



*"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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2 FEBRUARY 2009

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## Divine Worship

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

### SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:3, 17:4

### SERMON

*"We Should Have  
Died in Egypt"*

Series: *Moses*

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

### HYMNS

*To God Be the Glory*

*Blessed Assurance*

*On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

## FOCUS: SCOUT SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 8



Boy Scout Troop 335

We had an exciting morning of worship this past Sunday with special music by our Youth Choir, accompanied by the Youth band, One Way, and our Chancel Choir. We were blessed to have one of our youth, who plays guitar in One Way Band, David Lide, receive baptism and make his profession of faith and also have his mother, Camille Johnson, join our church. We thank the Lord for all the good things taking place at our church.

This coming Sunday we'll observe "Scout Sunday" at the 10:45am service and recognize

our Boy Scout Troop 335 along with Scoutmaster Herrn Northcutt. The troop is 24 strong this year with 13 registered adult leaders. In addition, our Cub Scout Pack 335 with Cubmaster Al Hobby, has 31 boys and our Girl Scout Troop, with Susan Rose, Troop Leader, has 15 girls participating this year.

We're proud of our church's sponsorship of the Scouting ministry and consider it just that: a ministry to boys and girls and their families. Growing up I was privileged to have been a scout in Troop 32 in Magnolia, Arkansas sponsored by my home church, First UMC. I treasured the experience of scouting and the leadership of our scoutmasters, Harold Alspaugh and Pete Schmidt, along with the friendship of the other scouts.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday in worship as we honor our Scouts and Scout leaders.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

## WINTER STORM DISASTER UPDATE (Report from the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church February 2, 2009)

The clean-up and recovery phase of the Arkansas 2009 winter storms continues with communities across the northern third of the state. Thirty-five of the seventy-five counties have been affected. Both Governor Beebe and President Obama have declared most of these counties as disaster areas and aid is forthcoming from state and federal governments. Arkansas has sustained one of the worst winter storms in the state's history. Ten deaths have resulted with more than 500,000 residents being without power at one point during the storm. Countless local congregations are providing meals and serving as warming places for members of the community. Both Mount Sequoyah Conference Center and Mount Eagle Christian Center have sustained damage to buildings and the loss of many trees.

More than 150,000 households are without electricity and more than 4,000 persons are living in 54 shelters across the northern half of the state. The Arkansas Rice Depot and Foodbank Network have made significant strides in attempting to move food to the places around our state. UMCOR has sent funding to assist in recovery and volunteers are calling from across the jurisdiction to assist when needed.

Several water systems have failed and the Army Corps of Engineers and the National Guard have been working with local officials to bring in potable water and provide generators for systems without electricity. In some instances it may be at least two weeks before persons are able to drink the water from their local water systems.

### What can you do? Pray, Provide, Prepare and Respond:

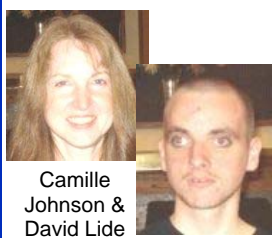
**Pray** for the persons who live in the areas that have been affected. Pray that utilities will be restored. Help responders to understand that they need to care for themselves, also.

**Provide:** Donate—time to the shelters that are up and running; food and bottled water to your local food pantry; funds to UMCOR Winter Storms 2009 Advance Fund #901670 or the Arkansas Disaster Fund #703.

**Prepare and Respond:** Prepare to be on a recovery team. Teams are needed to clear

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Camille  
Johnson &  
David Lide

Camille Johnson and her son, David Lide, united with our church Sunday, February 1 at the 10:45am worship

service. Camille comes by transfer and David by baptism and profession of faith. She is employed with UAMS and David is a 16-year-old junior at J.A. Fair High School. David is active in Sunday school, the United Methodist Youth, and the One Way youth praise band. Camille sings in the Chancel Choir. Their address is: 19 Kings Court, 72211, the phone number is 425-3528 and email: Camille@franciscans.com.

We are blessed to have these persons in our church family. We currently have 3 new members in our church in 2009 for a total membership of 1191.

Please join us in welcoming this family to our church.

