

**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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## Sing We Now of Christmas!

Join us for  
**Carols, Candlelight, Communion  
 and Christmas Eve Dinner this  
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

**Worship Service Times:**  
**3 pm, 5 pm, and 7 pm**  
 Dinner served between services



Valet parking will be available.

If you or someone you know does not have a ride,  
 please contact the church office.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**  
 Celebrate Jesus with your  
 family and loved ones at home

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST**  
 Covenant Renewal Service at  
 all three regular worship services.

**JANUARY VOLUNTEERS**

**Ushers**

**8:05 am**

Jerry Frederiksen  
 Bruce Brown  
 Kevin Fontaine  
 Drew Cone

**9:30 am**

Wayne Stewart  
 Mark Evans  
 Dorvan Wiley  
 Scott Weege

**11:00 am**

Russ Aikman  
 Erick Bauman  
 Ryan Breeze  
 Cyndi Breeze

**Greeters**

Heritage Hospitality Team



**In Hospital:**

**Linda Seubold** (UAMS)  
**Marjorie Howard** (Springfield)  
**Kay Lockwood** (Mercy)

**At Home:**

**Mark Anders, Tom Gipson, Georgia Hutton, Katy Marsh, Gary Pittman, Debbie Stewart, Velta Thomas, 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)  
**Connie Warren** (Methodist)  
**Pike Robinson** (Alma Rehab)  
**Irene Oxford** (Alma Rehab)

**In Sympathy:**

**Brenda Frederiksen and Family** in the death of her uncle, *Jim Ashworth*.  
**Craig Ballegeer and Family** in the death of his father, *Charles Ballegeer*.



**January 8**  
 DISCIPLESHIP LEADERS'  
 APPRECIATION LUNCH  
 12:30 PM

**January 11**  
 WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
 ACTIVITIES RESUME

**January 22**  
 BLOOD DRIVE  
 9 AM - 12 PM

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

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **JUDGE STEVE PEER'S RETIREMENT** by:

June Lewis and Jason Lewis (BF)

In memory of **RUBY KING** (sister of Bill Kelton) by:

Benton and Juanita Cone

Doris Wortham

John and Margo Symonds (BF)

In memory of **BARBARA DELMONEGO** (mother of Rachel Mosher) by:

Vesta Everitt

In memory of **LEE 'DOBY' JAMES** (husband of Hiltraud James and uncle of Debbie Thomas) by:

Carolyn Loyd (FP)

David Higgins (FP)

Charles and Donna Coble (FP)

BF-Building Fund FP-Food Pantry

## NEWCOMERS' DINNER

Join us for the next newcomers' dinner on Thursday, January 19th at 6:30 pm at the Kneeland's. See Becki Kneeland for your reservation.

## DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE?

Do you know where you are in your giving this year? There is an easy way to find out! Just go to the Heritage web site: [heritage.church](http://heritage.church), and then click on "member login" at the bottom. This takes you to a secure login page. Put in your email address and password. If this is your first time the system will assign you a password and send it to the email address listed in the church data base. Now the catch is, if the church doesn't have an email address for you, you must contact them ([office@heritage.church](mailto:office@heritage.church), or 474-6424) and let them know your email address. Once you are in the members only base, click on the "Giving" tab at the top and then "My Giving History". There you can view your most recent tax statement (left hand side top half), view each week's offering on bottom half of page, or go to "pledge history" to see the amount remaining on the commitment you made for 2016. **If you see any errors please let the office know immediately so corrections can be made before the end of the year.**

And if you need an address or phone number of someone attending our church, just click on the "directory" tab at the top of the page and then choose the name of the person you need. How simple can you get!!!

Just a reminder on end of the year giving. Federal tax law states that for a contribution to be used as a charitable contribution it must be received by the church by the last day of the year or postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup>.



## MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, January 2nd from 7-8 pm at Victorious Life Ministries in Alma..

## JOY SEEKERS

Ladies, join us for lunch (Dutch treat) at 11 am Friday, January 6th at Frank's Italian Restaurant in Van Buren.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## THANK YOU

To the volunteers in the food pantry and others who took over for me when I was in the hospital and rehab, thank you so much for helping and doing what I wasn't able to do. I rested easy knowing that all of you had everything under control. God bless you all and thank you from the bottom of my heart. Love in Christ, Katy Marsh

## WESLEY HERITAGE TOUR

Follow the footsteps of John Wesley through England with Dr. Robert Tuttle and Pastor Wesley Hilliard on the Wesley Heritage Tour May 15-23. Brochures with detailed itinerary, cost and registration forms are available in the Great Hall.

