

September  
Calendar

1 Drive thru Prayer 11-1:00

3 Worship: 9:00

Sunday School: 10:15

Seashore Highland: 3:00

Choir Practice: 4:00

4 Memorial Day

Office Closed

10 Worship: 9:00

Sunday School: 10:15

Choir Practice: 4:00

11 Visions Meeting Noon

Administrative Board 6:00

12 Planning Mtg for Holy

Land Trip at The Bridge 6:00

14 Finance Meeting: 6:00

16 UMM: 8:30

17 Worship: 9:00

Sunday School: 10:15

Fellowship Luncheon 11:30

Seashore Highland 3:00

Choir Practice: 4:00

18 UMIF 5:30

23 Harvest Fest Mtg 11:00

24 Worship: 9:00

Sunday School: 10:15

Worship Meeting 2:30

Choir Practice: 4:00

# Heritage Herald

Heritage United Methodist Church

September 2023



2 Eric Ownbey

Jeff Lacoste

4 George Trent

5 Laura Cook

6 J D Matta

Barbara Yeager

8 Annabella Butler

10 Leanne Burris

14 Scott Senecal

15 Susan Butler

Mary Ownbey

18 Tabitha Rayburn

19 Nakoda Hines

21 Cathie Ownbey

22 Albert Pearson

Austin Layman

23 Harold Tucker

Kathy Stover

24 Pat Shorey

Patsy Richards

28 Daniel Mullens

29 Linda Caruso

## DRIVE THRU PRAYER

Will be on September 1st this month from 11-1:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help. Come out and support this ministry. Hope to see you there.





## Pastor Cliff's Thoughts...

### Disciples are “Filled” with the Holy Spirit

In his letter to the church in Ephesus, Paul emphasizes the Spirit with this contrast, “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but *be filled with the Spirit*” (Ephesians 5:18, ESV). Remember, the Day of Pentecost is when all believers were first filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4). It’s interesting in light of this verse that the crowds who witnessed the believers mocked among themselves that they’d been “filled with new wine” and Peter had to explain that they weren’t drunk (Acts 2:13-15). Multiple times in the book of Acts we read about believers being filled with the Holy Spirit who had already been filled with the Holy Spirit. Peter in Acts 4:8, a whole group of believers in Acts 4:31, Stephen in Acts 6:3 and 7:55, and Paul himself in Acts 9:17, and 13:9. Now here in Ephesians 5:18 Paul issues a command that believers who’ve already been sealed with the Spirit (1:13) be filled with the Spirit.

The actual grammar here, which is occasionally lost in English translations, reveals more. It can be stated like this, “All y’all, keep on being filled with the Spirit.” It’s addressed to them all, not just one, not just special believers, or the really committee ones. The Spirit’s filling is for all. It is also a command, not an optional additive to the faith. This filling is an act of the Spirit moving upon them, not something they do with the Spirit or to the Spirit by attempting to gain, grasp, or control the Spirit. And it’s to continue. Just because we’ve been filled in the past doesn’t mean we don’t need to be filled again. As Martin Luther put it, “we leak.”

Putting this together with the recurrences of people being filled with the Spirit in Acts gives us the understanding that disciples of Jesus are to have a life of ongoing fillings with the Holy Spirit. I like to emphasize to people who are new to the faith, “There’s MORE”. However you have believed, sensed, experienced, been led by, known the Spirit of God, you have not exhausted these encounters. There’s more.

No wonder Paul, when he first arrived in Ephesus and met some disciples asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit. What about your life and faith reminds you that the Holy Spirit wants to fill your life fully with his presence? Be filled! You’ll be glad you did.

Cliff Burris

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## ***2023 Mid-Year Financial Report***

Greetings and blessings from your Committee on Finance. As we enter the second half of 2023 and begin to develop a financial plan to fund our ministries for the coming year, we would like to provide a snapshot of our current financial position. First, we wish to thank you for your generosity in support of our ministries through your prayers, gifts, and service. Without member support our ministry in the community, and beyond, simply would not be possible.

