

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

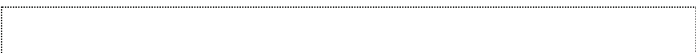
11:00 AM
Contemporary Worship

Nursery provided for all services.

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

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FROM YOUR WELCOME MINISTER'S HEART...GET PLUGGED IN!



I was reading this week a blog written by Brian Hardin, founder and author of "Daily Audio Bible" on www.biblegateway.com. He speaks of the church as a community. Here is an excerpt of his teaching.

"Too often we experience faith in a solitary way. We rarely think of it in terms of "us" and "our," and frequently see it as "me" and "my." But we can't mistake these Western, individualistic values for biblical values.

The Bible is clear that living in community with other believers is irreplaceable in the Christian life

The early church worshiped and lived communally. The Bible provides a detailed snapshot of what the church looked like at the beginning: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:42-47)."

I was so moved by his teaching that once again it made me ask myself the question. Are we, the people of Heritage United Methodist Church, living like the early Christians? Are we living as a community? I hear Wes preach about it. I find myself constantly looking to add more small groups, but when I look at our overall numbers there are still a large number of people who are satisfied with showing up on Sunday morning and being a part of nothing more. If you are one of them, I want to encourage you to put that life style away. Take advantage of the many small group opportunities that we are launching this fall. Inside this newsletter you will find so much offered. Please contact me, and I will help you get plugged in today!!!



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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In the Hospital:
 Sparks: **Anna Moon**
 Mercy: **Bo Dyer**
 Covington Court: **Jeanette Elkins**
 Crawford H & R: **Emmett Spencer**

At Home:
Margene Bules, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy Dyer, Debbie Hill, Jeri Nash, Marion and Kay Newton, Oline and Irene Oxford, Teresa Ray, Wayne Weege

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)
Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)
Mary Friday (Crawford H & R)
Lena Mae Smith (Crawford H & R)

September Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am John Poole Myron Kirksey Mike Kneeland Mike McSpadden	9:30 am Tom Konert John Symonds David Alexander Andy Williams	11:00 am Benton Cone Justin Lovett Jason Fontaine Kerry Kelly Grace Kelly
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Greeters

8:05 am:
Max and Leanna Garrett
Buster Colbert

9:30 am:
Deborah Pearson and kids
Anita Dowty

11:00 am:
Sarah and Rueben Silva
Drew and Marlene Cone

Upcoming Events

September 9:
 NEWCOMERS' CLASS

September 10:
 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **Jeff Baldwin** (son of Brad and Renée Baldwin; father of Chris Baldwin) by:

M/M Jan Cooper (YM)
M/M Mike Henson (BF)
Kathy Hubbs (FP)
M/M Charles Sullivan (YM)

In memory of **Annie Venis** (sister of Max Goins) by:

M/M Charles Sullivan (BF)

In memory of **Lewis Belcher** by:

Gary, Diane and
Christa Nishmuta (BF)
Kathy Hubbs (FP)

In memory of **Glenn Briley** by:

Kathy Hubbs (FP)

In memory of **Evora Bates** (mother of Debbie Thomas) by:

Kathy Hubbs (FP)

In honor of **Donna Parker's Birthday** by:

Kathy Hubbs (FP)

In honor of **Chris Baldwin** by:

M/M Chuck King (BF)

In honor of **Jeanette Elkins** by:

Unity Sunday School Class (BF)

*FP - Food Pantry *YM - Youth Ministries

*BF - Building Fund

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

PARENTS

If your child attends the 11:00 ministry time in the 'Backyard' (3's through 5th grade), we need your help! PLEASE sign up to volunteer in your child's age group 2 or 3 times before January 1st! the sign-up sheets are located at the check-in stations! Thank you in advance for supporting this ministry to your children!



HERITAGE UNIVERSITY



Heritage University Fall semester classes will begin Sunday, September 16th, and this Sunday, September 9th begins the final week to sign-up for a course! Heritage University will be offering a variety of courses to further your Christian walk:

HU105 in Room 122 *Fingerprints of God* – taught by Mike Rogers
HU202 in Room 123 *John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life* – taught by Michael Tursky
HU505 in Room 133 *Forgotten God* – taught by Bobby Boyakin
HU806 in Room 134 *Spiritual Warfare* – taught by Marti Salisbury



SPOTLIGHT ON LIFE GROUPS

Take advantage of these opportunities:

- Piece Makers: quilting group facilitated by Marilyn Lewis.
- Standing in the Gap: for women whose husbands work out of town or aren't available for Life Groups facilitated by Grace Kelly.
- Newbies: adults in their 20's to 30's who are looking to form strong friendships led by Max and Marilyn Goins.
- Family Matters: young families with or without children whose focus is on becoming a support system for each other co-lead by Grant and Becke Symonds & Jason and Sara Hurst.

