

**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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## 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  
Erich Bauman  
Ryan Breeze  
Cindi Breeze

### Greeters

Hospitality Team

### Acolytes

1/1 - Bryson Arellanes  
Kyle Franklin  
1/8 - Aspen Cone  
Kennedy Black  
1/15 - Rebekah Ray  
Jenna Tursky  
1/22 - Evelyn Ball  
Brooks McGill  
1/29 - Audrey Davis  
Bailey Smith



### In Hospital:

**Linda Seubold (UAMS)**

### At Home:

**Mark Anders, Tom Gipson, Georgia Hutton, Kay Lockwood, Irene Oxford, Gary Pittman, Carolyn Silva, Debbie Stewart, Travis Teague, Connie Warren, Saylor Wilkinson, Dawn Yates**

### Assisted Living:

**Mary Coble (Crawford H & R)**

**Gerlinda Dibble (Willowbrook)**

**Geraldine Hurst (Pink Bud Home)**

**Wilberta Spears (Alma Rehab)**

**Jean Stratton (Crawford H & R)**

**Warren Taylor (Methodist)**

**Pike Robinson (Alma Rehab)**



### March 1

ASH WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE  
7 PM

### March 12

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME BEGINS  
SPRING FORWARD

### April 14

GOOD FRIDAY  
COMMUNION SERVICE  
7 PM

### April 22

COMMUNITY SERVE  
DAY WITH AREA  
CHURCHES

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

## FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP!

How is your personal walk with Jesus? Do you have a "quiet time" with Jesus each day where you spend quality moments reading the Bible, communicating with Jesus, and recording His responses? If not, you are not alone! Eighty-three percent of all evangelical Christians report that they do not spend regular time with Jesus each week outside of church services and Sunday School or small-group.

Of the 17% who said they do have a regular quiet time with Jesus, the average time they report spending with Him is 2-3 minutes a day. As I said Sunday morning in, at least, one service, "If you are looking to me to be your primary source of spiritual nourishment, you will be weak and anemic! I can supplement your daily bread, like a special Sunday brunch, but if you are being fed only once a week, you will be sorely malnourished!"

Let us buck this trend. There are so many helpful free resources available to you today. Let me recommend a few:

1. The **YouVersion Bible App**. Find this at [www.youversion.com](http://www.youversion.com). This app is free and has many free Bible reading plans and daily devotionals you can read on your smartphone, tablet or computer. The last two years I went through the Digging Deeper Daily Bible Reading Plan with Phil Fields. You can listen to him or read the scriptures yourself or do both simultaneously. This year, I am going through The Bible in One Year with Nicky and Pippa Gumble. You can read their devotional commentary each day and then read or listen to the scriptures. I love it. I always grow the most when I am reading through the whole Bible every year.

2. If this is too much for you, pick a less ambitious plan and stick to it – like reading through the New Testament in a year. Another great bundle of spiritual nourishment in a small pop is Daily Light on the Daily Path. This is how I first started reading the Bible as a new Christian 32 years ago. It is a short collection of scriptures on a single topic for each morning and evening and can be read in just a couple of minutes. You can get this online for free and have it emailed to you each morning and evening: [www.dailylight.co.uk](http://www.dailylight.co.uk).

3. I encourage you to get a journal and daily write, at least, five things for which you are thankful. Then listen to what Jesus may be wanting to communicate with you and jot that down. You might want to write out your prayer to him.

4. Finally, get with another believer or a small group regularly to share what Jesus is doing in your life and what the Holy Spirit is teaching you. Let us be strong, healthy, growing, and fruitful Christians. Personal discipleship is an important foundation!



Sunday, let's go "Into the Glory" together with our friend Moses! It will be a glorious morning! *In God's presence is fullness of joy!* Psalm 16:11.

Blessed to be following Jesus with you!

*Wes*



## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In honor of **STEVEN PEER** by:  
Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)  
In memory of **RUTH JAMES** (mother of Kip James) by:  
Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)  
Sue Stranathan (BF)  
In memory of **MAXINE FAHRNER** by:  
Sue Stranathan (BF)  
Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)  
Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)  
In memory of **BARBARA DELMONEGO** (mother of Rachel Mosher) by:  
Sue Stranathan (BF)  
In memory of **RAY GREEN** (father of Becki Kneeland and Rhonda Pittman) by:  
Sue Stranathan (BF)  
In memory of **LEE 'DOBY' JAMES** by:  
Sue Stranathan (BF)

BF-Building Fund YM-Youth Ministry

## SAVE THE DATE

Make plans to participate on Saturday, April 22nd, as we partner with area churches for our first ever Community Serve Day! Details coming soon!

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

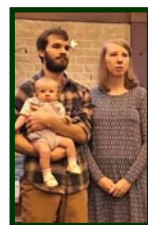
## JOY SEEKERS

Ladies, join us for lunch (Dutch treat) at 11 am Friday, February 3rd at the new location of Frank's Italian Restaurant in Van Buren.

## EMMAUS WALK

Emmaus Walks are scheduled in April for both men and women. Both walks will be held at Camp Siloam in Siloam Springs. Pilgrim applications are being accepted at this time. Informational brochures and registration forms are available in the Great Hall.

