

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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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

In Hospital:
Margene Bules, Jim and Gerlinda Dibble, Jeanette Elkins, Allison Hilliard, BJ DuVall, Myron Kirksey, Jeri Nash, Margaret Pugh, 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:
Susan Brady-Leazenby, Matt Brady and Family in the death of her father and his grandfather, *Stanley Mowiser*.
Eddie Tipton and Family in the death of his mother, *Ruth Simmons*.
Alex Maruri and Family in the death of his nephew, *Marcos Ferrari*.

January Volunteers

Ushers

8:05 am	9:30 am	11:00 am
John Poole	Wayne Stewart	Wayne Stewart
Benton Cone	Connie Mendenhall	Connie Mendenhall
Bill Ottinger	Mark Stafford	Mark Stafford
Rick Moore	Mark Evans	Mark Evans

Greeters

8:05 am:
 Alexis and Michael Boster
 Buster Colbert
9:30 am:
 Carolyn Loyd and Margo Symonds
 Mark Wilkerson and Anita Dowty
11:00 am:
 Judy Bowen
 Kelly Nash

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 24:
 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MEAL
 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM
 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
 5 PM & 7:30 PM

January 19-21:
 REVIVAL
 WITH RICK BONFIM

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**Come join us for
 Christmas Eve Dinner
 and
 Candlelight Service
 with a visit from Santa!**
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
 Dinner will be served at
4 pm & 6:30 pm
 Candlelight Service is at
5 pm and 7:30 pm



FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART... MAKING CHRISTMAS COUNT

Dear Heritage Church Family, Christmas Eve is nearly here! I want to ask each of you to do three things:

1) **Pray** ... that hearts will be touched and moved to attend ... that many people will encounter the love of Jesus through us on that evening during the meal, worship, and grocery/gift give-aways. Pray for the 16,000 invitations being sent to homes all over the Van Buren and Alma area. Pray that many who receive the invitations will come to worship and eat on Christmas Eve.

2) **Invite** ... The best and most effective way to reach people who don't know Jesus or who don't have a church home is to extend a personal invitation. Pray that the LORD will prepare the hearts of family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to say "yes" to your invitation. Bring them or meet them at the church and sit with them during the meal and worship!

3) **Do your part** ... Get involved greeting, ushering, cleaning, serving, parking, visiting, cooking ... There are things to do for everyone. It is going to be a glorious evening. Please come and eat too! We will be able to seat nearly 500 people at each dinner time (4 and 6:30). As many of you that can, please come to the later meal and worship service. We have already heard from other ministries who are bringing people to the meal and worship. So far, almost all are coming to the 4 p.m. meal and 5 p.m. worship service. Finally, if needed, be willing to give up your seat to a guest and sit in the overflow areas in the Welcome Center and Fellowship Hall. We'll have the service playing on the video monitors in each area with a worship leader in each room.

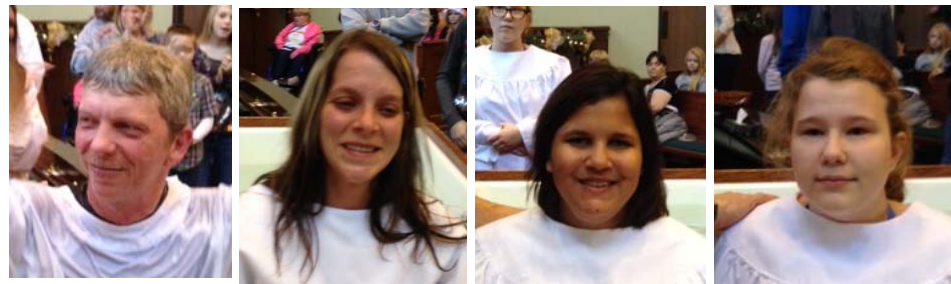


Anticipating an amazing Sunday and Christmas Eve! I'll be speaking Sunday on "All I Want for Christmas is the POWER to LOVE Like JESUS!"

Pastor Wes

P.S. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Pam or Becki in the church office: 474-6424. I really would like to have several greeters outside in the parking lot – some jolly, joyful folks!

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS AND BAPTISMS



John Pruitt Amanda Pruitt Jaeda White Grace King



Kay Humphries



Janice Wargo



Sam Lowrimore

SHEPHERDS NEEDED

I'm looking for a few shepherds to "illustrate" Pastor Wes' sermon on Christmas Eve...No speaking lines, and no experience with sheep necessary! Beards are a plus! Interested? Let me know!

Chuck King, Worship Arts Pastor

THANK YOU



Thank you to Dewey and Charlene Dossett for their generous gift of three wagons full of food that was donated to the Food Pantry. This will help to feed many families this holiday season.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of WES AND ALLISON HILLIARD by:

M/M Brian Swain (BF)

In honor of THE HERITAGE STAFF by: Cyndy West (FP)

In honor of JOE STEWART by:

M/M Paul Ray (EF)

In honor of LINDA UDOUJ, MARGO SYMONDS, SUE WEEGE, GAIL RAGSDALE, VESTA EVERITT, RHONDA SHOOK, LIZ MCFADDEN by:

Donna Parker (FP)

In memory of CHRIS HOLMAN (brother of Marti Salisbury) by:

M/M Charles Sullivan (BF)

M/M Benton Cone (BF)

M/M Mark Sullivan (WM)

In memory of WAYNE WRISINGER (father of Terry Williams) by:

M/M Doyle Autry (BF)

M/M Roger Burkert

M/M Jim Udouj (BF)

In memory of ROGER WAYNE 'BUD' BELL (brother of Marilyn Goins) by: Donna Parker (FP)

M/M Benton Cone (FP)

In memory of CALVIN HAMMONTREE (husband of Johnie Ruth Hammontree) by:

Curtis Gardner (FP)

In memory of JOHNNY PARKER by: Rebecca Evans (BF)

Carol Harvey (BF)

M/M Jerry Hunter (BF)

Carole Williamson (BF)

Vesta Everitt (BF)

M/M Charles Sullivan (BF)

Shirley Yeager (BF)

M/M Patrick Christiansen (BF)

M/M Curtis Gardner (BF)

M/M Kerry Kelly (BF)

Jeanne Mendenhall (BF)

M/M Wayne Stewart (BF)

FP - Food Pantry WM - Women's Ministry
BF - Building Fund EF - Endowment Fund



Fourth Sunday of Advent
The flame of the fourth candle gives us courage for our daily living by reminding us of the promise of Emmanuel--God is with us.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

It's not too late for 2013 tax deductions. Please consider Heritage in your year-end tax planning. All contributions received or postmarked by midnight December 31st are considered 2013 contributions and will be included in your annual contribution statement. Heritage has been a bright shining light in the River Valley this year; we have spent \$40k this year feeding the hungry. We have provided clothing for approximately 2000 people. We minister to the sick, infirmed, and imprisoned every week. We have had over 60 professions of faith this year! The Lord is using Heritage United Methodist Church to change this river valley. If you are looking for a wise investment, look no further. Your money will make an eternal difference—and you get a tax deduction. That's a Win-Win situation. Thank you for all you have given and done this past year!

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL



We still have a few spots left for ages 1 year to 5 years. Stop by the Heritage Preschool office for more information or email Erin Reeves at ereeves@heritagevb.org.

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 7:30 pm Christmas Eve service.

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

We will have our *Happy Birthday, Jesus* Party this Sunday, December 22th at 11 am. Please bring a small wrapped baby gift for your child to give to Jesus! The gifts will be donated to someone in need.

SAVE THE DATE



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

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

POINSETTIAS FOR SALE

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: _____