

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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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... CHRISTMAS AT HERITAGE!

I missed being with you Sunday as I performed my last Sunday drill with the Arkansas National Guard. We had wonderful services at Armstrong Chapel on Camp Robinson. I am looking forward to being back with you this Sunday! We have some outstanding opportunities this season to celebrate Christmas at Heritage! Make sure you don't miss them! Let me take a few lines to promote a few!

Sunday, December 14th: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph! Special music from the Sanctuary Choir with narration by Terry McGonigle. Aaron Jackson will lead worship for the 8:05 and 11 am services.

Wednesday, December 17th at 6 p.m.: "Follow the Star" presented by the Heritage Praize Makers. This is a new children's musical, and if Chuck King is pumped about it and the cast, it MUST be good! Don't miss! Come out and support the kids and get an extra blessing! I hear the solos are amazing!

Sunday, December 21st: Christmas Through the Eyes of Angels! This will be a powerful message along with "angelic" music from our hand bell choir and professional harpist, Jill Justice.

Wednesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve at Heritage! We are giving away Christmas again! We are adding a 3 p.m. service for more people! Chuck is putting together a dramatic presentation of the nativity from The Covenant! Please say "yes" if he asks you to participate! Start inviting your friends, family, and neighbors now!

It's going to be the best Christmas ever at Heritage! Be sure to reach out and share the love with as many as you can this season!

May the LOVE, PEACE, JOY, HOPE, and LIGHT of Christmas overflow through your life!



Pastor Wes



In the Hospital:

Sally Dennis (Mercy)
Geraldine Hurst (Mercy)

At Home:

Christy Anders, Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Ellarene Crowley, Neal and Patsy Ellison, John Luckau, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Mary Wrisinger

Assisted Living:

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:

Doris Wortham and Family in the death of her brother, *Chuck Collier*.

Janice Podgurski and Family in the death of her grandmother, *Eliza Huskey*.

Diana Boyakin and Family in the death of her aunt, *Pauline Bennett*.



Sunday, December 14
CHRISTMAS ANGEL
GIFTS DUE

Wednesday, December 17
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
6 PM

Wednesday, December 24:
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
3 PM, 5 PM & 7:30 pm
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MEAL
4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Eddie Prince
Jon Vinson

9:30 am

Tom Konert
John Symonds
David Alexander
Andy Williams

11:00 am

Kip James
Craig Balleger
Terry Furr
Scott Neidecker
Jon Talley

Greeters

8:05 am
Christina Fontaine
Mary Dempsey

9:30 am

Burl and Debbie Carter

11:00 am

Justin and Katie Lovett
Drew and Marlene Cone

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

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MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of **EMMA LEE KELTON** by:
M/M Ron McPhail (BF)

In honor of **TERI LYLE'S BIRTHDAY** by:
M/M Jim Udouj (BF)

In honor of **LIZ MCFADDEN'S BIRTHDAY** by:
Sue Stranathan (BF)

In memory of **CHARLES D. COLLIER** (brother of Doris Wortham) by:
M/M Darrell Goodlin (MM)

BF - Building Fund MM - Music Ministry

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, December 21st, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

CHECK YOUR MAIL!

Don't forget to check your mail for a letter from Pastor Wes. Commit to your ministry plan for 2015 this Sunday!

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary during the month of December in honor or in memory of someone, please complete this form and return it to the church office with payment of \$10 per poinsettia.

Placed in (circle one)

In Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

By: _____

NEW MEMBER



Anthony Kuykendall was baptized and joined Sunday. He is the fiancé of Audra Anhalt.

HERITAGE ANGELS



If you missed out on getting a Christmas Angel, we have received new angels from Bost. Please make your selection from the Great Hall. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with the gifts, please contact the church office. Please return all gifts to the stage in the Fellowship Hall by this Sunday, December 14th! All gifts must be unwrapped and in a bag with their angel number attached to the bag.

GIFT IDEAS



Pick up your Heritage license plate and/or coffee mugs today in the Library for \$5 each. They would make great Christmas gifts!