## MISSIONARY OFFERING

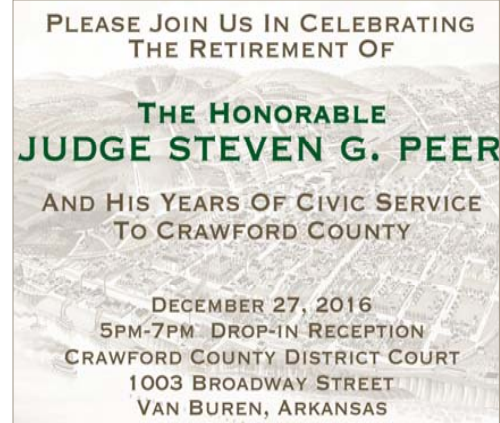
If you have a birthday in January you are invited to place an offering in our little, white church on the chancel rail during the announcements Sunday, January 1st. Currently, all birthday offerings go to support the Rupp family ministering in East Asia.

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

With the upcoming holidays, many activities have been cancelled or rescheduled. Please be sure to check the church calendar. **\*The church office will be closed the week of December 26th - 31st.**

## ITEMS FOR SALE

Be sure and stop by the Library to purchase one of the many books written by our Heritage authors or any of the Heritage items! We have license plates, mugs and hats; they will make great gifts this holiday season!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

For those who are available, we are offering a 14-week program to help you make and lead disciples. If you are leading and /or feel called to lead a class or life group, make plans to attend on Sundays beginning January 15th from 2-4 pm. We will kick off the program with a luncheon on Sunday, January 8th at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

## WRITING MINISTRY

Expressions' next meeting is Thursday, January 5th 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

### Mary, Did You Know?

Lyrics – Mark Lowry; music – Buddy Greene, 1991

**“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”**

- Luke 1: 31-33

The Angel Gabriel told Mary that she would bear a Son who would be called Son of the Most High. Though she accepted what she was told and the honor given her, I suspect she really didn't understand at all. Women were trained to be obedient to begin with, and who wouldn't be obedient to an Angel.

My first child was a December baby, and like most new moms I counted fingers and toes to be sure she had all of her parts. Then I looked into that precious little face and began to wonder who she would be. Would she be the physician/scientist who cured cancer, the first woman president, or walk on the moon? Although Mary had been given the big picture, I suspect she too wondered who that little boy would become.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ and perhaps children or grandchildren of our own, let us not fail to be thankful for these precious gifts and mindful of the amazing responsibility we have been given to care for them.

Bonnie Sher, 2016

Expressions Writing Ministry

## THANK YOU

Wow! Your staff at Heritage has been blessed with lots of goodies and cards this Christmas season! THANK YOU from all of us!

## NEED A WORD?

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

## Christmas Poinsettias

are placed by:

Michael and Laura Fuller in memory of Dennis Dwayne Fuller  
 Michael and Laura Fuller in memory of Raymond Fuller  
 Michael and Laura Fuller in memory of Hazel Pillsbury  
 Shirley Spillman and Family in memory of Don Spillman  
 Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hopkins, Jr. in memory of Mrs. Glen Hopkins, Sr.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hopkins, Jr. in memory of Mr. Glen Hopkins, Sr.  
 The Weifenbach Family in memory of Ken Weifenbach  
 David and Marla Neal Family in memory of Jane Rhodes Neal  
 Darrell and Alice Goodlin in memory of John and Laura Gutt  
 Darrell and Alice Goodlin in memory of Homer and Harriet Goodlin  
 James and Mary Dempsey in memory of Michaele Hutcheson  
 Logan and Ethan Moore in memory of their grandfather, Charles Moss  
 Donna Parker in memory of Johnny Parker  
 Donna Parker in memory of Lena Russell  
 Donna Parker in memory of Marie Minor  
 Mary Ann, Ronda, Bruce, Bryce, Graham, Caleb, Nick, Saferen,  
 Tobias and Phoenix in memory of Tommy Dodd  
 Bruce, Ronda, Bryce, Graham and Caleb Brown  
 in memory of AC and Welela Brown

Dylan and Bailey Smith, Nathan and Connor Watson and  
 Cade and Collins Everitt in memory of Grand-dad  
 The Belcher Family in memory of Lewis Belcher  
 Kimmy and Karen Nash in memory of Joyce Hopkins  
 Kimmy and Karen Nash and in honor of Mary Nash  
 Sandy Thompson in memory of my mother, Mary Gwendolyn Stephenson  
 Mary and Ron Gill in memory of Sue Gill and Kenneth Anderson  
 Wendall, Mary Jo and Chris Kline in memory of Agnes Knittig  
 Wendall, Mary Jo and Chris Kline in memory of Ida Mae Kline  
 Carey Wilson in memory of Polly Watson  
 Tammy Wilson in memory of Louise Newton  
 Johnie Hammontree in memory of Calvin Hammontree  
 Johnie Hammontree in memory of Gene Hammontree  
 Johnie Hammontree in memory of Lucille Hammontree  
 Marsha Thorman in memory of my dad, Charles Manning  
 Marsha Thorman in honor of my mother, Vivienne McCurley  
 Marilyn Lewis in memory of JL Lewis  
 Myron and Teresa Kirksey in memory of Vanus Bartlett  
 Myron and Teresa Kirksey in memory Dot (Marie) Bartlett  
 Brandi Phillips and Lyla Wright in memory of Ashley Jewel Wright