

### 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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### FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE!

Today, our Band of Brother's Bible study and prayer group got to John 14. Mike McSpadden is our leader. In this passage, Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me ... Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. ... It is the Father, living in me who is doing His work ... Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the EVIDENCE of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these ..." John 14:6-12

Jesus is not political; therefore, He does not worry about being politically correct. He is the KING! He is the Son of God. He rose from the dead to prove it! Death has no final victory! He did not come to take sides. He came to take over!

When will we stop wavering to and fro and get with Jesus' Kingdom-advancing agenda to bring His salvation, deliverance, and healing to this dark and hurting world? We are coming up on the HIGH HOLY DAYS of the Christian faith. It is time to celebrate and proclaim His death, burial, resurrection, and final victory! Don't miss these amazing opportunities to do this in the next few weeks:

1. April 9, Palm/Passion Sunday: Let's Talk About The Shack Again! Why Jesus Had to Die.
2. April 14, Good Friday Communion and Passover: 7 p.m. Were You There?
3. April 15, 5 p.m., Holy Saturday Encounter Worship and Prayer Time, The Block (Student Life Center).
4. April 16, Resurrection Sunday: Hope for the Hopeless! Ezekiel 37
5. April 22, One Serve, Community Outreach Day, 8 a.m., meet in east parking lot of VBHS.

Arrows International Dance Company will be with us the whole weekend, April 14-16. Don't miss a moment for the Resurrected King to resurrect you!



Celebrating LIFE in JESUS!

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### APRIL VOLUNTEERS Ushers

#### 8:05 am

Mike Kneeland  
Mike McSpadden  
John Poole  
Benton Cone

#### 9:30 am

John Symonds  
Merle Katz  
Tom Konert  
Carol Ray  
Pam Thomas

#### 11:00 am

Justin Sangster  
Daniel Chisolm  
Nathan Elliott  
Grant Elliott

#### Acolytes

4/2 - Devin Franklin  
Camden Curd  
4/9 - Will McNeese  
Madeline Lee  
4/16 - J.D. Frederiksen  
Bailey Smith  
4/23 - Rebekah Ray  
Jenna Tursky  
4/30 - Caroline Teague  
Ayla Elliott



#### In Hospital:

**Kay Lockwood** (Mercy Ortho)

#### At Home:

**Mary Beth Autry, Jeanette Elkins, Tom Gipson, Charley Hartley, David Hendrickson, Georgia Hutton, Terry McGonigle, Dick Pettit, Gary Pittman, Linda Seubold, Carolyn Silva, Debbie Stewart, Shirley Touchstone, 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)



**April 14**  
GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION,  
PASSOVER OBSERVANCE  
AND DRAMA  
7 PM

**April 16**  
RESURRECTION SUNDAY  
ALL THREE SERVICES

**April 22**  
ONE SERVE  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY  
8 AM

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

**HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS**

In honor of **SKYLAR HAYS' BIRTHDAY** (grandson of Kay Hays) by: Kay Hays (MF)

In honor of **JUSTIN THOMAS' BIRTHDAY** (grandson of Kay Hays) by: Kay Hays (MF)

In honor of **GARY NISHMUTA** by: Fae Dyer (FP)

In memory of **MARY WRISINGER** (mother of Terry Williams) by: VB Elementary PE Teachers

In memory of **REV. HERSCHEL McCLURKIN** by: Joe and Trecia Lloyd (BF)

In memory of **STACY SHEARBURN** (niece of Darlene Craft and Debra Franklin) by: Bruce and Janet Johnson (BF)

In memory of **DR. JOHN I. MOOSE** (father of Allison Hilliard and John Allen Moose) by:

- Shirley Spillman (FP)
- Carolyn Loyd (BF)
- Linda Hill (FP)
- Janalou Devers (BF)
- Ron and Stephanie Smith
- Charles and Nina Sullivan
- Joe and Trecia Lloyd (BF)
- Connie Warren (BF)
- Fae Dyer (FP)

FP-Food Pantry  
BF-Building Fund  
MF-Missionary Fund

**EASTER LILIES**  
Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Resurrection morning. To place a lily in memory or in honor of someone please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or return it to the office with payment of \$10 per lily.

Placed (circle one)  
In Memory of      In Honor of

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

**CELEBRATIONS**



Willie Chism joined Sunday.

Justin and Hannah Good joined Sunday. They have five children, Elizabeth, Noah, Annabelle, Jonah and Evelynnn.



**BRIDAL SHOWER**

Join us for a bridal shower in honor of **Bryce Brown and Brady Condren** on Sunday, April 9th from 3-4 pm in the Welcome Center. She is registered at thankfulregistry.com and zola.com.

**IT'S A GIRL!**

Join us for a baby shower in honor of **Josh and Lindsay Staggs** on Sunday, April 30th at 1:30 pm in the Backyard. They are registered at Target, Walmart and Amazon.

