

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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Everybody knows that you're supposed to count the cost before you start a project. You want to make sure you can afford the project and you want to make sure the cost of the project is less than the benefits. The fancy business name for this is Cost-Benefit Analysis but it is really something simple that we all do every day. We look at the costs, weigh the benefits, and decide if the benefit is worth the cost. We don't spend \$500 to put tires on a vehicle that does not run. We don't spend \$500 decorating and furnishing a doghouse. We will spend \$50,000 on a surgery that will save our life.

Generally, Cost Benefit Analysis helps us make good decisions. Occasionally we make a bad purchase by either underestimating the cost or overestimating the benefits. Sometimes, we miss out; we don't recognize the benefits so we are not willing to pay the costs. For example, many people choose not to become disciples of Jesus Christ. They don't believe that the benefits outweigh the costs. There are costs: We must sacrifice earthly comforts (Luke 9:58). We have to make Him our first priority (Luke 9:60). And, we have to be committed (Luke 9:62). Being committed to a life without a home or family; why would anyone choose that?

What are the benefits of following Jesus? The first and foremost benefit is eternal life with Christ. That alone should tip the scales of Cost Benefit Analysis. However, it's not really imminent. It's like buying an expensive gift and sticking it in the closet for years. We live in an instant gratification society. I am convinced that many people choose not to follow Christ because they see no benefit TODAY. Jesus said "***I am leaving you with a gift--peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.***" John 14:27. That sounds like an immediate benefit to me. I am also convinced that many people don't believe in this peace because they don't see Christians living as if they have peace. So how does your CBA turn out? In your mind, do the benefits outweigh the cost? So you are paying the costs, are you living out the benefits for others to see. How can anything so simple be so hard?. Joshua summed it up pretty well: "***But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.***" Joshua 24:15

## FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers

**8:05 am**  
John Poole  
Jane Sanders  
Rick Sanders

**9:30 am**  
Seeker's Life Group

**11:00 am**  
Erich Bauman  
Tom Banhart  
Russ Aikman  
Rick Rauser

### Greeters

**8:05 am**  
Bruce Brown  
Mary Dempsey

**9:30 am**  
Seeker's Life Group

**11:00 am**  
Justin Lovett  
Drew and Marlene Cone



### Hospital:

### At Home:

**Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris,**  
**Jim and Gerlinda Dibble,**  
**Jeanette Elkins, Bruce, Johnson,**  
**Jeri Nash,**  
**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 Thanksgiving:

**Nathan and DeAnna Hobbs** in the birth of their son, *Maddox Harper*. Proud grandmother is Rhonda Chamber.

### In Sympathy:

**Chuck Bules, Carolyn Scott and Family** in the death of their mother, *Margene Bules*.

**Jason Fontaine and Family** in the death of his grandmother, *Emily Gilmore Fontaine*.

**Doris Wortham and Family** in the death of her brother, *Gerald Collier*.

**James Crowley and Family** in the death of his sister, *Florene Napier*.

**Doris Wortham and Family** in the death of her nephew, *David Womack*.

**Sue Franklin and Family** in the death of her sister, *Laura Cox*.

## Upcoming Events

**February 9:**  
NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION

**February 16:**  
BAPTISM SUNDAY

**February 28 - March 1:**  
RUBIES' WOMEN CONFERENCE

Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter?  
Email it to [office@heritagevb.org](mailto:office@heritagevb.org).



See you Sunday!

*Pager*

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **DONNA PAPE** by:  
The BYKOTA Circle (BF)  
In memory of **GLENN PEER**  
(brother of Steven Peer) by:  
Mary Ellen Weidman-Burriss  
M/M Bruce Johnson  
M/M Roger Burkert (BF)  
Donna Parker (EF)  
M/M Darrell Shook  
Sue Stranathan  
In memory of **MARGENE BULES**  
by:  
Mary Ellen Weidman-Burriss (BF)  
Donna Parker (EF)  
M/M Darrell Shook  
M/M Dorvan Wiley (FP)  
*BF - Building Fund FP - Food Pantry  
EF - Endowment Fund*

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, February 16th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

## MENS CONFERENCE

All men ages 14 yrs. old and up are invited to a men's conference at North Park Baptist Church in VB on Feb 7th & 8th hosted by Brandon Moore, pitcher in the Milwaukee Brewers organization and former Razorback and Pointer. For more information or to register, go to [www.keepgrindin.org](http://www.keepgrindin.org).

## MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in February, you are invited to place an offering in our little white church on the chancel rail during the announcements. Currently, all birthday offerings go to support the Rupp family ministering in East Asia.

## IN REMBRANCE



Margene Bules, 83, of Van Buren passed away Saturday, January 25th. She was a homemaker and former employee of Jeffrey Sand and Gravel Company in Fort Smith. She was a lifelong resident of Van Buren and the widow of Gus Bules; she was also preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Hazel Neal, Iona Faye Smith and Anna Belle Johnson.

