

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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Join us this Sunday morning, May 6th during our 8:05 am and 11 am services as Arrhythmia (youth praise team) leads us in worship. Grant Mills, Graham Brown and Bryce Brown will be sharing testimonies. Our Spring Break 2012 trip to California will be highlighted through a video. Brian Seewald, our youth pastor, will give a message from God's Word.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In the Hospital:
 Sparks: **Joyce Hopkins**
 Pointer Trail H & R: **Jeri Nash**
 Crawford H & R: **Mary Coble**
 Crawford H & R: **Mary Friday**
 Crawford H & R: **Lena Mae Smith**

At Home:
Danny Berg, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy and Fae Dyer, Jeanette Elkins, Debbie Hill, Bill Kelton, Marilyn Lewis, 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 Sympathy:
Emma Lee Kelton and family in the death of her brother, *Calvin Hammontree*.

Liz McFadden and family in the death of her stepfather, *Jessie King*.

May Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
Bruce Brown	Bob Bretch	John Poole
Buster Colbert	Jerry Goodson	Ron Kaszubowski
Mike Kneeland	Jack Infield	Radonna Sangster
John Poole	Gene Rankin	Chad Sharbano
	Joe Stewart	John Vinson

Greeters

8:05 am:
 Alexis and Michael Boster
 Janet and Bruce Johnson

9:30 am:
 Linda Rankin and Sue Weege
 Rhonda and Darrell Shook

11:00 am:
 Tom and Jo Ellen Banhart
 Myron and Teresa Kirksey

Join us this Sunday, May 6th at 9:30 am,
 as we confirm the newest members of the Heritage Family!

Bailey Cropsey
Jacob Evans
Alana Guthrie
Janae Guthrie
Grant Moore
Austin Riddle



Caleb Salisbury
Kristen Sharp
Tollie Sneed
Carly Talley
Riley Watkins

Worship Notes

May 6:
 CONFIRMATION (9:30 AM)
 YOUTH SUNDAY! (8:05 AM & 11 AM)

May 13:
 MOTHER'S DAY
 AN UNDEFEATED SEASON:
 An Overcoming Mom!

May 20:
 AN UNDEFEATED SEASON:
 Defeating Offense!

Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter? Email it to office@heritagevb.org.

On the Inside



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- Wedding Invitations • Baptism
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MEMORIALS

AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **James Thomas**
(brother of Bill Thomas) by:

Benton Cone (Building Fund)

In honor of **the Hilliard Family**
and the upcoming wedding of
Lindsay and Josh by:

Donna Smith

EMMAUS MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Heritage Emmaus Reunion Group in the Welcome Center, Tuesday, May 15th at 7 pm. All members of the Emmaus community are encouraged to attend this meeting. Please contact Bob Bretch at 430-3132 if you have any questions.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

(for children entering
3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grade this FALL)

The camp is July 29-31 and the cost is \$50. Registration forms are available at the computer check-in stations.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

If you are a student in 8th-12th Grade and are interested in going on a mission trip to Joplin June 10-14, please pick up your registration forms from Brian. The cost is \$75 a student.

DONATIONS NEEDED

On May 12th, there will be a yard sale at Cardio Studio to raise money for those going on a mission trip to Brazil this summer. Donations are now being accepted. Please call Daniel Chisolm at 652-0959 or Melinda Chisolm at 353-5353 and they will be glad to make arrangements to have your items picked up.

BAPTISM



Fred Kozlowski
was baptized
Sunday, April 29th.

GREAT JOB LADIES

Hats off to the ladies who organized and conducted the "Sparkle" Women's Conference! You ladies did a great job with registration, organization, worship, workshops, food, decorations, and prizes. The speakers and workshops were wonderful, and it was good to have someone on hand to pray with those who needed it. The t-shirts were beautiful. Thanks so much for your dedication to the women of our community!

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Van Buren Rotary Club, thank you for the service you provided for our community project. Our yard sale was a HUGE success, and we couldn't have done it without your parking lot location. We feel as though we helped many in need that day! Thank you and many blessings to your congregation.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

- Food Pantry Sunday is this Sunday, May 6th. Every \$7 donation provides 4-5 meals for a family.
- Every Sunday in May, the Food Pantry will be selling handcrafted cards and gifts in the Fellowship Hall as a fundraiser.
- There is a food pantry meeting this Sunday, May 6th at 2 pm in the Community Room. All food pantry volunteers and anyone interested in becoming a part of the Food Pantry is invited.
- We need volunteers for Friday mornings 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. Please contact Roger Burkett or Alia Lyle if you are interested in helping.

