

**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  
 Pam Thomas  
 Alexis Boster  
 John Poole

9:30 am

Bob Merchant  
 Ed buckalew  
 Dorvan Wiley  
 Rob Thomas

11:00 am

Justin Lovett  
 Carey Wilson  
 David Fagan  
 Steve Kelton

**Acolytes**

2/4 - Abby Shepherd  
 Rhyan Yancey

2/11 - Aspen Cone  
 Camden Curd

2/14 (Ash Wednesday) - Annabelle Lovett  
 Maggie Adair

2/18 - Annabelle Good  
 Danielle Symonds

2/25 - Jenna Tursky  
 Rebekah Ray



**In Hospital:**

**Maurice Sagely** (Sparks FS)  
**Brittany Fagan Sebo** (Bpt in LR)

**At Home:**

**Nancy Bennett, Martha Coles, Fae Dyer,  
 Randy Mattox, James Minor, Steven Peer,  
 Dorinda Stewart, Bill Thomas, Anna Utz,  
 Connie Warren**

**Assisted Living:**

**Shirley Bromley** (Methodist)  
**Steve Burns** (Fianna Hills NH)  
**Mary Coble** (Crawford H&R)  
**Mary Dempsey** (Valley Springs)  
**Lavita Middleton** (Sebastian County Retirement Center)

**Paul Nash** (Crawford H&R)  
**Doris Ricks** (Brownwood Manor)  
**Warren Taylor** (Methodist)  
**Therese Zolk** (Valley Springs H&R)

**In Sympathy:**

**Anita Dowty and Family** in the death of her son, *Randy Burress*.  
**Shane Hubbard and Family** in the death of his grandmother, *Ann Morgan*.  
**Shelly King and Family** in the death of her mother, *Cathy Scott*.

**In Thanksgiving:**

**Chris and Virginia Shelly** in the birth of their son, *Henry Levi*. Proud big brothers are *Austin, Tyler, and Bryson*.



**February 14**  
 ASH WEDNESDAY

**March 2-3**  
 LAUGH YOUR WAY  
 TO A BETTER MARRIAGE  
 CONFERENCE

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

**FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART ... THE FIERY FURNACE!**



We have some very exciting messages ahead for us the next few weeks! We will look at Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. Has God ever let you go through furnace experiences? If so, why does he do that? We'll talk about preparing for fiery trials on Wednesday and about the furnace experience on Sunday! I know the LORD has a special word of encouragement for you!

Speaking of encouragement ... My trip to Ethiopia was such a blessing! Thank you to those of you who gave toward my trip. I look forward to telling you about it over the next few weeks. I am especially going to share stories at our County Ash Wednesday Service on February 14<sup>th</sup>. I pray you will make plans now to attend.

Just look at the thrilling stories coming up: Daniel and the Handwriting on the Wall (Daniel 5), Daniel and the Lion's Den, Esther: For Such a Time as This! God has a message for you through each of these ... Don't miss a single one! **Invite your friends without a church home.**

Your staff believes the LORD wants to save no less than 55 people through Heritage this year! Five will be baptized this Tuesday night at Cowboy Church, and I think we have 5 or 6 on Sunday at Heritage! After we get 55, let's praise the LORD and ask for 100 for Jesus in 2018! Nothing would thrill His heart more!

Great things are on the horizon for the Heritage Church family! I can't wait to see you Wednesday and Sunday!



*Wes Hilliard*

## MEMORIALS

In memory of **GERLINDE DIBBLE** by:

Wayne and Sue Weege  
Nancy Bicknese

In memory of **REV. TIMOTHY YANCEY, SR.** (father of LaToya Shepherd) by:

Wayne and Sue Weege  
Iris Hightower  
Lucy Barry (MF)

Benton and Juanita Cone (BF)  
Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

In memory of **JEAN STRATTON** by:

Wayne and Sue Weege

In memory of **BARBARA GREEN** (father of Rhonda Pittman and Becki Kneeland) by:

Wayne and Sue Weege

In memory of **DAN TURSKY** (father of Michael Tursky) by:

Wayne and Sue Weege  
Lucy Barry (WAF)

In memory of **RAYMOND PICKLE** by:

Wayne and Sue Weege

In memory of **DAVE HENDRICKSON** by:

Lucy Barry (CM)

In memory of **GIDEON JACKSON** by:

Lucy Barry (WAF)

In memory of **ETHEL MONTGOMERY** (grandmother of Rita Young) by:

Rita Young (HH)

WAF-Worship Arts Fund MF-Missions Fund  
CM-Children's Ministry BF-Building Fund  
YM-Youth Ministry HH-Hearts of Hope

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday Service on February 14th at 7 pm. \*All Bible studies will meet at the regular time but will dismiss early so that everyone will be able to attend.

## ROOTS CLASS

Want to better understand the Hebrew roots of our Christian faith? Join us Monday, February 12th at 6 pm in room 133. Lucy Barry will facilitate.

## THANK YOU

Dear Heritage & Pastor Max,  
Thank you for the love you showed to our family during the loss of our mom. You truly showed Christ's love through your actions. Thank you also for being a good church to my parents and a beacon to Van Buren.

*Andy & Janet Dibble*

## RESTLESS BIBLE STUDY

Women of all ages who are seeking a deeper relationship with God and other women, join us on Thursdays from 6-8 pm in room 121 beginning this week. We will study Beth Moore's, *Esther*.

