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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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## WELCOMES STEVE AND SYLVIA BURNS

If you were guessing, how many people would you say walk through the doors of Heritage for the first time each Sunday? Would you guess 5? 10? Would you be amazed to know that we average anywhere from 15 to 20 new faces a week? It's true! I am never disappointed when I see those connection cards come flowing in with new names on them. You as a congregation deserve a pat on the back because you are doing a great job of reaching this community by inviting your co-workers, family, and friends. In the past I have asked for your help in making new people feel welcomed and you have come through by being warm, friendly, and inviting. Today, I need your help again. Beginning Sunday, Oct. 13, I am honored to announce that Steve and Silvia Burns will be joining the welcome team as Host and Hostess of the Welcome Center. After moving to the Alma area from Harrisburg, PA, Steve and Silvia made Heritage their church home in April of last year. Steve is a retired minister and Silvia works for Golden Living in Fort Smith. They have a heart for ministry and they love to welcome new faces. I need each of you to help me by helping them. When you see a new face, or you bring someone to the church for the first time, take them to the welcome center. Steve and Silvia will be there ready to answer questions, provide a quick cup of coffee, minister to a person's needs, you name it....they are equipped. They will provide a service to our guest that will enhance their worship experience. I know that with your help, together we will continue to bring glory to God by loving those that He sends us.



Becki Kneeland, Welcome Coordinator

### *In Our Thoughts & Prayers*

**In Hospital:**  
**Johnny Parker (Mercy)**

**At Home:**  
**Margene Bules, Jim and Gerlinda Dibble, BJ DuVall, Myron Kirksey, Jeri Nash, Linda Seubold, Alan Swaim, Sandra Thompson**

**All Military Personnel** all around the world

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

**Assisted Living:**  
**Billie Jacks (Alma Health Care)**  
**Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)**  
**Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)**  
**Lena Mae Smith (Crawford H & R)**

**In Sympathy:**  
**Scott Smith and Family** in the death of his father, **Larry Smith**.

**Walt and Dorothy Coleman and Family** in the death of their son, **Randy Coleman**.

### October Volunteers

#### Ushers

<b>8:05 am</b> John Poole Myron Kirksey Mike Kneeland Mike McSpadden	<b>9:30 am</b> Wayne Stewart Connie Mendenhall Mark Stafford Mark Evans	<b>11:00 am</b> Roger Burkert Jon Harper Matt Harper Mark Anders
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#### Greeters

**8:05 am:**  
Benton and Juanita Cone  
Bruce and Janet Johnson

**9:30 am:**  
Andy and Terry Williams  
Brian and Kelly Curd

**11:00 am:**  
Trudy Ledding and Christy Anders  
Sarah and Ruben Silva

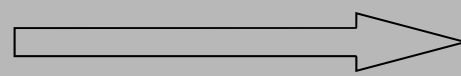
### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, October 6:**  
 NEWCOMERS' CLASS  
 9:30 AM

**Saturday, October 12:**  
 EARLY RESPONSE TRAINING  
 9 AM - 5 PM

**Saturday, October 19:**  
 VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION TRAINING  
 9 AM - 5 PM

## On the Inside



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## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In memory of **HEATH SHOULDERS** (brother of Jim Terry) by: M/M John Symonds (BF)

In honor of **VIRGINIA MCPHAIL'S 100TH BIRTHDAY** by:

M/M Joe Lloyd (FP)

In honor of **JOHN LUCKAU** BY:

The Unity SS Class (BF)

FP - Food Pantry BF - Building Fund

## BABY SHOWER

Please join us for a drop-in baby shower in honor of Jessica Banhart Visalli on Sunday, October 13th from 2 - 4 pm in the Welcome Center. Jessica is registered at Target and Wal Mart. All are welcome!

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## 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 this Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Join us for worship at 8:05 am and the class will begin at 9:30 am in the welcome center. We will end with a luncheon at 12:30 pm. Contact Becki at the church office at 474-6424 or email bkneeland@heritagevb.org



## HALO REPORT

The Halo's finished the regular season with two outstanding games. In game one the Halos' scored 12 of their 17 runs with two outs in the each run-producing inning. Impressive extra-base hits by Michelle Mattox and Whitney Soon-to-be-Richmond plated multiple runs. Union Town Red kept it close until Jared Richmond hit two separate grand slams to help keep the Halos a safe distance from UT Red. Halos hung on to win 17-12. The second game of the night put our Halos, who were tied for last place in the league, up against the Goliath of the Co-ed league, Cedarville First Assembly, CFA. The Halo's first encounter with CFA had us at the wrong end of a 20 point blowout. However, the Halos second encounter with CFA Monday night stunned the league leaders as our Halos matched 'em run for run. Everyone contributed to the Halos' run-production in this game. Emily and Whitney hit powerful shots that would have ended up in the parking lot if it weren't for the outfield fence. CFA survived by barely scraping by our Heroes 18-15.

