

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 ...
KINGDOM FAITH FOR KINGDOM LIVING!

These are challenging days in which we are living! Jesus tells His disciples in Luke 18:24 "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" Those who heard Him exclaimed, "Who then can be saved?" We live in currently the richest nation on the planet. Even the poorest of those in our congregation our richer than 90 percent of the rest of the world. How can we make sure we are entering into God's Kingdom and living as children of the King? That's what the LORD is wanting to teach us this Sunday. Don't miss it! Life is too important to not prioritize the hearing and doing of God's Word!

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APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Myron Kirksey
Mike Kneeland
Mike McSpadden

9:30 am
Wayne Stewart
Connie Mendenhall
Mark Stafford
Mark Evans

11:00 am
Roger Burkert
Jon Harper
Matt Harper
Mark Anders

Greeters

8:05 am
Mary Dempsey
Bruce Brown

9:30 am
Jan Katz and Doris Wortham
Bill and Emma Lee Kelton

11:00 am
Kim and Jon Talley
Jena, David and Matt Harper



Hospital:
Guy Tutwiler (hospital in VA)
Lavita Middleton (Ashton Place)

At Home:
Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris,
Barbara Blythe, Jim and Gerlinda Dibble,
Jeanette Elkins, Bruce Johnson,
Kerry Kelly, Jeri Nash, Donna Pape,
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)



One way to get in step with God's timing is to make sure you make time for **God's appointed times!** God's appointed times are **His Feasts!** There are seven feasts the LORD gave as a gift to His people when He would meet with them, bless them, and reveal His Kingdom plans. The first of these feasts is **PASSOVER.** The best way to learn, understand, and appreciate something is to lead or teach it yourself. That is what we are inviting you to do this Passover. Passover was originally designed to be done in homes – with family – and inviting in "strangers." We are exhorting you this Passover to plan to observe this in your home and to invite others to join you. You will be so blessed!

We will teach you how on Wednesday, April 9th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Becki Kneeland this week so we can make sure we have supplies for you! You may just want to do it with your family, or you may want to invite neighbors or coworkers or acquaintances. Our prayer is that you will have the opportunity through the Holy Spirit to reveal the wonders and mysteries of God's plan through the ages to redeem His people, to purchase their freedom from the bondage of sin in this world and to bring them into His Promised Land. Pray about how the LORD wants you to celebrate His appointed time at Passover this year. We are encouraging our congregation to celebrate Passover on Good Friday, April 18th; however, you may plan your celebration for any day that week. The actual day of Passover on the Jewish Calendar begins at sundown on April 14th.



I am excited for all the wonderful appointments we are going to have with our LORD and Savior in the days ahead! See you Sunday as we worship the Lamb that was slain and has risen to become the Lion!

Pastor Wes

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 6:
CRAWFORD COUNTY
LENTEN SERVICE AT
NEWBERRY CHAPEL UMC
6 PM

Monday, April 7:
RIVER VALLEY
COMMUNITY PRAYER
@ MAPLE SHADE
NAZARENE CHURH IN
FORT SMITH
7-8 PM

Sunday, April 13:
PALM SUNDAY

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

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **CHUCK AND LOUANN KING** by:

Carolyn Loyd (WA)

In honor of **MAX AND MARILYN GOINS** by:

Carolyn Loyd: (WG)

In memory of **BILL WHITE** (brother-in-law of Smokey McPhail) by:

M/M Bruce Johnson (FP)

FP-Food Pantry WA-Worship Arts

WG-We-Go Mission Fund

HEART TO HEART MENTORING MINISTRY

Do you wish you had someone that you could ask "mother" type of questions? Or would you like to learn an old homemaking art? Contact Marilyn Goins at 926-5156 to sign-up or for more information about our Heart to Heart Mentoring Ministry.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

EASTER LILIES



Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning. To place a lily in memory or in honor of someone please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or return it to the office with payment of \$10 per lily.

Placed in (circle one)

In Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

By: _____

NEW MEMBER



Tiffany Clark joined Sunday. She has three daughters, Kaylee, Alyssa and Julia.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

All children are invited to participate in waving the palm leaves on Palm Sunday, April 13th. They will need to meet in the Fellowship Hall five minutes before the service they attend.

ANNE FRANK: A HISTORY FOR TODAY

The Traveling Exhibit from The Anne Frank Center, New York City offers visitors a look into the life of Anne Frank against the backdrop of the Holocaust and the Second World War. The tour will consist of a video presentation based on the life of Anne Frank with time for a question and answer session followed by a walk-through tour of the exhibit. The entire experience should last around 90 minutes.

