

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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Linda Seubold (UAMS)
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At Home:

Mark Anders, Tom Gipson, Marjorie Howard, 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 Thanksgiving:

Brett and Emily Wiley in the birth of their daughter, *Sutton Elizabeth*. Proud grandparents are Dorvan and Mikie Wiley.

Justin and Tracy Mankins in the birth of their son, *Thomas Martin*. Big sisters are Talyn and Tabytha.

In Sympathy:

Becki Kneeland, Rhonda Pittman and Family in the death of their father, *Ray Green*.

Alan Swaim and Family in the death of his brother-in-law, *Roy Braundmeier*.

Marsha Thorman, Kara Grill and Family in the loss of their loved one, *Dan McCurley*.



January 8
DISCIPLESHIP LEADERS' LUNCH
12:30 PM

January 11
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
ACTIVITIES RESUME

January 22
BLOOD DRIVE
9 AM - 12 PM

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

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

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 ... CHANGING OUR CULTURE!

I love the fresh start of a new year! I love the hope and promise it brings! Sunday, January 1st was a powerful reminder of that. We got to renew, refresh, and refocus what was most important and to leave behind what was most hurtful. We reaffirmed our baptism covenant. We reaffirmed our commitment to the Kingdom of God through Heritage Church. We prayed the Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Prayer. We celebrated Holy Communion, remembering the New Covenant offered to us by Jesus. And many came to receive a fresh anointing (fresh oil, Psalm 92:10) from the LORD. What a great start to the New Year!



Our FOCAL POINTS for 2017 are Discipleship and Prayer. I just want to address discipleship here. We will flow **From Revival to Discipleship**. This happens to be Bishop Mueller's strategic initiative for Arkansas in 2017. It fits perfectly for where we are at Heritage. January 8th we will have a luncheon after worship (12:30 p.m.) for all present and potential Life-group and Sunday School leaders. We will present our plan and invitation to participate in relational discipleship training with Mr. John Wallace, Arkansas Director of Navigator's Church Ministries.

We will have one training group meeting on Sunday afternoons beginning January 15th, and the staff will train for 14 weeks beginning January 9th. This will be a three to six-year process of **changing our culture** to become a church of disciples who make disciples who make disciples for the transformation of the world. It will also provide a structure with trained **discipleship coaches** who will encourage and strengthen our small-group leaders.

If you are a leader of any small-group (Sunday School, Life-group, Bible study, ministry team, etc. ...) or if you have a heart to do this, please RSVP to Pam in the church office (474-6424) and make plans to join us for lunch this Sunday!

I am seeing the future. I see the **exponential growth** that will happen as each of us learn to be true disciples who make disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ! It may start very slowly, but when it takes off, nothing will be able to stop it! That is the massive culture shift the LORD is doing with us at Heritage Church!



Blessed to be on this journey with you!

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P.S. We will continue to receive your covenant renewal cards throughout the month. You may mail them in or place them in the Joash Chest at the front of the sanctuary. Bless you!

MEMORIALS

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

Charles and Nina Sullivan (BF)

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

Doris Wortham (BF)

God's Armor Bearers (BF)

Charles and Nina Sullivan (WA)

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

Doris Wortham (FP)

Paul and Christel Mahoney (FP)

In memory of **SCOTT STUMBAUGH** by:

James and Ellarene Crowley (CM)

In memory of **WANDA NEIDECKER** (mother of Scott Neidecker) by:

Barbara Bethell

In memory of **ROBERT BRETCH** (father of Bob Bretch) by:

Charles and Nina Sullivan (WA)

In memory of **DON SPILLMAN** by:

Charles and Nina Sullivan (FP)

In memory of **RAY GREEN** (father of Becki Kneeland and Rhonda Pittman) by:

Charles and Nina Sullivan (BF)

Benton and Juanita Cone (BF)

Vesta Everitt (BF)

Linda Hill (BF)

Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)

Mark and Linda Wilkerson (BF)

Doris Wortham (BF)

BF-Building Fund WA-Worship Arts
CM-Children's Ministry FP-Food Pantry

JOY SEEKERS

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

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.

GREAT PERFORMANCE

To Whomever,

On December 3rd, I took my husband on a date to the King Opera House to see "The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey."

What a production! We enjoyed our time together and the beautiful songs, scenery and costumes.

Thank you, Chuck King and Heritage Church! May God bless you!

Bro. George and Marlene Lynn

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Give the gift of blood at Heritage Sunday, January 22nd from 9 am - 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S STUDY

Men, start 2017 off right! Join us for *Band of Brothers* Bible study group every Tuesday from 6:15 - 7:15 am. We meet for coffee, fellowship, study of the Word and prayer.

