#### 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.

#### Heritage Happenings is published weekly

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# 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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#### 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

#### **Greeters**

# 8:05 am

lene 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)

Ava Fimpel (Mercy) At Home:

#### Saylor Ables, Donna Pape, Gary Pittman, lane Sanders, 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:

Chris and Svana Baldwin in the birth of their daughter, Mia Elizabeth. Proud grandparents are Brad and Renee Baldwin.

#### In Sympathy:

Christy Anders and Family in the death of her grandmother, Geneva Harrell Chambliss. She was great-grandmother to Taylor, Tucker and Sydney

Nannette Wemhaner and Larry Mills in the death of their step father, Mark Merryfield. He was grandfather to Grant and Kennedy Mills and Kammie Wemhaner.

Benita Terry and Family in the death of her aunt, Audrey Vaughn.

Casey Hess and Family in the death of her brother, Chris Graham.

Tracy Nichols and Family in the death of her grandfather, Leroy Fry.

Bob Freeman and Family In the death of his aunt, Donna Pape.

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



#### FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... A NEW MINISTRY TO BLESS OTHERS - VALET PARKING!



I've wanted us to provide a valet parking ministry at Heritage for a long time! I've learned not to push things and try to make them happen myself. I have to wait on someone in the congregation to respond in obedience to the nudge of the Holy Spirit. What a blessing that Alan Swaim has said, "Yes!" to the LORD and is organizing this ministry!

Why is this needed? Senior adults, people with disabilities/injuries, parents who are by themselves with children need help getting into the building – especially on rainy or very cold days. We want to make it safer and easier for them to come! We want to remove this obstacle/excuse

from people who might not come to church because of this. Recently, my mother-in-law fell at church on a rainy day and broke two vertebrae. I wish her church had a ministry like this!

We need more able bodied people to volunteer for this ministry! It will bless you to help others and bless them! Thank you, Alan Swaim for saying "yes" and taking the leadership of this ministry. If you will volunteer for this ministry, please call the church office 474-6424 or contact Pam James, pjames@heritage.church. If you need to utilize this ministry, please look for the sign on the NORTHEAST portico of the Heritage building and pull under for help beginning THIS Sunday, March 13th for the 9:30 am service.



Another way we want to be a blessing. Please let others in the congregation and community know who may need this ministry!

Thankful to be your lead pastor!





#### **WE ARE HIRING!**

Go to www.heritage.church for details.

#### **NEED A WORD?**

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

#### **BAPTISMS**

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

#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

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

#### CELEBRATION



lack Allen Morris Son of Kody and Bethany Morris.

### WAY TO GO, LIBBY!



Congratulations to Libby Hilliard on receiving the Garrett Ham Scholar grant from Ouachita Baptist University. Libby

is the daughter of Wes and Allison Hilliard. Your Heritage Church family is very proud of you!

#### HERITAGE RIDERS

It's time to dust off the bike, put on a good wash and wax job, and get back in the saddle. We have a ride coming up March 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be a short ride to Oark for lunch. Leaving the church parking lot at 9 am, then rambling up the mountain to enjoy some food, fellowship and God's beautiful scenery in the Ozark Mountains. Look forward to seeing everyone there.

# HALO REPORT MARCH 2016

Are you interested in playing Softball either in a men's league or in a Co-ed league this spring? If so, contact Mike Kneeland at 719-9274 or at mkneeland@ybsd.us. If you are like me you are that someone who thinks about playing, but you gotta' nice little routine of relaxation and comfort. Or you just like mowing you lawn in the middle of the week instead of on Saturdays. You might be one who just enjoys coming home from work every afternoon and sinking deep in that super comfortable easy chair to watch Garrett Lewis on Channel 5 news. If you find that your spouse has been regularly encouraging you to get a hobby or go do some exercise; well you might take that as he or she is trying to give you a kick in the pants. We all need a kick in the pants every now and then. In fact, I know my wife, Bec, has given me extra motivation a time or two mostly 'cuz I might smart off a little. For example, a couple of weeks ago Bec gave me some extra motivation in just such a way. I believe it is on permanent video record at the Walmart on Fayetteville Blvd. I'd love to tell you all the details, so give me a call or e-mail me and we'll talk softball first.

#### **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

> 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

#### HERITAGE STARS



Our own Brieana and Aleah McAfee will appear in the upcoming Young Actors Guild

production of Goldilocks, The Real Story. Directed by Chuck King. Performances are this 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. They will have free performance at the Van Buren Library this Saturday, March 12th at 10:30 am. For more information, go to their website at www.weareyag.com.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Please join us anytime between 6:30 - 8 pm on Friday, March 25th for By His Stripes. If you would like to receive prayer or communion, the Sanctuary will be open for prayer and communion for you to come and go as you please.

#### **ATTENTION:** IST - 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!

#### **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 II am and 2 pm or from 5 - 7:30 pm in the Skokos Family Life Center.

#### **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.

#### **BLANKETS**

Blankets for the Homeless work crew need your leftover fabric. Any woven or flannel material will work. Please leave them in the church office.

the Great Hall.

**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

**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 lane Dennis at jdennis@methodistfamily.org.

#### **GET YOUR TICKET**

Mark Lowry and the Martins with Stan Whitmire will be performing at the Alma Performing Arts Center this Saturday, March 12th. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.AlmaPAC.org. Area churches that have groups of 10 or more will receive at 10% discount on tickets. Call the box office at 479-632-2129.

# 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



Eileen Parham 479-462-5100 eparham@almasd.net

#### **SCHEDULE CHANGES**

Due do spring break and Holy week, there are many changes to our weekly schedule. Please check the calendar to make sure the church is open. \*Please note that there is no children's ministry available on Sunday night, March 20th or Sunday night, March 27th.

#### 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 Shawnna Seewald at 474-6424 or email at sseewald@heritage.church.

#### PALM SUNDAY **PROCESSION**

All children are invited to participate in waving the palm leaves Sunday, March 20th. They will need to meet in the Fellowship Hall five minutes before the service they attend.

#### **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