FULL SCHEDULE OF ANNE FRANK EXHIBIT

April 1 - 13

Alma Performing Arts Center Lobby, 103 East Main St., Alma

Open to the public from 10 am - 4 pm on weekdays.

April 15 - 23

Van Buren Fine Arts Center, 2001 Pointer Trail, Van Buren

Large group tours (schools and organizations) will be provided weekdays from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

April 15, 17, 22

Anne Frank Exhibit open to the public from 6 to 8:30 pm.

April 19

Anne Frank Exhibit open to public from 10 am to 3 pm.

April 28 - April 30

United Hebrew Congregation,
126 N. 47th St., Fort Smith from 6-7:30 pm.

AND THEN THEY CAME FOR ME

Directed by Terry McGonigle

Dramatic Presentation Alma High School



Friday, April 11, 2014 @ 7 pm

Saturday, April 12, 2014 @ 7 pm

Sunday, April 13, 2014 @ 2 pm

A unique theatrical experience combining multimedia and video taped interviews with Holocaust survivors and contemporaries of Anne Frank, Ed Silverberg and Eva Schloss. Ed was Anne Frank's first boyfriend, and she wrote about him in the beginning of her now-famous diary. Eva Schloss was the same age as Anne Frank and lived in the same apartment building in Amsterdam. Her family went into hiding the same day as the Frank family. Like the Frank family, they were betrayed by those around them. Part oral history, part dramatic action, part direct address, part remembrance, the ensemble-driven 'And Then They Came for Me' breaks new ground and has been acclaimed by audiences and critics in its world-wide productions.

For ticket information: www.almapac.org

10 STEPS TO POSITIVE DISCIPLINE

Malinda McSpadden, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith instructor, will be teaching this five week course on 10 steps to positive discipline. The class is free and open to the public and continuing education credits may be earned. There will be two sessions offered. The first will begin on Monday, April 14th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Welcome Center (light dinner will be provided) and the second will begin on Wednesday, April 16th from 9:30 to 11:30 am (snacks will be provided). You may register by emailing Becki at bkneeland@heritagevb.org or contacting Heritage Church, 479-474-6424. Nursery is provided for each session. Please sign up as soon as possible, space is limited to 20 participants per session.

PRAYER TIME

Children's Ministry will meet this Saturday, April 5th at 9 am in the Green Room for donuts and juice. We will then load up the church van and head to Rena Elementary School to pray over the school grounds. We will return to church approximately 10 am. Anyone is welcome to meet us at Rena for prayer!

ONCE UPON A PROM



We will be giving prom dresses away free of charge for any girls who can't afford a dress. Come see us Saturday, April 12th from 10 am-2 pm in the lobby of the VBHS Fine Arts Center. Please spread the word!

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WALK

April 18 at 11 a.m., you are invited to join Christians from around Van Buren for a prayer walk on Good Friday. You may park in the west parking lot of First Baptist Church. We will meet in the City Council Chamber in the VB City Municipal Building at 11 a.m. After prayer there, we will pray and walk through the downtown area ending at the County Courthouse. We are contacting city and county officials to see if we can pray with them. This portion will conclude around noon. Buses and vans will take people back to their cars at FBC. For those who want to continue in prayer, buses will take us across the Arkansas River to meet members of the River Valley Concerts of Prayer. We will then walk parts of Midland Avenue to pray for needs in that area. Buses will return people to their cars.

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



Registration begins for Children's Camp! Camp is July 16 - 18 for children entering 3rd - 6th grade in the Fall of 2014. Forms are available in the Children's area and in the office. Deadline is Sunday, June 29th.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We have seen an increase in the number of families coming to the food pantry each month. If you are looking for an area to give in addition to your tithe, please consider giving to the food pantry.

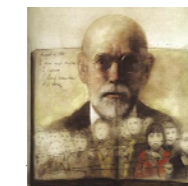
MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

The Brazil Mission Team will be selling burritos on Sunday, April 13th. They will be sold for \$1 after each of three worship services. First come, first serve. If anyone wants to pre-order, please call 561-7858.

BACKYARD BLAST SUMMER DAY CAMP

All one-year-olds through 5th grade are invited to sign-up for *Summer Day Camp* at Heritage. Camp will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am - 2 pm during the month of July. Registration begins soon.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW



Korczak's Children tickets are available now at the church or online at www.heritagevb.org. Performance dates are Friday, April 25th at 7 pm and Saturday April 26th at 3 pm and 7 pm. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for students. The play is presented in conjunction with *River Valley Remembers*: a month of Holocaust Education and Awareness.