



"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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17 FEBRUARY 2009

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Divine Worship



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

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:9-35

SERMON

*"Manna:
Bread from Heaven"*

Series: *Moses*
Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

*How Great Thou Art
Standing on the Promises
Dwelling in Beulah Land*

SPECIAL MUSIC

I'll Fly Away
Men's Chorus

CATCH THE VISION OFFERING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

In October, 2007, the United Methodist Church hosted a national conference to develop a plan to launch new United Methodist Churches in the United States. Why start churches? New churches provide new opportunities to reach generations of unchurched and dechurched people, which quickly is becoming the largest part of our population. The heart of evangelism is reaching these people, and of course, the Great Commission given by Jesus is to make new disciples.

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FOCUS: CONFIRMATION CLASS

This coming **Sunday, February 22**, our Confirmation Class for youth 6th grade and older begins and will meet from 4:00pm—5:00pm in the Connections Sunday school classroom on the first floor of the Wesley Wing.

Many protestant churches, including Methodist, offer a yearly class on Christianity for youth that teaches the basics of what Christians believe and offers an opportunity at the conclusion to make their professions of faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized into the church. Rev. Howard Williams was the minister who led my Confirmation Class when I was a boy at my home church, First Methodist, in Magnolia, Arkansas.

This spring we have a large group of youth who will be participating. I am always encouraged and energized by their enthusiasm and questions about God, Jesus, and the Bible and look forward to leading them.

If you have a son or daughter, 6th grade or older, or if you have a grandchild who would benefit from our Confirmation Class, simply contact me at the church office at 225-6047 or email RevKirk@hvumc.org to sign up or for additional information.

I look forward to seeing you in worship and Sunday school this coming weekend!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FEBRUARY 25—6:00-6:30PM SANCTUARY

A brief Service of Holy Communion will be offered on February 25 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent on the Christian calendar. Lent is the six week period leading up to Palm Sunday and Holy Week and the Passion of Our Lord. Childcare will be provided.

UM YOUTH TO HOST FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER FEBRUARY 24—5:30PM-7:00PM



The Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper is coming up! Get 'em while they are hot! Hotcakes that is! Join our church family for this all-you-can eat pancake meal as we begin the season of Lent! Tickets are on sale Sundays in the Family Life Center, or by contacting kim@hvumc.org to place a reservation! \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids. Proceeds to benefit Youth Ministry trips this summer!

THE ALPHA COURSE CELEBRATION DINNER

Sunday, March 1—7:00pm Church Parlor — Childcare Provided

The **Alpha** Course is offered again this spring at Highland Valley United Methodist Church! It begins Sunday, March 1 at 7:00pm with the **Alpha Celebration Dinner** in the Church Parlor. The **Alpha** Course is a 10-week introductory class to Christianity for adults. Begun in London, England at an Anglican church, it is now used around the world as an effective tool in introducing seekers and the unchurched to the Christian faith.

You are encouraged to attend and bring a friend, neighbor, or relative to the **Alpha Celebration Dinner** on March 1. Childcare will be provided and children are welcome to attend and eat with their families, too. The dinner and introduction will last one hour and persons will have a chance to enroll in The **Alpha** Course for the next 9 weeks. Please call the church office at 224-6047 or email: churchoffice@hvumc.org for the number of persons for dinner reservations for the **Alpha Celebration Dinner**.



Alpha Celebration Dinner Menu

*Pork Loin
New Potatoes Seasoned Green Bean Bundles
Green Salad Dinner Rolls
Dessert*

YOUTH NEWS!!

What a great Sunday! Forty two youth at UMYF. 2009 is going strong. Looking for a place to connect? Join us Sunday mornings, Sunday nights, or Wednesday nights...or try them all! Bring a friend and join us in the Youth Wing!

