

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 PASTOR'S HEART! ... ADVENT: FROM HUMBUG TO HALLELUJAH!



Can you believe it? This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent! Advent means "coming" and refers to the time Christians all around the world celebrate the first coming of Jesus Christ to earth. It is to be a time of joy and jubilation; yet, many people feel more like saying "humbug" than "hallelujah." That's why we've chosen to spend the next several Sundays examining different ways we can journey from humbug to hallelujah by learning lessons from God's Word and "A Christmas Carol." Which carol? Not a musical piece, but a wonderful story by Charles Dickens that's filled with spiritual applications.

Next Sunday, we'll look at how we can break the Christmas chains we have forged in life. On the second Sunday of Advent we'll explore ways to reawaken the joy inherent in Christmas, and the next week we'll investigate ways to value relationships especially at Christmas. The Sunday before Christmas we'll learn to write a good ending to our personal "Christmas Carol," and during our special Christmas Eve services we'll celebrate a Christmas of miracle transformations. We'll close the series by learning to honor Christmas in our hearts all year long. Sound interesting? I can hardly wait to get started!

Each week, we will have a special presentation from our cast and crew of "Mr. Scrooge," a musical version of "A Christmas Carol" written by our very own Terry McGonigle. Come get in the "Hallelujah" spirit with us! Dress in Victorian era clothes if you like! This advent, Heritage will be a "No humbug!" zone!



HALLELUJAH!
Pastor Wes

P.S. Plan now to bring your friends and family to "Mr. Scrooge", December 20, 22, or 23rd, and the "Sing-n-Supper" on December 21st, all at the King Opera House, presented by the Heritage Worship Arts Ministries.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In Hospital:
Linda Seubold (UAMS)

At Home:
Barbara Blythe, Margene Bules, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy and Fae Dyer, Jeanette Elkins, Jeri Nash

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)
Elmo Evans (Pointer Trail H & R)

In Sympathy:
Teresa Kirksey and Family in the death of her cousin, Mark Pickartz.

December Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am John Poole Mike Kneeland Mike McSpadden Myron Kirksey	9:30 am Tom Konert John Symonds David Alexander Andy Williams	11:00 am Craig Ballegeer Kip James Scott Neidecker Jeff Bowerman Terry Furr
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Greeters

8:05 am:
Christina Fontaine
Mary Dempsey

9:30 am:
Rhonda and Darrell Shook
Burl and Debbie Carter

11:00 am:
Barry and Shawna Mason
Jan Redden and Cyndy West

Upcoming Events

December 9:
 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
 9:30 AM

December 16:
 TREE OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
 3:00 PM

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

On the Inside



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HONORARIUMS

In honor of Vesta Everitt's Birthday by:

M/M Ron Smith (FT)

In honor of Debbie Thomas' Birthday by:

M/M Dorvan Wiley (YM)

FT - Fitness Trail YM - Youth Ministries

MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in December, you are invited to place an offering in our little white church on the chancel rail during the announcements this Sunday. Currently, all birthday offerings go to support the Rupp family ministering in the Far East.

UAFS TOY TOSS

Each season, UAFS fans are encouraged to bring a new or slightly-used stuffed toy to the Lions' first game of the men's basketball classic, and after the Lions score their first points of the game, they are allowed to toss the toys onto the court in celebration. The toys are then collected and given to the Salvation Army to deliver during the Christmas Season. If you would like to donate a stuffed toy to be tossed at the game, please bring them by the church office and the Frederiksen's will deliver them to UAFS.

NEW MEMBERS



Eelco and Nicole Beket joined Sunday. They have one son, Kingston.



Lexi Eddy joined and was baptized Sunday.

Please join us in celebration as

John Poole

and

Pat Meek

join in Holy Matrimony on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6:30 pm

at the home of John Poole
4500 Old Uniontown Rd

In lieu of gifts, canned goods will graciously be accepted and then donated to the Food Pantry.

PRAYER MINISTRY

The Altar Prayer Team will meet this Sunday, December 2nd at 3:30 in the Welcome Center.

BENEFIT GAME TO HELP THE FOOD PANTRY

Come out and support the UAFS Lady Lions Basketball team after Bible Study on Wednesday, December 12th. They will take on the Evangel University Lady Crusaders at 7 pm in the Charles B. Dyer Arena in Alma. Admission is free by bringing two non-perishable food items. **All items will be donated to the Heritage food pantry.**

FOND MEMORIES

My fondest memories in life are not about events or accomplishments. My fondest memories are of people. At the top of the list would be Maxine Zelma Lambert Goins, my mother, whose name I proudly wear. Next in line would be a tiny – less than 80 lbs – dynamo that could out-work anyone I have ever known. She was Lydia Pendergrass Weston Goins, my grandmother. The list could go on and on. I have lots of memories of wonderful people.

I am sure that your list of remembered people would be long. Each of these memories are the building blocks of our lives. We actually build characteristics of the people we remember fondly into our character.

Sunday, December 16th, we will be having a "Tree of Remembrance" service. It will be held at 3:00 p.m. Special ornaments, each with the name of one of your specially remembered people, will be hung on a Tree of remembrance. Everyone is invited to attend this lovely service. We hope the service will help you fondly remember loved ones and friends who are no longer with us in this life.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 9, 2012

9:30 Worship Service

Come be blessed by the children as they present the story of the birth of Jesus to you!



2s through 5th grade children are invited to participate! The 2 year olds will begin our worship service singing Happy Birthday to Jesus! (2s are practicing in their classrooms on Sunday mornings!) The 3s through 5th grade are rehearsing on Sunday evenings, 6-7:30 pm!

WORSHIP AND PRAYER

You are invited to sit and soak in the Heritage Sanctuary every Thursday from 12 - 1pm as Chuck leads a time of worship and prayer.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Don't forget to fill up your mason jars with your loose change to help support the food pantry. We will collect them on Sunday, December 9th!

ATTENTION: HERITAGE FAMILY

Thank you so much for all the food that has been donated for our Christmas Sing-n-Supper on Friday evening, December 21st. It is a great outreach project and a wonderful way to say, "Merry Christmas!" to our community. At this time, we have just about everything we need. There may be a few items that we might need after we evaluate what we have and the closer it gets to the big event. But until then, "THANK YOU VERY MUCH!"

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, sweat-shirts, 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!

HERITAGE ANGELS

We support DHS and the foster children in our area by collecting Christmas gifts. After you choose an angel from the wall by the Children's wing, return the gifts to the stage in the Fellowship Hall by Wednesday, December 12th! All gifts must be unwrapped and in a bag with their number attached to the bag. If you have any questions contact Debbie Thomas at 651-0810 or the church office at 474-6424.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary during the month of December in honor or in memory of someone, please complete this form and return it to the church office with payment of \$10 per poinsettia.

Placed in (circle one)

In Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

By: _____

Heritage Church Worship Arts Presents

MR. SCROOGE

The Musical
Starring Terry McGonigle

Showing at
The King Opera House
Main Street Van Buren

December 20 7 PM
December 22 4 & 7 PM
December 23 4 & 7 PM

Tickets:
\$8 Adults
\$5 Children to 18

Available at:
Heritage Church
heritagevb.org
479.474.6424
Visit our website for a complete holiday schedule

IT WOULDN'T BE CHRISTMAS WITHOUT HIM!