

**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**

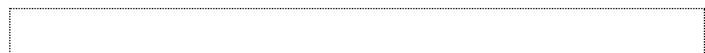
**9:30 AM**  
**Traditional Service**

**11:00 AM**  
**Contemporary Worship**

Nursery provided for all services.  
**Sunday School for All Ages**

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## NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers

**8:05 am**  
John Poole  
Tom Banhart  
Scott Visalli  
Scott Treece  
Mike Kneeland

**9:30 am**  
Seekers' Life Group

**11:00 am**  
Drew Cone  
Chris Christensen  
Chad Sharbono  
Craig Ballegeer

### Greeters

**8:05 am**  
JoEllen Banhart  
Jessica Visalli  
Pam Treece

**9:30 am**  
Seekers' Life Group

**11:00 am**  
Kris Ailes  
Mike and Karrie Papacoda



At Home:

**Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Neal and Patsy Ellison, Joe Johns, John Luckau, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Charles Sullivan**

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:

**Cathy Flocks and Family** in the death of her mother, *Arnita Graber*.



**November 16**  
NEWCOMERS' CLASS

**November 19**  
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
@ FINE ARTS CENTER  
7:00 PM

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

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**FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... REVIVAL OF JOY AND FEEDING THE HUNGRY!**  
Where the Spirit of the LORD is, there is JOY! ... inexpressible and full of GLORY!  
I can't wait to share a message on joy from the Book of Acts this Sunday! Don't Miss it!

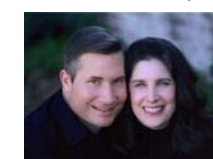
**FEED THE FUNNEL PARTY FOR LOCAL HUNGER: HUNGER IS REAL WHERE WE LIVE!**



Arkansas ranks 49<sup>th</sup> in overall food insecurity in the country with 19.4% of people being food insecure. Only Mississippi (22%) has a higher rate of overall food insecurity. Oklahoma has an overall rate of 17.4% food insecurity. 26% of children in Northwest Arkansas are food insecure. This is well above the national average of 22.4% for child food insecurity. 35% of single mother households are affected by food insecurity. Social factors including unequal opportunity for education and employment, domestic violence, inequitable wage compensation, insufficient child support, and lack of access to affordable healthcare and housing make it difficult for mothers to put and keep food on the table. 1/3 of seniors (> 60 years old) in Arkansas are food insecure. Reasons include financial hardship, lack of transportation, and reduced mobility.

45,000+ CHILDREN IN Northwest Arkansas are at risk of hunger on the weekends and qualify to receive weekend meals. Only 6,000 currently receive them due to funding constraints. College administrators are seeing more hungry students, especially at schools that enroll a high percentage of students who are from low-income families or are the first generation to attend college. We can do something about this!

**LET'S FEED THE FUNNEL and address this need!** We will raise \$2,500 by November 12<sup>th</sup> to pay for 10,000 meals which we will pack at 7:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is for kids from age 3 to 103! Eighty volunteers should be able to accomplish this in 45 minutes! Get your children and grandchildren saving as much of their quarters as much they can! Designate your checks to Heritage, "Feed the Funnel!" This will be a **high energy, joy-filled party with high impact** for the local Backpack for Kids program and the Heritage food pantry.



This is the day ... Let us rejoice and be glad!  
*Pastor Wes*

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## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR HERITAGE FAMILY



**MEET DAVID WATKINS...**Married for 23 years to wife Stephanie, have 2 beautiful daughters Madison 17 and Riley 14. We have been members at Heritage since 1997. My wife and I are educators. I have been a school administrator for 12 years after teaching and coaching for 8 (currently Principal at Kimmons Junior High in Fort Smith). My wife has taught almost all the grades up to 6th grade and currently teaches 6th grade math at Northridge Middle School. Madi is a senior at Van Buren High and enjoys theater, and was a member of the Pointer Prancers. Riley plays basketball and attends the Van Buren Freshman Academy.

My wife and I are Lay Leaders and have held several positions in ministry at Heritage over the years. Sunday school teachers, Timothy team, Heritage University, and life group leaders. We love God and want to reach the world.

Because we have been active at Heritage that puts us active in the community. We have taken the opportunity to go on several mission trips with the most recent being Cuba (Stephanie has gone twice), Stephanie has been to Mexico, Kenya, Israel (twice) and Brazil... We have been to Brazil and Israel together. Madi went to Brazil recently and Riley will go in the future.

Heritage is a great church that has the back-bone of the Methodist Tradition, but has forged its own "Heritage" by simply "being the Church" to all that enters its doors.