The Forging Place is a community counseling and family therapy firm that specializes in refining individuals and relationships by offering mental health services and emotional support to the community, helping both individuals and families combat a variety of issues. They will be offering several classes in 2015. On January 5th, 12th, and the 26th from 6:30-8 pm, there is a 3-week class on grief and trauma. This class covers various types of trauma, symptoms of trauma, how to help or cope in crisis, the stages of grief, and what trauma can look like in children. Class will include exercises in understanding our own hurts and how that understanding gives us tools to be better helpers to those experiencing grief and trauma. The total cost for three nights is \$40. Registration deadline is Friday, January 2nd. For more information or to register, visit www.theforgingplace.com or call 479-414-3865.

YOU'RE INVITED



Mr. and Mrs. Roger Goins request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
KATHRYN GOINS to MITCH OSBURN
Saturday, January 3, 2015
6 pm at Heritage

FEATURED CHRISMONS

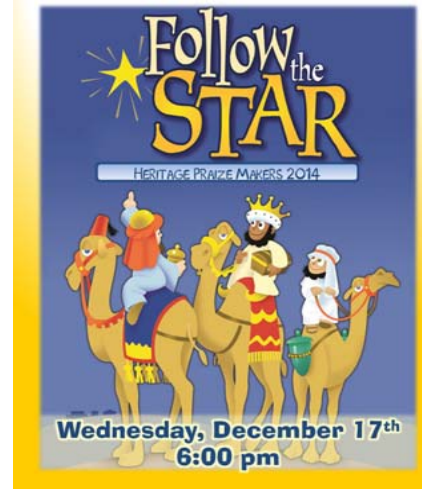


The triangle, as well as the central shamrock are symbols of the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Surrounding these is an orb, symbolizing the Sun of Righteousness. The circle always reminds us of the eternal nature of the One we worship.



The Chi-Rho looks like a 'P' with an 'X' on top of it. These two letters are the first two letters of the Greek word 'Christos' which means Christ.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



THE COVENANT CRAFT CORNER



Homemade and handmade crafts and gifts are available for purchase in the Library. This is a great place to do your Christmas shopping while investing in *The Covenant*-an outreach tool for our community. If you have items you would like to donate in an effort to raise money, please see Louann King or Malinda McSpadden.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Last year's Christmas Eve was AMAZING! Join us in sharing Christmas with our community again this year! Candlelight service is at 3, 5, and 7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 24th. Christmas dinner with our family, friends, neighbors, food pantry customers, and others will be served between services. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the church office at 474-6424. Please invite someone and join us!

NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION

If you are a guest or have come to Heritage within the last year, we invite you to a meet-and-greet with Pastor Wes this Sunday, December 14th. It will be immediately following each service in the Welcome Center.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE?

Do you know where you are in your giving this year? There is an easy way to find out! Just go to the Heritage web site: heritagevb.org, and then click on the "people" icon at the top right side. This takes you to a secure login page. Put in your email address and password. If this is your first time the system will assign you a password and send it to the email address listed in the church data base. Now the catch is, if the church doesn't have an email address for you, you must contact them (office@heritagevb.org, or 474-6424) and let them know your email address. Once you are in the members only base, click on the "Giving" tab at the top and then "My Giving History". There you can view your most recent tax statement (left hand side top half), view each week's offering on bottom half of page, or go to "pledge history" to see the amount remaining on the commitment you made for 2014. **If you see any errors please let the office know immediately so corrections can be made before the end of the year.**

And if you need an address or phone number of someone attending our church, just click on the "directory" tab at the top of the page and then choose the name of the person you need. How simple can you get!!!

Just a reminder on end of the year giving. Federal tax law states that for a contribution to be used as a charitable contribution it must be received by the church by the last day of the year or postmarked by December 31st.



Please join the Mids with Kids on Saturday, January 10th from 5 - 7 pm in the Community Room. They are a group geared toward active middle-aged (30's/40's) with kids still at home. They will participate in a marriage enrichment study by Mark Gungor, "Laugh Your Way to a better Marriage." Children are welcome.



Come celebrate the Christmas season with friends, old and new! Oaks Manor Conference and Retreat Center will have a Christmas Open House on December 21st from 2 - 4 pm! The Center is located at 3909 Highway 282 in Van Buren. Please RSVP at 479-410-3900 or info@oaksmanor.com.