

May Calendar

2 Finance 6 P.M

5 National Day of
Prayer

7 Reading Warriors
11am-1pm

8 Mothers Day
Sun. School: 9:00
Worship: 10:00
Choir Practice: 4:00

9 Council Meeting
6pm

14 UMM 8:30 am
Reading Warriors
11am-1pm
Fellowship & Sanct
2 pm

15 Sun. School: 9:00
Worship: 10:00
Choir Practice: 4:00

16 UMW: 5:30 pm

21 Reading Warriors:
11 am—1 pm

22 Sun. School: 9:00
Worship: 10:00
Choir Practice: 4:00

26 Visual/Hearing &
Super Senior 11:30 am

29 Sun. School: 9:00
Worship: 10:00
Choir Practice: 4:00

30 Memorial Day
Office Closed

Heritage Herald

Heritage United Methodist Church

May 2022

Mothers Day



So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. *1 Corinthians 13:13*

We will gather on May 8th to celebrate Mothers Day; a day to honor the women in our lives who have mothered and mentored us. We also remember Mary for the blessed birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Her children arise and call her blessed; her hus-

band also, and he praises her: Many Women do noble things, but you surpass them all. *Proverbs 31:28-29*

We give thanks for the love and care that so many have given us throughout our lives.



Reading Warriors

The Reading Warriors have much to offer such as:

- A room full of reader mentors
- Shelves full of free books
- A showcase of prizes
- A puppet show

• Plenty of food
We're ready and eager with more books, prizes, lunch, and some magic. Join us Saturdays from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. each Saturday to have fun and help children improve their reading skills.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sun. School 9:00 Worship 10:00 Choir Practice 4	2 Finance 6 P.M	3	4 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	5 National Day of Prayer	6	7 Reading Warriors 11:00– 1:00
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Parables Bible Study

“It’s a mystery.” How many times have you heard that when it comes to understanding the Parables of Jesus Christ? Join Pastor Terry for Bible Study on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to unlock some of the parable mysteries.

New Office Hours

The church office is open Monday and Thursdays from 9-5. If you drop by the church at other times, you are likely to run into Pastor Terry or Jodee working but if you definitely need something, Monday and Thursday’s are your best bet for help from them.

A Heritage Welcome

Please help us welcome Jodee Rudder to our Heritage family. Jodee is our new church secretary and will also be functioning as our digital media manager.

Jodee is a student at MGCCC studying Criminal Justice, mother to Amelia and Marshall, and wife to Eddie. She and her husband are veterans of the U.S. Army. In her free time she enjoys video games and riding horses.

Adaptability

Please Read Acts 18:1-11



I once had this spider who made her home in one of my elephant ear leaves. She stayed so long, I named her Charlotte after another very adaptable spider. Charlotte like other spiders is very adaptable. If a hard rain comes along and washes them away, they either make their way back and start repairing their web or they pick a new place to set up residence and get to work establishing a new web.

Paul was adaptable. He could make his home anywhere. It didn't matter to him if he had to incorporate his old skills with his new calling. He had no problem earning a living while sharing the gospel. He could sleep comfortably in someone's home or in jail. His faith was strong—very strong—that he could just about make any situation work. He was happy to rest. He was happy to work hard

as long as he could tell others about Jesus Christ. Even when he complained about the “thorn in his side”, he accepted the pain as a part of his life and adapted to ministry in the midst of pain. But it did not stop him.

Sometimes I am like Paul and Charlotte. Even before I became an itinerant pastor and a survivor of Hurricane Katrina, I learned that I can make my home anywhere. I can adapt to strange situations and I am comfortable in familiar situations. I am not afraid to work hard, and sometimes—sometimes— I am happy to just “be”. However, I find am not as adaptable as I once was. I used to be ok with some of the wrongs of society. When I saw a homeless person, I rarely thought about them as a person who had feelings and struggles in life. When my older kids were growing up and vis-

iting their grandmothers in nursing homes, I would walk right by all kinds of folks not really noticing them—not really trying to even smile at them.

But now like Paul, Jesus Christ just won't leave me alone. No longer am I ok to listen to derogatory remarks made by someone towards another. No longer am I ok with prejudice and brutality. No longer am I ok with walking through my day; my life with blinders on. I want to see what is wrong in the world so I can be a partner in making it right.



April 30th Yard Sale/Fish Fry Huge Success!

“Let me take just a moment to again thank everyone who helped make our yard sale/bake sale/fish fry a huge success. It was hard to believe so many items were donated. It took over two hours to move everything from the fellowship hall, warehouse, Jubilee Center and pavilion (yes, we had so much that we had to use the pavilion for storage) to the front lawn for the sale. More impressive to me was the fact that we had over 30 volunteers who showed up by 6 am and most stayed till after 3 pm helping anyway they could. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.



Now that this event is behind us, it's time to move to the next adventure. During the process of collecting items for the yard sale, several people mentioned they had items that they would like to do-



nate for a fund raiser but felt the items were too valuable for the yard sale. The Heritage Finance Committee met on May 2nd and decided to conduct a “silent auction” to raise additional funds for the general budget. Tentative plans are to start receiving these items beginning early June and have them available for review by June 12th. We will conclude this event on Sunday, June 26 with a picnic type luncheon after the morning service. More details will be forthcoming. This is where we need your help. If you have any experience working with events like this, we need you to volunteer to help. A lot of work will be required before the auction begins. Also, if you have items of value that you would like to contribute, we will start collecting them on June 1.

On a different but related financial subject, we need you to mark your calendars for our annual stewardship drive which will start on September 11th and conclude on October 2nd. This drive will be centered on an Adam Hamilton book entitled “Enough; Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity”. The Rev. John Branning of the Methodist Foundation is scheduled to bring the message on September 25th. We need several people to step up to assist the Finance Committee with this event.

