



"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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15524 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, AR 72211

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Divine Worship



Third Sunday after Epiphany
1 February 2009
8:30am, 9:40am, 10:45am

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 14:21-15:3

SERMON

"Crossing the Red Sea"

Series: *Moses*

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

Maker, in Whom We Live

Yes, God Is Real

Victory in Jesus

SPECIAL MUSIC

Youth Choir/One Way

FOCUS: LOOKING AHEAD IN 2009

This past Sunday we had a great morning of worship at our church!

The first Church Council, the governing board of our church, met Sunday afternoon with many fine reports summarizing our ministries in 2008 and anticipating and continuing the Lord's work in 2009. I gave my "State of the Church" senior minister's report, which I present every January at the beginning of the new year. We have so many ministries and fruits to take pride in at our church: 50 new members in 2008, our growing worship services and Sunday school classes, outstanding missions, and our exciting children's and youth departments, not to mention United Methodist Women and Men's groups.

As you know, we also had a strong year in stewardship and giving in 2008, in spite of our struggling economy. This is a credit to each of you for your commitment to and love for Christ and His Church.

I thank you again for your faithfulness to the Lord in difficult times. We made a difference in the lives of many families and persons in 2008. Of our 2008 budget and other giving, over \$247,000 or 20.75% was given in missions and assisting others through our church. That makes me proud to be a Methodist and the senior minister of our church.

It's exciting to see and hear all the things God is doing through us as we worship and serve the Lord together. As I told our Church Council, the church is the only organization in the world that exists for the sake of those who aren't members of it yet. Our mission never changes: to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday, "Super Bowl Sunday," as we worship and offer God our best together.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Mrs. Ruth Bakr

We are happy to welcome to our church family Mrs. Ruth Bakr, who united by transfer from the American Baptist Church on January 25 at the 10:45am worship service. A native

of Indiana, she and her husband, Mo, are the parents of one son and one daughter, and have 5 grandchildren. She is retired from Sears. The address is: 2023 Golden Pond Road, 72223. The home phone is 821-3889 and e-mail: Ruthmbakr@sbcglobal.net.

We currently have 1,191 members in our church. We are excited to have Ruth as our newest member in 2009.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE OFFERS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2009-2010 CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (personnel committee) of our church met on Sunday, January 18 for the purpose of offering consultation to Bishop Charles Crutchfield and his cabinet concerning the 2009-2010 appointment of our senior minister and associate minister, according to Dr. Sue Keathley, SPRC Chairperson. She presented her report to the Church Council which met on January 25.

The committee voted 8-2 to ask Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick, Sr. Minister to be reappointed for 2010 for his third year and for Rev. Brock Patterson, Associate Minister, to be reappointed for his seventh 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: Tommy Carlisle, Nodya Lambert, Jo Carter, Steve Murray, Russ Wegener, Lena Adams, Steven Warren, Darren O'Quinn, Jewel Murphy, Lay Member to Annual Conference, and Mike Stock, Lay Leader.

PETER WARD 2009 UNITED METHODIST MEN PRESIDENT



Mr. Peter Ward

Peter Ward is the 2009 President of the United Methodist Men. He succeeds Robert Brakensiek who has served as President for the past three years. Peter is employed with Nuvox. He and his wife, Carolyn, are the parents of two sons: Drew, age 17, and Trevor, age 10. Peter is a leader with the Interfaith Hospitality Network and assists as liturgist in worship at the 9:40am casual service. His address is: 6 Secluded Point 72210; the phone is: 224-3659 and e mail: award118@comcast.net.

The United Methodist Men meet monthly on the third Tuesday evening at 6:00pm for a potluck supper and program. The UM Men are involved in missions and supporting groups within and outside of our church.

We are excited to welcome Peter Ward as the new President in 2009.

CREATED BY GOD

We are looking for people with medical and psychology background that would be interested in teaching our "Created by God" class this spring. Please contact Brenda Welch at 224-6047 or brenda@hvumc.org.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This first Education Committee meeting for 2009 will be **Monday, February 16** in the Parlor. For questions or information, please contact LaNita Hobby at lhobby@aristotle.net or 821-5313.

YOUTH NEWS!!

Super Sunday! Wow - Youth Choir sings for all three services this week and then the **Super Bowl Party at 5:30pm** at the Bower's house! Don't forget to bring appetizers or sweets - 1605 Thompson Lane (corner of Kanis and Thompson going west on Kanis from Highland Valley).

