

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!

8:05 AM
Awakening Service

9:30 AM
Traditional Service

11:00 AM
Contemporary Worship

Nursery provided for all services.

Sunday School for All Ages
9:30 & 11:00 AM

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IT'S HOLIDAY TIME!

Christmas is fun with all the food, presents, food, desserts... You get the picture. Christmas is also very important because of why we celebrate—the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. But, I think Easter is my favorite holiday. Easter is not nearly as commercialized although the Easter bunny has really tried. And, the weather is usually much better than the winter weather of Christmas. Those are both great reasons; the reason that I prefer Easter is because it celebrates the very foundation of Christianity.

We stopped having Easter baskets in our house when the kids were very young. We asked the kids why we celebrate Easter. Justin, of course had a funny answer that made absolutely no sense. Kathryn said something that sounded pretty intellectual for a 3-year-old (but equally incorrect). Finally Jonathan spoke to correct them—as he still does frequently. Jonathan's answer was that we celebrate Easter because it is the day that the Easter bunny rolled the stone away from Jesus' tomb. And that was the last time that the Easter bunny visited the Goins' house.

Isn't it funny how we can be so close to truth and yet still miss the mark. Sometimes, we lose focus and we allow something as insignificant as a rabbit to overshadow something important (in this case, the most important event in all of history). Don't get me wrong, I love Santa as much as anyone. I love the Easter bunny, too—both chocolate and fried! But, Jesus is the reason we celebrate. It is in HIM that we live and move and have our being. Sometimes we are like the Athenians that Paul preached to in Acts 17, we are ignorant of the very thing we profess to worship. We can become religious celebrating our religious holidays and miss out on the relationship that our Lord intends to have with us.



Celebrate Easter this year! Let's have candy and hunt for eggs. Most importantly, let's celebrate the emptiness of the tomb. Let's focus on our relationships with Him, the One who walked out of the tomb and wants to spend all of eternity with us. Now that's something worth celebrating!

See you Sunday,
Roger

March Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am Bruce Brown Buster Colbert Mike Kneeland John Poole	9:30 am Tom Konert David Alexander John Symonds Wayne Stewart Brodie Kneeland Connie Mendenhall	11:00 am Brian Curd Jason Fontaine Kerry Kelly Grace Kelly Clay Brown
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Greeters

8:05 am:
Benton and Juanita Cone
Shannon and Hayden Salisbury

9:30 am:
Mary Ann McGill and Vesta Everitt
Burl and Debbie Carter

11:00 am:
Mike and Becky Guthrie

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 the Hospital:
 St. Edward: **Fae Dyer**
 Pointer Trail H & R: **Jeri Nash**
 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, John Luckau,
Oline and Irene Oxford,
Shawn Stumbaugh



Worship Notes

April 1: PALM SUNDAY An Undeclared Season: Defeating Discouragement	April 6: GOOD FRIDAY The Living Last Supper Drama 7 pm	April 8: RESURRECTION SUNDAY An Undeclared Season: Defeating Death
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Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter? Email it to office@heritagevb.org.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **Roy Mosher** (husband of Rachel Mosher) by:

M/M Bob Bretch (BF)
Becky Rogers (BF)
Lesli France (BF)
Alice Orrick (BF)

In memory of **Glenn Briley** by:

M/M Bob Bretch (FP)
M/M Wayne Weege (BF)

In memory of **Ruth Taylor** (grandmother of Dorinda Stewart)

by: M/M Wayne Weege (BF)

In honor of **John Luckau** by:

The Unity SS Class (BF)

*BF-Building Fund *FP-Food Pantry

BIBLE TRIVIA NIGHT

The annual competition will be Saturday, March 31st at Central Presbyterian Church in FS. The proceeds will go towards AR Valley Habitat for Humanity and Sheaves for Christ. If your Sunday school class or Life Group would like to participate, contact Jennifer Hurst at 414-7065.

SUMMER CAMP 2012

This year's Children's camp will be "Out of this World". On July 29th after morning services, we will "blast off" and "touch down" in Ozone (Ozone, Arkansas that is). We will return to this world on Tuesday, July 31st. The theme comes from John 15:19 where Jesus tells his disciples, "As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you "out of the world"." Children's camp is available for all elementary students entering 3rd - 6th grade in the fall of 2012. Registration forms will be available soon at the check-in stations in the Backyard. The cost will be \$50 per child.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all the prayers and all the kindness that you have shown me over these past several months. Roy and I felt comforted knowing that we were covered in your prayers. I love Heritage and am so very blessed.

Rachel Mosher

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church THIS Sunday, March 25th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS



Sign up TODAY!
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!!! Registration forms are available in the Great Hall and in the church office.

WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICE

Sunday, March 25th at Kibler UMC at 3:30 pm. Rev. Bob Jeffery will bring the message.

MOUNT SEQUOYAH RETREAT CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP!



RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER

They could use some volunteers in cleaning out building and within in the next three to four weeks, tearing out four bathrooms, taking up carpet and flooring and later in May painting. We could really use licensed plumbers and electricians but realize those trades may not want to donate their talents.

Want to volunteer?

Contact Karen at 479-443-4531 or Lamar at 479-530-4719

or e-mail Mt. Sequoyah at

director@mountsequoyah.org or registration@mountsequoyah.org

WALK TO EMMAUS



The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity, comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The "Emmaus community," made up of those who have attended an Emmaus weekend, support the 72-hour experience with a prayer vigil, by preparing and serving meals, and other acts of love and self-giving.

The Men's Walk is April 19-22 and the Women's Walk is April 26-29 at Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville (www.heartoftheozarks.org). If you are interested in participating, please pick up sponsor forms and applications in the church office. For more information, or to be sponsored for a walk, please contact Bob Bretch at 430-3132 or email him at rbretch@cox.net.

ORDER YOUR EASTER LILIES



Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning. To place a lily in memory or in honor of someone please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or return it to the office with payment of \$10 per lily. A list of names will be placed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Placed in (circle one)

In Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

By: _____

SOCIAL MEDIA AND HERITAGE



For all of you hip happening people on Facebook, be



sure you make Heritage UMC a friend. We often post upcoming events and interesting information on our Heritage Facebook page. You may also wish to "Tweet" with us on Twitter at Heritage VB. Both are excellent ways to stay informed on the latest information and both of our sites welcome your comments!

LIVING LAST SUPPER REHEARSAL



If you are one of the 12 disciples involved in the Living Last Supper drama, please make plans to attend rehearsal THIS Sunday, March 25th from 3 - 4:30 pm.

Mystery a game of shadows

April 12, 13, 14 at Heritage!

Cost: \$15 per person.

Tickets are on sale NOW!

Go to pulse.heritagevb.org to order tickets online as well!

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL



If you or someone you know has a child age 18 months to four years old and are interested in a two-day-a-week preschool, please contact us at 474-6424 to register for the 2012-2013 school year.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

It is that time of year again to get ready for Men's softball. If you are interested in playing, please contact Mike Kneeland at mknee1260@cox.net or call Mike at 719-9274. Be watching your email and future newsletters for a date to meet and plan this year's season.

NEWSLETTER

If you have an announcement for the newsletter, please email it to office@heritagevb.org by 9 am on Monday mornings. Also, if you would like the newsletter by email, contact Kathy Goins at kgoins@heritagevb.org.

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