Any questions can be directed to Jack Anderson, Kevin Weaver or any member of the Finance Committee. “

Submitted by:

Jack Anderson, Co-Chair

Heritage Finance Committee

Church Pews Available



The church has between 3 and 5 surplus Church Pews that any member that has their eye one may claim for the price of a donation from your heart. Simply reach out to a member of the UMW to offer the donation and the pew is yours. Thanks, Trustees.



Happy Memorial Day!

Let us celebrate the lives and service of the men and women that have served our beautiful country, both past and present. God bless them all.



The month of May is Mental Health

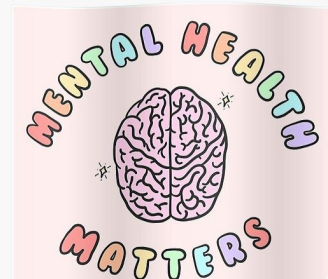
Awareness Month.

You are loved.

You are seen.

You are beautiful.

"..And the peace of God, which Transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:7



May Birthdays

1. Lisa Sanders: 4 May
2. Dot Ellis: 6 May
3. Kathy King: 13 May
4. Jackie Richards: 19 May
5. Shirley McGonagle: 23 May
6. Kevin Mullen: 24 May
7. Chris Powell: 24 May
8. Cherie Ruff: 24 May
9. JoAnn Tarrant: 26 May
10. Eric Mullen: 28 May
11. Doris Fetters: 28 May
12. Ron Ellis: 28 May
13. Mike Powell: 31 May
14. Sylvia Stringer 31 May



Recycle... Recycle... Recycle...

In case you didn't know... We have a group of men who work each week preparing "gathered" and "found" metal scraps, cans, cords, etc. to recycle. The funds are used to stock and maintain the warehouse so that it is ready in times of disaster and need. And you can help in their mission. Please bring your CLEAN aluminum and tin cans, Christmas lights, etc. to the warehouse. You can leave them in a bag near the door. We thank you for supporting this ministry and keeping them busy and out of trouble (LOL) in advance!

Bethel and Bethesda Free Clinic Needs

United Methodist Women support Bethel and Bethesda Free Clinics and are collecting these needed items for the clinics: toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, and plastic bags. UMW will

collect donations of these items until April 10th. You can place your donations on the table in the narthex.

The Bethel Clinic is also in need of volunteer medical help. You can volun-

teer on regular days/times or occasionally. As you might imagine, their staffing needs are great so if you or someone you know has time to give, please contact them at 228-594-3640.

United Methodist Men

The UMMen will meet on the third Saturday (Apr 16) at 8:30 for breakfast and a short meeting. Afterwards, the men will start moving some excess furniture from the second floor to get it ready for the yard sale.



United
Women
in Faith

United Methodist Women

The Heritage United Methodist Women will have their monthly meeting on the third Monday (Apr 18) at 5:30 pm. All women are encouraged to attend.



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**METALS
ONLY**

Jubilee Center

Activities - May 2022

A Report on the Mission of God's Gift to the People of God.....

Director Maryann L Graczyk 228- 331-9126

Two special areas, parts of the Jubilee Center complex, are dedicated to prayer. At the open-air garden rear of the building, roses are in full bloom, welcoming butterflies to the milkweed located at the bases of large crosses. Splashes of yellow blooms are already beginning to emerge from what may appear to be mounds of dead twigs but are actually dormant plants coming awake in warmer weather. Prayers in this garden may be attended by the songs of birds, the laughter of children from the Noah's Ark playground, or other distant sounds. All of this contributes to building a link between prayer and realities.

The prayer room on the front of the Jubilee Center is best suited as a meditation environment. Flowering vines enclose this room, affording some privacy along with a pleasant, relaxing scent. Noise, if any, is either denied entry or minimized. Vegetation outside of the room add to its attraction as a special prayer retreat.

We each have reason to make time for prayer. For some, it includes getting away from the familiar places of our everyday lives. How blessed Heritage Methodist Church is to have two such places of prayer available.

Friday May 6th 9-10:30 A.M Ministry with the poor stamp committee. Eight volunteers needed. Need: 4 volunteers to wash/dry and 4 volunteers to sort/count/bag. A few guidelines: Do leave at least 1/2 inch of paper around the stamps when cutting stamps off other envelopes

Do not cut stamps off of airmail, war time mail, old mail, or first day covers.

Do not separate 2 by 2 stamps or a line of 4 stamps or se-tenants

Do not give us cinderellas (organization give aways that look like stamps but are not)

Sunday May 8 after service stop at the Jubilee Center for a special treat

Thursday May 26 11:30-1 Joint meeting of Visual/Hearing and Super Seniors support groups. Special topic—Medicare speaker followed by Q and A.

Many Seniors who want to attend these programs do not have transportation.

A few Seniors provide rides. More are needed. Let us know if you can help.

Volunteers needed: Pick your day, your hour, your work area.....

Paint the inside front door.....> **OR** <..... weed the prayer garden.....> **OR** <..... weed the front of the Jubilee Center.....> **OR** <.....check the ball mitt box to keep or toss the choices.....> **OR** <.....treat the rust near the front door. All help is appreciated.

Entry into the Jubilee Center is now through a code system. If you need to get into the Jubilee Center and have not been assigned a code, please call me at 228-331-9126



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Camp Wesley Pines

Clash of the Clergy

Pastor Terry is competing in the 2nd Annual Clash of the Clergy at Camp Wesley Pines May 14, 2022. As you can see, she is already practicing for the tricycle race! Each competitor is responsible for raising \$1500 to compete. You can help her meet her goal by giving by check or at <https://wesleypines.com/give/>. The funds will provide scholarships for campers. Pastor Terry thanks you in advance!

