

## 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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## MARCH VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers

8:05 am

Nolan Broyles  
 Myron Kirksey  
 Scott Treece  
 Eddie Prince

9:30 am

Ed Buckalew  
 Harry Sher  
 Joe Johns  
 Ron Hall

11:00 am

Roger Burkert  
 Jon Harper  
 Matt Harper  
 David Harper

### Acolytes

3/5 - Madelyn Elliott  
 Jaylin Woodard

3/12 - Evelyn Ball  
 Audrey Davis

3/19 - Bryson Arellanes  
 Kyle Franklin

3/26 - Kennedy Black  
 Brooks McGill



### In Hospital:

**Georgia Hutton** (Chicago)

### At Home:

**David Hendrickson, Tom Gipson, Johnie Ruth Hammontree, Pat Lenzini, Katy Marsh, Terry McGonigle, Gary Nishmuta, Mary Nunnery, Irene Oxford, Gary Pittman, Linda Seubold, Carolyn Silva, Debbie Stewart, Velta Thomas, Connie Warren, Saylor Wilkinson**

### Assisted Living:

**Don Aspedon** (Valley Springs H&R)

**Steve Burns** (Fianna Hills NH)

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

**Gerlinda Dibble** (Willowbrook)

**Geraldine Hurst** (Pink Bud Home)

**Katherine Route** (Crawford H & R)

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

**Warren Taylor** (Methodist)

**Pike Robinson** (Alma Rehab)

### In Sympathy:

**Terry Williams and Family** in the death of her mother, *Mary Wrisinger*.

**George and Kay Williams and Family** in the death of their grandson, *Jonathan Dees*.



**April 2**

SPECIAL GUEST,  
 DENNIS JERNIGAN  
 ALL 3 SERVICES

**April 14**

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION AND  
 PASSOVER OBSERVANCE  
 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 ONE OF YOUR LAY LEADER'S HEART ... HERITAGE – PAST AND FUTURE

### ASK ME,

AND I WILL MAKE THE NATIONS  
**YOUR INHERITANCE,**  
 THE ENDS OF THE EARTH  
**YOUR POSSESSION.**

PSALM 2:8 (NIV)

Heritage Church was formed in 1985, as a union between First Methodist Church and St. John's Methodist Church. The roots of Methodism in Van Buren date back to 1840 and Methodism in the United States can actually be traced back to John and Charles Wesley visiting the Georgia Colony in 1736. Both locally and nationally, there have been many dedicated Christians who have labored to lay foundations upon which we are now standing.

They evangelized, disciplined, and taught. They traveled long distances in harsh and dangerous conditions. They built buildings, they sacrificed their finances, and they ministered to the poor, sick and hungry. They fasted and prayed and trusted God to

bring in a harvest of souls. We are their HERITAGE! We are the result of their faith, and we are the answer to their prayers. We have what we have because they did what they did. We should always be grateful that we sit under the shade of trees they planted.

So what is our Heritage? The word "heritage" can also mean "birthright," "inheritance," and "portion." Heritage does not only look backward but it looks forward also. There is something that we have been given that is ours and is waiting for us to take possession of it. We have been given this region, both geographically and spiritually. Our heritage is to see people get saved, healed, restored, and delivered from bondage. Our heritage is to see a revived church that is operating in power, love, truth and grace. The entire River Valley belongs to God and His people, and He is waiting for us to claim that which is ours.

Our heritage is in front of us and the key is prayer. Psalm 2:8 says, "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your inheritance." We thank God for the Heritage that has come to us from the past and we ask God to give us our Heritage of the future.



*Mike McSpadden*

Heritage Lay Leader  
 8:05 Service



## MEMORIALS

In memory of **MARY WRISINGER**  
(mother of Terry Williams) by:  
Donna Parker (BF)  
Dorvan and Mikie Wiley (BF)

BF-Building Fund

## NEED A WORD?

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

## DON'T FORGET

There will be NO community meal or TT Bible studies on Wednesday, March 22nd due to Spring break. Our regular Wednesday activities will resume on March 29th.

## RUBIES BIBLE STUDY

Join us every Monday beginning March 27th from 9-11 am in the Welcome Center as we begin our new study of Lysa TerKeurst's *Uninvited*.

## HERITAGE RIDERS

The weather makes this a good time to enjoy a nice ride. Join us Saturday, April 15th as we take OK 9 to Oklahoma City. We will leave from Heritage, eat lunch at the Cattleman's Steak House and then return to Van Buren sometime that evening. For more information, contact Max Garrett at 414-7757.

## HERITAGE SOFTBALL

We still need a few more for our Co-ed team this spring. If you are interested, contact Mike Kneeland by phone or text at 479-719-9274 or e-mail at mkneeland@vbsd.us.

## 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 at whilliard@heritage.church.

## CELEBRATIONS



**William Henry Shepherd** was baptized Sunday. He is the son of Mike and Emily shepherd.

**Judah Allen Martin** was baptized Sunday. He is the son of Brad and Audrea Martin.



**Jason and Bobby Johnson** joined Sunday. They have two children, Matthew and Makayla.



## YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 and older, please join us for a time of food and fellowship Thursday, March 23rd from 6-8 pm in the Welcome Center. Bring a dish to share!

