

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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HISTORIC CHURCH BELL TO BE RE-DEDICATED SUNDAY AT 10:45 AM!



Our historic bell tower bell has been repaired and will be re-dedicated this Sunday outside the bell tower in a short service at 10:45 a.m. The bell was purchased by First United Methodist Church, one of our two founding churches, prior to the Civil War. It was cast by J Bernhard Foundry of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1850. It possibly has direct ties to the company which cast the Liberty Bell. Joseph Bernhard opened his own foundry in 1845 after being an apprentice to John Wilbank. John Wilbank, in turn, is believed to have been an apprentice to John Stow whose company cast the Liberty Bell. The words stamped on our bell "First Premium Awarded" probably indicate the bell was purchased as a gift to the church.

Very little is known about the bell and its purchase. The original church building was completed in 1849. Because of the date on our bell, 1850, it was probably purchased shortly after completion of the original building. It is said to have been brought to Van Buren via the Mississippi and Arkansas Rivers. The original church was destroyed during the Civil War and rebuilt in 1886. The bell was stored in the tin shop of Mr. R. S. Roberts until a place could be arranged for it. A large number of people went to see it as it was the largest bell that had ever been brought to Van Buren.

The bell was tolled for funerals and fires and to call people to worship. Because it was such a valuable means of communication it was never rung except for important events. When it was heard everyone knew something important was happening.

Because of its historical and symbolic importance, when plans were begun for our present building the first requirement was a bell tower to house our bell. Acolytes or ushers rung the bell when it was time for worship to begin until several years ago when the rope broke. Because of the difficulty and expense of getting into the bell tower, repairs were not investigated until this spring when it was found that a part of the wheel holding the bell had broken. We were excited to get pictures of the bell during its repair as other pictures of it had been lost. It is now back in working order and members of our Confirmation Class will ring the bell each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. indicating both the close of the 9:30 a.m. service and beginning of the 11 a.m. Service. Come celebrate restoration with us!

Sue Weege

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In the Hospital:
Fae Dyer (Mercy)
Emmett Spencer (Alma H & R)

At Home:
Margene Bules, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy Dyer, Jeanette Elkins, Jeri Nash, Oline and Irene Oxford, 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)

In Sympathy:
Wanda Lloyd and Joe Lloyd in the death of their husband and cousin, Jim Lloyd.

October Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am John Poole Cyndy Rogers Alexis Boster Michael Boster	9:30 am Wayne Stewart Connie Mendenhall Mark Stafford Mark Evans Jerry Frederiksen	11:00 am Roger Burkert Jon Harper Danny Turner Ray Hart Mark Anders
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Greeters

8:05 am:
Jane and Rick Sanders

9:30 am:
Andy and Terry Williams
Brian and Kelly Curd

11:00 am:
Trudy Leding
Christy Anders

Upcoming Events

October 28:
 CHILI COOK OFF
 BEGINNING AT 12 PM

November 11:
 NEWCOMER'S CLASS
 9:20 AM

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **Bo Dyer** (father of Deanna Bradley) by:

M/M Ron Smith (BF)
M/M Roger Burkert (BF)

In memory of **Anna Moon** (wife of Neal Moon and step-mother of Libby McGill) by:

Vesta Everitt (BF)
M/M Ron Smith
M/M Joe Lloyd (FP)

In memory of **Carole Marsh** (daughter of Ernie and Joan Schimmelman and mother of Seth Marsh) by:

M/M Charles Sullivan (BF)
Malia Putman (YM)

In memory of **Orley Massena** (uncle of Malinda McSpadden and cousin of Rhonda Chambers) by:

M/M Bruce Johnson

In memory of **Warren Watson** (grandfather of Malia Putman) by:

Malia Putman (CC)

In honor of **the Heritage Staff** by:

M/M Johnny Parker (FP)

*FP - Food Pantry *BF - Building Fund
*CC - Crew for Christ *YM - Youth Ministry

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, Oct. 28th or Nov. 25th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

Come to the Resource Center this Sunday between 9 and 11:15 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

NEW MEMBER



Rachelle Elias was baptized Sunday and joined the Heritage family. She has one son, Aron.

