

**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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**NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

**Ushers**

8:05 am  
 Rick Moore  
 Alexis Boster  
 John Poole  
 Eddie Prince  
 9:30 am  
 Ed Buckalew  
 Joe Stewart  
 Rob Thomas  
 11:00 am  
 Roger Burkert  
 Jon Harper  
 Matt Harper  
 David Harper

**Acolytes**

11/4 - Abe Cone  
 Keila Tichenor  
 Maggie Adair  
 11/11 - Annabelle Good  
 Danielle Symonds  
 11/18 - Ethan Hurst  
 Matthew Carter  
 11/25 - Hayden Fontaine  
 Judah Martin



**In Hospital:**

**At Home:**

**Carolyn Bradford, Mary Dempsey, Jeanette Gardner, Claudine Keller, Bill Kelton, Mike Kneeland, Caleb Lester, Marilyn Lewis, Gary Powell, Gene Short, Steve Stapleton, Dorinda Stewart, Maria Sullivan, Bill Thomas, Connie Warren**

**Assisted Living:**

**Mary Coble** (Crawford H&R)  
**Jennell Dove** (Covington Court)  
**Fred Kozlowski** (Crawford H&R)  
**Lavita Middleton** (Greenwood Retirement Center)  
**Doris Ricks** (VB H&R)  
**Therese Zolk** (Valley Springs H&R)

**In Sympathy:**

**Family and Friends** in the death of our beloved, **Fred Kozlowski**.



**November 11**  
 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE  
 AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**November 18**  
 BAPTISM SUNDAY

Have a Prayer Request?  
 Email it to [prayerchain@heritage.church](mailto:prayerchain@heritage.church)

Join us for the  
 11th Annual Van Buren  
**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**  
 of Worship and Thanksgiving

6pm this Sunday, November 11th  
 at First Baptist Church

\*Childcare provided for birth - 4 years.



Guest Speaker,

*Joe White*

President and CEO of Kanakuk Ministries and founder of Kids Across America and Cross International.

Our offering for the Community Thanksgiving Service will go to the Impact Program - a donor supported service that sends home food for children in need in the Van Buren School District. We will include a card with each package of food saying the gift is from the churches participating in the Van Buren Community Thanksgiving Service.

## HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In honor of **DEBBIE THOMAS** by:

Hiltraud James (YM)

In honor of **ALICE GOODLIN'S BIRTHDAY** by:

Ron and Smokey McPhail (BeF)

In memory of **KAREN FARMER** (daughter of Ruth Morrison) by:

Ron and Smokey McPhail (BF)

Sue Stranathan

In memory of **MAURICE SAGELY** by: Nancy Sagely (WA)

In memory of **SHIRLEY TOUCHSTONE** by:

M/M Kyle DeJaegar

In memory of **REGGIE AND WANDA CHITWOOD** by:

Bill and Debbie Thomas (YM)

BF - Building fund WA - Worship Arts

YM - Youth Ministry BeF - Benevolence Fund

## DISCOUNT AT LIFEWAY

Stop by LifeWay Christian store in Fort Smith from now until Saturday and receive 20% off your purchase storewide—just mention Heritage Church to get your discount! \*Some exclusions apply. See store for details.

## LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED

If you are widowed, join us for a 'SHINE' Luncheon in your honor on Tuesday, December 4th at 12 pm. Contact the church office 474-6424 to RSVP by Wednesday, November 28th.

## BE A BLESSING

Give back to your community by serving Thanksgiving Day at Kiddie Kollege in Alma. They need volunteers to box up food, serve food, deliver food, and clean up. The fun begins at 9:30 am and ends at 1 pm. You can work an hour or the whole time, whatever fits your schedule. Please contact Malinda McSpadden at mcspaddingmalinda@gmail.com or Mike McSpadden at mmcspadding@almasd.net.

## REMINDERS

There will be **NO** Community Meal, Timothy Team, Surge or Emotionally Healthy Discipleship class on Wednesday, November 14th or 21st.

## ARMISTICE DAY

To celebrate peace around the world and in honor of the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, the end of World War I, we will ring the church bell at 11 am this Sunday, November 11th.

## BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized at church Sunday, November 18th, please contact the church office at 474-6424.

## YOUNG ADULT LIFE GROUP

A new life group is starting for ages 18-26. They meet bi-monthly on Monday evenings. If you are interested, contact the church office at 474-6424 or Jake Simmons at 221-5413.

