

**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**

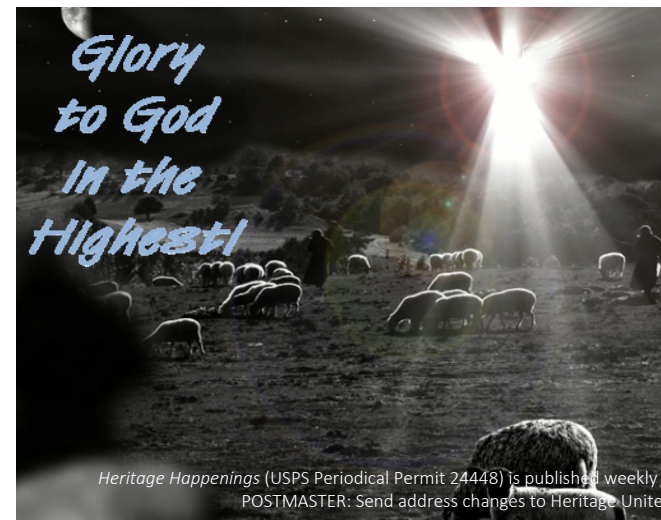
**9:30 AM**  
**Traditional Service**

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

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

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**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST**

**CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE EYES OF ANGELS!**

A powerful message with "angelic" music from our handbell choir and professional harpist, Jill Justice.



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Carols, Candles and Communion Service  
3 pm, 5 pm, and 7:30 pm  
Dinner served between services.



**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 Ballegeer  
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



**In the Hospital:**

**Geraldine Hurst (Mercy)**

**At Home:**

**Kris Ailes, Christy Anders, Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Daniel Christee, Ellarene Crowley, John Luckau, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Stephanie Watkins, Mary Wrisinger**

**Assisted Living:**

**Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)**  
**Jim and Gerlinda Dibble (Willowbrook)**  
**Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)**  
**Maxine Fahrner (Ashton Place)**

**In Sympathy:**

**James, Curt and Luke Dennis, Shiloh Horsley and Family** in the death of their wife, mother and grandmother, *Sally Dennis*.

**Lee Carney and Family** in the death of his mother, *Betty Gentry*.

**Family and friends of Lena Mae Smith.**

**Gary Nishmuta and Family** in the death of his sister, *Ramona Conly*.

**Bill Ottinger and Family** in the death of his mother, *Lucille Ottinger*.



**Sunday, December 21**

BAPTISM SUNDAY

**Wednesday, December 24:**

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES & DINNER

3 PM, 5 PM & 7:30 pm

DINNER SERVED BETWEEN SERVICES

Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter?  
Email it to [office@heritagevb.org](mailto:office@heritagevb.org).

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## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of **GROWTH LIFE GROUP** by:

M/M Jim Gilbert (FP)  
M/M Paul Ray (FP)  
M/M John Symonds (CED)

In honor of **WAYNE AND SUE WEEGE** by:

M/M Scott Weege (BF)

In honor of **HUMC STAFF** by:  
Donna Parker (EF)

In memory of **CHARLES D. COLLIER** (brother of Doris Wortham) by:

M/M Benton Cone (BF)  
Donna Parker (BF)

In memory of **SALLY DENNIS** by:

M/M Doyle Autry (BF)  
Charles Coble (BF)  
M/M Benton Cone (BF)  
M/M Charles Housley (BF)  
M/M Alan Swaim (BF)  
M/M Bill Thomas

Margarett Parker, Henry and Carolyn, Scott and Misty, Brandon and Terra, Justin and Terese

In memory of **ELIZA HUSKEY** (grandmother of Janice Podgurski) by:

M/M Bruce Johnson (BF)

In memory of **LUCILLE OTTINGER** (mother of Bill Ottinger) by:

M/M John Symonds (CED)  
Donna Parker (CED)

In memory of **LENA MAE SMITH** by:

Donna Parker (EF)

FP-Food Pantry CED-Christmas Eve Dinner  
EF-Endowment Fund BF-Building Fund

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

With the upcoming holidays, many activities have been cancelled or rescheduled. Please be sure to check the church calendar.

## IN REMEMBRANCE



Lena Mae Smith, 101, of Van Buren, entered heaven on Sunday, December 14, 2014. She was born on April 23, 1913, in Van Buren to Irene Amelia Craig Smith and John Smith. Lena Mae graduated from Van Buren High School and was a Navy WAVE during WWII. Following her two years of service, she completed secretarial school and went on to a 34 year career at Cooper Manufacturing in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Lena Mae was active in the

Business and Professional Women on both a local and state level during her working career.

She was a devoted member of Heritage United Methodist Church, and although her health eventually prevented her from physically attending, Lena Mae continued to support her church with her prayers and tithes.

After retiring from her job in Tulsa, Lena Mae returned to her home in Van Buren and joined again the church she grew up in. She immediately became involved in helping in the church office with the newsletter crew every week and filling in when the secretary had to be out. She took this very seriously, as she did everything. No telephone message went astray or was not accurate. Personal computers were just becoming part of the church office tools and she was fascinated by what could be done on them and said one day that her biggest regret about retiring was not getting to use one. This was in a time when most older people were thankful if they didn't have to learn to use one! Lena Mae lived a simple life style, never owned a car, but was by no means a recluse. She loved people and was always eager to meet new people and have new experiences. Her love for God and her church was obvious. She never stopped giving even when in a rehab center and unable to attend church any longer.

She is survived by her second cousin, Dr. Glenn Craig and his wife Stacey; their daughters, Elizabeth and Katy, all of Tulsa.

## POINSETTIAS

Thank you to everyone that purchased a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one. The sanctuary looks so beautiful. Please feel free to take the poinsettia home with you after the 7:30 pm Christmas Eve service.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Joe and Trecia Lloyd celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, December 12th! May God bless you with many more years to come!

## YOU'RE INVITED



Roger and Kathy Goins invite everyone to join them at the wedding celebration of their daughter, **KATHRYN to MITCH OSBURN** on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 6 pm in the Sanctuary.

## GIFT IDEAS

There are Heritage shirts, license plates, coffee mugs and homemade goodies in the church Library that would make excellent Christmas gifts. Get one today!

## GET YOUR WALKING SHOES ON

The Capital Campaign Prayer team is having a *Fast and Prayer Walk* on the church property. The walk will be on the first Sunday of each month after each service. Those attending will walk and pray for the church and community. We will meet in the Library immediately after worship then head out to pray individually. Our next walk is Sunday, January 4th!



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.



## ROOTS CLASS

Want to better understand the Christian roots of our faith? Join Charles Reneau and Glen Wigginton on Thursdays at 10 am in room 121, Sundays at 9:30 am in room 121 or 11 am in room 133.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

We need volunteers to sack groceries and help customers on Mondays & Fridays 9:30 am - 12 pm and on Thursdays 4-6 pm. If you are interested, please contact Roger Burkert at 462-3392.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE

It's not too late for 2014 tax deductions. Please consider Heritage in your year-end tax planning. All contributions received or postmarked by midnight December 31st are considered 2014 contributions and will be included in your annual contribution statement. Heritage has been a bright shining light in the River Valley this year; we have spent \$43k this year feeding the hungry. We have provided clothing for approximately 2000 people. We minister to the sick, infirmed, and imprisoned every week. We have received over 120 new members this year! The Lord is using Heritage United Methodist Church to change this river valley. If you are looking for a wise investment, look no further. Your money will make an eternal difference—and you get a tax deduction. That's a Win-Win situation. Thank you for all you have given and done this past year!



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.

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

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