ALTAR PRAYER TEAM MEETING

The altar prayer team will meet this Sunday at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not a current team member and would like to join, please come.

NEED A WORD?

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to EVERYONE who participated in *giving away Christmas*. We had over 1100 people in worship, fed 900 a fantastic Christmas meal, distributed groceries to 150 families and many children visited with Saint Nicholas. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

NOW IS THE TIME

Have you thought about adding your voice to the Heritage Sanctuary Choir? Now is the time to do it! Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening. If you are interested, contact Chuck King at cking@heritage.church.

PLEASE UPDATE

Many of you no longer have home phones or the same work number. Please indicate on your connection card any new phone numbers or email addresses. You can also update your information through the **member login** on our website.

YOUTH (grades 6th-12th)

For upcoming activities, pick up the January calendar by the youth office in the children's wing or go to heritage.church under the 'What We Do' tab.

HANDBELLS

Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, January 11th at 5:30 pm in the Worship Arts room. New members are welcome! Basic music reading skills needed. For more information, contact Chuck King or Rick Endel at 474-6424.

MOMS IN PRAYER

Prayers of mothers are powerful. Children of all ages need prayer. If you would like to connect with a Moms in Prayer group, contact Monica Steele at 479-474-8165.

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY

We will offer a course on John Bunyan's famous work, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, beginning Sunday, January 22nd at 9:30 am facilitated by Michael Tursky. Drawing on both video and written resources, we will explore John Bunyan's allegory of a Christian walk, first published in 1678, and written while Bunyan was imprisoned for not conforming to the state church of England. We will walk with the central character, Christian, as he leaves behind the City of Destruction and follows the narrow path, meeting both friend and foe on his way to the Celestial City, depicting the believer's life and struggles in an entertaining and enlightening way. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

A NEW YEAR AND A NEW STUDY

- A GREAT TIME TO GET BACK IN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!

The Good Shepherd Class invites you to join them in a new study January 8th. *The Story Continues* is a 12-week study written by J. Ellsworth Kalas. In this book he follows the first body of believers after Jesus' death and resurrection. How did such a small group of ordinary people accomplish the extraordinary? Kalas explores the book of Acts to uncover the ministry motivations of the first followers and shows us how they can serve as guides as we carry on their work.

Chapters include: Some Extraordinary, Unremarkable People; Then There Was Pentecost; People of the Great Heart; And of Course There Were Hypocrites; Did the Apostles Make a Mistake?; Then There Was Paul; The Slow Process of Tumbling Walls; The Man Who Saved the New Testament; The Anonymous Apostles.

Sue Weege will lead the discussion based-class which meets in room 123 (3rd room on the right in the adult wing) at 11 am.

THE WELCOME CENTER

When you are greeting our guests, don't forget to bring them by the Welcome Center to meet our welcome team. The team is there each Sunday to provide ministry, answer questions, give directions... whatever the need may be. We want our guests to know that they are loved.

A NEW CLASS OF THE CONQUER SERIES FOR MEN: The Battle Plan for Purity

A tried and proven battle plan for purity in a lustful and Godless world. Class meets every Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Community Room beginning January 18th. For more information, contact Max Garrett at garrett@heritage.church.

RUBIES WOMEN'S STUDY

We will begin our new, weekly study on Monday, January 23rd from 9-11 am in the Welcome Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have a wedding or baby shower planned and would like to invite the congregation, please send details to the office at office@heritage.church at least two weeks prior to the event.

BLANKET CREW

The Blanket Crew will meet again Monday, January 9th at 9 am in room 134 to continue making blankets for the homeless camp along the river and for local schools to give to children with no permanent home.

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.

THE WEATHER IS TURNING COLDER

The Valet Parking Ministry is a great opportunity for senior adults, people with disabilities/injuries and/or parents who are by themselves with children who need help getting into the building—especially on rainy or snowy days. Please look for the sign on the northeast portico of the Heritage building and pull under for help for the 9:30 am service.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

The holidays are over. The decorations have all been put away. It's time to get back in a routine. Our weekly community meal and Timothy Team Bible study for all ages will resume next Wednesday, January 11th! Teachers will meet this Sunday, January 8th at 4:30 pm in the Community Room.

GRIEF SHARE

A new GriefShare Support Group will begin January 23rd! They meet each Monday at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm in Room 122 at Heritage. For more information, contact Shirley Touchstone at 479-629-7901.

PRAYER SHIELD TEAM

If you'd like to be on the Prayer Shield Team, which prays for Pastor Wes and his family monthly, email StephanieWatkins@gmail.com at 3stephwatkins@gmail.com.