



"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." ...John 15:5"

Highland Valley United Methodist Church

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04 JANUARY 2010

15524 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, AR 72211

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Divine Worship

1st Sunday after Epiphany
10 January 2010
8:30am, 10:45am,
9:40am Casual Worship

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:7-11

SERMON

"Curing Your 'I' Problem"

Series: *Breaking Free!*
Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
O How I Love Jesus
Lord, I Want to be a Christian

SPECIAL MUSIC

Benson Mendillo, Soloist

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Barbara Kirkpatrick

Focus: A Huge Thank You!

As we begin the New Year and prepare for the deep freeze coming later this week, I want to thank the Lord for each of you for your generous year end giving that allowed our church to complete 100% of our 2009 budget. (See related article below.) This demonstrates a great love for Christ and His Church and I am most grateful as your minister for the many sacrifices that made it possible. Our strong financial finish allowed us to meet all of our responsibilities, including conference missional commitments. In addition we had a small carryover to begin January. My thanks to Chairperson Perry Bolding and his Finance Committee for their leadership in keeping us informed as to what was needed to have a successful conclusion. This shows the strength our church has in what we can accomplish when we sacrifice together. In addition, this gives us a wonderful momentum as we begin 2010.

I look forward to seeing you in Sunday school and worship this coming Sunday. And God's best to each of you in this New Year!

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

Final 2009 Year End Giving Update

We made it! Many thanks to each of you for your sacrifices in helping Highland Valley UMC successfully complete our 2009 financial year. In our final week appeal, we needed \$68,853 in order to finish in the black and we received \$73,442, resulting in a small carryover. Our 2009 budget was \$1,048,372 and we received \$1,052,961.

Perry Bolding,
Finance Chairperson

Thanks to Blood Drive Donors

Our church sponsored its bimonthly Red Cross Blood drive this past Monday, January 4. Coordinator Margie Northcutt reported that we had 14 persons attempt to give for a total of 9 units in all. Our thanks to each of you for giving the gift of life.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Housing for Homeless Families with Children

Sunday, January 10-Sunday, January 17

Our church is hosting Interfaith Hospitality Network, IHN, a ministry that provides housing for homeless families with children, the week of Sunday, January 10-Sunday, January 17. IHN is accepting casseroles that can be frozen. (Please provide a list of ingredients and directions for cooking.) We are still in need of people to spend the night at the church to host families. To spend the night or for any questions, please contact Pam Simpson @ 940-1051 or Greg Floyd @ 413-8768.



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Pastor's Bible Study will begin January 20 at 10:00am in the Good News Classroom. We are studying the book of Revelation.



COLLEGE STUDENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009

Participants in College Student Sunday: Cameron Gilmore, Austin Ring, Tori Adams, Katy Hutchins. Not pictured: Adam Brown, Steven Sichterman



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Beauty can be found in many different places. Sometimes you may have to look harder to find it, but it's still there. My message for Children's Moments on Christmas Eve was about that very thing. Beautiful, wonderful gifts don't have to come wrapped up in a pretty package. They may come inside a rather ugly, if not totally unexpected, place or container. Take an ugly, muddy shell, for example. After opening one up, there may be the most beautiful pearlescent colors inside or if lucky, one might find a pearl, depending on the kind of shell! A geode, a mineral, is another example of an ugly exterior with a beautiful surprise waiting on the inside for someone to crack open and find. The most precious gift that God gave us, which was his Son, was given to us that way. He wasn't born in a nice clean room with shiny walls, but in an outside place where animals lived which was less than a stellar place for a King! It didn't matter where He was born, but the fact that He was born and was given to us by God. God gives us gifts every day. Sometimes we need to look past the outside of something or someone, but the gifts are there. Here's hoping that you find beautiful and precious gifts and treasures every day of the New Year. Happy 2010!

Yours in Christ, Vanya

CALLING ALL TALENTED FOLKS AND THOSE WHO THINK THEY ARE! Talent Extravaganza

January 31 ~ 5:00-6:30

***Start planning now. Get a group together and/or perform alone and sign up today! We need magicians, dancers, singers, comedians, and unique talent to be showcased. ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.

Call Vanya for more information!

WHO? WHAT? ARE THIRD AGERS

Who and what are the Third Agers? We are a vital group of active adults, ages 50 and over who enjoy being together on interesting day trips, luncheons and being entertained and informed by various groups. We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month either in the Fellowship Hall or at the Church Bus.

Third Agers officially began in January 2005. Since that time we have enjoyed many interesting, fun, and exciting trips as well as wonderful entertaining luncheons.

This month, on **January 28**, we will be celebrating our 5th year of fun. We will be having lunch and entertainment by the **GRANDPAS** with their all new program in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30am. Everyone is invited; bring a friend. Please make your reservations. Deadline for reservations will be Sunday, January 24. Reservations are necessary to properly plan for the meal. The cost will be \$7.00 per person.

