

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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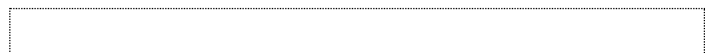
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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... FREEWAY: AWARENESS – THE GIFT OF SLOWING DOWN!

Sunday was powerful! The LORD was moving and touching hearts ... giving us permission to admit that **“It’s okay that everything is NOT OK!”** We were able to admit our messes and bring them to Jesus, knowing He is willing to deal with them in the best possible manner for us! What a blessing!



This Sunday we are going to dig a little deeper into this first step of freedom. We might call **awareness** the on-ramp to the freeway. God has given us the gift of slowing down – of commanding us to rest and delight in His creation and redemption! He offers this blessing to us every week if we will just receive it! This provides the opportunity to attend to our wounds and pain, fears and failures and to **discover** that God’s *grace is sufficient!* --that with Jesus’ resurrection power, we are *more than conquerors!*

Be sure to log on to www.seconchance.org/myfreeway and sign up for your free account. They will send you a daily devotional to go along with the study and you can access other helpful resources there. Also, don’t do **Freeway** alone! Join some friends in doing this together. If you aren’t part of a life-group that is doing this, join us on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:15 as Marti Salisbury and Pastor Bryan Tabakian lead us through the



Freeway group study material. Workbooks are available in the church office. Freedom is so near! The restoration of your joy is within reach!

See you Sunday on the **Freeway!** So blessed to get to be your pastor!

Pastor Wes

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

John Poole
Eddie Prince
Steve Kelton
Cyndy Rogers

9:30 am

Wayne Stewart
John Symonds
Tom Konert
David Alexander
Andy Williams
Carol Ray

11:00 am

Justin Lovett
Terry Furr
Craig Ballegeer
Jon Talley

Greeters

8:05 am

Friends For Life Life Group

9:30 am

Margo Symonds and David Fagan
Joe and Pat Johns

11:00 am

Jason and Tiffany Parks
Barry and Shawna Mason



In Hospital:

Gary Pittman (*Sparks*)

At Home:

Neal Ellison, Betty James, Emma Lee Kelton, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Maria Sullivan, Mary Wrisinger

Assisted Living:

Mary Coble (*Crawford H & R*)
Gerlinda Dibble (*Willowbrook*)
Geraldine Hurst (*Pink Bud Home*)
Jean Stratton (*Crawford H & R*)
Maxine Fahrner (*Ashton Place*)
Joyce Hopkins (*Legacy Heights*)

In Thanksgiving:

Drew, Brandi, Lillie and Annabelle Deffenbaugh in the birth of their daughter and sister, *Sadie Claire*.

In Sympathy:

Angela Hodge and Bill Patterson and Family in the death of their mother, *Pam Grazier*.

Greg McClure and Family in the death of his mother, *Viola McClure*.

Ed Carr and Family in the death of his mother, *Elaine Carr*.



Wednesday, June 17:
FAMILY NIGHT
AT ALMA AQUATIC PARK
6 PM

Saturday, June 20:
OLD TIME GOSPEL SING
AT POOLE'S PLACE
6 PM

Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter?
Email it to office@heritage.church.

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| • In Remembrance | • Women's Bible Study | • Gospel Sing |
| • Children's Ministry News | • Hebraic Roots Class | • Newcomers' Reception |

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **JOHN POOLE** IN RECOGNITION OF ALL THE MANY, MANY THINGS HE DOES FOR HERITAGE by:

Seniors Growing With Christ (BF)

In honor of **MERLE KATZ** FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL TEACHING SKILL, PATIENCE, AND SENSE OF HUMOR by:

Seniors Growing With Christ (BF)

CHILDREN'S CAMP



Children's camp is an exciting time of fellowship and faith building at Pinecrest camp in Ozone, Arkansas! The children will play games, swim, play night games and have Bible teachings. They will develop closer relationships with each other and their leaders! This year we are digging deep for buried treasure in the Bible! Camp is for children entering grades 3 - 5 this fall! The cost is \$75. Deadline to register is July 2nd!! Don't delay. Sign-up TODAY!

In memory of **WADENE HILLIARD** (mother of Wes Hilliard) by:

Seniors Growing With Christ (BF)

Doris Wortham (HM)

In memory of **KIM PEER** by:

M/M Alan Swaim (BF)

M/M John Symonds (MM)

In memory of **TOMMY DODD** by:

Hardscrabble Country Club

Michael Rogers

Jim Spears (FP)

Randall Simmermon (FP)

Wayne Gosnell (FP)

Cathy Gifford (FP)

Carl Brown (FP)

Bercher Tire Service (FP)

Robert Bell (FP)

M/M Alan Swaim (FP)

M/M Ken Kilgore (FP)

Paula Barden, Bill Mauldin,

Kim Layman and

Monica Kinsey at the

Sebastian County Court

Complex (FP)

In memory of **PAT SHARUM** (mother of Ann Hopkins) by:

M/M John Symonds (BF)

BF - Building Fund FP - Food Pantry

MM - Music Ministry

HM - Hilliard Memorial

IN REMEMBRANCE



Family and friend gathered to celebrate the life of Heritage's beloved **PAMELA SUE GRAZIER**, 63, of Van Buren on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at Heritage. Pam passed away Sunday, May 31, 2015. She was born February 6, 1952 in Pittsfield, IL. She was a housekeeper, and was preceded in death by her husband, Rick Grazier.

