

### 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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Bring your rakes, brooms, gloves, etc. and join us  
 this **SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND** at 8 am at Van Buren High School,  
 as we partner with area churches for our first ever  
**COMMUNITY SERVE DAY!**

After a short meeting, we will disperse to show the love of JESUS.

Contact Pam in the office with project ideas that you or your  
 life group have planned.

If you need a project, there will be others to choose from that morning.

### 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:

**Don Aspedon, Mary Beth Autry,  
David Hendrickson, Georgia Hutton,  
Terry McGonigle, Steven Peer, Gary  
Pittman, Carolyn Silva, Debbie Stewart,  
Saylor Wilkinson**

#### Assisted Living:

**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)  
**Jean Stratton** (Crawford H & R)  
**Warren Taylor** (Methodist)  
**Pike Robinson** (Alma Rehab)

#### In Sympathy:

**Steve Blythe and Family** in the death of his  
grandson, *Conner Rodach*.



#### April 22

ONE SERVE  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH DAY  
8 AM

#### May 1

RIVER VALLEY PRAYER MEETING  
AT HERITAGE  
7 PM

#### May 21

TIMOTHY TEAM REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE

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

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## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **BENTON CONE'S BIG BIRTHDAY** by:

Donna Parker (BF)  
Scott and Pamm Treece (BF)

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

Darrell and Rhonda Shook  
Gene and Linda Rankin (BF)  
Blenders' Life Group

BF-Building Fund

## 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.

## ROOTS CLASS

Want to better understand the Hebraic roots of our Christian faith? Join us Tuesday, May 8th at 6 pm in room 123. Lucy Barry will facilitate.

## NEED A WORD?

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

## WRITING MINISTRY

*Expressions'* will meet 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.

## 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.

## THANK YOU

Pastor Wes,  
What an awesome privilege and opportunity it was to be with you and the wonderful people of Heritage! Please thank everyone for their kind hospitality and wonderful generosity. Melinda and I were so blessed! Thank you!

In His love and Grace,  
*Dennis Jernigan*

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

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

## NEWCOMERS' DINNER

Join us for the next newcomers' dinner Thursday, April 27th at 6 pm at the Kneeland's. See Becki Kneeland for your reservation.

## PRAYER MEETING

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

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S CAMP

Children's camp is an exciting time of fellowship and faith building at Pinecrest camp in Ozone! 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!

## LILIES

If you purchased a lily for Resurrection Sunday, please feel free to take it home with you after the service this Sunday.

## EASTER LILIES

Rhonda Pittman in memory of Ray Green  
Mary Jo Kline in memory of Agnes Knittig  
Rob and Velta Thomas in memory of Rob's father, Dean Thomas  
Rob and Velta Thomas in memory of Rob's brother, David Thomas  
Rob and Velta Thomas in memory of Velta's father, Tom Harness  
Brandi Phillips and Lyla Wright in memory of Ashley Jewel Wright  
Dylan and Bailey Smith, Nathan and Connor Watson and Cade and Collins Everitt in memory of Grand-dad  
Marilyn Lewis, Conner Reichert and Shawn Wilson in memory of James Larry Lewis  
Darrell and Alice Goodlin in memory of John and Laura Gutt  
Darrell and Alice Goodlin in memory of Homer and Harriet Goodlin  
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Hopkins, Jr. in memory of Mrs. Glen Hopkins, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Hopkins, Jr. in memory of Mr. Glen Hopkins, Sr.  
Johnie Ruth Hammontree in memory of Calvin Hammontree  
Johnie Ruth Hammontree in memory of Gene Hammontree  
Johnie Ruth Hammontree in memory of Lucille Hammontree  
Donna Parker in memory of Johnny Parker  
Donna Parker in memory of Lena Russell  
Weifenbach Family in memory of Ken Weifenbach  
Juanita and John Wallace in memory of Dr. John I. Moose  
Myron and Teresa Kirksey in memory of Vanus Bartlett  
Myron and Teresa Kirksey in memory of Marie (Dot) Bartlett  
Pat Powell in memory of Tommy Dodd  
Pat Powell in memory of Johnny Parker  
The Belcher Family in memory of Lewis Belcher  
Roger and Gina Burkert in memory of Tommy Dodd

