

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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In Hospital:
Jeanette Elkins (Mercy)

At Home:
Margene Bules, Mary Ellen Wiedman-Burris,
Jim and Gerlinda Dibble, BJ DuVall,
Myron Kirksey, Kay Lockwood,
Jeri Nash, Margaret Pugh, Josh Rankin,
Linda Seubold

All Military Personnel all around the world

Assisted Living:
Billie Jacks (Alma Health Care)

Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)
Lena Mae Smith (Crawford H & R)
Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)
Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)

In Sympathy:
Donna Parker and Family in the death of her husband, *Johnny Parker.*
Terry Williams and Family in the death of her father, *Wayne Wrisinger.*
Marilyn Goins and Family in the death of her brother, *Roger W. (Bud) Bell.*
Ashley Carter and Family in the death of her grandmother, *Marcine Carter.*

December Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am John Poole Eddie Prince John Vinson Cyndy Rogers	9:30 am Tom Konert John Symonds David Alexander Andy Williams	11:00 am Kip James Craig Ballegeer Terry Furr Scott Neidecker Jon Talley
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Greeters

8:05 am: Christina Fontaine Mary Dempsey	9:30 am: Darrell and Rhonda Shook Burl and Debbie Carter	11:00 am: Barry and Shawna Mason
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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 24:

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
 5 PM & 7:30 PM

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MEAL
 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

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**FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART...
 ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS REVIVAL!**

A sovereign move of God is the greatest need in our community today! It would move the church to true repentance and brokenness! It would so revitalize and empower us that hardened hearts would be melted, remolded, and filled to overflowing! The baptism of Fire promised in the New Testament would so spread from believers to awaken this River Valley to the manifest presence of God. Thousands will be born-again and baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire! Thousands will flock nightly to encounter the presence of God! Miracles, signs, and wonders will be common! Everyone will be in awe at the power and majesty of God! Prodigals will come home! Families will be reunited! The sick, diseased, and lame will be healed and leap for joy! The paralyzed will dance again! Prison doors will be opened and captives will be set free! Young people will answer the call to ministry and missions. Teams will be sent out across the land the spread revival fire! And the Glory of God will fill the sanctuaries!

I've read about revival in the Bible and in the history books. I've had a taste of it here and there. But I'm looking for a city-wide, sustained move of God! What is it going to take? LifeAction ministries recommends a plan! Let us ask ourselves individually and as a congregation these application questions and let us prayerfully answer them!

1. How are we seeking God personally? Make a plan!
2. When are we setting aside time for spiritual renewal? One such time is January 19-21. Evangelists Rick and Mary Lucy Bonfim will return to be with us for 3 day of revival services. Set aside this time now!
3. How are we uniting in prayer for revival and redemption? I'm calling our congregation to another 21-day fast to begin 2014. Begin to pray and plan now for how you will participate.
4. What is our action plan to complete the Great Commission? We have a great opportunity this Christmas to reach our community. 2014 we will begin an aggressive outreach plan as we never have before! Please pray with us as we follow the LORD's lead in this!

I believe the LORD is ready to answer our heart cry!

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!

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of **TERI LYLE'S BIRTHDAY** by:

M/M Jim Udouj (FP)

In memory of **DONNIE GIBSON** by:

M/M Glenn Meyer (CR)

In memory of **WAYNE WRISINGER** by: M/M Mark Wilkerson

Donna Parker (FP)

In memory of **JOHNNY PARKER** by: Robert Bell (BF)

M/M Jimmy Bell (BF)

M/M Brandon Black (BF)

Jackie Hubbs (BF)

Marsha Loyd (BF)

Madeline Marquette (BF)

Mary Martin (BF)

M/M D.H. McCain (BF)

M/M Moss (BF)

M/M Ronny Ocker (BF)

Pat Patton (BF)

M/M Steven Peer (BF)

Ross Valentine, Jr. (BF)

Doris Wortham (BF)

Sharon Witt (BF)

M/M Mark Wilkerson (BF)

M/M David Moore (BF)

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Mr. James Minor (BF)

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M/M Scott McBrayer (BF)

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Margaret Manus DePenning (BF)

Kay Love (BF)

M/M Ken Kilgore (BF)

M/M Bruce Johnson (BF)

Mrs. Donna Hilliard (BF)