For reservations call Joan Winstead at 681-6884 or Joanne Frost at 228-9420.



THE EDGE

I hope everyone is off to a great start for 2010. I know I am already enjoying the year. We have a lot of things coming up. I know all of you can't be at everything we do, that's why we have plenty of things happening.

- January 8- Friday Night Live 6:00pm-9:00pm
- January 17- Breakaway Bowling 1:00pm-5:00pm
- January 31- Talent Extravaganza 5:00pm-6:30pm



Youth Christmas Party



PIZZA HUT CARDS



We will be selling **Pizza Hut Fundraiser cards** over the next few weeks. The cost of each card is \$10 and Highland Valley UMC will get to keep \$6 of each card. Cardholders may use their card up to 12 times and receive a medium, one-topping pizza with purchase of a large pizza each time. The proceeds will help complete the Children's Choir Robe fund. We are almost at our goal! Thank you for your continued support. *(Please see Vanya to purchase your card.)*

MUSIC NOTES *From Betty's Desk*

I trust that you all had a wonderful Christmas season, counting your many blessings and sharing time with loved ones.

As the New Year begins, I hope that many of you have made a resolution to become more involved in the ministries of our church. I specifically want to invite musicians, or just people who enjoy music, to join in the music ministry areas of Highland Valley.

We offer many opportunities to serve: Chancel Choir, Children's Choir directors and helpers, Youth Choir sponsors, Handbell Choir, Grace Notes, instrumentalists in all areas, soloists, hymn leaders, and Men's Chorus.

Please contact me if you have an interest in any of these areas of worship. We always welcome new members to our groups. We need you! Will you serve?

Happy New Year!

Membership Vow of the United Methodist Church

I will support the church with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service and my witness.

OUR PRAYERS

Mary Jo Smith, Marie Buckley, Dorothy Dillon, Delaine Russell, Jeanette Horton, Mavis Holley, Susie Wilson, Jerry Morgan, Mary Hall, Mary Harris, Justin Garrison, Duane Osam, Betty Cathell, Wyleen Crider.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Sue Bass, age 89, of Conway, who passed away December 29.

Our sympathy is extended to Dorothy Dillon and family in the death of her sister, Helen M. Stager Smith of Little Rock, age 86, on December 29.

Our sympathy is extended to Jerry and Betty Morgan and family in the death of their niece, Cassie Esquirol, age 47, of Miami, Florida & Ok City, OK on December 30.

OUR PRESENCE

January 3

Divine Worship

8:30	45
9:40	33
10:45	158
Total	236

Sunday School

Adults	103
Youth	11
Children	20
Total	134

OUR GIFTS

January 3

2010 Operating Budget	\$1,034,280
Operating budget receipts for 01/03/10	9,519
Total receipts, operating & restricted 01/03/10	9,574
Year to date operating budget receipts through 01/03/10	9,519
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 01/03/10	9,574
Restricted funds received for: Local missions, Interfaith Hospitality Network	

2010 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

2010 Total Pledged	640,051
Number of Pledges Rec. to Date	152
Percent of 2010 Budget Pledged	61.88%

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - JANUARY 3

CHILDREN		ADULTS	
Infant/Ones	2	Faith	7
2 Yr. Old	2	Fellowship	3
3/4 Yr. Old	5	Alice Fidelis	3
K/1st Grade	5	Highlander	25
2nd/3rd Grade	1	New Beginnings	6
4th/5th Grade	5	Crossroads	3
Total	20	Good News	12
		Connections	11
		Ben Miller	22
YOUTH		Children/Youth	
Jr. High &		SS Teachers	11
Sr. High	11	Total	103
Total	11		

Thank you...

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank each one of you for your prayers and contributions in my recent hospitalization and illness. I love you all.

Betty Cathell

Betty requests that she have no visitors at this time as she recovers at Baptist Med Center after lung surgery.

Staff Sharing

'Tis the season for fresh starts, to wipe the slate clean, to enter the year resolute. By now, you've probably already begun to put in to practice your resolutions. It's January 3rd, and I still haven't completely decided on mine yet. There just seem to be so many ways I could better myself in 2010, where do I possibly begin? Well, there's the obvious. Eat better, exercise more, save more money. I'll join the rest of Americans with those resolutions. I should walk our dogs more often. I should keep my car and our shower far cleaner. I should be better about keeping in touch with friends who are out of state. I should be more conscientious about recycling. I should do my filing at home on a monthly basis rather than yearly. This year I really should get around to doing something about landscaping and planting a garden. I should moisturize my face twice daily instead of once. (And that's only the beginning...) WHAT should I choose? Suddenly my clean slate looks like a massive "to do" list for 2010.

