

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.

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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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NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

Nolan Broyles
Myron Kirksey
Scott Treece

9:30 am

John Symonds
Merle Katz
Rob Thomas
Michael Schelm

11:00 am

Ryan Cyndi Breeze and Family

Greeters

8:05 am

Nancy Broyles and Teresa Kirksey
Pamm Treece

9:30 am

Margo Symonds
Carolyn Loyd

11:00 am

Curtis and Tammy Gardner



In Hospital:

Pike Robinson (Mercy)
Sherry Fedric (Covington Court)
Irene Oxford (Alma Rehab)
Linda Seubold (UAMS)

At Home:

Joanne Barbee, Tom Gipson, Georgia Hutton, Katy Marsh, Gary Pittman, Debbie Stewart, Anna Utz, Connie Warren, Saylor Wilkinson

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)



November 24-25
OFFICE CLOSED FOR
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

December 1-4
THE CHRISTMAS MIRACLE
OF JONATHAN TOOMEY
AT KING OPERA HOUSE

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

FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... SINGING OUR THANKSGIVING!



I read this past week that the word, *Hallelujah* in Hebrew literally means, "You MUST praise the Lord!" Folks, if you have traveled outside of the United States and seen what much of the rest of the world is like, when you return, "You MUST praise and thank the LORD!" Because of all that the LORD has done in founding and preserving and blessing this nation with its freedoms and prosperity, "You MUST praise and thank the LORD!"

In Exodus 15, after the miraculous parting and crossing of the Red Sea and destruction of Pharaoh and his army, the Hebrew children stop to sing and dance and celebrate their deliverance! They MUST praise and thank the LORD for His great and mighty deeds for Him.

I pray that in the next two weeks you take special times to write down and vocalize your praise and thanks to the LORD for what He has done for you! Lately, I have realized I have become a shouting Methodist! That's what our forbearers were known as. Now I know why. They realized what the LORD had done for them and they could NOT STAY SILENT! They HAD to sing and shout their praise and thanks to the LORD.

This Sunday we will sing and shout the song of Moses and the Lamb from Exodus 15 and Revelation 15. We MUST praise Him! Who He is and what He has done DEMANDS it! And what a joy it is!

Wasn't the Community Thanksgiving Service fun??!! We HAD to sing and shout our thanks and praise!

Even if you do not like who was elected to fill certain political offices, you MUST thank and praise the LORD that He still sits on the throne and rules the world!



HALLELUJAH! I cannot help praising the LORD!

See you Sunday at the praise and THANKSGIVING PLACE!

Thankful to be your pastor!

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HONORARIUM AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **ALAN SWAIM** by:
Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

In memory of **JOHNNY PARKER** by:
Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

In memory of **ROBERT M. BRETCH**
(father of Bob Bretch) by:
Mike and Malinda McSpadden
Good Shepherd Class (BF)

In memory of **CHARLES FREY** by:
Raymond and Margie Howard (FP)
Linda Frey (FP)
Flat Rock Village (FP)

YM - Youth Ministry
FP - Food Pantry
BF - Building Fund

BLANKET CREW

The Blanket Crew will meet again this Friday, November 18th, at 9 am in room 134 to continue making blankets for the homeless camp along the river and to local schools to give to children with no permanent home. Any questions, you may contact Sue Weege, 474-8627 or sueweege@cox.net



An estimated 322 Christians are killed each month. Some say as many as 105,000 believers are killed each year. More than 60 countries are considered persecuted church nations. This Sunday, you will be encouraged to prayerfully considering adopting the persecuted church with a monthly gift. By doing so, you are standing in solidarity with those on the front lines of faith and in prayer to support the advancement of the kingdom of God. For more information, go to www.collegeofprayer.org/adopt

WELCOME



Austin Riddle was baptized.

David McClerren was baptized.



Eric and Misty Williams with their children Mariah, Caden and Michaela joined Sunday.

Travis Dodson joined Sunday.

