

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.

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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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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In Hospital:
Barbara Blythe (Sparks)
Linda Seubold (UAMS)

At Home:
Margene Bules, Gerlinda Dibble,
Roy and Fae Dyer, Jeanette Elkins,
Elmo Evans, Debbie Moore, Jeri
Nash, Judy Spencer, Alan Swaim

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:
Gary Nishmuta and family in the death
 of his brother-in-law, *Lee Tunstall.*

November Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am John Poole Christina Fontaine Buster Colbert Bruce Brown	9:30 am Goodson Life Group	11:00 am Drew Cone Chad Sharbono Greg McClure John Poole
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Greeters

8:05 am:
Darlene Craft
Max Goins
9:30 am:
Goodson Life Group
11:00 am:
Kris Tutwiler

Upcoming Events

November 17:
 SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS
 9:30 AM

November 18:
 HEALTHY CONGREGATION
 9:00 AM

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

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ...

THANKING GOD FOR THE ENCOURAGERS IN OUR LIVES!

We are so blessed! This morning I wrote out a page full of thanksgivings to the LORD. I pray that this Sunday will be a great morning of thanksgiving and praise for us. We will encourage one another by testifying about the goodness of God! We will give thanks for the encouragers—the "Barnabases"—in our lives; and we will have the opportunity to worship the LORD by making our faith-promises to Him for the coming year. The LORD has been faithful and gracious, and merciful to us. Let us thank Him, praise Him, and honor Him with faith-filled promises of our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

I believe 2013 may be a spiritual breakthrough in many ways. The LORD is calling us to a new level of prayer – preparing us and the spiritual environment for a mighty move of His Spirit.

You should receive a faith-promise card in the mail this week, or there will be extras in the pew this Sunday. We encourage you to pray and ask the LORD what HE would have you do in the areas prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in 2013. Make bold commitments to Him. Find an accountability partner. Together, let's watch Jesus do great things through us in this coming season!



I am so encouraged by your faithfulness to Jesus!

Pastor Wes

On the Inside



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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **Jeff Baldwin** by:
Diane Hays (YM)

In memory of **Jim Lloyd** by:
M/M Skip Steele (FP)

In memory of **Jim Nishmuta**
(uncle of Gary Nishmuta) by:
M/M Gary Nishmuta (FP/OB)

FP - Food Pantry YM - Youth Ministry
BF - Building Fund OB - Operating Budget

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.

WORSHIP ARTS REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 17:

Mr. Scrooge 11-1pm in the Block
Sanctuary Choir w/Joyful Sound 1-2pm
Praise Band + Singers 2-3:30pm

This rehearsal is important as we will not meet the following Wednesday, Nov. 21st for Thanksgiving Holidays. So we will be rehearsing music for both the 18th and the 25th.

Thanks everyone for your faithfulness and commitment to the Worship Arts Ministry!

Chuck

ATTENTION: HERITAGE FAMILY

On Friday evening, December 21st we will be hosting a city event for the downtown area of Van Buren called "Christmas Sing-n-Supper." That evening we will be providing a free concert at the King Opera House, featuring our very own "Coon Supper Boys" and recording artist Katie Danielson. We will also be providing a community meal for people who live in the downtown area at the "Main Attraction" event center two blocks up from the King Opera House. The meal will be at no cost to the public and it will be a traditional Christmas meal. We hope to have the following items donated by our congregation to make this meal possible. It is a great outreach project and a wonderful way to say, "Merry Christmas!" to our community. If you have questions please contact bkneeland@heritagevb.org (Cash donations are also appreciated)

mashed potatoes - 25 boxes of instant

Sweet potatoes - large cans - 40 cans

cornbread - packages or small boxes - 15 (non-sweet)

loaves of bread - 8

turkeys - 12 -15 pound birds.....45-50

2 dozen eggs (for cornbread)

green beans - 80 regular cans of green beans - 15 oz size

cranberry sauce - 20 regular cans

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, Nov. 18th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed next Thursday, Nov. 22nd and Friday, Nov. 23rd in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

"Since we have been tithing for the last two years and faithfully giving, we have been rewarded in so many ways and have never missed the money we have given."

"The Lord is good, and He wants to bless us. He asks us to give not because He needs it, but as a test of our hearts and our obedience."

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAY

Surviving the Holidays offers help for those dealing with grief during the holidays. No matter how long it's been since your loved one passed away, grief can make the holidays a painful time; But, there is hope! Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. Saturday, Nov. 17th at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Registration begins at 9:00 am.

"I have been encouraged as I have become more involved in the ministries of the church. I truly see my gifts at work."

"At first you may be tested, as it is not easy to give up. That's the point and that is how good God really is. When you obey and follow through in His commandment it actually becomes enjoyable and feels great."

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

The Clothes Closet continues to be a busy place! We are open on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 9:30 am-12:00 noon. We usually serve 40-50 people on these days, and meet special requests on other occasions when children and/or families are in urgent need of clothing. **We currently have a great need for winter coats, sweatshirts, hoodies, and sweaters.** We always need children's clothes and jeans in any size! There is now a receptacle for your donations at the Mission House (Clothes Closet). **Please take your donations to the receptacle on the back porch of the Clothes Closet.** We need more volunteers! You may either help us during our "open" hours or you may work in the Clothes Closet at any time (sorting and hanging clothes). Call Alice Goodlin at 420-4553 to get started!

HURRICANE SANDY DISASTER RELIEF HEALTH KIT

We are collecting items for the Hurricane Relief Efforts. Please turn in to church office.

Cleaning Bucket Kit items:

Value: \$55 per bucket

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Bleach (two 1-quart bottles or one 82-oz. bottle.)
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- Liquid laundry detergent (two 25-oz. or one 50-oz. bottle)
- 1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle
- Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)

ENCOURAGING THROUGH GIVING

In Acts 4, Paul writes about the believers of the recently established church. He describes them as being "one in heart and mind." These first Christians claimed no possessions of their own but shared everything they had (v. 32). The Lord was pleased by their sacrifices and provided for them so that there were no needy persons among them (v.34). In this great story we see the loving spirit of the first Christians and the great example they give to us. God uses our gifts to accomplish great things through the ministries at Heritage. We need to commit to disciplining our hearts to give to the LORD our gifts just as Barnabas did when he gave the money from his land and committed his life to spreading the good news. "Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to" - Deuteronomy 15:10.

In the coming holidays we will consider what we are thankful for and what God has blessed us with. We ask that you and your families continue your prayers about the faith-promise you will make for 2013. This Sunday we will present our faith-promises to the LORD during worship. If you are not able to be in worship, we ask that you return your faith-promise cards no later than Sunday, November 30th. You may mail them or drop them by the church office!

Blake Bryant, Heritage Stewardship Team

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The Food Pantry served 682 families in October! Thank you for sowing into this ministry. There is a food pantry meeting this Sun., Nov. 18 at 2 pm. in room 130. We will collect the mason jars on Sun., Dec. 9th!

"To me, tithing means giving first to God, not just with your income."