

**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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**FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... LIVING READY!**

Are you ready for Jesus to return in all His glory?! It will be a great and terrible day (Joel 2) – great for those who are ready, terrible for those who are not! This week in Luke 17, Jesus tells us **how to live ready** for His return! It will come SUDDENLY, unexpectedly! I don't know about you, but as the old Gospel song goes, "I want to be ready! I want to be ready! I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John!" If you are going to enjoy that walk in the Kingdom of Heaven, you have to be ready when the King returns!

In the military, we have SRPs – soldier readiness processing. At an SRP we check the soldiers' readiness to deploy for battle. Are you ready? The LORD of hosts is going to return for His Army! The call can come for us at any time.

Don't be caught unprepared! Let's do an SRP this Sunday and make sure we are living ready!



See you at the readiness processing station!  
*Pastor Wes*

**SPRING BREAK IS FINALLY HERE!**



The snow is finally gone and the daffodils are blooming. Spring Break--and hopefully Spring--is finally here! This has been an unusual winter. But, even in the midst of the snow and ice, we have seen God at work! Our Lord has worked through Heritage to change lives this past winter and he will be working through Heritage this spring to change lives! This coming week is spring break, a time when many people escape to the beach or the mountains to break from their routine. School is out, the weather is nice; it's a great time to relax. It's also a great time to get out of our comfort zones and change the world.

We are sending 50 youth and adults to NYC to share Jesus. While they are there, they will minister in a youth detention center, feed the homeless, do some street ministry, and take in the sights and sounds of the Big Apple. It is going to be an amazing experience! Please keep them all in your prayers. Our middle school students and leaders are also going out of their comfort zones. Their trip is called "Destination Unknown" so I can't say where they are headed but I can tell you that they will be touching lives. Please keep them in your prayers also.

Some of us get to stay here and work on floors:). Please keep us in your prayers! Tuesday morning men's Bible study will be the only activity at the church so that we can apply the stain to the concrete. The floors are going to look great!

This is an exciting time of the year! It's a great time to shake up your routine. I hope you have a great week! I pray that The Lord will take this time to change your life! Spring is Here!

**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**  
 Threefold Cord Life Group

**11:00 am**  
 Threefold Cord Life Group



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*)

In Sympathy:

**Smokey McPhail and Family** in the death of her brother-in-law, *Bill White*.

*Upcoming Events*

**March 23:**  
 CRAWFORD COUNTY LENTEN  
 SERVICE WITH PASTOR MAX  
 GOINS AT ALMA UMC  
 6 PM

**April 13:**  
 PALM SUNDAY

**April 20:**  
 RESURRECTION SUNDAY  
 8:05 AM, 9:30 AM  
 AND 11:00 AM

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



## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **STEVE AND DIANA PEER** by:  
M/M Bob Merchant (OB)

In honor of **JEAN STRATTON'S BIRTHDAY** by:  
Rita Young (OB)

In memory of **DR. HENRY EDWARDS** by:  
Eric and Joanne Gofreed (EMF)

In memory of **JOHNNY PARKER** by:  
Martha Amoudeh (BF)

In memory of **GLENN PEER** by:  
M/M Bob Merchant (OB)

*EMF-Edwards Memorial Fund*  
*OB-Operating Budget*  
*BF-Building Fund*

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

There will be no Wednesday night activities next Wednesday, March 26th because of Spring Break. We will resume on Wednesday, April 2nd.

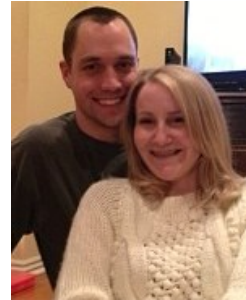
## JUST A REMINDER

The Beat and Pulse Student ministries **WILL NOT** meet this Sunday, March 23rd due to Spring Break next week. Enjoy your time off.

## THE BEAT STUDENTS

If you have signed up for *Destination Unknown*, remember that your final payment is due Sunday, March 23rd. Also, be at the church, packed and ready to go Thursday, March 27th **Before** 9 am.

## NEW MEMBERS AND BAPTISMS



Kody and Bethany Morris joined last Sunday.



Mark and Gretchen Turner joined Sunday.



Grant Shankle joined and was baptized this Sunday. He is the son of Shawn and Kim Shankle.



Katy Marsh was baptized Sunday.

## 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.

## NEWCOMERS' CLASS

If you are interested in making Heritage Church your home or if you want to learn more about the church and its core vision and values, please sign up for the newcomers' class this Sunday, April 6th. 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](mailto:bkneeland@heritagevb.org)

## T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

We are taking orders for the Rubies Women's Conference t-shirts 'Grow'. Pay \$10 when you place the order in the church office with Pam James. Deadline is Tuesday, April 1st.

## MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

The Brazil Mission Team will be making clothing to take on their mission trip. Please consider donating \$20.00 to go toward the purchase of materials so the team can give Sunday outfits to the Brazilians.

## 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!!

## CHURCH HOURS

Thank you for being patient with us! We are in the "final" stages of installing the new flooring. In order to do this, all activities at the church this week are cancelled or moved. Please check the calendar for updated activities schedules.

## WORSHIP AND PRAYER

You are invited to sit and soak in the Heritage Sanctuary every Thursday from 12 - 1 pm as Chuck leads a time of worship and prayer.

## GET YOUR TRAVELLING SHOES ON

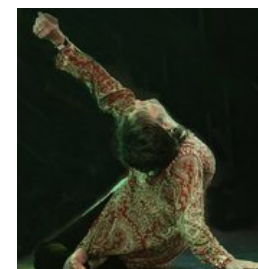
Heritage Travelers is headed to Garvin Gardens in Hot Springs Friday, April 4th. We will leave Heritage at 8:30 am to explore the beautiful woodlands, daffodils and tulips that are in bloom. The trip includes a golf cart tour, lunch, chartered bus and gratuities for approximately \$80. To sign up or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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:ereeves@heritagevb.org).