**RECEPTION FOR  
MILINDA BROWN  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15  
After the 10:45am worship service  
Family Life Center**

**Come celebrate 25 years of dedicated service!**

### 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](mailto:lhobby@aristotle.net) or 821-5313.

## YOUTH NEWS!!

Looking for a new place to connect? **Higher Ground** is our Wednesday Night Bible Study that meets each week from 6-7:30. We are examining mystery and truth this semester and always have a big group. Try something new and join us this week!

**BIG THANKS!** Thank you to the Bower Family for hosting us all on Sunday night for the Super Bowl. We had a SUPER time... and Miss Mary's chili was SUPERB!

UMYF continues this coming week with a new twist for February. Come and join us and bring a friend!

#### LOOKING AHEAD:

- We are beginning preparation for the annual **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** on **February 24**. This all-you-can-eat meal is a tradition for our church family and a fundraiser for our youth. If you would like to donate towards the purchase of food, please let me or Stacie Holloway know.
- FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE** is scheduled for **February 13**. Parents, you may stop by the Youth Booth to sign up to chaperone.

See you at church! 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 11 lesson: Daniel, chapters 11-12 and selected verses. Make plans to join us! Questions? Contact Brock in the church office, 224-6047 or [brock@hvumc.org](mailto:brock@hvumc.org).

#### Winter Storm Disaster Update continued from page 1....

debris, assist in moving debris to county roads for pick-up, and distribution of food and supplies. Don Weeks, UMVIM Coordinator for Arkansas will be gathering teams for recovery. If you would like to be a member of or have been trained to lead a team, please contact Don at 501-681-2909.

*Immediate needs are bottled water and canned goods! Please take to your local food pantry related to Arkansas Rice Depot or the Arkansas Foodbank Network.*

### MUSIC NOTES

Thank you to the Youth Choir and One Way for their special music this past Sunday. We look forward to this Sunday, February 8. **Awakening** will play at all three worship services.

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*.

**Grace Notes** will begin our new year of visiting our resident facilities and singing on February 23 by going to Good Shepherd. 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

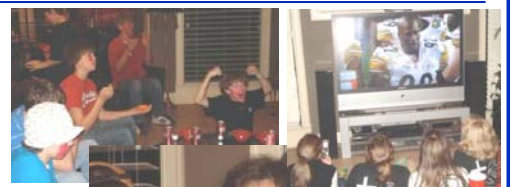
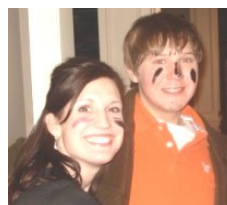
### GO HV! You are SOUP-er!



A simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" inspired a youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world. This prayer, delivered by Brad Smith,

then a seminary intern serving at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, gave birth to an idea. Why not use Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football and fun, to also unify the nation for a higher good: collecting dollars and food for the needy? Youth could collect donations at their schools and churches in soup pots, and then send every dollar DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice.

This past Sunday, Highland Valley Youth collected \$651 from our congregation in morning worship! 100% of this will be sent to the Lake Village Food Pantry in Chicot County as part of our continuing work through the Delta Mission Project. Way to go, Highland Valley!



HVUMC Youth Super Bowl Party—we had 47 Youth and adults attending!

### 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](mailto:scottwelchcpa@sbcglobal.net) or Stacie in the church office at 224-6047 or [Stacie@hvumc.org](mailto:Stacie@hvumc.org).

### 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.

*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, Greg Robertson family, Duane Osam, Norma Pruitt Allan Parse, Phoebe Norman, Paula Conaway.

**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Linda) Martindale in the death of her aunt, Myrtle Eubanks, age 96 of Springhill, LA, on January 29.

