

**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**

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### OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

#### Ushers

**8:05 am**  
John Poole  
Myron Kirksey  
Mike McSpadden  
Benton Cone

**9:30 am**  
Wise Guys' Life Group

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

#### Greeters

**8:05 am**  
Blenders' Life Group

**9:30 am**  
Andy and Terry Williams  
God's Armor Bearers

**11:00 am**  
Kody and Bethany Morris  
Mark and Gretchen Turner



At Home:

**Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Ellarene Crowley, Neal and Patsy Ellison, Wes Hilliard, Lisa Kelly, John Luckau, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold**

Assisted Living:

**Billie Jacks (Alma Health Care)**  
**Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)**

**Jim and Gerlinda Dibble (Willowbrook)**  
**Lena Mae Smith (Crawford H & R)**  
**Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)**  
**Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)**

In Sympathy:

**Casey Thomas and Family** in the death of his father, *Raymond Lee Thomas, II.*



**October 26**  
BAPTISM SUNDAY  
CHILI COOK-OFF

**November 19**  
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
7:00 PM

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

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# Heritage Happenings

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# DON'T MISS OUT!



Join us ***THIS Sunday, October 26th*** in the Fellowship Hall as we enjoy a variety of chili and all the fixin's. We will start serving at 11:45 am. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5 per person and \$20 for a family of 5. This includes tea and water. All proceeds go towards the production of *THE COVENANT* that Heritage Worship Arts will present this Spring.

*\*If you are bringing chili, please have it in the kitchen by 9 am.*

## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR HERITAGE FAMILY... OUR LAY LEADERS



**MEET DEBBIE STEWART...**Wayne and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary August 19! We have two children. Our son Scott is 22 years old. He is a senior business administration major at UAFA. He is also an intern at Trane. Robin is our 18 year old daughter. She is a freshman at Lyon College in Batesville where she is a guard for the Scots Women's basketball team. She hopes to be a teacher and coach. She has a gift for working with children!

Wayne and I enjoy the Do Good for Nothing Sunday school class. (Wayne teaches and I tell him what to do!!) We feel like our class functions much as a life group. We are close to the folks in our class! Our class enjoys supporting the ministries of Heritage. We believe that it is our job to help people in need and being willing to serve our congregation as we are called to do so. I enjoy welcoming people to Sunday morning worship! It is my goal to make people feel they are cared for when they come into our church.

My paying job is with Alma School District. I am a School Nutrition Specialist. Our district is a part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. We work very hard at serving a good quality meal that our students enjoy. We want the cafeteria to be a place that our students enjoying coming to for a delicious meal in a pleasant atmosphere. I enjoy the time that I get to spend with students! This is my 26th year to work at Alma Schools.

Wayne and I joined Heritage in 1992, I think. We attended for several years before we actually joined. I grew up in the Methodist Church - in fact, I am at least a fourth generation Methodist! (I don't know about my great-great grandparents!) We enjoy spending time with our family and friends. Our social life has been on the bleachers watching our children! The first few weeks without a child in our home every day has been a big transition for us! We enjoy the Airedales and the Razorbacks. We consider the people at Heritage our family. We appreciate the love and support given us and we love giving back!

My spiritual gift is exhortation (Wes taught me that!). After learning my gifting, I feel like I better understand God's purpose for me!



**MEET BOB FREEMAN...**Terry and I have been married for 38 years and we met when we attended Van Buren High School. Terry is the Gifted and Talented teacher at Ramsey Junior High in Fort Smith. We have two children, Sarah and David. Sarah attended UCA and then Baylor School of Law. She now practices law in Paris, Texas. Her husband Ben also attended UCA and St. Mary's School of Law. He is a deputy prosecutor in Bonham, Texas. He is also an officer in the Texas National Guard and is currently on a five-month deployment on the Texas/Mexico border. Our son David graduated from West Point and is an Army Captain. He is currently stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. His wife Emily is a teacher in the Waynesville, MO school district and she teaches first grade.