## A CHAPLAIN'S STORY

Of all the stories I could tell from my experiences as a volunteer hospital chaplain, one had such an impact on me—a real life lesson God gave me personally. About three years ago, at the start of my adventures as Chaplain Earle I went into the ICU ward at Sparks Van Buren. I had already visited a few patients and thought things were going okay...to be honest, I didn't feel real 'spiritual', kinda blah. As I entered the room, I noticed a young lady sitting up in her bed, her arms wrapped around her legs, deep in thought. I greeted her, told her who I was, and began what had become at the time a preprogrammed speech...asking her how she was, why she was here, how long had she been there, and so on. She answered my questions yet seemed distant & distracted. I asked her if she wanted me to pray for her and she said 'I guess'. So I prayed and turned to leave the room when Holy Spirit stopped me dead in my tracks! In an almost audible voice, He said 'Are you finished now?' 'I think so...' 'Go back and listen to her story!' I knew exactly what He meant. I had just finished reading the *Insanity of God* by Nik Ripken. He brought to mind

a Somalian woman who, although being helped with food & medicine, was angry & yelling at the workers. Nik asked her what was wrong... 'you're not listening to 'our stories'...not listening to us! What she had to say was important to her! I was cut to the heart! I was not listening to this girl's heart cry! So I turned back around, sat down in the chair by her bed and asked her 'tell me what's really going on...what's your story?' She immediately began weeping, telling me of a promise she made to God years ago in her youth group to stay pure until marriage but got involved with a boy and then with drugs! She thought God hated her and would never forgive her! Holy Spirit was there in all of His tender love and forgave, restored and filled her with His mercy, love and Spirit! What an honor I had to be a part of His grace and mercy!

God in His grace is working with me to be 'swift to hear, slow to speak...James 1:19. Learn to listen! When you don't know what to say or do...just listen! Holy Spirit will tell you what to say when the time is right! Just listen!

Yours in Christ,  
Earle Craft, Chaplain

## HALO REPORT(S) APRIL 4, 7, 10, AND 14

Halo men are 3-0 and the Halo Co-ed team is 3-1. On the 4<sup>th</sup> the Halo men began the season as defending league champions. The game was windy conditions. Kevin Lea had at times to aim his pitch toward 3<sup>rd</sup> base to get it over the plate. Men won game one over The Current before rain and lightning shut down the double header. On April 7th, the co-ed team started their season getting drummed 24-8. However, all 8 of our runs came in one inning. Game two, the Halo offense and defense were stellar and put down a good Outlaw team 13-5. On April 10<sup>th</sup> the men won two more games vs. First Assembly of God Van Buren Old team and First Assembly's Young team. An impressive display of power, speed and defense led to two come-from-

behind victories. On April 14<sup>th</sup> the co-ed team won two. Game One was a thriller. Down 8 runs in the last at bat, the Halos won on a Jason Lolley 2 run double 14-13. The top of the line up (Payton Allen, Jason Lolley, Ande Wright, Chris Rudsil (Rudy), & Chandler Graham) was awesome in both games going 22 for 30, scoring 17 runs with 15 RBI's in two games. Terry Porter, Madison Klomfas, Michael Schlem, Josie Hudson, Brandon Hudson & Tyler Goodnight went 33 for 56 with 9 runs and 11 RBI's. The team batted .627 in both games. Rudy hit 2 homeruns and Tyler hit one. Halo men will play Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 and 7:15. Coed will play Friday at 6:30 and 8:30. Come see us play.

## 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).



**SUNDAY | APRIL 30**  
**FOOD & OUTDOOR GAMES**  
*FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY*  
**5:45pm – 8pm | Heritage Church**