**BIRTHDAY LIST**

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

**DRIVE THROUGH PRAYER MINISTRY HOLY WEEK**

Monday, April 10 thru Friday, April 14, Heritage will be offering a special and very unique ministry. We will have a prayer tent set up at the foot of the crosses on our church property. People will be invited to drive up the drive near the Clothes Closet building. From 7 to 8 each morning we will have some of our prayer warriors available to pray for those who take advantage of the opportunity to have prayer. Plans have been made so that you may stop, have prayer, and go on to work or school.

In addition we will have hot coffee and donuts for your physical refreshments. A drive through prayer ministry has been very successful in other locations. We are expecting it to be a very special time for a large number of people

If you desire prayer, please stop by and take advantage of this unique opportunity. If you would like to be a part of our prayer team, please call the church office. If we have enough involvement we may offer the prayer time for the entire day on Good Friday.

**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION**

All children are invited to participate in waving the palm leaves this Sunday, April 9th. They will need to meet in the Fellowship Hall five minutes before the service they attend.

**COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Sunday, April 9th:** Kibler UMC at 6:00 pm. Guest pastor is Rev. Jackie Gregory. Light Refreshments to follow the Sunday Evening Services. Offerings to go to Shoal Creek Camp.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S CAMP**

Register today for children's camp July 23-25 at Pinecrest in Ozone for children entering grades 3-5. Forms are available at the check-in stations and in the Great Hall.



#VBONESERVE

One of my favorite stories of caring is the starfish story. A young girl was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had been washed up during a terrible storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the ocean. People watched her with amusement.

She had been doing this for some time when a man approached her and said, "Little girl, why are you doing this? Look at this beach! You can't save all these starfish. You can't begin to make a difference!"

The girl seemed crushed, suddenly deflated. But after a few moments, she bent down, picked up another starfish, and hurled it as far as she could into the ocean. Then she looked up at the man and replied, "Well, I made a difference to that one!"

The old man looked at the girl inquisitively and thought about what she had done and said. Inspired, he joined the little girl in throwing starfish back into the sea. Soon others joined, and all the starfish were saved.

I know at times we feel overwhelmed by all the activities in our lives'. We become so focused on our own issues, we may miss an opportunity to reach out to others in need of help.

The Van Buren Pastors Fellowship is planning a community outreach event, Saturday, April 22 called *ONE SERVE*. This event will be a great opportunity to serve our community. Not

**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.

**WERE YOU THERE? GOOD FRIDAY DRAMA AND COMMUNION**



Six eyewitnesses of the crucifixion recall Jesus' final hours and compel the audience to consider their own response to His suffering on the cross. Communion will follow the drama observing traditional elements of Passover as kept by Jesus and the disciples at the "Last Supper". Join us Friday, April 14th at 7 pm!

only to serve, but to come together as the body of believers to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Psalms 133, 1: *How good and pleasant it is when God's people live (and work) together in unity!*

We are asking our whole congregation to participate in some way. There are many projects for which you can volunteer, or your Sunday School or small group may want to sponsor its own outreach project. As an example, your group could: clean up a school playground; rake leaves in a yard; clean gutters on someone's house. We also have several projects arranged that don't need you to plan, just make yourself available Saturday morning.

Please contact Pam James at the church office at 479-474-6424. Provide her with information about your group's project, your ideas for a project or your availability to help on this Saturday.

We will be meeting on the Van Buren High School parking lot, Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 8:00 AM for a time of fellowship and food. After a brief commissioning service, we will disperse to serve our community and show the love of Jesus! Most projects should be completed by noon.

Let's see how many starfish we can throw back into the sea of God's amazing love!

*Bob Bretsch*

P.S. Bring along your rakes, brooms, gloves, etc. ...  
"Making the presence of Jesus real in the River Valley and beyond!"  
#VBONESERVE

**JOY SEEKERS**

Ladies, join us for a light lunch at 11 am Friday, April 7th in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$5 to cover the cost. Janice Podgurski will show us the ceramics that are available to paint at her studio.

**COMING SOON**

Registration begins soon for Timothy Team & Tiny Tims! (children 2 yrs. old through 5th grade as of 8/1/17). We will be studying *Heroes of the Bible*. Deadline to register is August 6th. Registration forms will be available at the computer check-in stations and in the Great Hall.

**MISSING SOMETHING?**

Please stop by the office if you are missing your bible, eye glasses or a multitude of other items.

**LEADERCAST**

Leadercast is Friday, May 5th at VB Fine Arts Center. This is a great way to connect with leaders in our community and learn from great leaders around the world such as Andy Stanley, Tyler Perry and many more. For more information, contact Debbie Foliart at 479-883-5122 or to register, go to www.leadercastVB.com.

**BAPTISM SUNDAY**

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, April 23rd, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

**RUBIES BIBLE STUDY**

It's not too late to join us every Monday from 9-11 am in the Welcome Center as we study Lysa TerKeurst's *Uninvited*.