

**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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## FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers

**8:05 am**  
Rick Moore  
Steve Kelton  
Alexis Boster  
Gary Podgurski

**9:30 am**  
Bob Merchant  
Jack Infield  
Joe Stewart  
Rob Thomas

**11:00 am**  
Justin Lovett  
Tim Schleiff  
Carey Wilson  
Danny Turner

**Greeters**  
Hospitality Team

**Acolytes**  
2/5 - J.D. Frederiksen  
Madeline Lee  
2/12 - Caroline Teague  
Ayla Elliott

2/19- Camden Curd  
Devin Franklin

2/26 - Aspen Cone  
Noah Good



**In Hospital:**

**Linda Seubold (UAMS)**  
**Ron Hall (Mercy Ortho)**  
**Marjorie Howard (Sparks)**

**At Home:**

**Kim Fimpel, Tom Gipson, Irene Oxford,**  
**Gary Pittman, Debbie Stewart, Connie**  
**Warren, Becky Whitley, Saylor Wilkinson**

**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 THE HEART OF YOUR WELCOME MINISTER...

Some of you have been asking me about our Greeters schedule. You are wondering when it will be emailed out or you are making sure you are scheduled for a certain month, etc. Many are surprised when I say, "We no longer have greeters". Well.....let me tell you a little story.

This past Fall, God started speaking to me about our hospitality at Heritage. He showed me how good it was, how welcoming it was, and how much we have grown as a congregation in that area over the past five years. I was very pleased with that until the next thing I heard was, "Becki it is really good but my people deserve **great**". I was caught off guard, and I immediately went to the negative. I started having doubts about my leadership ability, and what I was capable of doing. As I started praying and asking for direction, God began to reveal a new plan. I knew that I was not capable of doing anything in my own flesh but if I asked Him and relied on Him the result could be amazing. The first thing that He revealed was that we needed to move away from the term greeters and start using the term hospitality. This was given to me in 1 Peter 4: 9-11

*"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength that God provides."*



The next thing that was revealed was that we needed to start working in teams and that our hospitality teams needed to take this on as a ministry. We needed to look like a team, function like a team, and be committed as a team. So I prayed about what that might look like and who might be a part of this team. God blessed me abundantly with some wonderful names of people. Some said yes and some said no. However, the ones who said yes are committed to this ministry. I walked in to our first meeting and I was overwhelmed with what ministry looks like when everyone in the room shares the same heart for people. It was beautiful. I have begun to ask our Father to expand this ministry and to reveal to me others with this heart.

Therefore, when you walk in the doors of Heritage, or maybe out in the parking lot, or in the Welcome Center you will not see greeters. You will see people whose heart is hospitality. They all have matching sweaters or vest so that they are identifiable and they are committed to be standing at that post every week. They decided that being there every week was essential to them getting to know who our guest are and who has been here for a while. They are ready to pray and love on people at a moments notice. I love their hearts and enthusiasm. For those of you who are not standing at the front door anymore and receiving our guest, this does not let you off the hook. It just changes your location. You are now free to offer warmth and love in our Fellowship Hall, the Sanctuary, Great Hall, etc. Your opportunities are limitless.



Keep up the good work! Catch the vision! We are moving from good to great in 2017.  
*Becki Kneeland*





## MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM

In honor of **LYNDSAY RUCKER** (granddaughter of Kay Hays) by: Kay Hays (BD)  
In memory of **RUTH JAMES** (mother of Kip James) by: John and Margo Symonds (BF)  
BF-Building Fund BD-Birthday Fund

## 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.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Children's Camp for children entering grades 3-5 is July 23-25 at Pinecrest in Ozone, Arkansas.

## NEWCOMERS' DINNER

Join us for the next newcomers' dinner Thursday, February 16th at 6 pm at the Kneeland's. See Becki Kneeland for your reservation.

## SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

Bishop Gary E. Mueller wants to ask you to make a commitment to join he 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.

## PRAISES



**Jaxson Alexander Garcia** was dedicated. Son of Alex and Channing Garcia. Grandson of Mike and Pat Lenzini.

**Christina Bardes** recently joined and was baptized.



**Brian Howard** recently joined and was baptized.

**Martha Coles** recently joined.



## JOY SEEKERS

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

## YOUTH (grades 6th-12th)

Join us this 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!

