



*"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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## Divine Worship



3rd Sunday after Epiphany  
24 January 2010  
8:30am, 10:45am,  
9:40am Casual Worship

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16

### SERMON

*"Breaking Free from  
Competition"*

Series: *Breaking Free!*

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

### HYMNS

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Stand By Me  
Be Thou My Vision*

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

William McRea

## Focus: Haiti Earthquake Relief Offering

This Sunday, **January 24**, our church along with countless Methodist churches across the country will receive a love offering to assist the families and survivors of the terrible Haiti 7.0 earthquake last Tuesday, sponsored by our church's Mission Committee, Dr. Becky Liggin, chairperson.

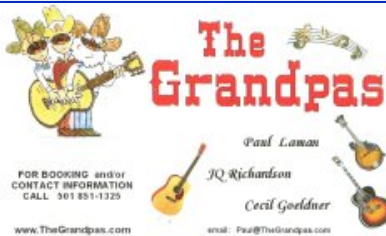
News arrived early Wednesday that an aftershock of 6.7 also occurred. Haiti is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere and many of our Methodist churches in Arkansas send mission teams, including medical and dental workers. My home church, 1st UMC in Magnolia, sends a dental mission each year. It is overwhelming to fathom the catastrophic death of 200,000 persons. The people and relief workers in Haiti all need our prayers daily as well as our financial contributions. Estimates are that it will cost as much as \$10 billion to rebuild Haiti. We are blessed in our nation with abundance. The disaster in Haiti helps us to put in perspective the difference between suffering and daily inconveniences which frustrate us.

I'm proud that our church's relief offering can make a difference to help a fellow human being in need in light of this disaster. Our gifts are multiplied as we offer them together to the Lord. Your local church contributions go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, known by its initials, UMCOR. It has the lowest cost and overhead of all the disaster response organizations in the US, and 100% of your gift will go to the people of Haiti. Thank you for your prayers and gifts to help the citizens of Haiti.

I look forward to seeing you in Sunday School and worship this Sunday!

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

See page 2 for details about an upcoming HVUMC special event on Sunday, February 14!



**THIRD AGERS**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28**  
**11:30AM**  
**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

We will be having lunch and entertainment by the GRANDPAS with their all new program in the Family Life Center at 11:30am. Everyone is invited, bring a friend. Deadline for reservations is **Sunday January 24**. The cost will be \$7.00 per person.

## STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE OFFERS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2010-2011 CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (personnel committee) of our church met on Sunday, January 10 for the purpose of offering consultation to Bishop Charles Crutchfield and his cabinet concerning the 2010-2011 appointment of our senior minister and associate minister, according to Dr. Sue Keathley, SPRC Chairperson.

The committee voted to ask Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick, Sr. Minister to be reappointed for 2010 for his fourth year and for Rev. Regina Gideon, Associate Minister, to be reappointed for her second year.

The final decision in clergy appointments in the Methodist Church is with the Bishop and Cabinet. Churches and clergy only offer their consultation to the Bishop. The annual appointment of minister is from June to June. The Bishop and Cabinet will meet in February and March for the appointment process.

In addition to the chairperson, the SPRC members are: Bill Heaston, Russ Wegener, Lena Adams, Steven Warren, Darren O'Quinn, Brenda Welch, Doug Hutchins, Carolyn McCarley, Jewel Murphy, Lay Member to Annual Conference, and Mike Stock, Lay Leader.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**

**4:00PM FAMILY LIFE CENTER—CHILDCARE PROVIDED**

Calling all talented folks and those who think they are!

## Talent Extravaganza

**January 31 ~ 5:00pm-6:30pm**

\*\*\*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!

# CHILDREN'S CORNER



## HAITI HEALTH KITS

The Children's Department is currently collecting these items to send to Haiti. (This list was obtained from UMCOR and has very specific guidelines). We will be collecting through the end of January. Please bring any of these items to the church office or Vanya's office any time during the week or on Sunday: hand towels (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels; washcloths, large sturdy combs, nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers); bath size bar of soap, (3 oz. and up); single toothbrushes inside wrappers, (no children brushes); adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages; gallon size zip lock bags to put the items into. Each kit costs approximately \$12.00. Thank you for your contributions!

## DISTRICT TEACHER TRAINING

Arkansas Conference, Central District Teacher Training will be held on February 7, 2010 from 12:20pm-4:00pm at First United Methodist Church Jacksonville, Katie Shockley, C.M.M. of Shockley Studies will lead the main training session and the session for Adult teachers. Rod Hocott, Minister of Youth and Young Adults will lead the Youth teacher training. Donna Hendricks, Director of Christian Education at FUMC Jacksonville will lead the Children's training and Elaine Wolff, formerly of Pathfinders will lead the training for Special Needs. Also, Lisa Buffum will preview Disciple Bible Study online.

