

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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FROM YOUR CONGREGATIONAL CARE PASTOR'S HEART ...
COMING TO A BOIL!

Each evening in preparation for a night of rest, I drink a cup of "Sleepy Time" tea. Monday night, when I went to the teapot it was warm. But not hot. I switched it on and waited as the water heated. In the final seconds prior to the pot switching off I could see the water dancing in the pot and spewing steam out into the kitchen. My first thought was, God is saying, "I want to see that in you and I want to see that in Heritage Church. I want to see you boiling with excitement that spews over into the community; the same kind of spiritual excitement that Adam, Michael, and Drew took with them to SAU that spilled over into the entire football program.

Tonight, our Life Group, "Wise Guys" met. We are not wise; we are just old and old people are supposed to be wise. At least, I think that is how we got our name.

Tonight we had an unusually wise discussion. It began when someone asked what the book was about that Wes has asked all of us to read, When Helping Hurts. (It is based upon Matthew 25:31-46 and I John 3:17-18, describing how we fulfill these scriptures by meeting the needs of our community without hurting ourselves or the people we help in the process.)

In one of my favorite translations of the text that Wes used on Sunday, the Master says, "Hurry out to the streets and alleys of the town and bring back the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame." (Luke 14:21, GNB). It is on the streets and in the alleys that we find the hungry and homeless. Isn't it interesting that these exact words describe well the ministries of Heritage?

One of our members spoke of how working with children and helping them know God had become her ministry. She spoke of hearing God say, "Feed my sheep." We discussed how what she was doing was helping the little lambs of God get off to a great start.

We spent a lengthy time talking about Heritage's future ministries. A retired Methodist minister (Dick Pettit) offered this observation: When he began his ministry, churches were defined often by the strata of society they served. Today, when people come to church they want to be recognized, accepted, happy, and to feel **they have an authentic faith**. Again, it sounds like Heritage.

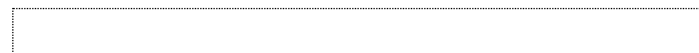


Jesus offered the Samaritan woman at the well water to drink which would become a spring of water gushing up inside her, giving eternal life. *That is the water we serve at Heritage.* Come and drink deeply from the well of our Jesus.

Max Goins, Congregational Care Pastor

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MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

John Poole
Jerry Frederiksen
Alexis Boster
Michael Boster

9:30 am

Tom Konert
John Symonds
David Alexander
Andy Williams

11:00 am

Justin Lovett
Danny Turner
Kerry Kelly
Grace Kelly

Greeters

8:05 am

Threefold Cord Life Group

9:30 am

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11:00 am

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Hospital:

At Home:

Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris,
Jim and Gerlinda Dibble,
Jeanette Elkins, Bruce Johnson,
Carolyn Loyd, Kerry Kelly,
Jeri Nash, Bill Ottinger, Gary Pittman,
Carolyn Scott, 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*)

Upcoming Events

March 16:
CRAWFORD COUNTY
LENTEN SERVICE
AT DYER UMC
6 PM

April 13:
PALM SUNDAY

April 20:
RESURRECTION SUNDAY

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

MEMORIALS

In memory of **DR. HENRY EDWARDS** by:

John Riddle (EMF)
Golda Robinson (EMF)
Syard Evan (EMF)
M/M Joe Lloyd (EMF)
Charles and Cecilia Peer (EMF)
M/M Steven Peer (EMF)
M/M Teddy Shrader (EMF)
EdWayne and Debbie Garner
and Pat Garner (EMF)

In memory of **BETSY DENNIS** by:
M/M Bob Merchant (BDM)

In memory of **MARY ALICE JONES**
(mother of Rosemary Poague) by:

M/M Charles Housley

In memory of **LENA RUSSELL** by:
Donna Parker (FP)

In memory of **CB NORRIS**
(grandfather of Kim Teague) by:

Donna Parker (CM)

EMF-Edwards Memorial Fund

BDM-Betsy Dennis Memorial FP-Food Pantry

CM-Children's Ministry

DO YOU LIKE TO EAT OUT?

Catfish Cove in Fort Smith would like to donate to our church fund on a monthly basis. Each time a member of the church comes in to have a meal and shows their church bulletin, Catfish Cove will donate 10% of the bill. This is good any day of the week except Mondays since they are closed that day. They are located at 1614 Phoenix Avenue in Fort Smith.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Marti Salisbury. She was selected as Arkansas PTA Teacher of the Year!

PASSOVER IS COMING!