WEDDING INVITATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Banhart
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Jessica Banhart
to
Scott Visalli
Saturday, the nineteenth of May
two thousand twelve
at four o'clock in the afternoon
Heritage United Methodist Church

Reception to follow at the home of Tom and Jo Ellen Banhart
1808 Hidden Valley Drive in Van Buren.

Reverend & Mrs. Wesley Hilliard
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Lindsay Allison Hilliard
to
Mr. Josh David Staggs
son of Mr. and Mrs. David Staggs
on Saturday, the twenty-sixth of May
two thousand twelve
at four o'clock in the afternoon
Heritage United Methodist Church

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

BIRTHDAY LIST

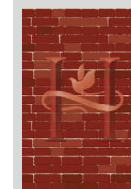
A list of May birthdays is available in the Great Hall.

NEW FREEDOM CLASS

Tired of fighting the same battles? Join Jennifer Bauman each Sunday at 9:30 am in the Community Room.

ALL MEN AND CHILDREN!

If you are looking for the perfect mother's day present, please consider purchasing a gift certificate to the Women of Faith Conference in August. You can contact Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritagevb.org or Marti Salisbury at msalisbury@vbsd.us. Registration cost is \$89; but if your wife is an educator or if either of you are in the military, Women of Faith has cut the cost to \$69. This is the perfect gift. The conference is in Oklahoma City on Aug. 10-11. The Heritage women will be travelling together.



A brick wall graphic design has been placed on the northwest wall in our sanctuary. The bricks represent the balance on the loan which built our student center and purchased the property adjoining the church.

The last Sunday of each month we will take off a brick (or bricks!) to represent the principal paid on the loan that month. Each one inch of brick represents \$1,400 paid on the principal. We kicked off the take-down this Sunday by removing thirty-nine inches of brick - five whole bricks -

HELP US TEAR DOWN THE WALL!

representing the \$55,078 paid so far this year! As bricks are removed a design will appear behind the wall. Want to see more of the design??? Then be sure to pay on your commitment to your Catch the Vision pledge or to the building fund. All contributions go directly to the principal! Our current loan balance represented by the bricks still on the wall is \$1,359,086.

Let's see how many we can take down the last Sunday of May!

Many thanks to Brock Girard for designing the graphic and getting it made for us!!
Sue Weege

WANTED! A METAL OUTDOOR PARK BENCH!

We have continued to add plants and shrubs to our (mostly) native plant garden under the oak trees on the front lawn. It would be really nice to have a bench there for those who might want to sit outside and enjoy the garden. If you just happen to have one you no longer need please consider donating it to our garden. We prefer metal because it will hold up better in the weather than wood. As long as it is in good, safe condition a volunteer will be happy to sand/paint it if needed. Contact the church office if you have one to donate!

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS SUMMER CLOTHES

The Clothes Closet was really busy on our last opening. We served about 40 customers. We had two families who were especially grateful for our assistance. One very young family, with a baby, came in looking for black pants for the mom. She had just gotten her first job at a local fast-food place, and needed the pants for work. Praise the Lord, we were able to find 4 pairs of black pants to fit her! She left with a big smile and a grateful heart for the help. A grandmother brought in her daughter and grandson on referral from a local school. She said the father of the children had recently left and taken everything the family had, including the children's clothes. When the grandmother picked them up, they had only the clothes they were wearing. We were able to find a few things for the family (although we are very low on children's clothes). The little boy saw a sports jacket that he really liked. He asked if he could have it. When he put it on, he smiled and asked if it fit. He left with a smile and the jacket still on. Mom and grandmother were very grateful for the things we were able to provide.

We encouraged them to come back again, since our congregation is so generous to provide clothing on a regular basis.

Baby items go as fast as we receive them! We recently had a baby bed donated. Before we could get the entire bed into the house, a family said they were having a baby in June and needed the bed! They took it right out of our hands! Same thing happened with a microwave and a TV. Due to space limitations, we cannot keep a lot of household items on hand, but these items go so fast, we don't have to store them!

We need summer clothes in all sizes. WE DO NOT NEED WINTER CLOTHES AT THIS TIME. We especially need children's clothes (infants to teen girls and boys). We can also use slightly worn shoes and good socks. Please bring your donations to the Good Shepherd Sunday School Class at Heritage. May the Lord bless you richly for your continuing donations! If you would like to volunteer with the Clothes Closet, please contact Judy Goodson at 806-8740.