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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.

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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 PASTOR'S HEART ... PERSEVERING IN HOPE!



This past Sunday we saw what "True Faith" is as illustrated by the life of Abraham. This week in Romans 5:1-11, the Apostle Paul explains the blessings of having such genuine faith! One of the blessings is the ability to **persevere in tribulations with joy and hope** because the Holy Spirit is filling our hearts with the love of God! As I've been considering things lately, the evidence of true maturity I want to see in our church family is this joyful, hopeful, loving perseverance! This maturity says, "Lord, I love You, and I am pursuing You with a passion all my days. I am going to live each day in joyful fellowship with You, seeking to share Your love and power with those I meet."

This genuine faith does not let discouragement win the day; rather it "rejoices in hope," "rejoices in trials" and "rejoices in God." It anticipates the coming of God's glory in present-day, sovereign visitations and in His ultimate return! Every moment here, lived for Him, will be worth it all!



Rejoicing in hope with you! See you Sunday!
 What a day of rejoicing it will be!

Pastor Wes

On the Inside



- Memorials and Honorariums
- Dedications • Newcomer's Class
- Chili Cook-Off • Flu Shot Sunday

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In the Hospital:
Emmett Spencer (Alma H & R)
Elmo Evans (Mercy)

At Home:
Margene Bules, Mary Ellen Burris, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy and Fae Dyer, Jeanette Elkins, Jeri Nash, Wayne Weege

All Military Personnel all around the world

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)
Nursing Home:
Jean Stratton (Legacy Lodge)

In Sympathy:
Brandy Girard in the death of her step-grandfather, *Ben Gregory*.

In Thanksgiving:
Bruce and Janet Johnson in the birth of their newest grandbaby, *Brooklyn Rae Lingo*. She is the daughter of Tim and April Lingo.

Upcoming Events

October 28:
 CHILI COOK OFF
 BEGINNING AT 11 :45 AM

November 11:
 NEWCOMER'S CLASS
 9:20 AM

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

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **Bo Dyer** by:

Pat Patton (YM)
Linda Deshazo (BF)
M/M Jerry Hunter (BF)
M/M Wayne Stewart (BF)
Janie Young (BF)
M/M Heath Wagner (BF)

In memory of **Anna Moon** by:
Advanced Workzone Services

In memory of **Carole Marsh** by:
Robert Bell

In memory of **Jim Lloyd** by:
M/M Melvin Haddock (FP)
The Ducharme Family (FP)
David Armbruster (FP)
M/M Charles Housley (FP)
M/M Jack Infield (FP)
James Lockhart, Jr. (FP)
M/M Don Spillman (FP)
Louis Sternitzky (FP)
M/M Rick Brumett (FP)
M/M Benton Cone (FP)
M/M Darrell Shook (FP)
M/M John Symonds (FP)
Vesta Everitt (BF)

In memory of **Jeff Baldwin** by:
Judy Schaap (YM)

In honor of **Scott Patton and Kara Kinchla's Engagement** by:
Pat Patton (YM)

In honor of **Buddy Turner** by:
Pat Patton (FP)

In honor of **Ruth Ottinger's Birthday** by:
M/M Darrell Shook (FP)

In honor of the **Staff of Heritage** by:
M/M Dorvan Wiley (FP)

In memory of **Orley Massena** (uncle of Malinda McSpadden) by:
M/M Johnny Parker (FP)

*FP - Food Pantry *BF - Building Fund
*YM - Youth Ministry

DEDICATIONS



The children of Matt and Tara Oliver, Heaven, Noah and Isaiah were dedicated Sunday. Their oldest daughter, Grace, is currently in confirmation class.

FLU SHOT SUNDAY

Our local Walgreen's Pharmacy is sponsoring a flu vaccination clinic at Heritage this Sunday, October 28th from 9 am - 12 noon. Stop by the Welcome Center and get yourself ready for the flu season. Bring your insurance card; but if you don't have one, come anyway!