**OUR PRESENCE**

**February 1**

**Divine Worship**

8:30	75
9:40	66
10:45	243
<b>Total</b>	<b>384</b>

**Sunday School**

Adults	156
Youth	37
Children	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>

**OUR GIFTS—February 1**

General Budget Receipts	\$ 20,550
Restricted Funds	\$ 265
Youth Programs, Handbell Fund, UMCOR, Delta Mission Project, local missions	

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 1**

CHILDREN		ADULTS	
Infant/Ones	1	Pairs & Spares	4
2 Yr. Old	7	Fellowship	4
3/4 Yr. Old	8	Ben Miller	28
K/1st Grade	9	New Beginnings	20
2nd/3rd Grade	7	Connections	10
4th/5th Grade	11	Good News	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	Faith	9
		Highlander	33
		Alice Fidelis	3
YOUTH		New Horizons	19
6th-8th Grade	20	Children's SS Tchrs	12
9th-10th Grade	13	<b>Total</b>	<b>156</b>
11th-12th Grade	4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>		

**GIFTS**

**BUDGET**

In honor of **Phoebe Norman and Nancy Garrison**  
 ... by Highlander SS Class

**WALNUT GROVE RESORATION**

In memory of **Mattie Jones**  
 ... by Allan & Aggie Parse

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Wesley Wing.)

New Horizons class members serving dinner at Our House January 24.



*Staff Sharing*

**Forgive: Easy, isn't it?**

How easy is it to forgive? As Christians, we are asked to forgive others who have offended us, as well as seek the forgiveness of those whom we have offended. I think most of us agree that forgiveness is the very heart of our Faith, and we toss the word around in our vocabulary as though we are professional forgivers, if such an occupation exists. Yet I find that the acts of *seeking forgiveness* and *offering forgiveness* are both very difficult tasks.

How difficult is it for me to offer forgiveness to another person? When someone harms me or someone in my family, my immediate reaction is not to forgive them. Rather, when I'm hurt, I generally feel the desire to hurt them back, hold grudges, and seek justification for my actions—all of which are poor decisions. I don't like letting someone off the hook; I want to teach them a lesson. Forgiving someone who hurts me is a tremendous challenge.

How easy is it to seek forgiveness from another person? When I commit a wrong against someone else (especially someone I don't like!), my first impulse is not to make the situation right. Rather, when I hurt someone else, I try to ignore their pain. "They'll get over it," or "They seem to be just fine," are often thoughts that race through my Christian head. Asking for someone else's forgiveness is a pride-swallowing problem, because it might mean that I was wrong (and I surely don't want to admit that!).

Forgiveness is just plain hard. No matter how I size it up, the road less traveled looks more and more difficult all the time. I wonder...how does God not get a bellyache every time I mess up? Think about it. We messed up, and we continue to mess up. But instead of us allowing us to get what we deserve, God gave us a present. What a deal!

But this is not the typical present. Through the gift Jesus, God was knowingly subjected to ridicule, embarrassment, pain and suffering that we can't imagine. Suddenly, my little feelings of resentment, pride, and doubt towards other people seem trivial compared to what God must have experienced. This is not about me. It's about God. Often, the reason I can't forgive or seek forgiveness is because I'm selfish. I'm interested in how I feel and how it affects me, when I need to be interested in how God feels and how my words and actions affect others.

Many people call February the month of love. I suppose that's because of Valentine's Day and the anticipation of Spring. In the church, we can also call this a month of love by remembering the sacrifice God made for us so that we might be forgiven for our own selfishness. The love that God showed to us is beyond anything we can imagine, but we can experience God's love by accepting God's gift in Jesus Christ. It is because of this gift that all of us are forgiven. Through the life of Christ all of us can learn how to forgive, and all of us can learn how to seek forgiveness from God and other people.

God Bless. Brock.

**HONDURAS MISSION TRIP FEBRUARY 6-14  
 SECOND MILE CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE RECEIVED**

John Carter, Church Council Chairperson, and a supervisor with Verizon, will be participating again February 6-14 on a mission trip to the Central American nation of Honduras, along with 12 others persons of various churches through the LTC Ministries. He will be serving in the San Mateas mountain area, one of the most impoverished areas of Honduras. The average family survives on less than \$2.00 a day. The mission projects include: building a small house, construction of a bridge to fields which support cattle, and electrical wiring of missions building and school buildings. The cost of the trip per person is \$1,500 and donations are accepted through our church to pay for building supplies which will be used during the week. Please make your checks out to "Highland Valley UMC" and designate the envelope or left hand corner, "Honduras gift". Donations can be received through February 15. Thank you for your prayers and support of this mission trip.