We have had a great start to 2009 in all our studies - UMYF, Sunday School and Higher Ground. We will resume our regular Sunday night schedule on February 8! Also next month, the youth will be hosting the church-wide **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!** Parents and youth, get ready to make this a super success!

Don't forget - **FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE** is coming up on **Friday, February 13!** Bring a friend and join us! See you Sunday! Kim

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY



Are you looking for a Bible Study to attend? Try the Pastor's Bible Study, meeting every Wednesday from 10:00am to 11:00am in the Chapel. February 4 lesson: **Daniel, chapters 7-10.** (rescheduled) Make plans to join us! Questions?

Contact Brock in the church office, 224-6047 or brock@hvumc.org.

MUSIC NOTES

Thanks to Marie and Benson Mendillo for their beautiful duet this past Sunday. Also, thank you to the Chancel Choir for their special anthem given in honor of Wadene Hilliard by her daughter and family.

Next Sunday, the first Sunday of the month, is the time set aside for us to enjoy our Youth Choir. They will be accompanied by our Youth Band, One Way, and will sing at all three services.

We began listening to our spring musical in Kid's Club. The musical is entitled, *Down by the Creek Bank* and will be presented on May 3. If you have children between the ages of 3 years old—5th grade, they will want to be a part of this fun program. We invite all our children to come on Sunday nights from 5-6:30pm.

Mark your calendars for a special anthem on Sunday, February 15. The combined choirs of our church will sing during the 10:45am worship service. The Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, and Children's Choir will sing together *Kum Ba Yah*.

NO GRACE NOTES THIS MONTH! We will begin our new year of visiting our resident facilities and singing on February 23. I hope for a large group of singers as we begin our monthly schedule. We encourage new singers to join us. It is a very heart-warming experience to sing for these folks who so appreciate the connection with people.

See you in worship. Betty

**KURT AND REBECCA BOGGAN
HIGHLAND VALLEY UMC
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Applications are available for the Boggan Scholarship to be awarded on Youth Sunday. The scholarship recognizes a graduating high school senior for their leadership and commitment to Highland Valley UMC in support and encouragement for their first year of college. The scholarship awards \$500 towards books and supplies for the freshman year of college.

Applications are available on the church website and at the Youth Booth in the Family Life Center and must be submitted by March 31. Applicants must be a member of HVUMC with a minimum 2.75 GPA, be enrolling in a four-year program, have been active in the Youth Ministry, and exhibit leadership with other youth. The recipient will be announced during morning worship on Youth Sunday.

BELLS, BELLS, BELLS



We have some new things happening with the Highland Valley Handbell group. We have girls, we have new guys.. what more could we need?

Uh...BELLS.

We really need to upgrade our bells and tables, in order to make more and better joyful sounds. So we ask for your help in raising about \$4,000 to facilitate our upgrade. Our group is growing and we're asking for some help with this part of Worship. In order to help, just place the term "**For Bells**" in the memo portion of your check or on the envelope you use for cash. If you have any questions just give me a RING.

Scott Welch

If you would like to contribute to the **Handbell Fund**, please contact Scott Welch at scottwelchcpa@sbcglobal.net or Stacie in the church office at 224-6047 or Stacie@hvumc.org.

THANK YOU TO HVUMC

Dear Highland Valley,

The Sunday after Christmas, Reverend Patterson spoke of blessings and challenges. I want to thank my Highland Valley brothers and sisters for being there in what may have been the biggest challenge the Ward family has faced. God blessed Carolyn and I when he brought us to Highland Valley 12 years ago and we want to thank God for all of you.

Through the prayers of so many, the calls and emails, the suppers prepared, and the monetary gifts, our family has not only survived, but we have grown. To the many whom I personally know and to the many that I have known only as a smiling face and a nod, I want to say a big THANK YOU!

While I am not surprised by the actions of my Church Family as I have seen the love and care we offer each other as well as the bigger community outside our walls, I am overwhelmed and do not really know how to thank each and every one of you. We are blessed that we have each other and I believe we are a testimony of God's mission for his people. As we go forward into the New Year, I pray that we continue to serve our Lord in the manner that many of you have taught me as the way of the Lord. I pray that all your challenges are small and easily overcome, but I am comforted that through faith in God and the hands of the Highland Valley Brothers and Sisters that we can and will overcome any challenge.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Thank you,
Peter, Carolyn, Trevor and Drew Ward

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

Ouida Roark, Nelda Hicks, Frank Highfill, Mary Jo Smith, Marie Buckley, Dorothy Dillon, Bill Grimmett, Margaret Nelmark, Peter Ward & family, Greg Robertson family, Duane Osam, Norma Priutt.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Marie Buckley and family in the death of her sister, Carol Gregory, age 70, of Little Rock on Saturday, January 24.