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends a flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older (instead of just certain groups, as was recommended before). But it's especially important that those in higher-risk groups get vaccinated. They include:

- all kids 6 months through 4 years old
- anyone 65 years and older
- women who will be pregnant during flu season
- anyone whose immune system is weakened from medications or illnesses
- any adult or child with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma.
- kids or teens who take aspirin regularly and are at risk for developing Reye syndrome if they get the flu
- health care personnel who have direct contact with patients caregivers or household contacts of anyone in a high-risk group (like children younger than 6 months)

Certain circumstances would prevent a person from getting the vaccine. If you fall into any of the groups below, talk to your doctor to see if the vaccine is still recommended:

- infants under 6 months old
- anyone who's severely allergic to eggs and egg products. (People with a mild egg allergy can receive the vaccine, but it should be given in a doctor's office so that they can be monitored for side effects for 30 minutes after the shot is given.)
- anyone who's ever had a severe reaction to a flu vaccination
- anyone with Guillain-Barré syndrome (a rare condition that affects the immune system and nerves)

BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

PRAYER GATHERING

Join us for a *Community Prayer Gathering* on Sunday, November 4th at 2 pm on the Crawford County Courthouse lawn.

PRAYER BOOTH BLESSES MANY

How does one judge success when offering prayer to others at a fall festival? Is it by the number of people that voluntarily stop by to ask for prayer, or is it by the total number of prayer requests? I am not totally sure of the answer, but I believe success is surely judged by the people whose hearts are touched by the prayers received and those touched by giving the prayers. Many people are desperate for intervention from God. Their woes and concerns are serious; they want someone to intervene. This year's requests were no exception. We had -150 people request prayer for themselves, friends, family, and our country. We had many requests for healing from cancer, for employment, for marriages, for addictions, for safety for troops, and various health problems. We had some people request prayers for salvation. Some specific requests involved a lady who had just been diagnosed with breast cancer, a very small girl who had extreme scoliosis and was facing back surgery, a lady who had trouble with pain in her feet, a Vietnam vet who is struggling with caring for his elderly mom and with following God's path for himself. I remember two young children who asked for prayers for a mom and an uncle, and teens who asked for prayers for their friends. One lady said her sister would die within a few days unless she is delivered from drug addiction. Another lady asked for prayers for reconciliation with her siblings. She had been estranged from them for 20-30 years, but had recently seen them again.

Thanks to all who took the time to staff the prayer booth, and to all of you who took prayer requests to pray over the following week. I believe we were all blessed by the opportunity to lift up the requests to the Lord. I was especially impressed with the boldness and love of T. J., our young teen, who seemed to love praying for others. Maybe we will have more youth involved next year??

Judy Goodson

Lay Leader Work/Witness

IS IT TIME FOR A FAMILY PORTRAIT?



Heritage Church is teaming up with Lifetouch to provide a "Family Photography Event." This is a benefit for Bridging the Gap and the Food Pantry. Each family that participates will receive a complimentary 8x10 for coming. There is no obligation to purchase anything and 8% of sales will go directly to these important ministries to help reach out to and meet the needs of those who need help, in our own community. Additionally, if you make a \$5 (or larger) donation to either of these ministries, you will receive a \$5 coupon to use for your purchase. These portraits make excellent Christmas/ Mother's Day/ Father's Day gifts; you can even have them printed as Christmas cards. And for most of us, getting a professional family portrait made is something we don't get around to doing very often. So IF you have portrait needs, please consider purchasing to help us to be able to minister more effectively to people in the River Valley. Sign up now by going to www.heritagevb.org and clicking on the family portrait fundraiser link. There will also be a printable \$10 off discount coupon in a reminder email 2-3 days before your appointment; just scroll down till you see it. There will be different backgrounds and you can even bring props—pets (trained and restrained), musical instruments, sporting equipment etc. Remember this is a great opportunity to get the family together and have a professional family portrait made in the convenience of your own church. Also be sure to invite friends, neighbors and relatives. Spread the news and THANKS for participating!



Join us this Sunday, October 28th in the Fellowship Hall as we enjoy a variety of chili and all the fixin's. We will start serving at 11:45 am. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5 a piece and \$20 for a family of 5. This includes tea and water. Soft drinks are available for purchase. All proceeds go toward the production of MR. SCROOGE.

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.