## PRAYER MEETING

The River Valley Community Prayer meeting is Monday, February 5th from 7-8 pm at Butterfield Church in Van Buren.

## WRITING MINISTRY

*Expressions'* will meet this Thursday, February 1st at 5 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.

## WEDDING SHOWER

Join us for a shower Sunday, February 18th from 2-4 pm in the Community Room for Allison Sullivan and her fiancé Dillon Waller. The happy couple is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Walmart and Target. Please bring your favorite recipe on an index card to share with them.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

Do you travel and get personal items at hotels such as shampoo, deodorant, or lotion? The blanket team could use them to give to those with no homes. Items may be left in the church office in a sack/box with tag "blanket team" on it.

## LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE

We have begun a NEW Ministry at Heritage Church: OVERFLOW Marriage Ministries. We are kicking off this new ministry with a marriage retreat on March 2-3 (Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage DVD by Mark Gungor). This will be a fantastic time away in Eureka Springs for all married couples! There are only 3 spot left. Deadline is this Sunday, February 4th. For more information or to register, email Brian Seewald at bseewald@heritage.church.

## NEW CLASSES

It's not too late to join GriefShare on Sundays from 3-5 pm and DivorceCare on Sundays from 5:30-7:30 pm. Pastor LaToya Shepherd will facilitate both of these classes.

## JOY SEEKERS

Ladies, join us for lunch (Dutch treat) Friday, February 2nd at LaHuerta's in Van Buren.

## 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. \*Currently, birthday offerings go to support the Rupp family ministering in East Asia and Jake Hawthorne ministering in Canada.

## ONCE UPON A PROM

It's that time of year again! Please donate your gently used formal/prom dress so it can dance again! We need size 12 on up. Please bring them to the children's wing at Heritage on Saturday, February 10th from 10 am-12 pm. Please make sure the dresses are clean and in good condition.

If you can't come during this time, no problem! Contact Kim Tursky at 208-0063 and she can meet to pick them up.

## MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Luke 14: 28 & 29 (NIV) **"*28 Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it. 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you.*"**

Based upon the Heritage Building Committee's many discussions, prayers and the perceived area demographic growth, the committee unanimously recommended that we build a multipurpose structure to seat 1200 people. Fire codes require that we have a separation between the new construction and our original structure; our building committee is recommending that we create an atrium in that separation. This "connector" will be designed to accommodate the Christmas Eve meal overflow as well as function as an expanded welcome center for the multipurpose facility.

E Squared Architecture (Mr. Mark Evans) has been retained to design the approximately 3500 sq. ft. Phase I structure. Upon review and approval of the construction cost by the Heritage Board of Trustees, the targeted Phase I Atrium completion date is December 2018. The approximate 40,000 sq. ft. Phase II Multipurpose addition will be designed by Studio 6 architects under the supervision of Mr. Mark Evans. In

## FROM YOUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER'S HEART

What an exciting Sunday for a few of our children and families at Heritage. Five of our Heritage children have demonstrated saving faith in Jesus!!! They have decided to be faithful to the scriptural call to the outward symbol of the inward faith and are getting baptized this Sunday, February 4th!

In my position as Children's Minister I get to see incredible examples of discipleship within the church. I get to see families serving and discipling their children on a weekly basis. I really get to see the Kingdom of God at work when the congregation gets involved in discipling the children of the church. It is incredible to see church members giving up their time, energy and talents to make disciples in children's ministry.

This summer, I was fortunate enough to attend a parenting conference. The conference was about instructing and encouraging parents in teaching the children they've been entrusted with about Jesus. Much of the conference was dedicated to educating parents about why children leave the church when they leave High School. One of the biggest ways to ensure children

addition to the Phase II Multipurpose construction, the design team along with the Heritage Board of Trustees will evaluate the proposed 9800 sq. ft. Phase III shell space construction cost of the multistory children's wing expansion. The Phase III construction cost is being considered as a possible future construction cost reduction because of the labor, materials and job supervision that will be incorporated in the Phase II construction.

Other future construction phases being considered are developing the west wing classrooms and commercial kitchen facilities plus remodeling the existing church to accommodate additional staff spaces.

Again, based upon the Board of Trustees cost evaluation and recommendation to proceed, we hope to begin construction sometime in 2020.

Per the architect's contract, milestones are in place during each design phase in order that the construction costs are evaluated by the Heritage Board of Trustees and the Heritage Finance Committee so that, as the congregation representatives, the project funding and progress can be properly managed.

As a congregation, continue to pray for God's will that as His stewards, we make wise decisions for His glorify.

*John Symonds*, Chairman of the Heritage Building Committee

stay involved in the church is that they've served alongside and have developed relationships with five adults within their church.

I want to encourage you to pray about ways the Lord can use you in the lives of the children and youth at Heritage. Whose 1 of 5 could you be? What if you said "yes" to God's call on your life in this area? What ways could God use you to further His kingdom? You don't need all the answers, you just need to love the Lord and say yes if that's a call God's put on your life. Parents, be praying for the adults the Lord will bring into your child's life to come alongside YOU in discipling your kids.

In conclusion, I wanted to leave you with the baptism vows we say when children are baptized in the church.

*"With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that both children and parents are surrounded by steadfast love, that they may be established in the faith and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal"*



*Shea Marsh*