

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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CONNECTING BEYOND WORSHIP.....

Isn't Heritage a wonderful place to come worship? Some of us are very content just coming on Sunday morning and checking it off of our "spiritual" things to do list. That seems to work well for a period of time but there will be an instance in our lives where we will find ourselves wanting more or needing more. That is one reason it is so important to connect beyond worship. We have had several small groups start up over the past couple of weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to a few.

- **Single Parenting Small Group** – will meet on Sunday mornings in the Children's Wing. It is a ministry group whose materials come to us from the same people who brought us Divorce Care and Grief Share. It will be facilitated by Roxanne Martin. Roxanne has a passion for this ministry as she has walked that road of single parenthood and knows the struggles that it can bring.
- **Moving Through Motherhood** – Are you a new mom? A young mom? A mom who feels like she is going crazy if she doesn't have an adult conversation soon? This is the group for you. Alia Lyle and Tricia German meet with this group on the first and third Thursday nights of each month here at Heritage.
- **Free At Last** – A small group that is still in the forming stages. Have you had loved ones incarcerated? Do you have a heart for those who have? Or maybe you have been in prison. This group will help you find your place, experience the full grace of God, and move forward. Group is led by Jake Ball.
- **Expressions** – Lu Ann Donahou leads this group on the first Thursday evening of each month here at Heritage. If you have a passion for writing, or expressing your feelings through poetry, you are sure to enjoy the like mindedness of this group.
- **Roland Small Group** – This group is still in the forming stages. It is opened to all ages and targeting those who live across the border in Oklahoma. Mark and Gretchen Turner are leading this group and would love to have you. They meet on the first and third Sunday evenings.
- **Scriptural Prayer 101** – This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in room 123. Kevin and Verna Belt have a passion to teach those who are just starting in their Christian walk to participate in conversations with God. It starts with the basics and moves forward. It is a class that gives you practical useful tools that you will use the rest of your life.



If you are interested in any of these groups, or you would like to be a part of one of our existing groups, please contact Bryan Tabakian or myself. I beg you, if you have come to us on a Sunday morning and said I would like to be in a small group, or you have emailed us, and we haven't gotten you connected. PLEASE DO IT AGAIN! One of us is getting older and more forgetful and the other has the attention span of a fly. We need to be reminded. 😊

Becki Kneeland, Welcome Minister

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MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Rick Moore
Steve Kelton
Alexis Boster

9:30 am
Bob Merchant
Jack Infield
Joe Stewart
Buddy Turner
Bob Bretch

11:00 am
Justin Lovett
Tim Schleiff
Danny Turner
Carey Wilson

Greeters

8:05 am
Galene Park/Christine Fontaine
Pat Poole/Darlene Craft

9:30 am
Wayne and Sue Weege
Debbie Bretch/Dorinda Stewart

11:00 am
Mark and Kim Fimpel
Dustin and Nicole Fimpel



In Hospital:

Jim Terry (OKC)

At Home:

Saylor Ables, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Scott, Mikal Seegers, Linda Seubold, Alan Swaim, 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)

In Thanksgiving:

Tori Wagoner in the birth of her son, *Daniel Aaron Wagoner*. Proud grandmother is Paulette Franklin.

Joey and Erin Brown in the birth of their daughter, *Autry Kay*. Proud grandparents are Rick and Debbie Marsh. Proud great-grandparents are Katy Marsh and Doyle and Mary Beth Autry.

Dustin and Nicole Fimpel in the birth of their daughter, *Ava Faith*. Proud big sisters are Cheyenne and Khloe. Proud grandparents are Mark and Kim Fimpel.



Saturday, March 20
PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 25
GOOD FRIDAY
BY HIS STRIPES
6:30 PM

Sunday, March 27
RESURRECTION SUNDAY

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

THANK YOU

Thank you from my co-worker whose house burned. All the prayers and gifts that she has gotten from people that don't even know her or her family has touched her heart.

Lu Ann Donahou

Thank you for once again hosting our annual cookie rally for Red Oak Girl Scouts. We had about 60 people. Everyone enjoyed your facility. It is very nice. We appreciate your support through all of these years. You have been our special sponsor since the day the church was finished!

Red Oak Girl Scouts

Madeline Marquette, Treasurer

WE ARE HIRING!

Go to www.heritage.church for details.

COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Crawford County United Methodist Churches will conduct joint services each Sunday during Lent rotating locations and pastors. The schedule is printed below.

Sunday, March 6th:
Mulberry UMC 6:00 pm
Rev. Phil Costner

Sunday, March 13th:
Alma UMC 6:00 pm
Rev. Pete Beevers

Palm Sunday, March 20th:
Kibler UMC 6:00 pm
Rev. Max Goins

Good Friday, March 25th:
Heritage UMC 6:30 pm
By HIS Stripes
Communion and Prayer for the Sick

WELCOME



Joanne Barbee



Charlie and Les Sloane

ATTENTION:

1ST - 5TH GRADERS

Have you noticed the banners of the twelve tribes hanging in the sanctuary? Do you want to learn more? Join us Sunday mornings for children's church as we study the twelve tribes of Israel!

PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, March 7th from 7-8 pm at First Church of the Nazarene in Fort Smith. Please join other believers as we pray for our community!

BAPTISMS

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, March 13th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

GET UP AND GIVE

Please join Methodist Family Health in collecting necessary items during the season of Lent! Your generosity will bring a smile to the 1400 faces of children they serve in hospitals, alternative schools, group homes, clinics and other programs throughout Arkansas. There is a list of needed items in the Great Hall. Monetary donations are also welcomed. For more information, contact Jane Dennis at jdennis@methodistfamily.org.



WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions is a way for all to share their writing gifts God has given them. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 3rd at 6 pm in the Welcome Center.

NEED A WORD?

The Upper Room is great source for a daily devotional. The March/April issue is available in the Great Hall.

HERITAGE STARS

Our own Briana and Aleah McAfee will appear in the upcoming Young Actors Guild production of *Goldilocks, The Real Story*. Directed by Chuck King. Performances are Thursday, March 10th at 6 pm and Friday, March 11th at 7:30 pm at the Pavilion in Fort Smith. Tickets are \$7 at the door. For more information, go to their website at www.weareyag.com.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

The 2015-16 school year has been very exciting! We are so pleased with the efforts of the teachers and the progress of the children. Registration for 2016-17 school year has begun. Feel free to stop by the church office and pick up an enrollment form or call Shawna Seewald at 474-6424 or email at sseewald@heritage.church.

MOM AND BABY BRUNCH

If you had a baby in 2015 please join us for a brunch to honor you and your little one! The brunch is this Saturday, March 5th from 10-11am. It will be a laid back brunch; we want to give you time to get to know new moms in the same stage of life. Please RSVP to Shea Marsh at (479) 530-0922.

VALET MINISTRY

We need a few more volunteers to help with valet parking for our elderly, handicapped and single parents. We can use male or female licensed drivers and we will begin with serving the 9:30 service on Sunday mornings. To volunteer for this much needed ministry, please contact Alan Swaim at 479-474-7667 or 479-462-9138.

ONCE UPON A PROM

 Prom dresses will be given away free of charge Saturday, March 12th from 10-2pm in the Backyard. This is for girls ages 14-19 who have difficulty affording one. For more information, please contact Sydne Tursky at 479-208-3568.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

2015 HERITAGE BABIES

This week at Heritage we've celebrated all the babies born at Heritage! Below is a list of all the babies born at our church over the past year. Thank you for your continued prayers and support over these babies and their families as they grow up in our church.

Tatum Goins 1/2/15
Aileana Dixon 1/27/15
Caroline Yancey 2/14/15
Joseph Sebo 3/7/15
Remington Carter 3/15/15
Gabrianna Rackley 3/18/15
Luke Milton 3/19/15
Cambree Alexander 3/23/15
Lev Bryant 3/24/15
Sadie Deffenbaugh 6/8/15
Bihwi Niba 6/19/15

Kyleigh Standley 6/19/15
Avery McDonald 7/8/15
Carter McDonald 7/8/15
Wyatt Cristee 7/19/15
Asher Moad 7/20/15
Charlotte Te 8/1/15
Tobias Fonville 8/10/15
Gracelynn Visalli 10/21/15
Jack Morris 10/29/15
Bentley Kuykendall 12/28/15

YOUTH SPRING BREAK


Attention 9th-12th graders, if you are registered to go on the spring break trip to New York City, remember that your final payment is due Sunday, March 6th. If you aren't sure of your balance, contact Brian Seewald at bseewald@heritage.church.

WEARING THE GREEN


You, your family, and friends are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 17th at the Kibler UMC with Herschel and Mardell McClurkin. Join them for free Irish stew and the fixin's between 11 am and 2 pm or from 5 - 7:30 pm in the Skokos Family Life Center.

FINAL PARENT MEETING
for NYC this
Sunday, March 6th
@ 7:30pm in The Block

WALK TO EMMAUS

 Join us! The men's walk is April 21st-24th and the women's walk is April 28th - May 1st. Both are at St. Scholastica. Information and registration forms are available in the Great Hall.

EASTER LILIES


 Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning. To place a lily in memory or in honor of someone please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or return it to the office with payment of \$10 per lily.

Placed in (circle one)

In Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

By: _____

Be an Alma High Host Family!

 Host family will receive \$400 monthly
Host family will provide a bed and meals
Host family will learn about another culture first hand
Student will attend Alma High School
Student will arrive the second week of August
Student will become a part of your family
Student is responsible for all school and extra expenses
Student will carry their own health and liability insurance
Student will have their own spending money



For more information please contact:
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