Justin Goins joined the homerun club in historic

fashion this past Monday night. Due to a major faux pas by the Halos' manager, Justin was allowed to bat out of turn, but before anyone noticed Justin hit a two run blast over the left-center field ivy. It was his first of the year and he was uber-excited as he proudly raised his arms in the glory of the moment. This was Justin's first homerun since his stint with the Caracas, Iguanas in the Venezuelan Winter league in 2006. Because he batted ahead of Louann by rule Louann became the third out of that inning; so, Justin got to lead off the next inning. He promptly hit another homerun. He is the first person in history of any league that hit his own back-to-back homeruns in two separate innings.

Special thanks to Merle Katz for retrieving several homerun and foul balls. Rumor has it that his wife, Jan, told him that he would get a free snow cone for everyone he collected. Next week come see if Merle gets a snow cone or come see the Halos have a close encounter of a third kind with CFA as our heroes play in the upcoming post season tournament. Schedule TBA.

## WEDDING INVITATION



Join us as we celebrate the marriage of Justin Lovett and Katie Harrison this Saturday, October 5th at 6 pm in the Sanctuary.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to my church family for all your thoughts and prayers over the loss of my brother. I especially want to thank the members of the Spiritled Life Group for all the hard work and support they gave to my wife in my absence and want you to know your thoughts and prayers reached all the way to the United Kingdom.

With love in Christ,  
*Jim and Benita Terry*

## INVITATION TO PRAY

The Heritage Kindergarten Sunday School class would like to invite everyone to meet with us this Saturday, October 5th at 9 am at Tate Elementary to pray over the school. If you are a student, parent, or teacher at Tate, help us spread the word! Hope to see you there! *Elizabeth Morrison and Ronda Brown*

## PULSE AND THE BEAT

Attention students in 6th-12th grades, deadline to register for our Branson Fall Retreat is THIS Sunday, October 6th. The cost is \$70. We leave Saturday, October 26th at 7 am and return Sunday, October 27th at 9 pm. Registration forms are available in the Pulse office or online at pulse.heritagevb.org.

## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Please consider having your newsletter sent to you by email if at all possible. Email the church office at office@heritagevb.org and type 'EMAIL NEWSLETTER' in the subject line so that we can add your email address to our newsletter list. If you don't have an email address, we will continue to send your newsletter by regular mail. **\*\*Thank you to those that have responded. It will certainly help with the mailing cost.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement for the newsletter, please email it to Kathy at office@heritagevb.org by 9 am on Monday mornings.

## PRAYER MEETING

The next River Valley First Monday Community Prayer Meeting is Monday, October 7nd from 7-8 pm at the Alma Student Union.

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, October 13th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

## MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in October, 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 East Asia.

## DISASTER MINISTRY

When disaster strikes, the local church usually provides the first response. The United Methodist Committee on Relief equips volunteers to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, supporting conference and church ministries on disaster response so that they can be the hands and feet of Christ in times of need. If you would like to be a part of this team, there are two opportunities. The Early Response Team training is Saturday October 12th and the Volunteers in Mission training is Saturday, October 19th. Both training sessions are from 9 am - 5 pm in the Community Room at Heritage Church. The cost is \$30 per person per class. To register, contact Bob Bretch at 479-430-3132 or email rbretch@cox.net The deadline is October 6th.



If you have lost to death a spouse, a child, a family member, or a friend, then you may need Grief Share. Grief Share is a program designed to minister and to support the grieving and hurting. Our goal is to provide effective ministry to people in our community who have experienced a loss by death. Grief Share has a biblical, Christ-centered perspective and is an effective tool to help you find answers and comfort as you learn more about death, dying and your own mortality and eternal life. Grief and deep hurts that accompany death are among the most significant turning points in a person's life. Grief Share points the grieving one to Christ as their source of healing. Grief Share motto is: FROM MOURNING TO JOY!

Meeting times: Heritage United Methodist Church 9:30 a.m.  
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Legacy Heights Retirement Center 6:30 p.m.  
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