

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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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
A SEASON OF MIRACLES!

A powerful message with special music from our Worship Arts Choirs featuring Heritage's own, Sarah Kneeland.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE

Carols, Candles and Communion Service
3 pm, 5 pm, and 7:30 pm
Dinner served at 4 pm and 6:30 pm.



DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Gary Podgurski
Eddie Prince
Alexis Booster

9:30 am
John Symonds
Tom Konert
David Alexander
Andy Williams
Carol Ray

11:00 am
Chris Christensen
Justin Lovett

Greeters

8:05 am
Friends for Life Life Group

9:30 am
Margo Symonds
Joe and Patricia Johns

11:00 am
Jason and Tiffany Parks
Barry and Shawna Mason



In Hospital:
James Minor (Sparks)

At Home:
Saylor Ables, Mary Ellen Weidman-Burris, Lee James, Jeri Nash, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Linda Seubold, Maria Sullivan, Tim Treece, Stacey Walker, Ken and Sandy Weifenbach, 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)
Warren Taylor (Methodist Village)
Vi Herring (CC Rehab)

In Sympathy:
Nikki Routt and Family in the death of her grandmother, Virginia Christie.

Marilyn Lewis, Christi Wilson, James Reichert and Family in the death their husband and step-father, J.L. Lewis.



Sunday, December 20
BAPTISM SUNDAY
PASTOR DANIEL'S LAST SUNDAY

Thursday, December 24
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
3, 5 & 7:30 PM
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER
4 & 6:30 PM

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

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of **DUANE COLLIER**
(brother of Doris Wortham) by:

Charles and Nina Sullivan (VF)
Darrell and Alice Goodlin (WA)

In memory of **HELENE
MCCAULEY** (mother of Jeanette
Jackson, grandmother of Cindi Breeze
and Jeanne Carroll) by:

Ryan and Cindi Breeze

WA - Worship Arts Fund VF - Van Fund



A few members of the Heritage Joy Seekers volunteering for Humanity Gift Wrapping Station. Liz McFadden, Elsa Bryant, Alta Poppe, Pam Thomas and Vesta Everitt.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Pick up your Heritage items today in the Library. We have license plates, mugs and hats; they will make great gifts this holiday season!

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

WRITING MINISTRY

Join us in January for a brand new group, *Expressions*. *Expressions* will be a way for all to share their writing gifts the Lord has given them. Our first meeting will be Thursday, January 7th from 6 - 7 pm in the Welcome Center. For more information, email Lu Ann Donahou or Janice Podgurski at ExpressionsWM@gmail.com.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

With the upcoming holidays, many activities have been cancelled or rescheduled. Please be sure to check the church calendar. ****The church office will be closed from the week of December 28th - January 1st.***

THE WELCOME CENTER

When you are greeting our guests, don't forget to bring them by the Welcome Center to meet our welcome team. The team is there each Sunday to provide ministry, answer questions, give directions.....whatever the need may be. We want our guests to know that they are loved.

BLOOD DRIVE

We will have another blood drive for Saylor on Sunday, January 24th from 9 am - 12 pm.

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: heritage.church, and then click on "member login" at the bottom. 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@heritage.church, 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 2015. **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.



A new GriefShare Support Group will begin Monday, January 11th! We meet Monday at 9:30 am at Heritage in Room 122 and 6:30 pm at Legacy Heights. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone at 479-629-7901.



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

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

We need clothes and coats for infants and older. Please place them in the bins behind the clothes closet house next to the church.

REMINDER

Our regular Wednesday night of community meal and church-wide Bible studies will NOT meet again until Wednesday, January 13th.

BLESS THE KIDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

We need new or gently worn tennis shoes of all sizes for ages 6-18 to give to the Boys and Girls Club and local schools. We also need jackets and hoodies for the young adult kids at Hope Academy. Contact Debbie Thomas at 651-0180 and she will pick them up and deliver them.

GIVING AWAY CHRISTMAS

We still need volunteers for Christmas Eve dinner to help serve our guests from 5-7 pm. We will need desserts pre-cut into 8 piece slices (we prefer brownies and cookies). Please let us know how you want to volunteer by emailing Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritage.church. Everyone will serve a two hour shift.



NEW LIFE GROUP

Biblical Womanhood will begin Sunday, January 10th. We will meet each Sunday night from 6-7:30 pm at the home of Judy Bowen. It is a study on Virginia Ruth Fugate's book, *On the Other Side of the Garden* based on God's design for woman as single, married, widow or divorced. Come seeking and it will change your walk with God in what ever role you find yourself. Childcare will be available at Heritage. Participants need to begin reading the book before the first meeting. The books are available in the church office for \$13. Call Judy at 479-285-9393 for more info.

PLEASE UPDATE

Many of you no longer have home phones or the same work number. Please indicate on your connection card any new phone numbers or email addresses. You can also update your information through the **member login** on our website.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Help someone experience the presence of Christ at Heritage; join our Welcome team as an usher or greeter (especially at the 11:00 service). If you can provide services for one of these positions, please email Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritage.church.

GREETER DUTIES:

Arrive on time (20 minutes prior to service)
Commit to serving 1 to 2 months out of the year
Commit to attending one training per year
Greet people with a warm smile
Be familiar with the church
Know where Children's ministry is located
Know where bathrooms are located
Remind our guest of coffee and breakfast in fellowship hall

USHER DUTIES:

Arrive on time (20 minutes prior to service)
Commit to serving 1 to 2 months out of the year
Commit to attending one training per year
Greet people with a warm smile
Pass out bulletins
Be aggressive about finding seats for our guest
Participate in receiving the offering
Participate in serving communion (once a month)
Serve on our security team