Registration is required. **Early registration** deadline is January 25 and the cost per person is \$5 up to four people and no more than \$20 per church. **Late registration** deadline is no later than February 1, 3:00pm, and the cost per person is \$8 and no more than \$25 per church. For more information, contact Donna Hendricks at 501-982-8176.



## THE EDGE

Wow! It's hard to believe that January is almost over and February is just around the corner. We have had a great start and more is on its way. Here are some dates that you need to remember:

**January 31**-Talent Extravaganza- come show off your talent for the whole world to see.

**February 7**-Super Bowl Party at the Kirkpatrick's house. Time to be announced.

**BE OUR VALENTINE!!**

*A valentine Party planned just for You,  
Members & Visitors, bring your family too!*

*A great meal is planned and we promise  
lots of fun,  
We'll even have prizes to be won!*

*And best of all, this event is free,  
But you must register for a ticket from me!*

*Child care provided at your request  
For your convenience at this ValentineFest!*

*Tickets available this Sunday thru the 7th  
during Fellowship Time.*

*Please respond by then and our planning will  
be on the Dime!*

**5:45pm to 7:45pm  
Sunday, February 14**

## MUSIC NOTES

*From Betty's desk*

Thanks to our Children's Choirs for sharing their music in the 10:45am worship service last Sunday. They are always a great addition to our worship. You will hear the Youth Choir on February 7 at the 9:40am and 10:45am worship service. Come and hear our children and youth as they sing to the Lord! These young people are the future church. Our future is in good hands.



As always, I wish to thank the Chancel Choir and all of the fine soloists and ensembles who present our special music each week. They share their gifts every Sunday, giving of their time and talents in the Lord's service. Would you like to join us? Please contact me for further information on any of our musical groups. We would love to have new members!

Grace Notes will resume their singing ministry to the area nursing and rehabilitation facilities on Tuesday, January 26. If you would like to join this group and take part in their wonderful ministry, please meet in the choir room at 10:00am on the 26. The singing location will be announced later. Also, the Grace Notes will be our choir at the 8:30am service on Sunday, January 31. Come and join us in singing!

## FUTURE EVENTS

**January 31**—Church-wide Talent Extravaganza  
See your Highland Valley staff as they have never been seen before!

**February 14**—Valentine Dinner

**April 10**—Children's Choir Festival  
Statewide festival for children's choirs, hosted by Highland Valley UMC

**May 3**—Children's spring musical – "Arkeology"



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS, WATCH FOR DETAILS, AND SHARE IN THE EXCITEMENT!**

### 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, Susie Wilson, Jerry Morgan, Mary Hall, Mary Harris, Justin Garrison, Duane Osam, Betty Cathell, Wyleen Crider.

#### OUR PRESENCE

January 17

##### Divine Worship

8:30	52
9:40	49
10:45	184
Total	285

##### Sunday School

Adults	129
Youth	12
Children	33
Total	174

#### OUR GIFTS

January 17

2010 Operating Budget	\$1,034,280
Operating budget receipts for 01/17/10	12,461
Total receipts, operating & restricted 01/17/10	15,096
Year to date operating budget receipts through 01/17/10	34,422
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 01/17/10	37,789

Restricted funds received for: Infant Care Ministry, Children's choir robes, Haiti Disaster relief, Haiti health kits

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - JANUARY 17

##### CHILDREN

Infant/Ones	4
2 Yr. Old	5
3/4 Yr. Old	7
K/1st Grade	8
2nd/3rd Grade	4
4th/5th Grade	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>

##### YOUTH

Jr. High & Sr. High	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

##### ADULTS

Faith	8
Fellowship	2
Alice Fidelis	3
Highlander	28
New Beginnings	14
Crossroads	8
Good News	12
Connections	13
Ben Miller	31
Children/Youth	
SS Teachers	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>



### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY BOOK OF REVELATION Wednesdays, 10:00am

Pastor's Bible Study continues at 10:00am in the Good News Classroom. Rev. Regina Gideon will be teaching the book of Revelation.