Would you like to host a Passover "Seder" in your home or elsewhere? Heritage is offering the basic supplies and training you need. Contact Becki Kneeland for more information. Training for leaders will be on Wednesday, April 9th at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

CANCELLATION

Due to the construction, Healthy Congregations will not be available this month. We look forward to serving you in the month of April.



COMING TO HERITAGE IN APRIL

Dance Intensive with Yvonne Peters-come and be equipped spiritually and physically to minister to the Lord in dance.

Yvonne Peters is a movement artist, choreographer and a leading pioneer in Christian dance ministry.

Her exuberance, and spiritual depth in worship, have been amplified by over 30 years of public and private ministry.

Yvonne was a principal dancer on Integrity's "Sing Out" video, led by Ron Kenoly, and choreographer for Integrity's "Arise Jerusalem" video, led by Paul Wilbur. She served as a dancer, choreographer and dance director for the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem for 26 years. She was the dance director for the 100th anniversary celebration of the Azusa Street Revival in Los Angeles. She continues to perform and direct projects throughout the United States, Europe, the Baltic States, the Caribbean, South America, South Africa, Israel, and the Russian Federation with its associated States.

Most recently, Yvonne has been the keynote speaker for various national and international conferences. Her biblical teaching style is both foundational and practical. She also continues to mentor worship arts ministers.

Yvonne enjoys outdoor adventures, and spending quality time with her two married children and six magnificent grandchildren!

For more information, contact Rachal Pendergrass at 610-999-6074.



The 5th graders are headed to Wheels In Motion in Van Buren this Sunday, March 16th from 6-8 pm. We will meet at the church at 5:45pm for a snack dinner then leave for the skating rink at 6. Permission slip and \$5.00 needed! (scholarships available)

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL



The 2013 - 2014 school year has been very exciting! We are so pleased with the efforts of the teachers and the progress of the children. Registration for 2014-2015 school year has begun. Feel free to stop by the church office and pick up an enrollment form or call Erin at 474-6424 or email her at ereeves@heritagevb.org.

NYC SPRING BREAK TRIP

If you are a youth and signed up to go on the NYC Mission Trip, please note that the time that we leave on Saturday, 22nd has changed! **We will leave at 10:30 am NOT 1 pm!** Please make note of this change!!

THE MISSING LINK

Youth With A Mission is offering *The Missing Link*. TML is a chance to read the entire Old Testament in one month and take part in various interactive experiences that will enhance your understanding of God and His Word! To see the one story from Genesis to Jesus will deepen your understanding of God's salvation plan. This class is offered April 21st - May 16th at YWAM in Ozark, Arkansas. There is a brochure available in the Great Hall with more information including cost and application form.

BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

GET YOUR TRAVELLING SHOES ON

Heritage Travelers is headed to Garvin Gardens in Hot Springs Friday, April 4th. We will leave Heritage at 8:30 am to explore the beautiful woodlands, daffodils and tulips that are in bloom. The trip includes a golf cart tour, lunch, chartered bus and gratuities for approximately \$80. To sign up or for more information, contact Vesta Everitt at 471-5476.

GET UP AND GIVE

Please join Methodist Family Health in collecting necessary items during the season of Lent! Your generosity will bring a smile to the 1400 faces of children they serve in hospitals, alternative schools, group homes, clinics and other programs throughout Arkansas. There is a list of needed items in the Great Hall. Monetary donations are also welcomed. For more information, contact Jane at jdennis@methodistfamily.org.



HEART TO HEART MENTORING MINISTRY



If you are an older woman interested in helping a younger woman or a younger woman who would welcome the companionship of someone who has "been there and done that", contact Marilyn Goins at 926-5156 to sign-up or for more information about our Heart to Heart Mentoring Ministry.

PIECE MAKERS

We will meet at Marilyn Lewis' on Thursday, March 13th at 9 am at 4314 Greenwood Road in Dora. For directions to Marilyn's house in Dora, call 461-1904.

HERITAGE HALOS

It's that time of year again for softball and Mike Kneeland's Halo Reports! If you are interested in playing softball in a church league contact Mike at 719-9274 or e-mail him at mknee1260@cox.net or mkneeland@vbsd.us.

WEARING THE GREEN

You, your family, and friends are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Monday, March 17th at the Kibler UMC with Herschel and Mardell McClurkin. Join them for free Irish stew and the fixin's between 11:30 am and 3:30 pm in the Skokos Family Life Center.

COMMUNITY MEAL

Menu for Wednesday, March 19th is spaghetti with meat sauce, bread, salad, and sherbet. Dinner starts at 5 pm.