M/M Darrell Goodlin (BF)

Cynthia Gattis (BF)

M/M Bob Freeman (BF)

Paula Cornett (BF)

M/M Bill Coleman (BF)

Charles Coble (BF)

M/M Roger Burkert (BF)

M/M John Boster (BF)

Lee Anne Biggs (BF)

Carol Belford-Lewallen (BF)

Lloyd Lewallen (BF)

Marilyn Ballentine (BF)

Sue Stranathan (BF)

FP - Food Pantry BF - Building Fund
CR - Celebrate Recovery

FOOD PANTRY JARS

Don't forget to fill up your mason jars with your loose change to help support the food pantry. We will be collecting them Sunday.



We have many Life Groups just waiting for you to join. We encourage you

to pick up a brochure in the Great Hall and browse through the different groups and then contact Becki Kneeland, our Welcome Minister, to get you connected. She can be contacted at 474-6424 or bkneeland@heritagevb.org.

THE WELCOME CENTER

When you are greeting our guests, don't forget to bring them by the Welcome Center to meet our welcome team. They are there each Sunday to provide ministry, answer questions, give directions.....whatever the need may be. We want the guests of Heritage to know that they are loved.

HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

Come to the Resource Center next Sunday, December 15th, between 9 and 11:15 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT WITH OTHERS

We are looking forward to serving others on Christmas Eve and need your help. If you are able to prepare a dessert that will serve 8-10 people, please email Renee Baldwin at rbaldwin@heritagevb.org. All desserts need to be at the church by noon on Christmas Eve. Please pack them in disposable containers or clearly mark them with your name.

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 and the office, return the gifts to the stage in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 15th! All gifts must be unwrapped and in a bag with their angel number attached to the bag. If you have any questions contact Debbie Thomas at 651-0810 or the church office at 474-6424.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET CONNECTED?

We have a new life group starting up for young couples that will meet for the first time on Sunday, Dec. 15th at the home of Elliot and Sherry Hays. The address is 2106 Lexington Drive, Van Buren. It is a great way to build lasting relationships. Contact bkneeland@heritagevb.org for more information.

IMPORTANT CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

This Sunday, December 8th 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. However, there will be someone from the Backyard to sit with your child if you attend Sunday School during that time.

SAVE THE DATE



Rubies' Women's Conference is scheduled for February 28th - March 1st here at Heritage.

ISRAEL 2014

Join Chuck and Louann King on a journey to the Holy Land, coming mid June 2014! An organizational meeting will be planned for those interested in learning more. Please notify Chuck via email if you would like to be informed as details develop: cking@heritagevb.org

THE BEAT OUTREACH CHANGE OF PLANS

The Beat WILL NOT meet at 4 pm this Sunday, December 8th as originally planned to go to The Current for our local outreach. However, we WILL meet from 5:45-8 pm for dinner and wrapping gifts for the children at our Christmas Eve service.

The Second Sunday of Advent: DREAMING



The week, we light the second candle. Its flickering flame reminds us that just as candles can be given a flame, so God's dreams can become real in our world.

A NEW KIND OF CHRISTMAS



Let's make this Christmas about tradition rather than traditionalism. Tradition says that God sent his only Son to live with humanity because He loves us and we should share that love with others. Traditionalism says my family always gathers on Christmas Eve to go to the candlelight service then we eat and open presents. Tradition says God gave us a gift and the wise men brought gifts so we celebrate with giving at Christmas. Traditionalism says I have a shopping list for my friends and family and I have a wish list for "Santa". Tradition says that the shepherds worshipped with the angels. Traditionalism says I always sit with my children as we light a candle and sing *Silent Night*.

Notice the subtle differences? The traditions are centered on the Christ of Christmas. Traditionalism—this is gonna sting a little—is centered on us. Let us break with traditionalism this year. Join us for a Christmas feast with our community. Then let us worship the King with the angels and with our friends, neighbors, food pantry customers, and others. It is going to be a **GREAT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!** Contact the church office for more information.

BAPTISM HELP NEEDED

We have been so blessed here at Heritage to have so many people come to know the Lord and to follow through with baptism. If God is calling you to serve and you're not sure where, please consider the baptism ministry. Contact Becki Kneeland at 474-6424, for more information.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, December 15th, please contact 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: _____