I served as the lay leader beginning in 1998 and served in that capacity for about six years and started doing announcements in the traditional worship service. I have been making announcements ever since, so that is about 16 years. I also began to team teach the Good Shepherd Class on Sunday mornings with Sue Weege and continue to serve in that way. I have served on Finance, SPRC, been a youth volunteer, served the Conference by coaching other church leadership teams, and Terry and I led a small group. Terry has also served as one of the financial secretaries.

I have been honored to serve the community as the Mayor of the City of Van Buren for the past eight years. I know that means I am a politician, but I think of it as being both a public servant and a servant of God. I try whenever possible to share my faith and try to walk in the path on a daily basis. I know that this is what God called me to do for the last eight years and now I am waiting for His direction for the future. One thing of which I am sure, whatever happens in the next few weeks God will take care of me and my family and place us where He thinks it is best. He always has and always will!

I was raised in First Church (the current Mt. Olive) which was the church of my great-grandparents, grandparents, and my parents. As I served in the Army for 20 years and lived all over the world, my family and I would always come home between assignments or for the holidays and attend Heritage. This church has always felt like home and was a "safe haven" for us. We always felt welcomed, loved, and prayed for. I want this church to be the same for so many others.

## FRIENDLY REMINDER



## BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church this Sunday, October 26th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.



Operation Christmas Child WEEK  
#2 - October 26: Hygiene Items:  
small toys that fit into a shoe box.

## UPCOMING MENUS

- October 22: Beans and Cornbread, Cole Slaw, Peach Dump Cake
- October 29: Chili, Crackers, Cheese Sticks, Carrots, Pickles and Peaches
- November 5: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Bread, Salad, Mixed Fruit

## TOUR OF PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS AND THE CHURCHES OF REVELATION

Pastor Wes and Allison Hilliard invite you to join them and Dr. Bob Tuttle on a powerful tour of "Paul's Missionary Journeys and the Churches of Revelation!" The tour will take you to Turkey, Greece, and Rome, June 15-29, 2015. Brochures are in the Great Hall and church office.

## MEMORIALS

In memory of **PHIL FEDRIC** (father of Maria Sullivan) by:  
M/M Bruce Johnson (BF)  
BF - Building Fund

## PRAYER MEETING

The next River Valley Community Prayer Meeting is Monday, November 3rd from 7-8 pm at CrossPointe Community Church at 3304 Kibler Road.

## NEW STUDY

S.A.L.T. women's life group will begin a new study on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm in room 121. They will be reading and discussing Priscilla Shirer's book, "God Is Able". This would be a great time for new people to join. If interested in participating please contact Shelly King, shellykk3@yahoo.com.

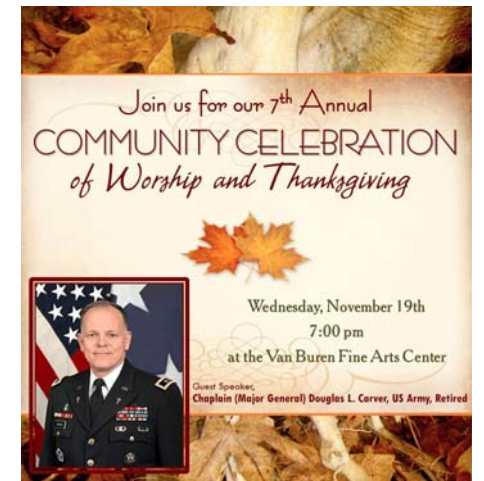


## MOMS IN PRAYER

Our goal for *Moms In Prayer* is to have at least one group praying for each school and for our own children every week. Right now, we only have two very small groups here in Van Buren and one group in Alma. We need many more groups to be started. Please let me know if you would like to start a prayer meeting that would work with your time schedule: any day of the week, daytime or evening, your home, work, church, or wherever works for you. All you need is one other person who will be committed. Prayer meetings that are already in place at Heritage Church are Thursday at 9:30 am and 6 pm. Anyone may drop in if you want to see how we pray in small groups. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Steele at Monisteele@icloud.com, 479-474-8165 or text 479-629-4384.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that was able to donate blood this last Sunday. We had a total of 18 donors! Way to save a life!



## 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 today for the Newcomers' class scheduled for Sunday, November 16th. 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 474-6424 or email bkneeland@heritagevb.org.