—Check out the web site [www.lovetruthcare.org](http://www.lovetruthcare.org) for more information.—

**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 **\$20,550** in budget receipts this week.

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

Total giving received for 2009 as of 2/01/2009 \$101,361

Remaining contributions needed for 2009 \$947,011

Weeks left in 2009 47

Giving needed every week for the rest of the year. \$20,149

**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 March 29, August 30, September 13, November 22, December 27 open.** The cost of placing an arrangement is \$75.

**FELLOWSHIP TELEPHONE CLASS**

The Sunday morning Fellowship Telephone Sunday School class has a temporary opening for a teacher on the first Sunday of each month. The class meets through a conference call from 8:45am-9:30am in the church office. The Fellowship Class is attended via telephone by several church members that are not able to attend regular services. The *Adult Bible Study* series is used for the lessons. However, you may use another study if you are more comfortable. Contact Herrn Northcutt at 224-6047 or e-mail [herrn@hvumc.org](mailto:herrn@hvumc.org) for more information.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS**

Circle meetings for **Tuesday, February 10:**  
**Circle 1**—1:00pm in the Church Parlor.  
**Mary-Martha Circle**—1:00pm at the home of Maxine Patterson.  
**Circle 4**—1:30pm in the Good News SS Classroom.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS**

Barney Taylor will be the speaker for the next Methodist Men's meeting **February 17, 2009.** He will speak on the progress of the Walnut Grove Church.

**Coming up:**  
**Highland Valley United Methodist Men Work Day at Walnut Grove Church**—IT WILL BE A FUN-FILLED TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND SWEATING AND EATING AS WE DO YARD WORK ON THE CHURCH. **Saturday February 28** 10:00am – 2:00pm. Bring your yard tools, rakes, shovels, etc. and join us as we continue the renovations of Walnut Grove Church. LUNCH will be served.

Please contact the Church office, Herrn Northcutt (224-6047) or Peter Ward (351-0560) with questions and to let us if know you can help. We need to plan our lunch.

**Third Ager's to Travel to Faulkner County Museum**

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, February 26**, for an outing to the Faulkner County Museum located on the Faulkner County Courthouse grounds in the historic jail constructed in 1896. We will meet at the church at 11am, have lunch and tour the museum. Reservations must be made by February 22 by calling Joan Winstead at 221-1424, Joanne Frost at 228-9420 or the church office at 224-6047.



**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8—SCOUT SUNDAY**

- 8:30am Divine Worship
- 9:00am Fellowship Time  
Fellowship (Telephone) Class  
Sunday School Classes
- 9:30am Casual Worship
- 10:45am Divine Worship
- 4:00pm Youth Band Practice
- 5:00pm UM Kids/UMYF  
Mom to Mom  
Youth Choir
- 6:30pm

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

- 9:00am Bridge Group
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice  
Girl Scout Troop 407  
Cub Scout Den 7  
Boy Scout Troop 335

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

- 9:00am Staff Training with John Crawford
- 1:00pm Circle 1 (Parlor)  
Mary Martha Circle  
(Maxine Patterson home)
- 1:30pm Circle 4 (Good News SS Classroom)
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:00pm **Church Newsletter deadline**  
Handbell Rehearsal  
Higher Ground Bible Study  
Art Class  
Men's Chorus Rehearsal  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Women's Bible Study
- 6:00pm
- 6:30pm
- 7:15pm Art Class

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 7:00pm Friday Night Live

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

- 8:30am Art Class
- 10:30am Art Class

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8**

**Acolytes**

John Holloway & Sydney Warren (8:30)  
 Sam Griffin & Courtney Soulsby (10:45)

**Children's Church**

Nikcole Ellis & Jeff Sims

**Rockers and Huggers**

Karen Latch (9:40)  
 Jackie Kolstad (10:45)

**Coffee Steward**

Ardie Otten

**Fellowship Time Host**

New Horizons SS Class

**Bus Driver**

Scott Grimes (223-5370)

**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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