

**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 PASTOR'S HEART ... THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE UMC AND HERITAGE CHURCH**

We live in interesting times! Many of you know that I am representing Arkansas as a delegate to the United Methodist General (International) and Jurisdictional (10-state area) Conferences. Many people are quite concerned or just curious about the future of the denomination and of Heritage Church, in particular. I write this article from our Arkansas Annual Conference this week in Hot Springs. Tammy Prince, Brian and Shawanna Seewald, Allison and I are representing you here. This Sunday at 3 p.m. at our Heritage Church Council, I will give a report about our General and Annual Conferences. Everyone who is interested is welcome to come hear this report and engage in the discussion.

I will try to explain the most recent developments and what the future may hold for the denomination and Heritage. There will also be a time for questions and answers after my report. All Heritage lay leaders, ministry leaders, adult Sunday School and Life-Group leaders serve on this council. We need you to be there if at all possible. We only meet when there is a need to meet. At this meeting, our Board of Trustees will also give an update on where they are with our next phase building design.

Exciting things are happening at Heritage! World-renowned guitarist and speaker, Doyle Dykes, will bless us in a SINGLE-JOINT WORSHIP service on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the VBHS Fine Arts Center. Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> is our Swim Party at the Alma Water Park. August 14<sup>th</sup> is Education Appreciation Sunday. Sunday morning, August 28<sup>th</sup>, we will again have a single-joint worship service of the Heritage congregation with Major General (retired) Douglas Carver coming back to call us to spiritual revival. That evening at 6:30 p.m. several other Van Buren area congregations will join with us in a COMMUNITY REVIVAL SERVICE with MG (ret) Carver preaching. This is exciting!

This Sunday, we continue in our summer series "I Have a Friend Who ... Feels She Doesn't Belong in Church." Got any friends or family who feel this way? Invite them to worship with us! It is going to be an amazing Sunday!



See you soon at Heritage! Blessed to be a part of this move of God!

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**JUNE VOLUNTEERS**

**Ushers**

**8:05 am**  
Nolan Broyles  
Mike Kneeland  
Mike McSpadden

**9:30 am**  
Tom Konert  
David Alexander  
Carol Ray  
Pam Thomas

**11:00 am**  
Justin Lovett  
Tim Schleiff  
Erich Bauman  
Carey Wilson

**Greeters**

**8:05 am**  
Malinda McSpadden  
Juanita Cone and Louann King

**9:30 am**  
Mark and Maria Sullivan  
Bill and Debbie Thomas

**11:00 am**  
Tammy and Curtis Gardner



**In Hospital:**

**Saylor Wilkinson (UAMS)**  
**Connie Warren (HealthSouth)**

**At Home:**

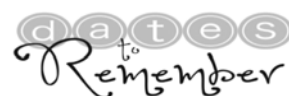
**Carolyn Loyd, Gary Pittman, Mikal Seegers,  
Linda Seubold, David and Loretta  
Sossamon, Shannon Stamps, Elizabeth  
Wilkerson, Mary Wrisinger**

**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)**  
**Pike Robinson (Alma Rehab)**

**In Sympathy:**

**Brian Curd and Family** in the death his father,  
*Arlie Curd.*



**Sunday, June 26**  
BLOOD DRIVE  
9 AM - 12 PM

**Sunday, July 10**  
WORSHIP WITH DOYLE DYKES  
AT VB FINE ARTS CENTER  
10 AM (one Service)

**Wednesday, July 20**  
FAMILY FUN NIGHT  
ALMA WATER PARK  
6 PM

Have an Announcement for the Bulletin or Newsletter?  
Email it to [office@heritage.church](mailto:office@heritage.church).

## MEMORIALS

In memory of **ARLIE CURD**  
(father of Brian Curd) by:

Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)  
Scott and Pamm Treece

BF - Building Fund

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community  
Prayer meeting is Monday, July 11  
from 7-8 pm at First Baptist  
Church in Alma. Please join other  
believers as we pray for our  
community!

## THE BEAT A.M.P.

If you were in grades 6-8 last  
year, join us for our yearly Area  
Mission Project Friday, June 24th  
and Saturday, June 25th. This is  
an overnighter at High Rise in  
Rogers followed by a morning of  
mission work in Van Buren.  
Cost is \$25. Registration forms  
are available by the youth office.

\*Online release form is **required** at  
[highrise.pfestore.com/waiver/](http://highrise.pfestore.com/waiver/)

**FAMILY  
FUN NIGHT**  
at Alma Aquatic Park  
Dinner Begins at 6:00 pm  
Park opens at 7pm  
**Wednesday,  
July 20th**  
**FOOD FUN FELLOWSHIP  
FREE**

## THANK YOU

Thank you for the visits while in  
the hospital. It was much  
appreciated by our family.

Family of Bob Mason  
Barry Mason and Family

## YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 and older, please  
join us for a time of food and  
fellowship Thursday, June 23rd  
from 6-8 pm in the Fellowship  
Hall. Bring a dish to share!

## PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The next prayer shawl meeting is  
Sunday, June 26th at 2 pm in the  
Welcome Center. Please join us!

## ALTAR PRAYER MEETING

Colossians 4:2 *Devote yourselves to  
prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

There will be an Altar Team  
prayer meeting on Sunday, July  
10th at 3 pm in the Fellowship  
Hall. If you are not a current  
team member and would like to  
be, please come. If you are gifted  
in the prophetic, healing,  
deliverance, discernment,  
intercession...**WE NEED YOU!**  
If you would like to help cover  
the altar from your pew...**WE  
NEED YOU!** If you want to be a  
part for just special services:  
Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving  
etc. **WE NEED YOU!** Heritage,  
help us build the Altar Team for  
the Kingdom of GOD.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Interested in helping with the  
Healthy Congregation Ministry?  
We check blood pressure and  
blood glucose the third Sunday of  
every month. Please contact  
Debbie Bretch at 632-0585 if you  
would like to volunteer.