OUR PRESENCE

January 25

Divine Worship

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| 8:30 | 48 |
| 9:40 | 64 |
| 10:45 | 242 |
| Total | 354 |

Sunday School

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| Adults | 162 |
| Youth | 33 |
| Children | 47 |
| Total | 242 |

OUR GIFTS—January 25

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| General Budget Receipts | \$ 36,822 |
| Restricted Funds | \$ 7,284 |
| Children's Programs, Handbell Fund, debt retirement Walnut Grove restoration, Delta Mission Project, local missions | |

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE JANUARY 25

| CHILDREN | | ADULTS | |
|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| Infant/Ones | 5 | Pairs & Spares | 3 |
| 2 Yr. Old | 9 | Fellowship | 3 |
| 3/4 Yr. Old | 7 | Ben Miller | 30 |
| K/1st Grade | 8 | New Beginnings | 20 |
| 2nd/3rd Grade | 7 | Connections | 15 |
| 4th/5th Grade | 11 | Good News | 13 |
| Total | 47 | Faith | 8 |
| | | Highlander | 35 |
| YOUTH | | Alice Fidelis | 3 |
| 6th-8th Grade | 17 | New Horizons | 17 |
| 9th-10th Grade | 15 | Children's SS Tchrs | 15 |
| 11th-12th Grade | 1 | Total | 162 |
| Total | 33 | | |

GIFTS

BUDGET

In memory of **Gussie Wyatt**
 ... by Marilyn Carlock
 ... by V. James Santarsiero
 ... by LinRock Administrative Services
 In honor of **The Drugstore Cowboys**
 ... by Third Agers

INFANT CRISIS MINISTRY

In memory of **Burl Duncan**
 ... by Good News SS Class

HANDBELL FUND

In honor of **The Handbell Choir**
 ... by Ken & Vicki Jackson

WALNUT GROVE RESORATION

In honor of **Bettie Gray**
 ... by Rance & Martha Perkins

LOCAL MISSIONS

In memory of **Mattie Jones**
 ... by Rance & Martha Perkins

Staff Sharing

Dear Friends and Members of Highland Valley,
 A school teacher was helping one of her kindergarten students put on his snow boots. Even with her pulling and him pushing, the little boots didn't want to go on. After getting the second boot on, the little boy said, "They're on the wrong feet."

She looked, and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on, but she managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots on the right feet. He then announced, "These aren't my boots." She bit her tongue rather than scream, "Why didn't you say so?" Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off his little feet. No sooner had they gotten the boots off when he said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear 'em." Now she didn't know if she should laugh or cry. She mustered up what grace and courage she had left to wrestle the boots on his feet again. Helping him into his coat, she asked, "Now, where are your mittens?" He said, "I stuffed 'em in the toes of my boots."

Have you ever had one of those days with a beloved child in your life when things get tough? How did you view your child at that point in time?

Imagine a car dealership where a man named Don works in the showroom. Don sells cars to prospective customers. If he sees a car without a door, he's surprised and upset. He doesn't expect to see defects. Cars in the showroom are supposed to be finished. Bill, on the other hand, works in the factory and inspects cars for flaws and missing parts. It's his job to find problems and fix them. In fact, Bill is prepared with a number of routines depending on the nature of the problem. If a door is missing, Bill doesn't get upset; he just goes through his routine of obtaining a door and putting it on. Bill knows that when a car is on the production line it requires continual work. Doors are added, pieces are put together, and workers are continually looking for ways to improve the product.

Like Bill, maybe we can view problems as opportunities...misbehavior and relational struggles are indicators of where our children need help to grow and mature. Maybe if we think of our children as being on the production line instead of in the showroom, our expectations will lead to solutions. In Philippians 1:6, Paul said "he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." So we know that God is also at work in our children. Just like us, they are a "work in progress".