## TRAINING

Sunday school, Life Group and Ministry team 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.

## ALTAR PRAYER TEAM MEETING

The altar prayer team will meet Sunday, February 12th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not a current team member and would like to join, please come.

## MISSIONARY OFFERING

If you have a birthday in February, you are invited to place an offering in our little, white church on the chancel rail during the announcements this Sunday, February 5th. Currently, birthday offerings go to support the Rupp family ministering in East Asia and Jake Hawthorne ministering in Canada..

## 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](mailto:jakebonnieball@yahoo.com).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## WESLEY HERITAGE TOUR

Join Dr. Robert Tuttle and Pastor Wesley Hilliard on the Wesley Heritage Tour of England May 15-23. Brochures are available in the Great Hall. For more information, email [Wes@whilliard@heritage.church](mailto:Wes@whilliard@heritage.church).

## PRAYER MEETING: NEW LOCATION

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, February 6th from 7-8 pm. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting has been moved to the Family Worship Center at 501 N 17th in Van Buren.

## RUBIES WOMEN'S STUDY

It's not too late to join our weekly study on Mondays! We meet from 9-11 am in the Welcome Center. We are studying Lysa TerKeurst's, *Finding I Am*.

## BAPTISM

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, February 19th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

## GRIEF SHARE

A new GriefShare Support Group has begun and it's not too late to attend! 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.

## BAGS FOR FOOD

The scouts will be handing out bags in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday, February 5th for people to take home and fill with canned food items. They ask that the bags be returned the following Sunday, February 12th. Everything collected will be donated to the Heritage Food Pantry. Last year, 3400 lbs. of food was collected and donated to our food pantry with 1200 lbs. of that being from Heritage! Let's see if we can surpass these amounts!!!

## FIRST SUNDAY

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

## 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.

## 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!

## SINGLES' FELLOWSHIP

Join us Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30 pm in the Welcome Center.

## WRITING MINISTRY

*Expressions'* meets Thursday, February 2nd 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.

## YOU'RE INVITED

We will have a *Mom and Baby Brunch* Saturday, February 18th from 10-11:30 am in the Welcome Center. Please join us as we celebrate the babies born to our Heritage family in 2016. RSVP to Alexis Boster at 501-912-1370 or [alexisboster@gmail.com](mailto:alexisboster@gmail.com) by Sunday, February 8th.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT U OF A WESLEY

### 2 Interns for Fall 2017-Spring 2018

U of A Wesley, a United Methodist college ministry at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, is seeking two full-time interns for the 2017-2018 academic year. Interns serve in the areas of outreach, discipleship, and missions; relate to students in one-on-one and group contexts; and assist with communication and outreach to ministry supporters. Additional gifts desired include experience leading small group Bible study, worship leadership, videography, and/or experience with social media. Bachelor's degree required. This position is a 9.5 month contract from August 1st, 2017 – May 15th, 2018 with compensation of \$12,920 plus housing. Insurance provided if needed. Applicants may email a cover letter, resume and references to Rachel Boatz, Wesley Administrator, at [wesleyoffice@centraltolife.com](mailto:wesleyoffice@centraltolife.com). For full consideration, apply by Sunday, February 5th.



### Worship Leader

U of A Wesley, a United Methodist college ministry at the University of Arkansas, is seeking a part-time worship leader. Primary duties include rehearsing and leading a student worship band. Contract is for up to 15 hours a week for the months of August-November 2017 and January-April 2018, with training and some additional hours in the Spring of 2017. Ideal candidate is an upperclassman or college graduate and a dedicated Christian who is proficient on acoustic guitar and can lead vocals. Applicants may email a cover letter, resume and references to Rachel Boatz, Wesley Administrator, at [wesleyoffice@centraltolife.com](mailto:wesleyoffice@centraltolife.com). If selected, applicant will be required to complete and/or submit one or more of the following prior to interview: 1) live audition, 2) video of candidate leading worship, or 3) video of candidate playing pre-selected worship songs. For full consideration, apply by Sunday, February 5th.