As we have previously reported, our budget plan for 2022 was adopted at \$246,841 while the financial gifts toward the budget totaled \$178,510, or 72% of the budget plan. For the current year of 2023, open staff positions were held unfilled and the budget plan (expenses) were reduced everywhere possible resulting in a 2023 budget plan of \$214,642. Additionally, open staff positions were re-evaluated and are to be filled specifically as needed and income supports filling. Thanks to your generosity, the church secretary position has filled. The next consideration will be the open housekeeping position.

As we reflect on the current year though June, we are encouraged that gifts (member giving) and other income (fundraisers, rental, Jubilee etc.) was \$96,101. As of June, our giving trend now represents 89% funding of the 2023 budget plan. We wish to report that Heritage UMC is current on our financial obligations to date which includes purchases, salaries, and apportionment shares. (Thank You Church!) Please trust you Committee on Finance and Treasurer are constantly reviewing expenses and income to keep the Administrative Council, Pastor, and membership informed.

Love in Christ,

Your Committee on Finance

PS: Did you know you may choose to exercise your joy in giving on-line or by using an app on your smart device? On your device, simply download the free Vanco Mobile App for your app store and follow the instructions to set up one time or recurring gifts. Be sure to select Heritage United Methodist Church when selecting the payee. (Look for the magnolia blossom with the General Budget tab.) In August we will also begin including and UPC code in your bulletin for your smart device also.



## **UWIF NEWS**

United Women in Faith (Formerly known as United Methodist Women) will resume their monthly meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. All women are encouraged to attend. Please come and see what we are doing. Need more information, contact Julene Anderson at 228-872-3471 or 251-213-1889.



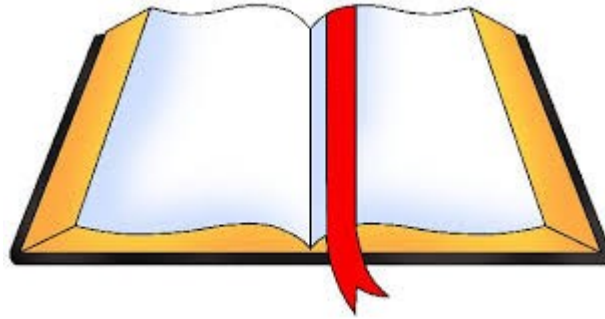
## **JUBILEE CENTER**

The Jubilee Center has been booked from June 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of November. It will be used Monday through Sunday each week, please do not use this facility at this time. Thank you.



## **UNITED METHODIST MEN**

The United Methodist Men (UMM) meet every 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Breakfast and a meeting. This is open to all members of the church.



### ***WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY***

Our Wednesday night Bible Study will resume on October 4 at 6pm. Please make plans to join us and grow in your faith as we study God's word together.



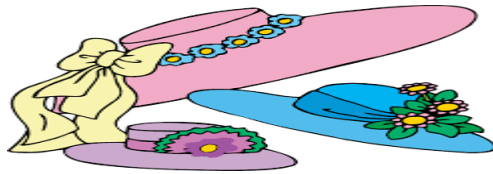
### ***Recycling Opportunities***

Thank you for your participation. Because of your help we have raised \$1,000 which has been placed in our general budget for this year. You can bring your clean aluminum and tin cans, Christmas lights, items with copper in them to the warehouse for recycling. We have a group of men who work each week to separate and prepare metals for recycling. The funds from the recycled metals are used to stock and maintain the warehouse and in disaster work. Please place your CLEAN recyclables in bags and leave them near the warehouse door. Thank you for helping in this ministry!



### ***NOAH'S ARK CHAPEL***

Noah's Ark WEEKLY chapel for our kids at Noah's Ark Childcare meets Thursdays at 9:30 A.M. in the Heritage UMC Sanctuary. Please join us one week for devotion..



