

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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DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Ushers

8:05 am

Benton Cone
Mike Kneeland
Mike McSpadden
John Poole

9:30 am

Tom Konert
David Alexander
Carol Ray
Pam Thomas

11:00 am

Daniel Chisolm
Nathan Elliott
Grant Elliott
Justin Sangster

Greeters

8:05 am

Malinda McSpadden
Louann King
Juanita Cone

9:30 am

Mark and Maria Sullivan
Bill and Debbie Thomas

11:00 am

Rhonda and Jerry Pittman



In Hospital:

Linda Seubold (UAMS)
Connie Warren (Mercy)
Velta Thomas (UAMS)

At Home:

Tom Gipson, Georgia Hutton, Katy Marsh, Gary Pittman, Debbie Stewart, Anna Utz, Saylor Wilkinson, Lisa Willis

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)
Irene Oxford (Alma Rehab)
Sherry Fedric (Covington Court)

In Thanksgiving:

Marty and Amanda Anderson in the birth of their son, *Sutton Paul*. Proud big brother and sister are Dalton and Brielle. Proud grandparents are Ron and Rebecca Kaszubowski.

Walter and Annie Lowrimore and Family in the birth of their daughter, *Holly Elizabeth*. Proud big brother and sister is Samuel and Phoebe. Proud grandparents are Dick and Vi Pettit.

Jerry and Brenda Frederiksen in the birth of their granddaughter, *Harleigh Dale Hobbs*. Proud parents are Hoot and Jennifer Hobbs.

In Sympathy:

Frank Williams and Family in the death of his sister. *Pam Barrett*.

Katie Brown and Family in the death of her grandmother, *Jean Wooldridge*.

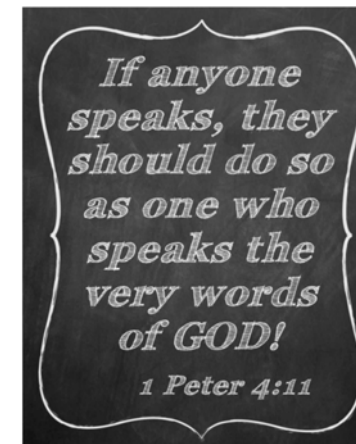
Hiltraud James, Debbie Thomas and Family in the death of their husband and uncle, *Lee (Doby) James*.

Brenda Frederiksen and Family in the death of her nephew, *Nathaniel Benoit*.

Mark Stafford and Family in the death of his aunt, *Eula Watson*.

Bill Kelton and Family in the death of his sister, *Ruby King*.

FROM YOUR WELCOME MINISTER'S HEART...



My life has become such that so often I read scripture and in five minutes I cannot tell you what I have just read. Recently when I was meeting with our newly developed hospitality team, I was sharing a scripture that God had placed upon my heart and as I shared His words the print literally jumped off the page at me. I would like to share it now with you, and pray that you make it your own.

⁹ Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they

should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen! - Peter 4: 9-11

As we prepare for the Christmas season and the New Year, let us heed the scripture above. Be kind to one another. Every word that comes from our mouth should be as if it came straight from Him. Use the uniqueness of who you are and how you were created to serve one another. If you were created to be a listener, spend some extra time sitting with someone who needs a kind heart and a listening ear. If you were created to be a giver, give generously. If you are gifted in the area of prayer, make a list and commit yourself to standing in the gap for one another. Do all these things in the strength that God gives you so that all the glory goes to Him.



Becki Kneeland,
Welcome Minister

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

HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **STEVEN PEER** by:
Benton and Juanita Cone

In honor of **TYLER CARTER'S BIRTHDAY** (grandson of Kay Hays) by:
Kay Hays (MF)

In honor of **CHARLES FREY** by:
Col. Bill and Feda Strang
Gene and Jan Winford

In memory of **NADINE ROLLINS** (mother of Gina Stafford) by:
Wayne and Sue Weege (BF)

In memory of **DON SPILLMAN** by:
Wayne and Sue Weege (FP)

In memory of **EULA WATSON** (aunt of Mark Stafford) by:
Benton and Juanita Cone (BF)

In memory of **PAM BARRETT** (sister of Frank Williams) by:
Benton and Juanita Cone (BF)

In memory of **LEE 'DOBY' JAMES** (husband of Hiltraud James and uncle of Debbie Thomas) by:
Benton and Juanita Cone (FP)
Vesta Everitt (FP)
Darrell and Alice Goodlin (WAF)
Bruce and Janet Johnson (FP)
Donna Parker (FP)
Dorvan and Mikie Wiley (FP)

*BF-Building Fund MF-Missionary Fund
FP-Food Pantry WAF-Worship Arts Fund*

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary during the month of December in honor or in memory of someone, please complete this form and return it to the church office with payment of \$10 per poinsettia by Sunday, December 13th.