....Any many, many more Life Groups like these can be found in our brochure located on the table in the Great Hall.

BABY SHOWER

Help us welcome baby girl, Lily Kate! Sprinkle Shower honoring Sara Adair this Saturday, September 8th in the Welcome Center. Please drop in from 10-11:30am. Sara is registered at Wal Mart and Target.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, September 23rd, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

DIVORCE CARE

Heritage will launch a new class of "Divorce Care" this Sunday, Sept. 9th at 6:00 pm The class is a thirteen-week program designed to help heal the hurts and pains 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. To sign up, please contact Becki at bkneeland@heritagevb.org.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Prayer in a private setting is available on Sunday mornings between services in the Prayer Room. Someone from our prayer team will be waiting to pray with you. If the room is occupied, there will be a place to write your name and once the room is vacant again a prayer team member will come and locate you for your prayer time.

NEWCOMER'S CLASS

If you are interested in making Heritage Church your home or you want to learn more about the church and its core vision and values, please sign up for the newcomer's class. The class will be next Sunday, September 9th beginning at 9:30 am and ending with a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Contact Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritagevb.org, or call the church office at 474-6424.

BRIDGING THE GAP

If you have furniture, appliances, dish sets etc. that you would like to donate to our new ministry, Bridging the Gap, or if you have a need or know someone with a need, or if you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Gary Deal at 651-2013.

REHEARSAL



Scrooge Rehearsal will be this Sunday, September 9th from 3 - 4:30 pm. We will rehearse pages 1-7 plus entire cast. Musical numbers to be rehearsed: A Christmas Carol and Christmas Children. Mark your calendar and make plans to be there.

JOIN US



The Made For Praise Children's Choir will resume rehearsals this Sunday, September 9th in the Worship Arts Room. We meet every Sunday from 4:30 - 5:30 pm. All children in 1st - 6th grades are invited to join us for fun, fellowship and singing God's praises.

ATTENTION 6TH GRADERS

Confirmation Class (aka "Flatliners") will begin Sunday, September 16th from 9:30-10:30 am upstairs in the Block. If you haven't signed up, please contact the church office at 474-6424 ASAP.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Join us each Wednesday before Bible study beginning at 4:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our Community Meal. Price:

Family \$10 maximum
Adults \$4
Seniors \$3
Children \$2.

RESUME HELP

Want your resume to go from the trash pile to the 2nd look pile? An attender of our church with 10 years of corporate recruiting experience will be offering free resume editing and interview coaching on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9-12.. Call the church to sign up for an appointment. You can contact Becki at bkneeland@heritagevb.org if you have questions.

YOU'RE INVITED

All Ladies and teen girls are invited to a simulcast with Beth Moore on Saturday, September 15th at First Baptist Church in Alma. The doors to the Family Life Center will open at 7 am for coffee and fellowship and the simulcast is from 8:30 - 3:30 pm. Admission is free. Email lfolkerts82@yahoo.com or call the church office at 632-2020 to sign up!

JOYFUL SOUND

New to Heritage - Instrumental Ensemble, under the direction of Rick Endel. For students and adults: brass and wood, strings, percussion players - all levels of experience. First rehearsal is Sunday, September 30th at 3 pm. For more information, contact Rick at 806-3522 and make plans to join us!

EMMAUS REUNION GROUP

We will have a potluck dinner and meeting Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Bob Bretch at 430-3132 if you can come and what you can bring to eat.

The time is fast approaching for our fall walks at St. Scholastica. As a reminder, the men's walk is November 14 and the woman's walk is November 8-11, 2012. There is a opportunity to serve as members of the team. We need assistance with assistant table leaders, serving food, agape gifts and clean-up. Please let me know ASAP if you would be willing to assist on one of the walks.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Cindi Wood's study, *Desperate: Seeking Simplicity...Finding the Cross* will be offered on Monday mornings at 9:30am starting September 10th. Facilitated by Pam James.

EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Beth Moore's study for women, *James: Mercy Triumphs*, will be offered on Monday evenings beginning September 10th at 6:30 pm. Facilitated by Linda Nelson.