She is survived by a daughter, Angela Hodge of Kansas City, MO; a son, Bill Patterson of Van Buren; four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

COFFEE MUGS



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

LICENSE PLATES



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

IT'S OUR HERITAGE!

Celebrating 175 years of witnessing in the River Valley and 30 years as Heritage UMC!

Plans are underway for celebrating two great anniversaries in the life of our church. One Hundred seventy five years ago a Methodist circuit rider appeared in this area even before Van Buren became a town, preaching under the trees to the trappers, stragglers, the few settlers and the "wildmen"! And 30 years ago on May 5, 1985 Heritage was formed by the merger of two Van Buren churches: 1st and St. John's. The celebration date is Sunday, August 30 at both morning worship and evening fun time.

Your help is needed right now in gathering photos, news clippings, newsletters, etc from the past. Rather than trusting your precious paper memories to us to return to you, we suggest you take them to any photo shop (Walmart, Walgreen, Bedford, etc) and have it scanned into digital format and then give/email that to the church office.

Also needed are names and addresses of former members and family who might be interested in attending. We would love to send them a "save the date" notice. This can also be given/mailed to the church office.



HEBRAIC ROOTS CLASS

Want to better understand the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith? Join Charles Reneau on Fridays at 10 am in room 121.

NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION

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



Registration for 2015-2016 school year has begun. Please stop by the church office and pick up an enrollment form or call Shawanna at 474-6424 or email at sseewald@heritage.church.

HALO REPORT FOR MAY 26TH

Halos played two games and won three. You might ask... "How is that possible?" I might tell ya it was kind of like when a young man who goes to serenading his beloved at her apartment complex and finds out she wasn't home. However, 'cuz he went to playing guitar 'n singing, several available young ladies step out on their balconies. Actually, the Halos went to the ballpark to play Kibler, but Kibler had to forfeit. As a result the two Beyond teams stepped out on their balconies to play our Halos Tuesday night. Our boys continued to show off with some offensive muscle in both games. Game one was classic contest. Historically Beyond and Heritage have been competitive, fighting like an old boyfriend/ girlfriend couple. The record has been an even win loss record

going back to the days when Beyond was called Living Word. Game one ended with Beyond Black at bat with based loaded and two outs. Beyond was down three when their big home run hitter stepped to the plate. The previous three pitches to him resulted in two monstrous home runs and a single down the line. The Halos opted to walk him instead of letting him win the game with a home run. Two outs and former Halo Eric Brown stepped up to the plate. Beyond was now down two and bases loaded. Eric crushed a high fly to deep center, but Caleb Bauman raced under it with his back up against the fence and caught it for an exciting pressure filled win. Game two the Halos continued to pound the ball and run-ruled Beyond Green.

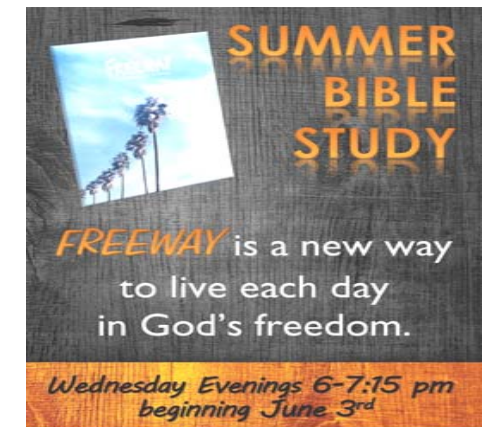
OLD TIME GOSPEL SING

Join us June 20th at 6 pm at the Poole's Place for fiddlin', food and fun! Their farm is located at 4500 Old Uniontown Road. If you are interested in volunteering, we need people in the areas of food prep and kitchen, set-up and tear down. Please contact the church office to sign-up. We also need donations of large cans of baked beans and packages of store bought cookies.

RUBIES' BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, please join us Monday mornings at 9:30 am in the Welcome Center. We are studying Jennifer Rothschild's, *Hosea: Unfailing Love Changes Everything*.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL



TIMOTHY TEAM AND TINY TIMS

Registration is underway for Timothy Team & Tiny Tims! (children 2 yrs. old through 5th grade as of 8/1/15). We will be studying Genesis. Deadline to register is August 2nd. Registration forms are available at the computer check-in stations!



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