Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor, Mark Antony and Cleopatra, Bonnie and Clyde, John Lennon and Yuko Ono*, and the list went on from there. It was a list compiled of murderers, adulterers, jealous lovers, deceitful characters that have been glamorized by our society. I laughed in disbelief at first but then as I thought about it, I became sad as I thought how casually our world views love. I knew there had to be something more. So I went to the source I should have started with in the first place, the Bible. His written word is clear. He gives specific guidelines that can turn an ordinary day to day marriage into a glorious fulfilling romance. Ephesians 5:25 says, *"Husbands love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."* If we are to have a winning romance we should model our love for our spouse after the way Christ loved his bride, the church. Think about it. Christ sought the church, he wooed the church, he cared for the church, he was attentive to the church, and in the end He gave His life for the church so that His church could be saved. Are you that kind of spouse? Do you seek after your wife or husband? Do you do things to draw him or her near to you? Do you put his or her needs above your own? Are you there listening for the sound of your loved ones voice so that you can react with kindness and a caring heart? Would you give your life for him or her? Wow.....that is a lot to ask isn't it?

Some of you may be shaking your heads and saying..... "I want to do that but".....or "if he would only change it would make it easier". I can tell you my friend if you desire it....it can be! I have loved my husband for over 22 years (I am throwing in those dating years). I have not however, always strived for a winning romance. There was a time when the kids were little, stress was high, and I was tired. I didn't seek after Mike the way that I should have, I found fault in a lot of the things he did....he wasn't the spiritual leader I wanted him to be.....he didn't attend life group with me....he didn't agree with me just because I wanted him too. It all sounds so silly now. But I reveal that to you, so that I can tell you this: God convicted me about how I was praying for Mike, how I was wooing him, how I was caring for him. I was praying every night and every morning for God to change Mike. I was praying that God create a new man in him. I didn't ever take into consideration that I might be the one who needed to do some changing. God spoke to my spirit and said "love him as I have loved you, seek him as I have sought you, and give up yourself for him." I remember that day as if it were yesterday. I began to pray in a whole different way. I prayed for God to change me. I prayed for God to make me a better wife, a loving wife, and an accepting wife. Before I knew it, there was newness to our relationship. I treasured my time with him. I sought out his opinion even if it was different from mine. I shut up nagging him about going to life group or being spiritual leader and just focused on loving him. All that stuff came about in God's time and it was so worth the wait.

I plead with you please speak to God about your winning romance or lack of. Let Him speak to your heart as He did mine. I know His work can be made complete in you.

*Becki Kneeland*

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

**In the Hospital:**  
 Sparks: **Jeri Nash**  
 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, Oline and Irene Oxford,**  
**Charles Sullivan, 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 Sympathy:**  
**Lisa Darden and family** in the death of her father, Rex Yerby.

## February Volunteers

**Ushers**

<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
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

<b>February 12:</b> An Undefeated Season: A Winning Romance	<b>February 19:</b> An Undefeated Season: Defeating Divorce	<b>February 22:</b> Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm
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Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter? Email it to office@heritagevb.org.

## HONORARIUMS

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

M/M Joe Lloyd (Food Pantry)  
Margie Keck (Food Pantry)  
M/M Steve Stuart (Food Pantry)

In memory of **Jim Dick Tate** (cousin of Joe Lloyd) by:

M/M Joe Lloyd (Food Pantry)

In memory of **Diane Runion** (cousin of Trecia Lloyd) by:

M/M Joe Lloyd (Food Pantry)

In memory of **Micah Hogan** by:

M/M Joe Lloyd (Food Pantry)

In honor of **Max and Marilyn Goins** by:

Lena Mae Smith (Timothy Team Fund)

## BABY SHOWER

Come celebrate the anticipated arrival of Jeff and Kelly Painter's daughter, McKinley Kaye on Saturday, February 18th at the Kibler UMC Family Life Center from 2-4 pm. Hostess is Erynne Yates.



