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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 ... A MONTH CELEBRATING OUR JEWISH ROOTS!



March is going to be an amazing month celebrating our Jewish roots as Christians. Paul writes in Romans 11 that the Jewish people are the Olive Tree of Faith through whom God has chosen to bless the world. Most of us are gentiles, "wild olive branches," who have been grafted into the cultivated Jewish tree. It is important for us to honor and understand our roots. In fact, it is only as we understand our faith-Heritage from the people of Israel that we are able to truly understand and appreciate our Savior, Jesus the Jewish Messiah!

During the month, we do several things to celebrate our salvation through the Jewish people. We will blow the shofar each service to call us to worship. We will study through Romans 9-11 which talks about God's plan for Israel. We will decorate our sanctuary with Jewish symbols. A big part of our decorations will include banners adorning our sanctuary representing the Twelve Tribes of Israel. These banners were originally designed by our worship arts minister, Chuck King, for the Jerusalem Feast of Tabernacles celebration and were flown to us from Israel.

In Jacob's Blessing of Genesis 49, each of his sons is described allegorically, and symbols for the tribes have been derived from these descriptions as well as from other biblical passages. Each banner bears the name of one of Jacob's twelve sons in English and in Hebrew, along with their tribal emblem against an ornate middle-eastern tapestry background.

There is a biblical reference to the tribal flags in Numbers 2: 2-"The children of Israel shall encamp every man by his own standard, with the ensigns of their father's houses". (So, think carefully about which banner you want so sit under!)

At the end of the month, an additional set of Tribal Banners will come to us from West Virginia. These banners have been tediously hand constructed by Pete and Kay Williams who will be our guests during Holy Week. Their banners, which have been displayed at the Great Synagogue and Knesset in Israel, and in Washington DC, will be processed at the Passover Seder Celebration on March 29.

March 24th and 25th Dr. Malcolm Hedding, director of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem will be our guest speaker, Sunday morning at Heritage and Monday evening at the VBHS Fine Arts Center. Don't miss a thing this month! We are going to celebrate Messiah like never before!



Blessed to lead you in this spiritual journey!
Pastor Wes

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In Hospital:
Michelle Young (Mercy)
Linda Seubold (UAMS)
Jim Dibble (Sparks)

At Home:
Margene Bules, Gerlinda Dibble, Roy and Fae Dyer, Jeanette Elkins, Jeri Nash, John Parochka, Abbie Utz, Jessica Utz

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)
Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)
Mary Friday (Crawford H & R)
Lena Mae Smith (Crawford H & R)

In Thanksgiving:
Haylee Sanders in the birth of her daughter, *Kenlie Bryn Evans*. Proud grandparents are Rick and Jane Sanders.

In Sympathy:
Bill Hon and Family in the death of his mother, *Aletha (Lee) Hon*.

March Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
John Poole	Tom Konert	Greg McClure
Buster Colbert	John Symonds	Jason Fontaine
Christina Fontaine	David Alexander	Kerry Kelly
Rick Moore	Andy Williams	Grace Kelly
		John Poole

Greeters

8:05 am:
 Max Goins

9:30 am:
 Carolyn Loyd/Margo Symonds
 David Fagan/ Mark Wilkerson

11:00 am:
 Juanita and Benton Cone
 Kelly Nash

Upcoming Events

March 25:
 MALCOLM HEDDING
 7 PM
 VB FINE ARTS CENTER

March 29:
 MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER
 6:30 PM
 ALMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ARENA

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

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **ALETHA 'LEE' HON** by:

M/M Bill Hon

In memory of **ELMO EVANS** by:

Lois Dunnum (FLC)

In memory of **WAYNE RAMSEY** (grandfather of Brandy Girard) by:

M/M Bill Thomas (FP)

In memory of **GLENN BRILEY** by:

Gary Briley (FP)

FLC - Family Life Center FP - Food Pantry

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, March 17th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

THE SEASON OF LENT

There are brochures available in the Great Hall to help you understand why we celebrate Lent.

LENTEN READING

A 2013 Lenten devotional reading plan is available in the Great Hall.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

ALL ARE INVITED



Bob Odiorne and Carrie Bull invite you to join them Friday, March 8th at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary as they join in marriage.

HELP NEEDED

The Food Pantry needs volunteers to help unload the delivery truck every Wednesday morning at 8:30 am. If you are interested, please contact Roger Burkert at 462-3392.

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 this Sunday, March 3rd beginning at 9:20 am and ending with a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Contact Becki at the church office at 474-6424.

YOU'RE INVITED



Brett Wiley and Emily Travis are getting married May 4th in Lee Summitt, Missouri. Please join us for a Bridal Shower honoring Brett and Emily, Sunday March 10th from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Target; Bed, Bath & Beyond; and Pottery Barn. The hostesses are church members and friends.