## BRIDAL SHOWER

Join us for a bridal shower in honor of Madison Wagner on Sunday, April 2nd from 2-4 pm in the Welcome Center. She is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Target.

## SAVE THE DATE

Join us Saturday, April 22nd, as we partner with area churches for our first ever *Community Serve Day!* Details coming soon!

## HERITAGE PRESCHOOL

Registration for the 2017-18 school year has begun. Feel free to stop by the church office and pick up an enrollment form or call Shawna Seewald at 479-474-6424 or email at sseewald@heritage.church.

Welcome Worship Artist,  
Songwriter and Author,



**DENNIS JERNIGAN**

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:05, 9:30 & 11 am

## NEWCOMERS' DINNER

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

## UPCOMING SEMINAR

*The Discovering Greater Intimacy Seminar*, taught by Dr. Clifford and Joyce Penner is Saturday, April 8th from 9 am-4 pm at Cross Church Student Building in Springdale. The seminar will cover several topics including: pursuing sexual intimacy, difference and difficulties, and fulfilling God's design for sex. The Penner's are internationally recognized sexual therapists, educators and authors of over 10 books about sexual intimacy. The cost is \$30 per person (lunch included.) Register at [crosschurch.com/marriage](http://crosschurch.com/marriage). The Forging Place Counseling Center of Van Buren is a sponsor of this event.

## PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The next prayer shawl meeting is this Sunday, March 19th at 2 pm in the Welcome Center. Please join us!

## ONCE UPON A PROM DRESS GIVEAWAY

Prom dresses will be given away free-of-charge Saturday, April 1st from 12-4 pm at Heritage in the Children's Wing. This is for all girls ages 14-19 who have difficulty affording one. For more information, text Kim Tursky at 479-208-0063.

## FROM A SERVANT'S HEART



*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'* Matthew 25:35-40

In the midst of serving it can be easy to feel overwhelmed and discouraged by the amount of need all around us. We quickly forget that God did not call us to be fixers; He has simply called us to serve. With a background in child welfare, I have heard and seen the unthinkable. I vacated my position as a case-manager in Missouri after my husband received orders to New Mexico in 2012. I vividly remember telling God that I was NEVER going to serve in that capacity again. However, as I near the end of my Master's Degree program, I find that He is calling me in that direction

## CARE MINISTRY

Interested in serving others through our awesome food pantry? Join us on Sunday, April 2nd from 3-4 pm in the Community Room to learn the different ways in which you can be a blessing to others.

## YOU'RE INVITED

Pastor Steve Shepherd is ushering in Resurrection Sunday with three services at 7 pm on Thursday nights with different keynote speakers. Come experience "The Power of the Cross" at New Life Church of God in Christ in Fort Smith.

### March 23

Keynote Speaker:  
Pastor Tashala Devrow (House of Restoration, Fort Smith)

### March 30

Keynote Speaker:  
Pastor Patrick Kimberland (Butterfield Assembly of God, Van Buren)

### April 6

Keynote Speaker:  
Pastor Tim Sullivan (Northside United Pentecostal Church, Fort Smith)

once more, in one capacity or another. The feelings of sadness, hurt, disappointment, and the sense of not being enough are still fresh in my mind. How could I ever really make a difference? The truth is I can't, but He can.

In order to be fruitful, I must remember that Jesus has called me to serve Him. God's requirement that we serve Him is not for His benefit, but rather for our own; for true contentment is found only in living for Him. During this Lenten season I encourage you to use your God given gifts, talents, and resources to serve others. Perhaps you may want to prayerfully consider serving others right here at Heritage through one of our many ministries. Regardless of the lies the enemy tells us, we are never too busy or too broken to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

I pray that you will be blessed so you may be a blessing to others.



*"In the Kingdom of God, service is not a stepping-stone to nobility: it is nobility, the only kind of nobility that is recognized."* ~ T.W. Manson

Andelyn Wright

## COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Crawford County United Methodist Churches** will conduct joint services each Sunday during Lent rotating locations and pastors.

### Sunday, March 19th

Mt. Olive UMC

6:00 pm

Rev. Pete Beevers

### Sunday, March 26th

Mulberry UMC

6:00 pm

Rev. Bob Jeffery

### Sunday, April 2nd

Mountain View UMC with the help of Newberry Chapel UMC

6:00 pm

Rev. Daniel Thueson

### Palm Sunday, April 9th

Kibler UMC

6:00 pm

Rev. Jackie Gregory

### Good Friday, April 14th

Heritage UMC

7:00 pm

Were You There Drama  
Communion and Passover  
Observance

### Good Friday, April 14th

Alma UMC in conjunction with the River Valley Ministerial Fellowship

7:00 pm

Tenebrae Service

Light Refreshments to follow the Sunday Evening Services. Offerings to go to Shoal Creek Camp

## ROOTS CLASS

Want to better understand the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith? Join us Monday, April 3rd at 6 pm at the home of Janice Podgurski.

## HEALTHY CONGREGATION

Come to the office this Sunday, March 19th between 9 and 11 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.