

### 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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### 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:

#### At Home:

**Mary Beth Autry, Jeanette Elkins, Tom Gipson, 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)  
**Charley Hartley** (HealthSouth)  
**Geraldine Hurst** (Pink Bud Home)  
**Kay Lockwood** (Alma Rehab)  
**Katherine Route** (Crawford H & R)  
**Jean Stratton** (Crawford H & R)  
**Warren Taylor** (Methodist)  
**Pike Robinson** (Alma Rehab)

#### In Sympathy:

**Lacey Kimsey and Family** in the death of her father, Troy Dodd.



**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



### RESURRECTION SUNDAY!

Invite your friends and loved ones as we **CELEBRATE THE RISEN KING** with Arrows International Dance Company this Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at all three services. We will preach from Ezekiel 37:1-14, *Hope for the Hopeless*. You don't want to miss out!

### 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 this Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm!

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

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of **REV. HERSCHEL McCLURKIN** by:  
Bob Bretch (SCC)  
The Marsh Family (BF)  
Shirley Spillman (FP)

In memory of **STACY SHEARBURN** (niece of Darlene Craft and Debra Franklin) by:  
Benton and Juanita Cone (BF)

In memory of **DR. JOHN I. MOOSE** (father of Allison Hilliard and John Allen Moose) by:  
Marilyn Lewis (FP)  
The Marsh Family (BF)  
Roger and Gina Burkert  
Bob and Terry Freeman (BF)

In memory of **MARJORIE HOWARD** by:  
Marilyn Lewis (FP)

In memory of **DON SPILLMAN** by:  
Marilyn Lewis (FP)

In memory of **PAUL SULLIVAN** (brother of Charles Sullivan) by:  
The Marsh Family (FP)

FP-Food Pantry  
BF-Building Fund  
SCC-Shoal Creek Camp

## CHILDREN'S CAMP

Children's camp is an exciting time of fellowship and faith building at Pinecrest camp in Ozone, Arkansas! The children will play games, swim, play night games and have Bible teachings. They will develop closer relationships with each other and their leaders! Camp is for children entering grades 3-5 this fall! The cost is \$75. Registration forms are available at the check-in stations and in the Great Hall!

## BLANKET CREW'S NEEDS

We need new or gently used, bath towels in any color. They will be made into bibs to donate to Methodist Nursing Home in Fort Smith. Donations may be placed in the office.

## DRIVE-THRU PRAYER MINISTRY HOLY WEEK

This week, Heritage is offering a special and very unique ministry. We have a prayer tent set up at the foot of the crosses on our church property. People are invited to drive up the drive near the Clothes Closet building. From 7 to 8 each morning and all day Friday our prayer warriors will be available. You can stop, have prayer, and go on to work or school.

We also will have hot coffee and donuts for your physical refreshments. A drive-thru 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.

## IT'S A GIRL!

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

## SINGLES' FELLOWSHIP

Join us Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Welcome Center.

## HERITAGE RIDERS

The weather makes this a good time to enjoy a nice ride. Join us this 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.

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

## PRAYER SHIELD TEAM

If you'd like to be on the Prayer Shield Team, which prays for Pastor Wes and his family monthly, please email Stephanie Watkins at [3stephwatkins@gmail.com](mailto:3stephwatkins@gmail.com)

## ENCOUNTER SERVICE

Please join us Saturday evening for a time of worship and prayer as we Encounter Jesus. We will start at 5 pm in The Block (the youth room on the 2nd floor of the Student Life Center). Aaron Jackson will lead us in worship and Pastor Wes will lead us in prayer. When you encounter the presence of Jesus, your life will be forever changed! Just ask the woman at the well!

## NEED A WORD?

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

## 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.

## REGISTER TODAY

Registration has begun 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 Sunday, May 21st. Registration forms will be available at the computer check-in stations and in the Great Hall.

## A LITTLE COFFEE, AND A WHOLE LOT OF JESUS



I was shopping at "Ooh La La" the other day and saw a t-shirt that I absolutely love. Not only is it stylish, but also in big letters it reads "A Little Coffee, And a Whole Lot of Jesus". That could very well be the slogan for my life. It definitely sums up the direction of our Welcome and Hospitality Team this spring. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some new things that you may see in the near future.

You may have noticed a new fresh look on our welcome team. We are decked out in **purple**. We should be easily identifiable. We will continue to have welcome ministers at the door, our valet parking will be available for inclement weather and special Sundays, and you will see some of us before you ever come in the building.

Which brings me to our next big thing. In addition, we have launched our new outdoor coffee bar. You will see a white tent on both sides of the church with all of your

## HEALTHY CONGREGATION

Come to the office this Sunday, April 16th between 9 and 11 am and have your blood pressure and sugar level checked.

## 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](http://www.leadercastVB.com).

## 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](mailto:sseewald@heritage.church).

## PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, May 1st from 7 -8 pm at Heritage.

coffee favorites available. On the days when the sun is shining and the weather is beautiful, you will be able to grab you a quick cup of coffee and some fellowship time with our welcome team.

On those not so sunny days (and there will be some), do not worry we have got you covered there too. If it is raining and you forgot your umbrella look for our Heritage Welcome Team to be out in the parking lot with our brand new Heritage Umbrellas. We have purchased six of the biggest umbrellas made. They are 80 inches in diameter and can easily fit a family of four under the coverage. Do not let the rain keep you away.

It is an exciting time to be a part of Heritage. Our welcome team wants to make sure that your experience with us is warm and inviting. Our goal is to usher in the presence of God through our love and hospitality. Come see us!



*Becki Kneeland*

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for their prayers and contributions towards my mission trip to Brazil in June. Without you and your faithfulness, this would not have been possible.

*LuAnn Donahou*

## WRITING MINISTRY

*Expressions'* will meet this Thursday, May 4th 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.

## CREATIVE ARTS ACADEMY

High school students, join others on campus June 11-16 for Creative Arts Academy at Ozark Christian College in Joplin, Missouri. Learn worship and creative arts from staff and professional artists in four tracks:

1. **Musical Arts:** vocal, instrumental, and worship leading
2. **Technical Arts:** audio production, sound design, lighting and stage design
3. **Visual Arts:** photography, filmmaking, graphic design, illustration, and animation
4. **Performing Arts:** theater, dance, and writing

**Plus:** guest speakers, field trips, evening worship, small groups, and more! For more information, go to [www.occ.edu/arts/creative-arts-academy](http://www.occ.edu/arts/creative-arts-academy).

## 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.

## YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55 and older, please join us for a time of food and fellowship Thursday, April 27th from 6-8 pm in the Welcome Center. Bring a dish to share!