PAINTBALL! Our spring paintball battle is scheduled Sunday, March 1, following the 10:45am service. We'll meet in the gym, change clothes, and grab some fast food on our way to Mayflower at Paintball Arkansas. Release forms are available at the Youth Booth and advance registration and payment is required. Stop by the Youth Booth soon! **PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25!**

Pancake time is here! On Tuesday, **February 24** we host our Annual Church-Wide Pancake supper. This is a fundraiser for our Youth, so be sure and get tickets for your family on Sunday in the Family Life Center. **PLAN TO BE HERE BY 4:30pm!** We have a lot to do to prep, serve, and clean up for this event!

Senior High Saturday will reconvene on **Saturday, February 28**, at Larry's Pizza on Highway 10. Join us from 6:00pm-7:30pm for fellowship together.

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. The February 25 lesson will be Jeremiah, selected verses. Make plans to join us! Questions? Contact Brock in the church office, 224-6047 or brock@hvumc.org.

ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

6-Week Study Beginning
March 4

10:00am—11:00am

Wednesday Mornings
in the Highland Valley Chapel
The Pastor's Bible Study



Join Rev. Brock Patterson for a Lenten Study of the last few days of Jesus' ministry before the crucifixion. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Rev. Brock Patterson in the church office: 224-6047 or brock@hvumc.org

MUSIC NOTES

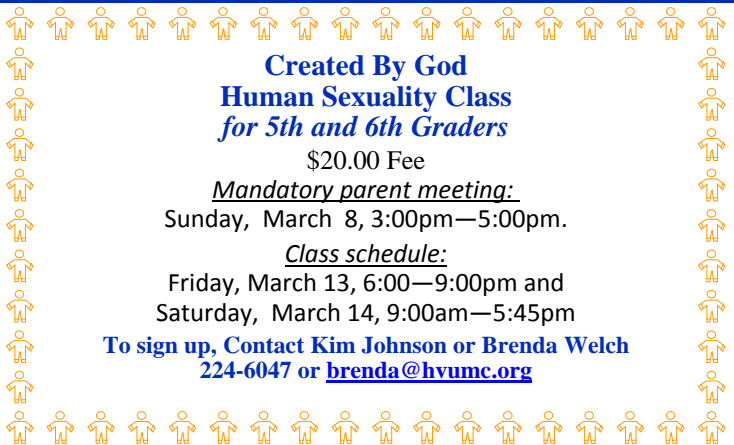
Thanks to the Chancel, Youth, and Children's Choirs who sang this past Sunday, February 15, and to the Highland Valley Ringers, who rang for the first time in 2009. Great job done by all.

The Joyful Noise Men's Chorus will sing Sunday, February 22 at all three services. The Chancel Choir anthem, *Joy in the Morning*, will be accompanied by Carter Malone, trumpet, and Joel Clark, trombone.

Grace Notes will go to Good Shepherd Nursing Home on Tuesday, February 24. Please meet in the Music Room at 10:00am.

Children's parents, mark your calendars for your children's upcoming special events! They will sing at the 10:45 services Sunday, March 15 and Palm Sunday, April 5. Their spring musical will be presented May 3. Be sure and bring your child to Kid's Club every Sunday from 5:00pm-6:30pm.

In His Service, Betty



Created By God Human Sexuality Class for 5th and 6th Graders

\$20.00 Fee

Mandatory parent meeting:
Sunday, March 8, 3:00pm—5:00pm.

Class schedule:
Friday, March 13, 6:00—9:00pm and
Saturday, March 14, 9:00am—5:45pm

To sign up, Contact Kim Johnson or Brenda Welch
224-6047 or brenda@hvumc.org

SUMMER JOBS AT CAMP TANAKO!

They are looking for professional role models to work with children and youth.

Positions Open
Lifeguard/Staff

Requirements
Completed high school and current lifeguard certification

Counselor

Twenty-one years old

Kitchen Staff

Completed high school

Starting salary for all positions is \$200 per week w/a potential merit and performance bonus of \$7.50/day. Contact the Tanako office for more information: 501-262-2600 or tanako@tanako.org.