CELEBRATION OF REMEMBRANCE

During the time of celebrating the birth of Jesus, we would like to celebrate the memory of our loved ones. Please join us in song and listening to God's word of encouragement at our *Celebration of Remembrance* on Sunday, December 16th at 3 pm. In loss, we come to realize that material things are not what is important. "Only one life will soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last!" If you would like a loved one's name placed on our tree, please contact the church office and an ornament will be placed on a tree in the sanctuary during the Christmas holidays.

SCROOGE REHEARSAL CHANGE

This Sat. Oct. 20 (no rehearsal on the 27th):

11am-12 Louann and Brian
12:00-1:30 ALL High School and Adult Cast+Ethan Elliott/Kristen Sharp: "Thank You Very Much" Please review this song and have the words memorized!

After "Thank You Very Much" we are going to work on finalizing and setting the choreography for "December 25th", using the following people:

Aaron/Rachel	Brian/Logan
Max/Leanna	Greg/Madi
Earle/Darlene	Sarah K./Ethan
Jessye/Alex	Kathy/Jason
Devon/Madison	

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Individual 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.





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2012
BEGINS AT NOON



- Tickets: \$5
Family of 5: \$20
Includes Tea and Water
Soft drinks available for purchase
- Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place
- Tickets available for the next two Sundays in the Fellowship Hall
- To enter your chili, pick-up a registration form in the Fellowship Hall or the Church Office

All proceeds go toward the production of **MR. SCROOGE**

WHAT IS A SUKKAH?

Our altar is decorated as a Sukkah. A sukkah is a temporary hut constructed for use during the week-long Jewish festival of Sukkot. It is often decorated with autumnal or harvest themes. Some families also line the interior walls with white sheeting, in order to recall the "Clouds of Glory" that surrounded the children of Israel during their wanderings in the desert. The Book of Leviticus describes it as a symbolic wilderness shelter, commemorating the time God provided for the Israelites in the wilderness they inhabited after they were freed from slavery in Egypt. During the festival, families eat, sleep and otherwise spend time in the sukkah. Sukkot is a joyous occasion and is referred to in Hebrew Z'man Simchateinu (the time of our rejoicing), but the sukkah itself symbolizes the frailty and transience of life and our total dependence on God. The Gospel of John records in chapter 7 that Jesus Himself went up to Jerusalem to observe this biblical "Feast of Tabernacles."

FOR CONGREGATION EYES ONLY! STAFF...NO PEEKING :)

FUNDRAISER

Our annual Food Pantry Mason Jar drive has begun. Pick up a jar in the Great Hall today. Take it home and fill it with your loose change to support our Food Pantry.

October is National Pastor Appreciation Month. We want to honor all the staff of Heritage by showering them with appreciation during this month. All staff of Heritage are listed on the back of this newsletter. Pick one or several staff members and send them a thank you note or homemade goodies or a gift card or deliver them a Sonic drink or a great big thank-you hug when you see them...the possibilities are endless. Use your imagination and love on them during this month!

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 Sunday, Nov. 11th beginning at 9:20 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.



VETERANS DAY

A Veterans Day Assembly will be held at the Van Buren High School Freshman Academy Coleman Campus on Monday, November 12 at 1 pm in the gymnasium with a reception to follow. Reserved parking will be available on the West end of the building for guests. You may submit a vet's picture for the assembly to Crystal Sexton at the Van Buren High School Freshman Academy Coleman Campus by Thursday, October 25th. All pictures will be returned. Please write the veterans name on the back of the picture, and leave an address to return the picture. You may email the picture and information to Crystal.Sexton@vbsd.us. Also, you may submit names of Veterans who gave their life in service to our country as they will be honored in a special "Reading of the Names" during the ceremony.