Placed in (circle one)

In Memory of _____ In Honor of _____

By: _____

YOU'RE INVITED

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

KINDERGARTEN/1ST GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This Sunday at 9:30 am, we will take the church van to Walmart to shop at Walmart for our Heritage Angel. We will return to the church no later than 11 am. Be sure to bring your permission slip (we will have extras on hand). **We are still accepting monetary donations for our purchases.*

BIRTHDAY LIST

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

HERITAGE ANGELS

There are few angels left! Choose one from the Great Hall and return the gifts to the stage in the Fellowship Hall by Monday, December 12th! **All gifts must be unwrapped and in a bag with their angel number attached to the bag.**

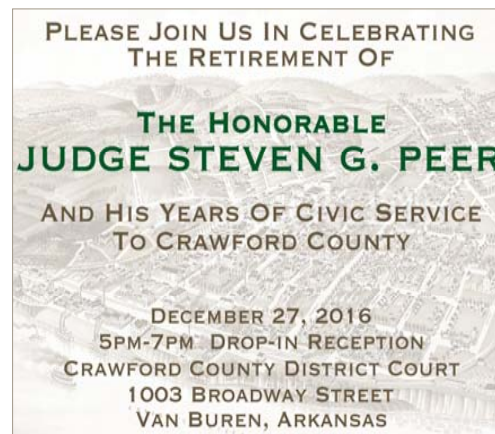
YOUTH WITH A MISSION GREECE OUTREACH JANUARY 4TH – MARCH 23TH

A team of Discipleship Training School students and their staff are going to Greece to minister to refugees fleeing from war and oppression. Their desire is to build relationships, encourage, and serve the refugees as well as the ministries they are working with.

We would love to have you partner with us in prayer. Also you can contact us with words of encouragement or questions at ozarksdtsgreeceoutreach2016@gmail.com. Financially partner with us by going to ywamozarks.org and clicking on 'Donate' and writing "for Greece team" in the 'Add special instructions for the recipient' box. Or make checks out to YWAM Ozarks and add the note "For Greece team". Checks may given to Heritage church. Gifts are tax-deductible."

MARSH BABY SHOWER

Join us for a baby shower honoring Eric and Shea Marsh this Sunday, December 11th from 12:30 - 2:00 pm in the Backyard. They are expecting a baby girl in January. Eric and Shea are registered at Walmart and Target. Hostesses are the women of the Full House Life Group.



HEALTHY CONGREGATION DAY

Come to the office Sunday, December 18th between 9 and 11 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

ADVENT READING

If you, your family or small group would like to participate in the Advent readings on Sunday morning, December 18th or Christmas Eve, please contact the church office.

BAPTISM

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, December 18th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

We need you for Christmas Eve! Currently, we have about 1/2 of the volunteers needed. Here are our needs:

- People to make or buy desserts: We are doing pecan and pumpkin pie **ONLY**. Please have them pre cut into at least eight slices and bring in disposable pie tin.
 - Servers from 3 to 5 pm
 - Servers from 5 to 7 pm (more here please)
 - Clean Up Team beginning at 7 pm
 - Kitchen staff from 5 to 7 pm
- Contact Becki at 474-6424 or bkneeland@heritage.church to get plugged in!

YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 and older, please join us for a time of food and fellowship Thursday, December 15th from 6-8 pm in the Welcome Center. Bring a dish to share!

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.*

WEEKLY ADVENT READING

Feliz Navidad:

A Bilingual Christmas Music – José Feliciano, 1970



The congestion of traffic slows this time of the year like in any other place. The lampposts have silver, gold and red tinsel hanging as the sun reflects like mirrors in the sun. The songs sung are both in English and Spanish. José Feliciano's tune, *Feliz Navidad* is played so many times that even the non-Spanish speaker can sing the tune. The malls are filled with minstrels conveying the relentless joy of the season.

Long lines fill the Mexican market places as the anticipation of Christmas Eve rises with a flood. The lines are blocks and blocks long as the costumers arrive for their supply of tamales or the premade masa for the tamales. My mother and father would frequent such places: it was a testing of patience and endurance. Later on our family would take weeks to make the tamales. My aunts and uncles would form an assembly line of help. My mom would make a huge pot of spicy red chile with the meat fillings. The red chile sauce was combined with shredded pork or chicken. My cousins would have their duties as well: cleaning the house and making other types of food.

Christmas Eve was commemorated with the following: the original Christmas plays are acted in "Las Posadas." Las Posadas ("The Inns" in Spanish) depicted shepherds searching for an inn in preparation of the Christ Child's birth. The drama would continue for nine days. Finally, a willing host would open his home. The party concluded with the breaking of the piñata, a birthday cake for Jesus, refried beans, enchiladas, chocolate made with chile and the exchange of gifts. In our home, the attendance of mass was the requirement for the exchange of gifts. We would sing Christmas songs and in the evening we would fill sand into paper bags with small candles to make luminarios. The Rocky Mountains of El Paso flamed bright with the lighting of the star of Bethlehem, and the luminarios glowed like the flame of God burning in our hearts filled with the glory of God and the humble birth of Jesucristo, the savior of our hearts and homes.

Lucy Barry, 2016
Expressions Writing Ministry

JOB OPPORTUNITY

U of A Wesley, a United Methodist college ministry at the University of Arkansas, is seeking a full-time Alumni and Development Coordinator. The Development Coordinator will cultivate relationships with alumni, friends, and stakeholders of the Wesley ministry, plan and manage fundraising campaigns, recruit new donors, and work with volunteers. The Development Coordinator will also write for grants and promote Wesley through print and social media outlets, including a monthly newsletter. Ideal candidate is a dedicated Christian with a heart for ministry to college students. A Bachelor's degree is required. Membership and background in the United Methodist Church is preferred. Must have strong organizational and communication skills, have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office and social media, and be able to speak effectively before groups and one-on-one. Some night, weekend, and out of town work required. Direct applications to Rachel Boatz at wesleyoffice@centraltolife.com including cover letter, resume, writing sample, and contact information for three professional references. Applications submitted by Wednesday, December 14th will receive full consideration.