## RUBIES TABLESCAPES

Join Rubies Women's Ministry as we host a Tablescapes Brunch Saturday, December 8th from 10:30 am - 12 pm. This is a time to bring together ladies to fellowship at a beautiful table with something good to eat. We will have a speaker who will share an encouraging message of what is on her heart.

All funds from this brunch will go towards the start-up of an emerging outreach ministry that will provide meals and ministry for transient and needy populations in the Crawford County area.

We ask you to decorate a table for your table of eight. You find 7 other ladies to join you at your table. You can purchase the table or ask the ladies you invite to pay for the ticket. Groups or individuals may purchase a table of eight for \$80, or individual tickets may be purchased for \$10. There are ladies who want to attend but do not want to host a table – please join us! We have started a list and will place these ladies at a table.

The theme for this event is Christmas or winter. If you don't have dishes feel free to use plastic or paper. Use any centerpiece of your choice to decorate your table. We will put a white tablecloth on the table. You can put a tablecloth of your choice over the top of that if you wish.

We will provide the brunch items and drinks. You provide the plates, napkins, silverware, cups and decorations.

For information on hosting a table, please contact the church office at 474-6424 or Pam James at pjames@heritage.church or Christi Wilson at wilsonchristi@ymail.com.

## PICTURES OF SOLDIERS

If you or a loved one is a veteran of the armed services, we would like to honor you this Sunday, November 11th. Please send a digital picture to the church office at office@heritage.church by Friday, November 9th at noon.

## JOY SEEKERS

We will meet at the new restaurant *Crazy Cajun-Mex* in downtown Van Buren. Invite a friend and join us for lunch (Dutch treat) and fellowship this Friday, November 9th at 11 am at 700 Main Street If you have any questions call Vesta Everitt at 471-5476 or Alta Poppe at 471-1780.

## HELP NEEDED

Debbie Thomas is collecting new or slightly worn jackets, hoodies and coats for ages 3-18. These will go to children in our local schools who may not have one. For more information, contact Debbie at 651-0810.

## VETERANS DAY 2018

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ended. At 5 am that morning, Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car outside Compiègne, France. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France, and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation, or exposure. Over 40 million people were casualties! The "Great War" was known as "the war to end all wars." It obviously was not! Men and women continue to fight in every corner of the world. Today there are at least 60-armed conflicts worldwide. These conflicts have cost over 100,000 lives in 2018 alone.

This world is—and has always been—a dangerous place. Even Nehemiah was forced to use half of his labor force to protect the rebuilders of the wall (Nehemiah 4). This Sunday is a special day. This is a day set aside to remember our veterans. We thank God that there are men and women willing to stand in the line of fire to protect our nation and our freedoms. We thank our veterans; without their courage and without their sacrifice we would not be free!



Roger Goins

**"I love you. I want to spend the rest of your earthly life with you, just as much as I want to spend eternity with you."**

*And in that moment, a grace came over me and unlocked my heart.*

*In worship I wasn't just singing along with words on a screen, but I saw each word come to life and I understood them completely for the first time.*

*I didn't strive to feel your presence in my prayers today because I knew you were sitting right next to me, holding my hand.*

*Realizing that you've been sitting there waiting for me to acknowledge you all along, has unlocked my heart to intimacy and has changed the way I see and experience the Father forever.*

*I am forever changed.*

**He said "Yes I miss you too."** Wow!! That first line got my attention and broke my heart. I guess I had never thought about God missing me. As I processed that I realized just how much He loves us and wants to be a part of every corner of our lives.

Since first reading this, I wake up every morning and check the foot of my bed. Sure enough, there He is just waiting on me. I then take the time to visit with Him about what we are going to do today. He spends every day with me, even those days when I don't always acknowledge His presence. As I continue to strive to be the man God wants me to be He remains faithful even when I am not.



I can only take credit for the last couple of paragraphs but my eyes were opened as I read this article for the first time. I am becoming more and more aware of how much God loves me and wants to be my friend. I hope this blesses you as it has me.

God loves you and I love you! Steve Kellon

## GRIEF SHARE AND DIVORCE CARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Surviving the Holidays is especially for people who are separated, divorced or grieving a loved one's death.

You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- Ways to give your kids a good holiday experience
- How to discover hope for your future

Join us this Saturday, November 10th for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. Call today to register: 474-6424. Deadline is this Thursday, November 8th.