## PRAISES



**Noah Lee Engelke** was baptized. Son of Nate and Emily Engelke. Grandson of Eddie and Tammy Prince. Great grandson of Dick and Vi Pettit

**Talon James Ray** was baptized. Son of China and Brant Stillwell. Grandson of Rick and Angela Wilkins.



Dear Body of Christ,

Thank you so much for your faithful donation of Bibles! I'm so thrilled to share with you where your seeds have gone! Your Bibles have gone to different ministries from Fort Smith to Dallas, Texas and everywhere in between! Some of the types of ministries include: street preaching, prison units, and backpacks for the homeless.

I'm so excited to share with you an update as well! The Lord recently expanded this vision on a much greater scale with donations going to The Community Rescue Mission in Fort Smith. It's a homeless shelter that reaches out to those in need for the Fort Smith & Van Buren area. They take in families, single men and women. They provide hot meals, hot showers, a laundry facility, and a safe place to stay. Church services are held on Wednesday and Sunday. The gospel is preached and a word of HOPE is given to those that are hurting.

The next plan in this stage is to reach ALL of the homeless shelters in the area. The Lord is using us to make a difference! Thanks again for your faithfulness and being a Blessing!

In Christ,

*Radonna Sangster*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in volunteering as a hospital chaplain, for children's ministry, or in new moms' ministry, contact the church office at 474-6424.

## YOUTH

(grades 6th-12th)  
Join us Sunday, February 5th from 4-9 pm in the Block for our annual Super Bowl Party! There will be plenty of food, fun and fellowship!

## 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.

## TRAINING

Walk Ministry leaders, join Max and Leanna Garrett during the 9:30 or 11 am service for a short training session, on Sunday, February 12th in the Welcome Center.

## ROOTS CLASS

Want to better understand the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith? Join us Monday, February 6th at 6 pm at the home of Janice Podgurski.

## YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 and older, please join us for a time of food and fellowship this Thursday, January 26th from 6-8 pm in the Welcome Center. Bring a dish to share!

## FIRST SUNDAY

Want to belong to a life group or ministry at Heritage? Please join us Sunday, February 5th at 6 pm in the Welcome Center to learn more.

## ALTAR PRAYER TEAM MEETING

The altar prayer team will meet Sunday, February 12th at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not a current team member and would like to join, please come.

## SPIRITUAL REVIVAL—AGAIN?

By Bishop Gary E. Mueller

I made a statement about 18 months ago that I am even surer of today: The only way United Methodist Christians of Arkansas can be the disciples that Jesus calls us to be and grow the number of vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples equipped to transform lives, communities and the world is to build upon the foundation of spiritual revival.

This is not a strategy to reverse the decline of our denomination. It is fact. It is not something we engineer. It is something we passionately seek, receive as a gift from the Holy Spirit and embrace as the essence of our identity. It is not just another "damn conference program" that we have to fit in. It is the realization we are at our best when we allow God to lead.

So how are we doing with spiritual revival?

I have heard incredible stories that show the richness and variety of spiritual revival. From unexpected professions of faith to long-time members taking a huge leap in discipleship. From congregations reaching out to serve their neighbors to historically segregated churches becoming a place where racial reconciliation is beginning to occur. From churches that were dying on the vine to those very churches being vital the next year.

Yet transparency demands that I also share what I think you already know. We have a long way to go. A long, long way. And it's why I am talking about spiritual revival—again—in a very specific way.

I want to ask you to make a commitment to join me and thousands of other United Methodists throughout the state of Arkansas in praying for spiritual revival during the month of February.

- \* Spend **five minutes a day** praying for revival.
- \* Invite **five different people** to join you for group prayer once a week.
- \* Invite **five other people** to pray five minutes a day for spiritual revival.
- \* And if the Holy Spirit moves you, consider **fasting five times** during the week.



We are joining together in this kind of concerted prayer effort for a very simple reason: We want to experience more of Jesus' love, we want others to experience the same love we have and we want to be the kind of disciples who can't wait to pray for this to happen.

So will we? Honestly, I don't know. And that's okay. Because the Holy Spirit will do exactly the thing we need at the exactly the time we need it in exactly the way we need it.

Grace and peace,

*Gary E. Mueller*

## PRISON MINISTRY

If you are interested in participating in the chapel service at Wrightsville Prison for men on Tuesday, February 28th, contact the church office. For more information, contact Jake Ball at jakebonnieball@yahoo.com.

## PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, February 6th from 7-8 pm at Sunnyside Assembly of God in Van Buren.

## CELEBRATION INVITATION

Because you have shared in our lives and in the faith of this community, the members of First Presbyterian Church of Van Buren joyously invite you to attend the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the church building on Saturday, February 11th at 2 pm. If you have a special memory or picture of the church, please send it to 1stpresbyterianvb@gmail.com. Reception to follow. For more information call 479-474-2375.

## GRIEF SHARE

A new GriefShare Support Group has begun! 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.

## RUBIES WOMEN'S STUDY

Our new, weekly study on Mondays has begun! We meet from 9-11 am in the Welcome Center. We are studying Lysa TerKeurst's, *Finding I Am*.