**MEET CHUCK KING...**My wife Louann and I are the patri/matriarchal heads of a multi-cultural, ethnic family! We have three grown children-Jake, Katie, and Jessye. Our son-in-law is Swedish/Israeli and our daughter in law is African-American. We have two beautiful grandchildren: Farron and Jaxon. Jake and Kim live in OKC; Katie and Oriel live in Stockholm, Sweden, (soon NYC) and Jessye is studying at the American Academy of Dramatic Art in West Hollywood.

As a worship leader, my primary responsibility is to provide for our congregation an open environment where people feel free to offer their praises and experience the Presence of the Lord. Beyond that, we serve a church that encourages creativity in worship and the arts, so I give leadership to both contemporary and traditional worship, special events, instrumental praise, handbells, drama, dance, children's choir, and visuals.

Though I could tell you about lots of great "accomplishments" that have occurred in my years of ministry, I also have a testimony of brokenness and restoration that came through the ministry of Heritage. My prayer is that others who might have failed in the worst possible ways, will be able to perceive that the Lord can, and does heal, forgive and restore! There is no limit to the power of His love, grace and mercy!

Our family served in ministry for thirteen years in Jerusalem, Israel. The impact that brought on our lives and our philosophy of worship ministry is immeasurable. Beyond my ministry at Heritage, from time to time I am able to work as an actor and producer in film and stage productions. (We are planning a large scale production at the Fort Smith Performing Arts Center this Spring!) For relaxation, I'm finally pursuing a life long dream and teaching myself to play the cello. I'm sounding pretty good on "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star".

### UPCOMING MENUS

- November 12: Turkey Pot Pie, Salad, Mandarin Orange Cake
- November 19: Assorted Quiche, Salad, Sherbet

### COFFEE MUGS



Pick up your Heritage mug today in the Library for \$5.

### CTS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsal for the Community Thanksgiving Children's Choir is Tuesday Nov. 9th 6-6:30 pm in the Backyard. Children in grades 1 - 5 are invited!

## MEMORIALS

In honor of **DEBBIE THOMAS' BIRTHDAY** by:

M/M Lee James (FP)

In memory of **AUDRIE "JEAN" DAMERON** (sister of Sheila Parochka) by:

M/M Don Eversole

M/M Bruce Johnson (BF)

M/M John Parochka

In memory of **SHEILA WEIDOWER** (sister of Valicia Weege) by:

M/M Wayne Weege (Handbells)

In memory of **JOHNNY PARKER** by:

M/M Bill Thomas (YM)

BF - Building Fund FP - Food Pantry

YM - Youth Ministry

## NEW MEMBERS



Jeff and Angelisa Lambert.

They have two children, Hannah and Christian.

## DEDICATION

Maddox Harper Hobbs

Son of Nate and DeAnna Hobbs.



## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

No matter how long it's been since your loved one passed away, grief can make the holidays a painful time; But, there is hope! Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. Saturday, November 22nd at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Registration begins at 9 am. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone at 629-7901.

## THANK YOU

Dear Heritage Family,  
Thank you for your attentiveness during our family's recent loss. The good news is he isn't lost- he is just waiting for us to join him and walk those streets of Gold. Heaven truly does get sweeter every day. Thank you again for thinking of our family during this time.

*The Family of Phillip Fedric, Sherry Fedric, Maria, Mark, Emily and Allison Sullivan. Felicia, Ed, William and Ryan Gay*

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

## WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE COVENANT?



Organizational meeting for all those interested in being involved at any level: cast, crew, costuming, fundraising, promotion, etc. The cast is open to ALL ages: a limited number of children, and dancers are needed; we will especially need men for a variety of roles from David's brothers, David's Mighty Men, to the Disciples of Jesus. You do NOT need to be a singer!

Join us on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6th @ 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have popcorn and watch a video of the production, then answer any questions you might have. You will be inspired! Feel free to invite others outside of the Heritage family to attend. See you there!

## CTS

Join us for the Community Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, November 19th at 7 pm at the Fine Arts Center. The Guest Speaker is Chaplain (Major General) Douglas L. Carver, US Army, Retired.

## HERITAGE RIDERS

This Saturday, November 8th at 11:30 am, Heritage Riders will take to the roads again. We will meet afterwards at 4 pm at Michael Tursky's home for a cookout. Please contact Michael at [mjtursky@gmail.com](mailto:mjtursky@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## MIDS WITH KIDS LIFE GROUP

Join us for a new life group aimed at the middle aged (30's-40's) with kids still at home. We will participate in a marriage enrichment study by Mark Gungor, "Laugh Your Way to a better Marriage." An informational kick-off meeting is Saturday, November 15th from 5 - 7 pm in the Community Room. Come and learn about the dynamics of this group, meet the leaders, and enjoy the movie "Courageous" while snacking out on popcorn. Children are welcome.