### Staff Sharing

#### The Things of This World

Last week I was invited by the Griffins, to join them in watching the BCS National Championship game between Alabama and Texas. We had a great time, we laughed, we cheered, and there were times when I even got a little worried for Alabama. In the end, the Crimson Tide pulled out a victory to win their 13<sup>th</sup> National Title. Texas did play a good game (I'm not being hateful Cindy), but only one team could win. I know back home there was celebration, I mean, my Facebook page lit up with about 60 comments within an hour after the game, and Alabama even has a Mark Ingram Day now, so everything was great if you're an Alabama fan or just don't like Texas. In the past week, I have begun to think what does the victory mean for me. I never went to school at the University of Alabama; I never played football in high school or college so why does a team from Alabama winning the National Championship mean anything to me. Why when any of our teams win, in anything they do, does it mean so much? Are you ready for what I've come up with?

#### It's a tangible joy.

In our lives we sometimes make the mistake and let the world, with all its bright colors and noises, influence us instead of the other way around. Jesus told us that the Kingdom of God was at hand, and I think we sometimes forget that. The Kingdom is not some far off place but it's within us and around us. We have all been given talents in this world. Some of us can talk with anybody, some of us can work with technology, some can paint, etc. We should be using these gifts and Faith to bring joy that is not just tangible on the outside but on the inside as well. Scars heal, pain only lasts a short time, National Championships come and go, but Faith lasts forever.

In Christ  
William McRea

#### LIVE CONCERT OF HOPE

**Watoto Children's Choir**  
**Tuesday, January 26 at 7:00pm**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**8th & Center, Little Rock, AR**

Admission is free for this special event. This is a children's choir from Uganda made up of parentless children. For more information on the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda, please go to [www.WATOTO.com](http://www.WATOTO.com) or call 372-2256.

#### GIFTS

##### BUDGET

In honor of **Duane Osam**  
... by Highlander School Class  
In honor of **Donald Stecks & Drugstore Cowboys**  
... by Richard & Mavis Holley  
In memory of **Sue Bass**  
In honor of **Justin Garrison**  
In honor of **Betty Cathell**  
In honor of **Duane Osam**  
... by Maxine Patterson  
In honor of **Mary Harris**  
... by Virginia Nix

##### INFANT CARE MINISTRY

In memory of **Mary Harper**  
... by Susan Wright, Traci Hensley & children

## Coming Soon: Sunday Night Lenten Bible Study

Rev. Regina Gideon will be leading a 6-week Bible study during Lent based on the book *Power and Passion: Six Characters in Search of Resurrection*. Each week, the class will explore a character from the last days of Jesus' life on earth. Studying Pontius Pilate, Barabbas, Joseph of Arimathea, Mrs Pilate, Peter and Mary Magdalene will display how Jesus' resurrection has the power to transform our lives and the world. The class will be on **Sundays, February 21 – March 28**, from 4:30 pm – 6 pm. Books can be purchased at Cokesbury, amazon.com or pre-ordered through Regina.



## 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](mailto:churchoffice@hvumc.org) to select your Sunday. The price of the flower arrangements is \$75.



## 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. 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](http://www.dailybreadcounseling.com).

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY JANUARY 24

8:30am Divine Worship  
9:00am Fellowship Time  
Fellowship (Telephone) Class  
9:30am Sunday School Classes  
9:40am Casual Worship  
10:45am Divine Worship (Children sing)  
4:00pm Church Council  
UM Youth  
4:30pm Kids' Club/Youth Club  
5:00pm Youth Snack Supper  
5:30pm Youth Choir  
6:00pm Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts Class (Parlor)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 25

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

10:00am Grace Notes  
5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice  
6:00pm Men's Bible Study  
6:30pm Handbell Choir  
UM Women Alpha Circle (Raebeth Costello home)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

10:00am Pastor's Bible Study  
**12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline**  
4:00pm Chipato Valley Girl Scouts  
5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice  
6:00pm Higher Ground  
6:30pm Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

11:30am Third Agers  
4:00pm Upward Cheer Practice  
5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice  
6:00pm Card Ministry Meeting

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00am Upward Basketball games (picture day)  
9:00am Upward Cheer

## UM WOMEN NEWS

Alpha Circle, Tuesday,  
January 26, 6:30pm, at  
Raebeth Costolo's home.



United  
Methodist  
Women

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

### SUNDAY JANUARY 24

#### Acolytes

Kirk Hutchins (8:30)  
Peyton Yee & Emma DeWitt (10:45)

#### Children's Church

Larry & Kathy Bryant

#### Rockers and Huggers

Jenn Wegener (9:40)  
Vanya Gilmore (10:45)

#### Coffee Steward

Judy Bates

#### Fellowship Time Host

Connections SS Class

#### Bus Driver

Kenny Baer (227-4936)

#### Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

#### January Ushers

Bob Baertsch, Louis Burgess,  
Don Kirk, John Watkins

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Monday-Friday

8:00am-5:00pm

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*Our Mission is to Know  
Christ and Share Christ*