NEW CHURCH LIBRARY TO OPEN MARCH 15



Our new church library will be open for business starting Sunday, March 15. We'll celebrate with a reception in the parlor at 9:00am and hope everybody will drop by and check out your new resource center.

Starting on March 15, the library will be open Monday-Friday when the church is open and on Sunday from 8:00am-12:00pm.

Check out will be self serve and as easy as "1-2-3." 1. Sign your name on the card, 2. Write the date due (1 month from the current date) on the card, and 3. Write the same date on the date due slip. Our collection includes a variety of Bibles and Bible handbooks and commentaries, popular Christian authors, atlases, devotions, and other inspirational material to help you in your spiritual growth.

We're looking for library volunteers who can work in the library during the daytime at times when our small groups meet at the church and other times at your convenience. Please call me at 224-1036 or email me at myates@cals.org for more information. We'd love to have your help in helping our new library ministry grow!

Mark your calendars for March 15 and look for more updates coming soon in the newsletter.

Third Agers 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 11:00am, 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.

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, Margaret Nelmark, Greg Robertson family, Allan Parse, Paula Conaway, Bruce Hamilton.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Lou Rowland, age 93, of Bealeton, VA, who died on February 12.

OUR PRESENCE

February 15

Divine Worship

8:30	65
9:40	64
10:45	250
Total	379

Sunday School

Adults	164
Youth	31
Children	53
Total	248

OUR GIFTS—February 15

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 2/15/09	16,456
Total receipts, operating & restricted, for 2/15/09	19,231
Year to date operating budget receipts through 2/15/09	140,603
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 2/15/09	196,577
Restricted funds received for:	
Handbell Fund, Library Fund, Honduras Mission Trip, AR Rice Depot, Music Fund, Youth Programs	

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 15

CHILDREN		ADULTS	
Infant/Ones	4	Pairs & Spares	3
2 Yr. Old	9	Fellowship	4
3/4 Yr. Old	8	Ben Miller	41
K/1st Grade	9	New Beginnings	21
2nd/3rd Grade	7	Connections	12
4th/5th Grade	16	Good News	11
Total	53	Faith	9
		Highlander	35
YOUTH		Alice Fidelis	3
6th-8th Grade	19	New Horizons	12
9th-10th Grade	9	Children's SS Tchrs	13
11th-12th Grade	3	Total	164
Total	31		

Staff Sharing

To Know Christ and To Share Christ

One of the greatest privileges of working with our youth is watching them share Christ with others. They do this in many ways, conventional and unusual, to serve others in Christ's name. Already 2009 has included great opportunities for our youth.

This past Friday night, twenty of us went to Alltel arena for the "Winter Jam" Christian artists concert. In addition to a variety of artists, we also heard from Rev. Tony Nolan and from former orphans that have been served through Holt International, the pioneer for international adoption since 1956. After hearing from performers that were led to Christ through adoption, our youth insisted on "adopting" a child in Haiti to sponsor while waiting for a permanent home. They are excited to "meet" Mackencia in the coming weeks and months through correspondence! I am excited to see their love for others developing on such a grand scale.

Sunday evening, we took our last collection for "Change Angels", a program that supports patients at Children's Hospital. We have been gathering our spare change for four months along with the children and \$240 is being sent this week to provide for them. On Superbowl Sunday we received \$650 from congregant giving to send to the Lake Village Food Pantry in Chicot County as part of the Delta Mission Project and another \$850 has been received since that time! What a joy and pride it is for our youth to see the impact they can have on the lives of others when they step out and ask on behalf of those who do not have!

This past week I met with Leann Broadway at Pulaski Heights Baptist, who has invited our youth to join with theirs in May to participate in a "famine" for world hunger. We are planning a weekend of service, fasting, and fellowship to raise awareness, money and support for World Vision in the fight against world hunger. I am excited to partner with my home church where I was raised, but more excited to see our kids step out of their comfort with other youth and witness to the city on behalf of those that have little.

