

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
9:30 & 11:00 AM

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FROM YOUR WELCOME MINISTER'S HEART...

Fall is a very busy time of year here at Heritage. As a result you will see tons of announcements in our newsletter and our bulletin about new life groups, new bible studies, new sermon series, Wednesday night Timothy Team, Sunday School, Heritage University.....the list goes on and on. You will also hear us use terms such as "sign-ups are across the hall", "classes will meet on the adult wing", "Continuing classes" all terms that we have said for so long that we just assume everyone knows what we are talking about. Please forgive us. After visiting with many of our "newcomers" and some of our "not so newcomers", I have come to realize that we need to back up, take a breath, and be more intentional about our communication to our congregation. I would like to address some frequently asked questions that I have been receiving.

#1. What does "across the hall" mean?

The phrase "Across the hall" means "across from the Sanctuary". The large room across from the Sanctuary is our Fellowship Hall. Many new people I have found never enter that room and don't understand exactly what is going on in there. **The fellowship hall is our place for information on Sunday mornings.** If we say "there are sign-ups across the hall" for an event, we mean for you to go to the fellowship hall, check out the information we have about the event, and sign your name on a piece of paper if you interested in participating. We also serve a lovely breakfast in the fellowship hall and it is a great place to meet people.

#2. Do you offer Sunday School Classes?

Yes, we offer Sunday school. When we went to three services several years back we realized it was a need to offer more than one tier of Sunday school. So if you attend the 8:05 or 11:00 service, we offer a variety of classes that we call "Heritage University". If you attend the 9:30 service we offer another set of classes that we call "Sunday School". You will find a complete list of these classes on the back of your church bulletin. All classes are located on the "adult wing" which is also known as the Roy Poyner Hall. This hall way is immediately to your right as you enter the building from the west side. Right now, we are starting some new classes during both hours and we ask you to "sign up, across the hall". Which takes me to question #3.

#3. What is the importance of signing up?

The main reason that we ask you to sign up for class is so that we can make sure that we have enough materials ordered for each person. Many of our Sunday Schools and Heritage University Classes require books to be ordered in advance. If you don't sign up can you still attend? Absolutely, but please be patient with us as we gather more materials. Now, if we ask you to sign up for an event, such as "Feast of Tabernacles" or "Crew for Christ". We are actually asking you to sign up so that we know how many people are going to attend that event. It is vital for our food preparation and for something like "Crew for Christ" we need to know if we have enough workers to do a project.

#4. What is a life group and how do I sign up?

On September 20th we are going to be focusing on life group sign ups. Once again the sign-ups will be in the fellowship hall. A life group is a small group that meets together twice a month. They usually meet outside of the church and each group gets to select time and the day on which they meet. Life groups are vital to the spiritual health of our congregation. This is the place where you will form close bonds with a smaller group of people and will start to feel like you belong. If you are here at Heritage and you feel like you just aren't connecting, ask yourself if you have tried a life group? If you miss the sign ups, contact Bryan Tabakian or myself to get more information.

#5. I've been at Heritage for months now.....do I really need to come to Newcomers Class?

If this article has answered any questions you may have had about what is going on at Heritage, then the answer is "YES". Our newcomer's class is an informational class. It is to keep people informed, whether you've been here two weeks, two months, or two years. It is not a class about membership as much as it is about being connected. Our next class will be Sept. 20 beginning at 9:30 in the Welcome Center. (BTW – the Welcome Center is to the left of the Sanctuary as you are exiting) We would love to see you there!



Becki Kneeland, Welcome Minister



In Hospital:

Ed Buckalew (*Alma Rehab*)
David Moore (*Sparks*)
Stacey Walker (*Mercy*)

At Home:

Saylor Ables, Sue Franklin, Lee 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*)

In Sympathy:

Family and Friends in the death of *Carol Rands*.
Family and Friends in the death of *Paul Gant*.



Friday, September 25

FEAST OF TABERNACLES
AT THE POOLE'S
6 PM

Saturday September 26

ROBIN MARK CONCERT
VAN BUREN FINE ARTS CENTER
7 PM

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

John Poole
Jerry Frederiksen
Scott Treece
Gary Podgurski

9:30 am

God's Armor Bearers'

11:00 am

Danny Turner
Justin Lovett

Greeters

8:05 am

Drew Deffenbaugh
Pam Treece

9:30 am

God's Armor Bearers'

11:00 am

Mark and Kim Fimpel
Dustin and Nicole Fimpel

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

HONORARIUM

In honor of SUE STRANATHAN'S BIRTHDAY by:

John and Margo Symonds (BF)
BF - Building Fund



If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, September 20th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Please join us for a celebration of Sue Stranathan's 85th Birthday on Saturday, September 19th from 2 - 4 pm in the Welcome Center. In lieu of gifts, please bring your favorite picture of Sue or one of you and Sue to be placed in a memory book.

LOVE TO SING?

Come join the Sanctuary Choir! We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. No experience necessary - just a heart for worship and a willingness to make a joyful noise!

CONTRIBUTIONS



You can contribute to the ministries of Heritage by placing your gift in the offering on Sundays. Envelopes are available in the pew. You can also give on line at www.heritage.church. You can also give using your smartphone using the QR code or by texting 1801960 to 715-803-4772. You can even give using your debit or credit card at our kiosk in the Great Hall.

