

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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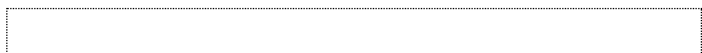
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APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am
John Poole
Gary Podgurski
Drew Cone
Eddie Prince

9:30 am
Andy Williams
Ed Buckalew
Harry Sher
Joe Johns
Ron Hall

11:00 am
Roger Burkert
Jon Harper
Matt Harper
David Harper

Greeters

8:05 am
Jon and Kim Talley
Ruth Ottinger

9:30 am
Mary Hall and Bonnie Sher
Pat Johns and Sarah Buckalew

11:00 am
Jena Harper and Reann Garrett
Pam Ingold



In Hospital:

Elizabeth Wilkerson (Dallas)

At Home:

Sam Herrera, Sue Lewis, Gary Pittman, Caleb Salisbury, Carolyn Scott, Mikal Seegers, Linda Seubold, Alan Swaim, Saylor Wilkinson, 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 Sympathy:

Melanie Agent and Family in the death of her grandmother, *Barbara Dunlap*.



Sunday, April 10
PASSOVER SEDER TRAINING
3 PM

Sunday, April 17
HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS
9 AM

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

PASSOVER: CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM!

Did you know that all that come to faith in Jesus have been “grafted in” to God’s family tree of salvation and Covenant relationship (the theme of Romans 11)? We have become naturalized citizens in the Commonwealth or Nation of Israel, a teaching clearly set forth in Ephesians 2. We are “no more strangers and foreigners” but “fellow citizens with the saints and of the same body.”

With this in mind, it is only natural that there is a longing in the hearts of many Christians to rediscover the roots of our faith. Gentiles by birth, we have been added to the Nation of Israel by faith in Jesus. As fellow citizens with the saints of Israel, we are entitled to the entire heritage of God’s Chosen People.



Passover is the yearly memorial of the liberation of Israel from slavery in Egypt, the event that set them on the path toward the Promised Land. It is foundational to Judaism, but it is also foundational to Christianity, for if there had been no Passover, there would have been no nation of Israel to have produced Jesus-our own Passover Lamb!

The first Jewish followers of Jesus celebrated the Passover Seder traditions of their day, imbuing each part with additional meaning from the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. Should Christians celebrate Passover? When we remain faithful to the Bible, the answer is clear: “Because Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore, let us observe the festival [Passover and Unleavened Bread] ... with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth” (1 Cor. 5:7-8). This directive is from a Christian apostle who even then was still a Jewish rabbi, and it was given to Gentiles. What could possibly be more apparent?

The next question is, How should Christians observe the Passover? Again, the Bible gives a clear answer. What better example could we have than that of our Lord Jesus Himself? According to the Gospels, He celebrated the Passover with His Disciples in the traditional “Seder” (celebration meal) that the sages had prescribed for His time. The core of the modern Seder predates the time of Yeshua and was the order which He employed in the Last Supper.

Louann and I hope that you will build this rich biblical tradition into the core of your own spiritual life, and we want to give you the tools to do it in a simple and fun way! Passover is Friday, April 22nd and we are encouraging you to host a “seder” in your homes for friends, family, life groups, etc. Join us this coming Sunday at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall for a time of teaching and training as we go through the “Hagaddah” (the Passover story) with practical instructions on how to make your own celebration meaningful for friends and family. Don’t miss this opportunity to discover “Christ in the Passover” and to share Him with others who need to find freedom in Him!



Chuck King
Minister of Worship Arts

MEMORIALS

In memory of **JIM TERRY** by:

Fae Dyer
Charles and Nina Sullivan
Doris Wortham (BF)
Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

In memory of **JEAN CROWDER**
(sister of Jan Katz) by:

Charles and Nina Sullivan
Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)
In memory of **DONNA PAPE** by:
Thomas and Melissa Carlson
James and Holly Fourmy, Jr.
Linda Udouj (BF)
Netsmart Technologies, Inc.
BF - Building Fund YM - Youth Ministry

BAPTISMS

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, April 17th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

PRAYER RALLY

You're invited to a prayer rally with Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse. The Rally is Tuesday, April 12th at 12 pm on the front steps of the State Capitol in Little Rock. decisiononamericatour.com

NEWCOMERS' CLASS

Gather around the table for a relaxing meal and conversation with Pastor Wes and Allison as the Newcomers Class takes on a fresh approach. If you are interested in making Heritage Church your home or if you want to learn more about the church and its core vision and values, join us for dinner Thursday, April 21st, beginning at 6 pm at the home of Mike and Becki Kneeland. Please RSVP by April 17th. The First 12 reservations will be accepted. Reservations may be made by emailing bkneeland@heritage.church or calling 479-474-6424.