Sometimes I wonder what God thinks of my "to do" lists. Is God pleased by the busyness and work ethic? Or does God shake the divine head and think "why does she 'should' herself to pieces over things that have no ultimate value?" God makes a statement of what a good resolution list would look like in Micah 6:8: "[God] has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

I challenge you to join me in three resolutions for 2010: grow in compassion, don't take yourself too seriously, and walk with God daily. We'll need concrete actions to reach these goals. How would you walk with God daily? Reading your Bible, praying, and looking for ways God is working in the world around you might be some ways. How would you grow in compassion? By serving in a soup kitchen, by letting someone else have the last word, by not assuming the worst? How will you not take yourself too seriously? Dare we laugh at ourselves? Admit it when we make a mistake?

Grow in compassion, don't take myself too seriously, and walk with God daily. Unlike keeping my car and shower cleaner, these resolutions have a shot at giving me a good 2010. After all, "God has shown [us] what is good."

Regina

METHODIST MISSIONARIES WITH JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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GIFTS

BUDGET

In honor of **Roselyn Frederick**
... by Gary & Judy Frederick
In honor of **Duane Osam**
In honor of **Justin Garrison**
... by George & Gwen Mobbs
In memory of **Bernard Frederick**
In memory of **Lynda Frederick**
... by Gary & Judy Frederick
In honor of **Betty Cathell**
... by Faith SS Class
... by Circle 4

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

In honor of **Pam Simpson, Greg Floyd, Patty Downes**
... by Carter & Carla Coleman

WALNUT GROVE RESTORATION

In honor of **Dr. Edwin Bland Dodson**
... by Richard & Cheryl Dodson

*Transferred to the Church Triumphant**Sue Ella Bass*25 September 1920-
29 December 2009

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live."

John 11:25**UM WOMEN NEWS****Circle 1 - Tuesday, January 12** at 12:30pm in the church parlor. Reminder: bring a sack lunch, drinks and dessert will be furnished**Circle 4 - Tuesday, January 12** at 11:30am at Parkway Village.**Real Moms - Sunday, January 17,** 5:30pm in the Jones Education Bldg. at church.**Alpha Circle, Tuesday January 26,** 6:30pm, at Raebeth Costolo's home**2010 FLOWER CALENDAR**The 2010 Flower Calendar is now in the Family Life Center. Please sign your name on the Sunday you wish to provide flowers for our sanctuary, or you may call 224-6047 or e-mail churchoffice@hvumc.org to select your Sunday. The price of the flower arrangements is \$75. Available date soon—**February 28.****DAILY BREAD COUNSELING AT HIGHLAND VALLEY UMC**

Highland Valley United Methodist church serves as host to the Daily Bread Counseling, a non-profit ministry provided by Rev. Garry D. Teeter, an Arkansas United Methodist minister and full time pastoral counselor. Rev. Teeter has office hours on Mondays at our church from 8am to 5:30pm. His confidential phone numbers are: 501-847-2229 and 501-831-9399. Daily Bread Counseling addresses such issues as: Adjustments to stress, Anger Management, Depression, Anxiety, Bipolar, Grief, Divorce Recovery, Spiritual Growth, individuals and families surviving Multiple Sclerosis, individuals and families surviving a brain injury.

For more information, go to:
www.dailybreadcounseling.com.**CALENDAR****SUNDAY JANUARY 10
INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

- 8:30am Divine Worship
- 9:00am Fellowship Time
Fellowship (Telephone) Class
- 9:30am Sunday School Classes
- 9:40am Casual Worship
- 10:45am Divine Worship
- 3:30pm Staff/Parish Relations Committee
- 4:00pm UM Youth Fellowship
- 4:30pm Kids' Club/Youth Club
- 5:00pm Youth Snack Supper
- 5:30pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11
INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

- 8:00am Daily Bread Counseling
- 9:00am Bridge Group
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Troop 335 Troop Meeting
Cub Scout
Board of Trustee

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12
INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

- 11:30am Circle 4 (Parkway Village)
- 12:30pm Circle 1 (Parlor)
- 1:00pm Mary Martha Circle
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 6:30pm Handbell Choir

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13
INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

- 12:00pm **Church Newsletter deadline**
- 5:00PM Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Higher Ground
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14
INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

- 4:00pm Upward Cheer Practice
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15
INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16
INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

- 7:00am Upward Basketball
- 9:00am Upward Cheer

New Time**Kids' Club/Youth Club**Beginning this Sunday, January 10 Kids' Club/Youth Club will meet from **4:30-6:30pm**. Please note the time change! The Winter/Spring Children's calendar is now posted on the website www.hvumc.org.**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP****SUNDAY JANUARY 10****Children's Church**

Jenn Wegener

Rockers and HuggersJill Hudson (9:40)
Jana Malone (10:45)**Coffee Steward**

Maryanne Campbell

Fellowship Time Host

Good News SS Class

Bus Driver

Joel Clark (224-2756)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

January UshersBob Baertsch, Louis Burgess,
Don Kirk, John Watkins**Church Office Hours**

Monday-Friday

8:00am-5:00pm

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Christ and Share Christ*