Discover the Jewish Roots of our Faith and Celebrate with Heritage Church

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
Feast of Tabernacles Celebration
6 pm at the Poole Farm
Food, Activities and Worship
Families are invited to camp

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Robin Mark in Concert
7 pm at VB Fine Arts Center

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Worship with Robin Mark
8:05, 9:00 & 11:00 am
at Heritage Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
Special Guest,
Rabbi Jack Zimmerman
of Jewish Voice Ministries

For more information and to register for Friday night, go to www.heritage.church

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Rubies begins their next study, The War Room, on September 14th. They meet on Mondays from 9 - 11 am in the Welcome Center. Hope to see everyone there. *Please note the time change.

HERITAGE RUBIES' WOMEN'S NIGHT

Join us Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 pm at Heritage as Louann King instructs us in the art of Israeli cooking in preparation for the Feast of Tabernacles. All women are welcome and it's FREE!

PIECING IT TOGETHER

A life group led by Christi Wilson and Tammy Prince will meet on from 6-7:30 pm this Sunday, September 13th in Room 130. We focus on the spiritual welfare of parents with special needs children. Please join us as we experience life together!

CALL TO PRAYER FOR MEN

Men are under attack, and the mind is the battlefield. You don't have to have had your name on the Ashley Madison list to have fallen victim to this war. We'll purposefully come together for a time of testimonies, confession to God, repentance, restoration and to learn more about what it means to renew the mind according to the Holy Bible on Thursday, September 10th at 6:30 pm in the Heritage Sanctuary. Please join us!

CHURCH OFFICE NEEDS HELP

Several hundred Heritage newsletters have to be folded, tabbed, labeled and sent out every week! If you would like to help us, we meet at 9 am every Wednesday for about an hour and we could use your help!!

BIRTHDAY LIST

A list of September birthdays is available in the Great Hall.

CREW FOR CHRIST PROJECT

Our next project is this Saturday, September 12th at 8 am. We will be replacing siding and windows to a home damaged by fire. All level of skills are needed. Bring your work gloves and an attitude of love. Call the church office today to sign up.

LEADERS' MEETING

There is a meeting for Heritage University and Sunday school teachers this Sunday at 8:45 am in the Community Room. There are two Life Group leaders' meetings this Sunday at 9:30 am and 11 am in the Welcome Center. Please make plans to attend one of them.

HERITAGE RIDERS

Our next ride is Saturday, September 19th. Kickstands up at 7:30 am from Walmart gas station in Van Buren. We will ride the Talimena scenic drive and eat lunch somewhere along the route. See you there!

THE GOSPEL PROJECT COMING AT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Heritage Children's Ministry is excited to present: *The Gospel Project for Babies, Preschool and Kids* beginning Sunday Nights this Fall! *The Gospel Project* is an in-depth study of God's Word from Genesis to Revelation and every story in between. Over the course of the next three years, we will learn how every story in the Bible points to the redemptive power of Jesus Christ. Join us as we kickoff Session One on September 13th. The "Sunday Night Life: Kids" line-up looks like this:

- ◆ 4:15 - 5:40 pm: "Pre-Game Warm-Up" = Friendship Building through Fun, Games, & Free Play (Times Coincide with Timothy Team Teachers' Meeting)
- ◆ 5:40 - 6:00 pm: "Tailgate Picnic" = Bring your own dinner or bring \$1.00 for a lunchable and drink
- ◆ 6 - 7:15 pm: "The Main Event" = The Gospel Project Teaching Session
- ◆ 7:15 - 8:00 pm: "Post-Game Cool-Down" = Life Group: Kids Edition, Friendship Building & Calm Play

Join us at any point during the evening. **Whether you come for all or some it will be FUN!!!** Visit www.GospelProject.com/Kids for more info on the curriculum and to see an intro video!

LADIES,

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our annual Heritage Women's Conference is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 23rd & 24th. It's going to be AWESOME!

ITEMS FOR SALE



Pick up your Heritage items today in the Library. Hats are \$12. Mugs are \$5. License plates are \$5!

2015 FALL SCHEDULE FOR CLASSES AT HERITAGE

Below is our schedule for our Heritage University and Sunday School classes. We have several new classes beginning along with our current classes that will continue to meet. New classes will start Sunday, September 20th. If you are looking to go deeper in your relationship with God, check out one of these classes. Sign-up this Sunday, in the Fellowship Hall.

9:30 am Sunday School Classes

Jewish Roots: Charles Reneau
A What or a Who: C. J. Mumbower
Life of David: Justin Lovett

Encountering the God who Heals: Jennifer Bauman
Walking in Freedom: Sue Barnes
To Live is Christ: Leanna Garrett

11 am Sunday School Classes

Pairs and Spares: Gary Nishmuta
Good Shepherd: Bob Freeman
Do Good For Nothing: Wayne and Debbie Stewart
Daughters of the King: Marilyn Goins

9:30 am Sunday Morning Heritage University Classes

Basic Training: Daniel Chisolm and Bryan Tabakian
Renegade Gospel: Michael Tursky

6:00 pm Sunday Evening Heritage University Classes

The Way of the Master: Jake Ball
Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage: The Podgurski's
Financial Peace University: Kody Morris and Matthew Yancey
Divorce Care: Lisa Sharp and Lisa Willis