

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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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART! ... REKINDLING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS!



The shepherds left Bethlehem "glorifying and praising God." A new memory was created. Can you just imagine the joy as those shepherds revisited that memory year after year? Augusta E. Rundel said it well: "Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance--a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved."

On this second Sunday of Advent, Christians around the world worship God with hope and expectancy. Our theme for this season is "From Humbug to Hallelujah." We often feel isolated and sometimes depressed during this time of year. Busy schedules filled with parties, shopping, and church activities sometimes rob us of the joy God intends for us during this season. This Sunday I'll be speaking on how to reawaken the joy of Christmas. I'll be asking you to revisit Christmas memories and start building new ones. In order to do that, I'm going to suggest you ask someone to be your "dance partner," someone to help you create new, happy memories. Our "Mr. Scrooge" cast will treat us to another special scene. Spend some time this weekend revisiting some of your Christmas memories.



Tis' the season to Rekindle the Joy!

Pastor Wes

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT THIS SUNDAY at the 9:30 SERVICE!
 Our children's ministry will present their Christmas pageant this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Come enjoy experiencing the true Christmas story through the eyes of our children! It just may be the best Christmas pageant ever. I hear rumors of "shooting" stars and angels! If you really want to have a SUPER Sunday, attend the 8 or 11 am service to hear Pastor Wes' message on Rekindling the Joy and watch the Christmas pageant at 9:30. This is going to be a HALLELUJAH day!

On the Inside



- Honorariums
- Toy Toss • Poinsettias
- Heritage Angels • Mr. Scrooge

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)

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 16:
 TREE OF REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
 3:00 PM

December 21:
 CHRISTMAS SING-N-SUPPER CONCERT
 AT THE KING OPERA HOUSE
 6 PM AND 8 PM

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

HONORARIUMS

In honor of **Teri Lyle's Birthday** by:

M/M Jim Udouj (FP)

In honor of **M/M John Poole** by:

M/M Darrell Goodlin (FP)

FP - Food Pantry

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.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

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: _____

IMPORTANT CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

This Sunday, December 9th at the 9:30 am worship service is the children's Christmas pageant. If your child is not participating in the program, please take them to worship and enjoy the pageant as a family. We will NOT have children's Sunday school during the 9:30 hour so that all of our volunteers and staff can also attend.

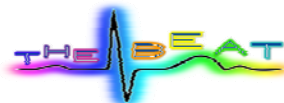
MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Heritage will host *Hearing God's Voice* with Mark Virkler on February 8th and 9th. Mark travels extensively conducting workshops on how to hear God's voice and how to experience divine healing. Be sure and mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors. You will not want to miss Mark's teachings.

HERITAGE ANGELS

Please remember to return the Heritage Angel 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.



This Sunday, December 9th, **The Beat** students (6th and 7th graders) will be Christmas Caroling and visiting with the residents at Pointer Trail Rehab. Afterwards, will we get some ice cream at Braums. Parents: please have them at the church at 5:30 pm and we will return at 8 pm. Don't forget to eat dinner BEFORE you come!

The chains are broken...the chains are buried....Christ has died and risen to free us....live in freedom today!!!



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Please join us at 3 pm on Sunday, December 16th, at our "Tree of Remembrance" service in the Sanctuary. This is a special time during the holiday season that we remember loved ones and friends who are no longer with us in this life. All are invited!

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.**

Heritage Church Worship Arts Presents



MR. SCROOGE

AT THE KING OPERA HOUSE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012

7 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2012

4 PM AND 7 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2012

4 PM AND 7 PM

Tickets: \$8 Adults \$5 Children

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.



THE CHRISTMAS SING-N-SUPPER
FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 21



Folks, with all the buzz about Mr. Scrooge, it might be easy to miss yet another grand opportunity to celebrate Christmas, and reach out to our community all at the same time! What's it all about?

THE SING: An absolutely FREE concert for everyone, featuring our own Tyler Wood, Mike Shepherd, and the Coon Supper Boys (with newest member Devon Parks!) These guys will bring a fresh country spin to some of your favorite Christmas songs...But that's not all! Also appearing is my daughter, Katie Danielson, who is coming from Sweden to add her own special sound to the evening....But that's not all! The Hilliard family will be singing...Rick Endel will be doing some jazz interpretations on the keyboard, Victorian Carolers fill the hall with traditional sounds...and Santa will arrive with special treats for the kiddos! You don't need a ticket! Just arrive with your friends at the King Opera House at either 6 or 8 p.m. and enjoy a great evening of music!

THE SUPPER: Just up the street from the Opera House, Heritage Church will be at the Main Attractions Event Center serving up a Traditional Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings. There is no charge for this meal, as we will be reaching out especially to those who are living in the downtown area. But we want to encourage you to invite ANYONE who might be in need of a blessing this year. Serving will begin at 5:45 pm and will continue until 8 pm. In the meantime, we will be inviting our guests to join us for the free concerts at the Opera House, once they have enjoyed the dinner.

All in all, these great events provide you with a way to spread some Christmas cheer, and help bring the Light to downtown Van Buren!

Your Worship Pastor,
Chuck

APPRECIATION DINNER

The 3rd Annual Food Pantry Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is Friday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Roger Burkert (479) 462-3392 or Alia Lyle (479) 739-6899. Please sign up for the potluck portion of the dinner. Each person that wants to participate in gift exchange should bring a gift (about \$5-\$7) wrapped or in a bag or you can bring one gift per couple.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Don't forget to bring your mason jars filled with your loose change to church THIS Sunday! Thank you for supporting the food pantry. Many people in Crawford will be blessed by your generosity.