In His Service for the Children,
 Brenda Welch

**REX CAMPBELL, GUEST SPEAKER
 FEBRUARY 8, 9:40AM—NEW HORIZONS SS CLASS**

The New Horizons Class invites other classes and guests to join them on Sunday, February 8, at 9:40am for a special guest speaker. Rex Campbell, a former unbeliever and drug dealer who discovered God, will talk about his personal experiences and how he was able to overcome difficult situations in his life. Rex and his wife, Suan Lee, now live in Australia where God has put him in an area of Christian responsibility that has affected thousands and possibly an entire culture. Other classes and guests are welcome! (New Horizons meets on the 2nd floor of the Wesley Wing.)

WALNUT GROVE UMC

The completion of the Walnut Grove UMC renovation is at hand. We need volunteers to do the final cleanup of the sanctuary in early spring. The main goal is to coat the pews and floor boards with a finishing preservative. Because this is a historical structure, they cannot be stained. If you can help, please call Martha Perkins at 821-8889 or the church office at 224-6047.

BUDGET WATCH

Here is our weekly watch and reminder of how much is needed to fully fund the operations of Highland Valley for 2009.

We received **\$36,822** in budget receipts this week.

Total giving needed for 2009 \$1,048,372

Total giving received for 2009 as of 1/25/2009 \$80,811

Remaining contributions needed for 2009 \$967,561

Weeks left in 2009 48

Giving needed every week for the rest of the year. \$20,158

**WANTED:
SOUND TECH VOLUNTEERS
FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Our church is in need of some persons to volunteer to be a part of our Sound Technician pool who operate the sound system in the Sanctuary for worship on Sunday mornings. We have three worship hours—8:30am, 9:40am, and 10:45am—and volunteers are needed in each service.

A brief training class for sound techs will be held. No previous experience is necessary. Please contact the church office at 224-6047 or Herrn@hvumc.org to sign up or for additional information. Thank you.

BEN MILLER SS CLASS INVITATION

The Ben Miller SS class is sponsoring a cruise to New England October 3-10, 2009. For more information contact Grace Dixon at 868-7480, 350-7009 or grace.dixon@yahoo.com.

2009 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2009 Flower Calendar is in the Family Life Center. Please sign your name on the Sunday you wish to provide flowers for our sanctuary, or you may call or e-mail the church office to select your Sunday. **Currently, we have February 15, March 29, August 30, September 13, November 22, December 27 open.** The cost of placing an arrangement is \$75.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Our next Unit Meeting will be **Tuesday, February 3** at 10:30am in the Highlander Room. The program will be "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial" with Circle 1 hosting a sandwich luncheon afterwards. **Executive Board** will meet at 9:30am in the Good News Classroom.

Alpha Circle will meet on **Tuesday, February 3** at 6:30pm at the home of Kit Coons.

Social Action for January: HVUMC Infant Crisis Ministry, **February**—The Compassion Center.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1

- 8:30am Divine Worship
- 9:00am Fellowship Time
- Fellowship (Telephone) Class
- 9:30am Sunday School Classes
- 9:40am Casual Worship
- 10:45am Divine Worship
- 5:00pm Youth Super Bowl Party

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 1:00pm Prayer Group
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:30pm Cub Scout Den 3
- Board of Trustees
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 335

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 9:30am UMW Executive Committee
- 10:30am UMW
- 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 6:30pm UMW Alpha Circle
- Evangelism Committee

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline**
- Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball make-up Practice
- 6:00pm Higher Ground Bible Study
- Men's Chorus Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Chipato Valley Service Unit Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 7:00pm Book Club

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- Girl Scout Father/Daughter Dance
- 5:30pm Youth to Winter Jam Concert

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

No Scheduled Activities

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING

The Evangelism Committee will meet **Tuesday, February 3, at 6:30pm** in the Library.

This will be the committee's first meeting of 2009, and all members are urged to attend.

Martha Taylor
Chair

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1

Acolytes

Vangel & Lebenon Mendillo (8:30)
Anna Markland & Seth Welch (10:45)

Children's Church

Kelly & Tracy Davidson

Rockers and Huggers

Ashley Atkins (9:40)
Jenn Wegener (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Judy Bates

Fellowship Time Host

Connections SS Class

Bus Driver

John Watkins (868-9981)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

February Ushers

Clark McCarley, Joe Burkett,
Brent Haughaboo, Dustin Jenkins

**Church Office Hours
Monday—Friday
8:00am—5:00pm**

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Our Mission is to Know Christ and Share Christ