**JOIN US  
FOR WORSHIP!**  
Songs of Faith and Freedom with Doyle Dykes!  
Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am  
Van Buren Fine Arts Center  
\*Childcare for infant through Pre-K available at Heritage

## FIRST SUNDAY

Feeling disconnected? Want to  
belong to a life group or ministry  
at Heritage? Please join us  
Sunday, July 10th at 6 pm in the  
Welcome Center. As a part of  
Welcome Ministries, *The Deep  
End Life Group* has designed a  
curriculum to teach you what a  
life group is about.

## PULSE AND THE BEAT

If you were in  
grades 6-12 last  
year, meet us  
Wednesday, June  
6th at 3:40 pm at the Malco  
theater in Van Buren. We will  
watch the 4 pm showing of  
*Finding Dory*. Pick up time should  
be between 5:45 and 6 pm. Be  
sure to bring money for the  
movie and any snacks you wish to  
purchase.

## TIMOTHY TEAM AND TINY TIMS

Register today for Timothy Team  
& Tiny Tims! (*children 2 yrs. old  
through 5th grade as of 8/1/16*).  
**Deadline to register is  
August 7th.** Registration forms  
are available at the computer  
check-in stations and in the  
Great Hall.

## REGISTER TODAY

Children's Camp (*entering grades  
3-6*) is July 27-29 at Pinecrest in  
Ozone, AR. Registration forms  
are available at the check-in  
stations in the children's area.  
**Deadline is Sunday, July 3rd!**

## WRITING MINISTRY

*Expressions* is a way for everyone  
to share the writing gifts God has  
given them. We meet once a  
month. Our next meeting will be  
Thursday, July 7th at 6 pm in the  
Welcome Center. Anyone can  
submit a writing at anytime to Lu  
Ann Donahou at 479-259-3861.  
*\*Our writings are published in a  
monthly newsletter that is available  
in the Great Hall.*

## SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE!

This Sunday night, June 26th from  
5:30 - 8 pm will be Water Fun  
Night! We swill start with our  
lesson and then enjoy some fun  
water activities. So, wear your  
swim suit under your clothes and  
bring a towel because you're  
guaranteed to get wet.

## YOU'RE INVITED

The pleasure of  
your company is  
requested at a  
reception to  
celebrate the marriage of Michael  
Shuman to Hannah Mindeman on  
Saturday, June 25th at 3 pm at  
First United Presbyterian Church  
in Fayetteville.

## HALO REPORT

The Halo men were short players from the Big  
league roster this past Tuesday and had to call up  
players from their minor league affiliates. The Halos  
had to get out their Geiger counters to find ionized  
radiation departing from Blake Yates who was called  
up from the Albuquerque, Isotopes. Steve Martin,  
the teacher, not the comedian, had to be extracted  
from a plate full of Montgomery Biscuits, Taylor  
Anders was dug up from Georgia and the Savannah  
Sand Gnats and finally things got weird when the  
Halos pulled from the X-files, Mike K., from the Las  
Vegas Area 51's. Without the regulars the team  
lacked a little chemistry and some chemical reactions  
went amiss with our defense, but we still held the  
mighty Alma offense to just 7 runs for the game.  
However, our heroes swung the bats like one trying  
to describe the purpose of constructing an Alderson  
Disc also known as a Dyson sphere. Or better yet,  
one trying to explain how a Lofstrom Loop works  
launching rockets from outside Earth's atmosphere.  
Nevertheless, the conclusion to the game-one  
experiment was the Halos lost for the first time this  
season, 7-6. Once the nightmare was over reality set  
in and our boys woke up and slugged their way to a  
second game victory against Alma, 16-6. Justin Goins  
got banged up playing aggressive defense as he dove  
for a sinking line shot to center modeling Newton's  
2nd law what happens when an immovable object

meets an unstoppable force. Inspired, the Halo men  
followed Justin's effort as each Halo in the line up  
pounded out a hit until we got to the Alien from  
Area 51, who hit into a double play. Mike K was  
sent back down to Area 51 and replaced by Michael  
Schelm, from the affiliate, the Lansing Lugnuts. He  
went 3 for 3 after a 15 year layoff.

Highlights included Taylor Anders demonstrating  
pitchers can hit after all. Then Taylor showed off his  
arm demonstrating how a Lofstrom Loop really  
works by using a softball with a relay throw to home  
plate. Steve Martin wisely got out of the way as the  
ball passed thru the backstop and landed in right field  
of the Savannah Sand Gnats home stadium in Georgia  
right next to Caleb Bauman's relay throw from last  
week.

Coed played two Friday the 17th and finished the  
night 1-1. Madison Klomfas and Chandler Graham  
batted in four of our 6 runs with doubles clearing the  
outfielder's heads. Blake Yates plated the other 2  
runs with a radiating double off the fence. Game two  
the halos needed only one inning to put away Hi-  
Tech. Down 5-0 the men and women put on a show  
hitting their way to 17 runs in the bottom of the 2nd  
inning highlighted by Cody Bailey's three run blast.  
Coed finished with a 19-7 win.

The men play again Monday the 27th.

Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>  
at Heritage  
Church  
**HELP SAVE A LIFE +  
GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD**

## NEED A WORD?

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

## NEWCOMERS' DINNER

If you missed the last  
newcomers' dinner, mark your  
calendar for the next one on  
Thursday, July 7th at the  
Kneeland's.