BRAZIL MISSION TRIP

Interested in going to Brazil with Rick Bonfim this summer? Sign-up today! Informational brochures and registration forms are available in the Great Hall.

EMMAUS REUNION MEETING

The Emmaus reunion group will have their final planning meeting this Thursday, April 7th from 7-8 pm in room 121. Please join us!

U OF A WESLEY



Save the Date for the Consecration Service celebrating the opening of U of A Wesley's new 8,000 sq. ft. ministry facility. All are invited to the service, which will be held on Sunday, April 24th at 2:30 pm at the new

facility on 520 Lindell Ave, Fayetteville, AR. U of A Wesley, a United Methodist college ministry at the University of Arkansas, draws its mission from John 15:1-17 and exists to help university students CONNECT, GROW, and BEAR FRUIT in their life in Christ during the college experience. For more information about the service or to help with furnishing the new Wesley facility by making a gift, visit the ministry's website at uawesley.com.

BEKET BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby shower Sunday, April 10th preparing for the arrival of Eelco and Nicole Beket's third child in May. Nicole has poured into our children's ministry, and we are proud to welcome this new precious one to our church family! She is registered for diapers and wipes at Walmart and Target. Join us in the Welcome Center from 1-3 pm.

YOUNG MOTHERS

Join us as we study, *Moving through Motherhood!* We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:45 - 7 pm in room 122 Our next meeting is this Thursday, April 7th. *Childcare is not provided.

HERITAGE RIDERS

Our next ride is this Saturday, April 9th to Eureka Springs for lunch then ride to Ozark for dinner. We will leave from the church parking lot at 7:30 am. Hope to see everyone there. Contact Max Garrett at mgarrett@fortsmithar.gov for more information.

Leadercast

Make plans to attend Leadercast on Friday, May 6th at VB Fine Arts Center. **Leadercast** is a phenomenal way to recharge, connect with leaders in our community and learn from great leaders around the world such as Andy Stanley, Nick Saban, Steve Wozniak and many more. For more information. Contact Debbie Foliart at 479-883-5122 or to register go to www.leadercastvb.com.

F.I.S.H. SKATE NIGHT

The 4th and 5th graders will meet at Wheels In Motion in Van Buren this Sunday, April 10th from 6-8 pm. Please have your parents drop you off and pick you up at the skating rink. Admission is free! **PERMISSION SLIP REQUIRED.**

WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions is a way for all to share their writing gifts God has given them. We meet once a month. Our next meeting will be this Thursday, April 7th at 6 pm in the Welcome Center.

HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

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 479-474-6424 or email at herseewald@heritage.church.

BRIGHT LIGHT, BIG CITY...A VERY BRIGHT LIGHT!



In my seventeen years of youth pastoring, I have never experienced a trip at this level. Please, don't get me wrong. We have had some tremendous journeys over the years and have seen life change after life change; but this was different. What we expected, what we planned, what we foresaw didn't even compare to what we experienced and received. SALVATIONS! HEALINGS! FREEDOM! THE RECEIVING OF GIFTS! And so much more! Matthew 5:15 says, "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house." Light was everywhere! We had an unexpected opportunity to have our cups filled for 2 days prior to ministry in NYC. The LIGHT got to shine ever so brightly! I want to say thank you to all who invested their prayers and gifts towards this trip. An incredible investment was made this year and tremendous payout came and is still coming. We are experiencing a closeness to God and each other that I haven't seen before in a student ministry. I AM SO EXCITED!!! When in NYC, one of the members of the church we visited pulled me aside and said what he saw in our youth was unbelievable. Revival wasn't coming..."you're in it!" Join us this Sunday as we share what God has done and is doing within PULSE, our high school youth ministry. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Brian Seewald | Associate Pastor of Youth and Families

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



We have a new Finance Manager! On Sunday, April 3rd, our Staff-Parish Relations Committee voted to hire Leticia Schelm as our next Finance Manager. She will replace Lisa Willis who is leaving May 1st. Leticia comes to us from Golden Living where she was responsible for Medicaid billing for a 4-state region. Leticia is married to Michael and they have four daughters,

two dogs, and a bearded dragon. They moved to Van Buren in September 2013 and found Heritage in 2015 to be home away from home. Leticia has been in the medical field for many years and loves helping people every chance she can get. Welcome to the team, Leticia!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

This Sunday, the 1st - 5th graders will join everyone in worship to hear the youth testimonies from their recent trip to NYC. We will not dismiss to Children's Church. *Don't forget to work on memorizing the 12 tribes! You can recite them to Debbie Marsh on May 1st or May 15th.