THANK YOU

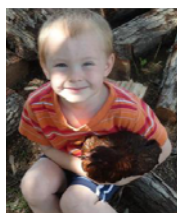
Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, phone calls and messages during my mother's illness and trip to heaven. Max and I know without a doubt that God placed us in our Life Group and in the Heritage family for just a time as this. I'm not sure how I would have survived losing my mom without God's blessing's through you all. Praying God's blessings for you all. Thank you so much.

Love in Christ,
Leanna and Max Garrett

ITEMS NEEDED

It's time for our 3rd Annual Brazil Mission Team Yard Sale on March 9th! If you have any items (gently used or new) to donate to support our Brazil Mission Team, please bring them by Cardio Studio anytime from now until March 8th. Thanks for your help and support!

BENEFIT CONCERT AND SILENT AUCTION



A concert to benefit Fulton Poppe, grandson of Ken and Alta Poppe, will be from 7 - 10 pm on Saturday, March 2nd at Christ the King Church Parish Hall. Three bands (featuring blues, jazz and blue grass) have volunteered to perform including the Chris Cameron Band. Fulton was burned over 30% of his body in an accident this past January and is being treated at Shriners' Children's Hospital in Galveston. Money raised will be used to offset family travel expenses for next several months, medical bills from the initial accident, and ongoing expenses as he faces regular surgeries for many years. Tickets are \$15 and are only available by reservation. For tickets, contact Kathy Watson at kathywatson@cox.net. Silent auction items are needed for this event. Anyone wishing to donate an item or to volunteer for the event is asked to contact Alta Poppe at 471-1780.

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER



This is going to be a wonderful Seder experience that will take place on Friday, March 29th at the Alma High School Athletic Arena. It will be a community-wide event that could possibly involve 1000 people experiencing the gospel of Christ through drama, dance, and fellowship. As always, there will be a place for you to serve. This week we are focusing on certain areas where we need volunteers.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Currently, we have had 66 people volunteer. That is about 1/3 of what we need. There are still positions open in every area; but especially in greeting, ushering and serving. Contact Becki Kneeland or Chuck King at 474-6424 to participate.

Purchase tickets **TODAY** online at www.heritagevb.org. They are \$15 per adults, \$10 for children 6 - 18 and \$5 for children 5 and under. Please consider purchasing a 'Gift Ticket' for someone who might not be able to purchase one. Remember, there will be **NO** tickets sold at the door. All tickets must be purchased by March 20th.

PLEASE JOIN US



We invite you to join us Saturday March 2 as we "Go" and tell the people of Van Buren and Alma about our event "Messiah in the Passover". We will be meeting in fellowship hall at 1:30 pm for prayer and direction. We really need your help. The more people we have the more people we can reach. If you would like to participate please contact Bob at BobO@heritagevb.org or Becki at bkneeland@heritagevb.org.

MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in March, 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.

Crawford County United Methodist Church 2013 Lenten Schedule

Sunday, March 3rd
at Alma UMC 5:00 pm
Rev. Phil Costner

Sunday, March 10th
at Kibler UMC 5:00 pm
Rev. Velda Bell

Sunday, March 17th
at New Hope 5:00 pm
Rev. Pete Beevers

5TH GRADE EVENT

 Join the **FIFTH GRADERS IN SERVICE TO HIM** for fun and pizza on March 10th from 6 - 8 pm! We will meet at the church and then go to the Monkey House in Van Buren. The cost is \$6. For more info and to reserve a spot contact Debbie Marsh at 474-6424 or dmarsh@heritagevb.org.

PRAYER MEETING

The next River Valley First Monday Community Prayer Meeting is Monday, March 4th at the Union Christian Windsor Campus from 7-8 pm. Join us as we lift up the River Valley in prayer.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS MEAL DONORS!

Arkansas Valley Habitat for Humanity is hosting six fabulous college crews during Collegiate Challenge 2013 and we need your help . . . building houses makes college students hungry!

Villanova students will be here from March 4- 8

Boston University & Eastern Kentucky University will join us from March 11-15

Marist College will build with us March 18-22

University of Wisconsin-River Falls & St. Olaf College will be here March 25-29

All lunches will be eaten at the work site, which is located at 2108 Pryor Avenue, Fort Smith. You may deliver to the site, or we can come pick it up and bring it to the site! The dinner meal can be hosted at your home or place of worship. You can check our online calendar at habitatfs.org to see which days need a lunch provided. If you or your group would like to provide a meal, please contact Jaime at 479-782-8255 or email to volunteer@habitatfs.org.