Margene joined First United Methodist Church in 1956. She was an active member of the Unity Sunday School and Young-At-Heart. She was also a member of Chapter P, PEO.

Survivors are a daughter, Carolyn Scott of Van Buren; a son, Billy Charles Bules, Jr. of Van Buren; a sister, Ada Mae Futrell of Houston; three grandchildren, Tiffany Berry, Natalie Wilkinson and Justin Bules; and four great-grandchildren, Hayden Parker, Paisley Wilkinson, Kaylyn Parker and Matthew Wilkinson.

Pallbearers are Clarke Moore, Adam Daily, Kyle Wilkinson, Gimo Berry, Justin Bules and Leslie Thomas, Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers are the Unity Sunday School Class and Doyle Autry, Roger Goins, David Moore, Tom Holmes, Reed Brewer, Matt McGrew and Cody Hamlin.

Memorials may be made to the Unity Sunday School Class at Heritage.

## PRAYER MEETING

The next River Valley First Monday Community Prayer Meeting is Monday, February 3rd from 7-8 pm at the Van Buren Public Library.

## KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

Join us in the "Backyard" this Saturday, February 1st at 9 a.m., for donuts/juice. We will then travel by church van to Central Elementary school to pray over the school grounds. Parents, please drop your student off at 9 a.m. and we will return at 10 a.m. Permission slips will be handed out in the "Backyard" during Sunday School.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## REGISTER TODAY

Rubies Women's Conference, *Grow*, is scheduled for February 28th - March 1st here at Heritage. Make plans to come hear some of the amazing speakers we have lined up, Karen Beckner, Kerry Morton, and Jennifer Hardcastle to name a few. To register, contact the church office or online at [www.heritagevb.org](http://www.heritagevb.org). Cost is \$35. Deadline is Wednesday, February 19th.



## FINALLY!

Beginning February 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be replacing many of the 27-year-old floor coverings that were installed when the church was built. Unfortunately, the green floor tiles you see in the church, were installed using an adhesive that contains asbestos. The level of asbestos is minute—we are actually not even required to remove it. However, we have elected to remove the asbestos with the old tile; this will allow us to grind the surface of the concrete, stain it and polish it. February 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> will be the asbestos removal stage. Snyder Environmental Services will take care of this removal for us. They are licensed and bonded. They are also extremely regulated by the federal government. We could simply seal off the work areas; however, we have elected to err on the side of caution and close building during this phase. We should be back in business Wednesday evening, February 12<sup>th</sup> for all our regular activities.

The plan is to have polished concrete in the entryways, the adult corridor, the fellowship hall, kitchen, and

library. We will also replace the original carpeting in the Sunday school classrooms. It will take about 2 months to complete the work but I believe it will be well worth the wait. Our building is beautiful! It will continue to be beautiful. It is also used more than any church building that I know. Our building—and our congregation—is a beacon of light into this community. To quote John F. Kennedy (who quoted John Winthrop who quoted Jesus), "We must always consider, that we shall be as a city upon a hill—the eyes of all people are upon us". We have Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H, VB schools, Food Pantry, Preschool, and many others in this building every day. Many of them don't know Jesus-YET!

For of those to whom much is given, much is required (JFK 1/9/61)



See you Sunday!

## BIBLE SCHOOL

Hearts of Hope offers a one year Bible School located on their main campus at the Market Place Shopping Center beside CV's grocery store in Alma. This school is designed to offer a quality school to those who have families, jobs, and other obligations that may hinder them from attending traditional settings.

The school is also designed for the hungry new believer, as well as those already seasoned in their walk and ministry, and perhaps never had an opportunity to complete studies in a formal and structured way. Classes are once a month (typically the second weekend of every month), on a Friday night, 6-9pm, and Saturday, 9-4 pm.

Pastors Marvin and Cindy Scott teach the classes. Topics include: Surveys of the Old and New Testament; Evangelism, Prayer, Leadership, Gifts of Holy Spirit, Five Fold Ministry Gifts, Motivational Gifts; all the Covenants in the Bible; Feasts; Church History; as well as in depth studies of whole books of the Bible; and many more topics.

Our first month began in January, but we are still taking students for our February classes on February 14 & 15. For more information or to receive an application for enrollment, please call our office at 479-430-7371 or drop by.

## "JESUS LOVES ME" CELEBRATION

Help us share the LOVE OF JESUS with others! Have your child bring a non-perishable food item on Sunday, February 9th during the 11 am Sunday school hour. We will bless our food pantry with these donated the items.

## COMMUNITY MEAL

The menu for Wednesday, February 5th is chicken spaghetti, salad, bread and peaches. Dinner starts at 5 pm.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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