

**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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## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST**  
 Free Concert 6 pm and 8 pm  
 King Opera House  
 featuring The Coon Supper Boys  
 with Rick Endel and recording artist, Katie Danielson

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND**  
*Mr. Scrooge*  
 King Opera House  
 7 pm

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD**  
*Humbug to Hallelujah.*  
*Writing a Good Ending to Your Christmas Carol!*  
 8:05 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am

*Mr. Scrooge*  
 King Opera House  
 4 pm and 7 pm

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**  
 Christmas Eve  
 Carols, Candles and Communion Service  
 5 pm or 7 pm

*In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

**At Home:**  
**Margene Bules, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy and Fae Dyer, Jeanette Elkins, Liz McFadden, Smokey McPhail, Jeri Nash, Linda Seubold**

**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)**

**All Military Personnel** all around the world

**Nursing Home:**  
**Jean Stratton** (Legacy Lodge)

**In Sympathy:**  
**Jan Bennett and Gary Pittman** in the death of their brother, *Donald Pittman.*

**December Volunteers**

Ushers

<b>8:05 am</b> John Poole Mike Kneeland Mike McSpadden Myron Kirksey	<b>9:30 am</b> Tom Konert John Symonds David Alexander Andy Williams	<b>11:00 am</b> 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 21:**  
 CHRISTMAS SING-N-SUPPER CONCERT  
 AT THE KING OPERA HOUSE  
 6 PM AND 8 PM

**December 24:**  
 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES  
 CAROLS, CANDLES AND COMMUNION  
 5 PM OR 7 PM

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

## HONORARIUMS

In memory of **John Robison**  
(father of D'Ann Brumett) by:  
M/M Bill Thomas (FP)  
M/M Benton Cone (FP)

In honor of **Bob and Debbie  
Bretch** by:  
M/M Steve Blythe (FP)

In honor of **John and Pat Poole**  
by:  
M/M Steve Blythe (FP)  
Cyndy West (FP)

FP - Food Pantry



## THANK YOU

Thank you from ALL of the staff at Heritage for all the cards and goodies this holiday season. We have enjoyed them all.

*The staff of Heritage*

## CHANGE THE LIFE OF AN ARKANSAS FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Methodist Family Health is a nonprofit organization that cares for more than 1,400 Arkansas children and their families each and every day. Their mission is to give the best possible care to those who need our help and to treat the whole person: behaviorally, emotionally and spiritually. Our Christmas Eve offering will go to Methodist Family Health and will help improve the lives of thousands of Arkansas children in desperate need of answers and guidance. This Christmas, begin a tradition of giving as a family and see the amazing things God can do.

## BRAZIL TRIP FUNDRAISERS

A group of 25-30 youth and adults are raising money for a mission trip to Brazil this summer. Here are a few of the fundraisers that are planned:

- \* December 22 Wrap-a-thon from 8 am - 3 pm at Cardio Studio.
- \* December 22 Parent Night Out from 5 pm - 9 pm at Cardio Studio. Cost is \$10 per child and \$12 per child if they eat dinner at Cardio Studio. Parents can go to dinner and see the play *Mr. Scrooge* at the King Opera House OR finish your Christmas shopping without your children.
- \* Youth Rally January 5th from 8 am - 5 pm at the VBHS Fine Arts Center. Pizza and drinks will be sold at the event for lunch.
- \* For questions, contact Cardio Studio at 474-0800.

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

## NEWCOMERS' 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 newcomers' class. The class will be Sunday, January 13th beginning at 9:20 am and ending with a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Contact Becki at 474-6424 or email her at [bkneeland@heritagevb.org](mailto:bkneeland@heritagevb.org).



Thank you for blessing our young ladies from the Methodist Girls Home with the Christmas shopping trip! Our Christmas Eve Offering will go to support their home and the Methodist Therapeutic Group Homes across the state that minister to over 1400 children and youth.

## YOU CAN GIVE NOW TOWARD YOUR 2013 FINANCIAL COMMITMENT!

Did you know you can make contributions in 2012 and claim as a charitable deduction on your taxes for 2012 but have it credited toward your 2013 giving? To do so it is not enough to just date your check December 31. Your donation must be to the church office or postmarked **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>**. Include a note with the check that it is to be credited toward your 2013 giving. The donation can also be made by direct draft from your bank account (contact Ruth Ottinger, 474-6424 or [rottinger@heritagevb.org](mailto:rottinger@heritagevb.org) to do this) or on-line through the church web site ([heritagevb.org](http://heritagevb.org)). The donation will appear on your 2012 statement of giving. Next year's statement of giving will show a pre-payment made on your commitment and that amount deducted from your total commitment; however the donation will not show up on your 2013 statement of giving showing deductible charitable gifts.

This is ideal for persons who need additional deductions this year on their taxes. It's a win, win situation - you are helped on your taxes and the church has your funds available at the beginning of the year so ministries can be funded earlier in the year as needed.

## WANT TO BLESS SOMEONE?

Chaplain Johnny Clayton is organizing another Christmas dinner for the inmates and staff down at the Crawford County Jail with the very helpful assistance of the administration there. This will be the second year for this hope-filled blessing. Johnny estimates the cost of feeding everyone at around \$170. If anyone is interested in helping with the cost, they can contact Chaplain Clayton at 479-650-1455 or at his e-mail: [johnnyhclayton@gmail.com](mailto:johnnyhclayton@gmail.com). Any help is very much appreciated.

## OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed Tuesday, December 25th - Friday, December 28th and Tuesday, January 1st so that the staff can spend time with their family.

## LOST AND FOUND

We have lots of items that have been left at the church over the last few months. Please take time to visit the table in the Fellowship Hall and see if your valuable items have been found.

## HERITAGE UNIVERSITY CLASSES

Sign-ups for the new HU class will begin Sunday, January 6th. The following classes will begin Sunday, January 20th:

Hearing the Voice of God: This course will incorporate and include the Mark Virkler 'Communicating with God' seminar scheduled for February 8-10 led by Stephanie Watkins at 9:30 am on Sundays.

Travelling Light: Max Lucado book led by Leanna Garrett at 9:30 am on Sundays

Basic Christianity led by Lori Brady at 9:30 am on Sundays.

Financial Peace: (please note the corrected times from the bulletin)

9:30 - led by Michael Tursky

11:00 - led by Brad Baldwin

5:30 (or TBD) - led by Brad Baldwin

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday morning Bible study will start January 14th at 9:30 am. We will be reading and studying *The Girl's Still Got It: Take a Walk with Ruth and the God Who Rocked Her World* by Liz Curtis Higgs.

## POINSETTIAS

Thank you to everyone that purchased a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. The sanctuary looks so beautiful. Please feel free to take the poinsettia home with you after the 7 pm Christmas Eve service.

## BLESSINGS



Thanks to USA Truck, the Heritage food pantry was blessed with a pallet (36 boxes) of Malt-o-Meal Marshmallow Mateys. Many families in Crawford County will be blessed by their generosity this holiday season.