### The CALL Information Meeting

Please join us at Concord Baptist to learn how you can help with the foster care crisis in our community.

Monday, February 13th  
Concord Baptist  
6105 Alma Hwy  
6:00pm - 8:30pm

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



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

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, February 19th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.



Beginning Sunday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bkneeland@heritagevb.org).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

**SALT & LIGHT** MATTHEW 5:13-16 A good opportunity for community outreach has come to our attention. On Saturday, March 10th, 2012, King Elementary School will host a 5K "Run with the Knights." They need lots of volunteers who will cheer for the runners and keep all the intersections along the race course safe. If you, or your life group has an interest in volunteering, please see Becki or Max. This is great way to touch lives in our community.

## 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.

## IN APPRECIATION

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, what better time than now to show our love and appreciation for our excellent ministerial staff.

This Sunday, February 12th, we will take a special love offering as a gift for our ministers. If you would like to give, just put your contribution in one of the white envelopes and mark it, "LOVE OFFERING."

*Judy Goodson*, Lay Leader  
Witness Ministries



Come check out the card buffet of Stampin' Up products at New Hope UMC on Oak Grove Rd in Van Buren on Saturday, Feb. 18th from 10 - 3. There will be card making at great low prices, door prizes, light snacks, fun and fellowship. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 15th. For more information, contact Kara Adams at 410-4155 or Alia Lyle at 739-6899.

## CLOTHES CLOSET UPDATE AND NEEDS

The Clothes Closet has been a busy place! This past week, we helped a family whose home burned, provided assistance to 2 local schools, and served many customers who came to the Closet on Friday. We give away children's clothes as fast as we get them. Our current needs are: children's clothes in all sizes, coats for children & adults, men's and women's clothes (especially men's pants and larger sizes in women's clothing). Thanks again to all of you who have been so generous with your donations. Also, thanks so much to Leigh Ann Sumner, our most dedicated volunteer!

## CREW FOR CHRIST UPDATE



On Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, the Crew for Christ dedicated a new pump and well house at the home of Ms. Patricia Shupe in the 88 community near Rudy. Crew members worked for more than a week to install a new pump and run electricity to the well site.

Prior to the pump installation, Ms. Shupe had to obtain water elsewhere and carry it to her home. Water is a frequent theme in the Bible, and the Crew is pleased to have had the opportunity to serve the Lord in a way that brought water to someone in need. The Crew for Christ is supported through your financial gifts, so please assist us with future projects with your giving. And if you are interested in working on future Crew projects, watch for coming project sign-ups. Thank you!



## PULSE STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE



Sunday Night Pulse - This Sunday  
from 7:45pm to 8:30pm *The Porch*

This is an opportunity for the youth and youth leaders to sit and talk and enjoy being in the presence of God and each other. This has always been a special time of connection for us. Encourage your youth to make this a priority this Sunday!

## Crawford County United Methodist Church's 2012 Lenten Schedule



Date	Church	Time	Speaker
Ash Wednesday February 22nd	Alma UMC	7:00 AM	*Ashes
Sunday, February 26th	Heritage	7:00 PM	Rev. Pete Beevers
Sunday, March 4th	Dyer UMC	3:30 PM	Rev. Deanna McCormack
Sunday March 11th	New Hope UMC	3:30 PM	Rev. Velda Bell
Sunday March 18th	Alma UMC	3:30 PM	Rev. Max Goins
Sunday March 25th	Newberry Chapel	3:30 PM	Rev. Phil Costner
Passion/Palm Sunday April 1st	Kibler UMC	3:30 PM	Rev. Bob Jeffery
Holy Thursday April 5th	Mulberry UMC	3:30 PM	Rev. Herschel McClurkin
Good Friday April 6th	Alma UMC	7:00 PM	Music, Scripture & Holy Communion
	Heritage UMC	7:00 PM	Living Last Supper Drama

\* Ashes available for those who will not be able to attend the evening service at Heritage UMC