JOY SEEKERS

Ladies, join us for lunch (Dutch treat) at 11 am Friday, December 2nd at Big Jake's, 1702 Fayetteville Road in Van Buren.

FIRST SUNDAY

Want to belong to a life group or ministry at Heritage? Please join us Sunday, December 4th at 6 pm in the Welcome Center to learn more.

HERITAGE ANGELS



We support DHS and the foster children in our area by collecting Christmas gifts. After you choose an angel from the Great Hall, return the gifts to the stage in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 11th! **All gifts must be unwrapped and in a bag with their angel number attached to the bag.** If you have any questions, contact Debbie Thomas at 651-0810 or the church.

STEWART BABY SHOWER

Join us for a baby shower honoring Scott and Kalin Stewart this Sunday, November 20th from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in the Welcome Center. They are expecting a baby boy in early January. Scott and Kalin are registered at Walmart and Target. Hostesses are Linda Udouj, Sara Hurst and Linda Wilkerson.

INTERESTED IN BLESSING OTHERS?

The New Mom's Ministry is looking for volunteers to help bless families when they bring a new baby home. This is such an exciting time for families but can be a bit overwhelming. We would like to bless these families with at least three meals so they can spend more time enjoying their new bundle of joy. This is where you come in! We need volunteers to prepare or pick up meals and deliver them to these families. If you would be interested, please contact Alexis Boster at 501-912-1370 or alexisboster@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions' next meeting is Thursday, December 8th 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.

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, December 5th from 7-8 pm at New Life Church of God in Christ in Fort Smith.

HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

Come to the office this Sunday, November 20th between 9 and 11 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, many activities have been cancelled or rescheduled. Please be sure to check the church calendar. The office will close at noon Wednesday, November 23rd and reopen Monday, November 28th.

ROOTS CLASS

Want to better understand the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith? Join us Monday, December 5th at 6 pm in room 121.

YOU'RE INVITED

Michael and Leticia Schelm are having another girl in January! There will have a baby blessing for them on Wednesday, December 14th at 7pm in the Worship Arts Room. They are registered at Toys R Us and Babies R Us. They also need Pampers' Swaddlers.

MAYOR'S PRAYER LUNCHEON



Trooper Roy Moomey will be the guest speaker for the annual Kiwanis Club Mayor's Prayer Luncheon on Monday, November 21st from 11:30 am in the Van Buren High School Commons. Tickets can be purchased at Swaim Office Products, Dustin Booth State Farm, Joseph Rhodes State Farm or the Van Buren Boys and Girls Club for \$15.



Thanks to your generous giving and to the tireless efforts of Vesta Everett and Doris Wortham, we have a new bus. We have purchased a 2016 Ford Ameritrans bus. It seats 24 very comfortably. The bus is available to ministries of Heritage; the catch is that you must have a commercial driver's license with a passenger endorsement. If you have a CDL with passenger endorsement and would be willing to drive for groups, please let Steve Kelton know.

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TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW AT OUR WEBSITE



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Surviving the Holidays is especially for people who are separated, divorced or grieving a loved one's death.

You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- Ways to give your kids a good holiday experience
- How to discover hope for your future

Join us this Saturday, November 19th at 9 am for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. Registration and light refreshments begins at 8:30 am. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone at 629-7901.

LOVE TO DECORATE?

It's that time of year when we decorate the Sanctuary for the upcoming Advent Season. If you would like to help, please join Chuck on Monday, November 21st and if needed, Tuesday, November 22nd.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve is just around the corner and once again we will be "Giving Away Christmas". We have so much to be thankful for this holiday season and we don't want to forget to give back to our community by serving in some capacity on Christmas Eve. We will need lots of volunteers (**around 150**) for Christmas Eve dinner to help serve our guests. Please let us know how you want to volunteer by emailing Becki Kneeland at bkneeland@heritage.church. Serving times will be from 3 - 5 pm and then again from 5 - 7 pm. Everyone will serve a two hour shift.