### ***HAT SUNDAY***

Don't forget the first Sunday of each month is hat Sunday. Ladies wear your hat to church Sunday.



Fellowship Luncheon will be held on Sunday, September 17th at 11:30 am.  
This will be our monthly fellowship luncheon. Bring a covered dish to share.  
Bring your neighbors, family, and your friends.  
Enjoy a time of fellowship. Hope to see you there.

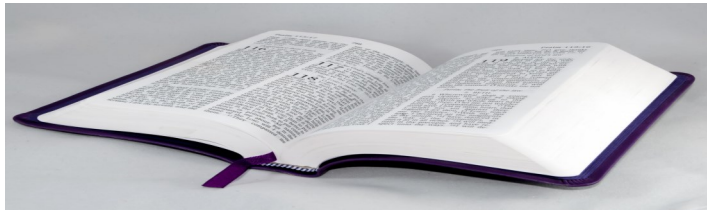


### **OFFICE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 5th at 8:00 a.m.

## **ALPHA BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10TH**

Alpha is an 11-week introduction to the Christian faith for people at any stage in their faith life. Invite a friend and join us at The Bridge UMC from 5pm-7pm for a meal and a conversation beginning on Sunday, September 10. The Bridge is located at 3179 Mallett Rd. in D'Iberville.



## **HOLY LAND 2024 INTEREST MEETING**

Who wants to tour the Holy Land? We (Cliff & Leanne) are planning a trip for September 17-26 in 2024. If you are interested in traveling with us or simply in finding out more, please join us at The Bridge UMC for a planning meeting where all of your questions can be answered on Tuesday, September 12 at 6pm.



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Worship Committee will meet on Sunday, September 24th at 2:30 p.m. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

## UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

We are updating church members' information in the office. Please fill out the "Guest Information" portion of the bulletin to ensure your information is updated. Include your birthday also. If you are not receiving texts or emails regarding upcoming events, please contact the church office at 228-392-4288 with your contact information.



### Ongoing Prayers

Lloyd Peebles  
 Brita Stewart  
 Maryann Graczyk  
 Buddy Vuyovich  
 Norma Jean Hart  
 Mary Throop  
 Lizzie, Addie, & Aubree  
 Pat Agregard  
 Marion Couch  
 Pat Shorey  
 Linda Ellis Darphin

### Shut-Ins

Benny Hue Jordan  
 Betty Martin  
 Ray & Margaret Roberts  
 Peggy Hubert  
 Lollie Cauthen  
 Mary Scott

### Prayers This Week

Yolanda Hines	Edward and Sandra Ivy
Michael Armstrong	Brenda Weikle
Kathy Louderback	Jane Sutton and Family
Sam Shorey	Dave Perry
Larry Brown	Mia Hill
Shannon Tiblier	Christy Hipsh
Jimmy Emile	Troy Buis
Family of Mike Gilmore	



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### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

The Worship Committee will meet on Sunday, September 24th at 2:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

### **VISIONS COMMITTEE**

Vision Committee will meet on Monday, September 11th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

Administrative Board will meet on Monday, September 11th at 6:00pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, September 14th at 6:00pm. Mark your calendar

## **Missions Baskets Offering**

Missions Offering will go towards supporting Trunk or Treat.

Which will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 p.m.



Harvest Fest/Trunk-R-Treat will be on October 28th from 4:00-6:00pm. All ages are welcome. We will have a costume parade, face painting, food, bounce house, cake walk, photo booth, games, activities, and crafts. So come in your costume and bring your treat bag. Bring a friend. We will hand out goody bags of candy for each child in the vehicle. We are asking for donations of candy or monetary donations to purchase candy to fill the goody bags. We will be having a planning meeting for all volunteers on Saturday, September 23rd at 11:00 a.m. Please make plans to attend.