We are now preparing for our summer mission trips (Middle School Mission Week, DMP, and Choir Tour) and selling tickets for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 24th. If you have not purchased tickets, you may do so on Sunday mornings in the Family Life Center or by contacting me at the church office. The money we raise goes to the work projects themselves and to offset our travel costs; our Choir Tour performances target "mission" audiences, such as shelters and orphanages. All these efforts have the common thread of sharing Christ and His love with others.

It is a privilege to serve to and with the wonderful youth of our church. You can be proud to know that you are sowing seeds for the future church here at Highland Valley and through the world when you support your youth, knowing that they are, indeed, serving as Christ's hands and feet on earth.

Kim

CATCH THE VISION-Continued from page 1

"Catch the Vision" in Arkansas is the United Methodist call to existing congregations to help fund the new church initiative in Arkansas. Since its' inception, Catch the Vision has already helped to fund several new churches in Arkansas that are already responsible for hundreds of adult conversions to Christianity. We want to help grow this opportunity, so this Sunday, Highland Valley will join other United Methodist churches in Arkansas in this conference-wide special offering. Thank you for your assistance in this exciting ministry opportunity.

GIFTS

BUDGET

- In memory of **Bill Grimmatt**
 - ... by Highlander SS Class
 - ... by Lorna Kuno
 - ... by Sam & Lanell Hunt
 - ... by Bettie Gray
 - ... by Gene White
 - ... by Ken & Sue Jones
 - ... by Carol Wilson
 - ... by Margaret Alexander
 - ... by Scott & Kim Hastings
 - ... by LR Wastewater Information Services Employees
 - ... by John & Stacie Holloway
- In memory of **Mary Lou Rowland**
 - ... by Highlander SS Class

MUSIC FUND

- In memory of **Bill Grimmatt**
 - ... by Nodya Lambert

GIFTS CONTINUED.....

HANDBELL FUND

- In honor of **Betty Morgan & the Handbell Choir**
 - ... by Mary Hall
- In memory of **Bill Grimmatt**
 - ... by George & Gwen Mobbs
 - ... by Marilyn Hagberg

LIBRARY FUND

- In honor of **Margaret Yates**
 - ... by Jim & Ardie Otten

*Transferred to the Church
Triumphant
Mary Lou Rowland*

23 August 1915—12 February 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**

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 email herrn@hvumc.org for more information.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Social Action for February is The Compassion Center. Needed items are toiletries, nonperishable foods, paper goods and clothing for men, women and children. These items may be placed in the marked bin in the Highlander SS Classroom.

Real Moms Circle will meet Sunday, February 22, 5:00pm at the church.

Alpha Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 24, 6:30pm at the home of Peggy Hugg.

March 6—Church Women United World Day of Prayer, location TBA.

UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS

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 AT 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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22

- 8:30am Divine Worship
- 9:00am Fellowship Time
Fellowship (Telephone) Class
- 9:30am Sunday School Classes
- 9:40am Casual Worship
- 10:45am Divine Worship
- 3:00pm Rahling Road Rezoning Meeting
- 3:30pm Welch basketball practice
- 4:00pm Confirmation Class
- 4:00pm Youth Band Practice
- 5:00pm UM Kids/UMYF
Real Moms Circle
- 6:30pm Youth Choir

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 9:00am Bridge Group
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
Girl Scout Troop 407
- 6:30pm Cub Scout Troop 335
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 335

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 10:00am Grace Notes
- 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 6:30pm Alpha Training Meeting
UMW Alpha Circle (Hugg home)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline**
Handbell Rehearsal
- 4:00pm Welch Basketball Practice
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Communion Service**
Art Class
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Women's Bible Study
- 7:15pm Art Class

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 11:00am Third Agers to Faulkner County Museum
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:30pm Book Club
Evangelism Committee

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 5:30pm "Our House" Dinner (New Beginnings host)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 8:30am Art Class
- 9:00am Library Committee
- 10:00am Walnut Grove Work Day
- 10:30am Art Class
- 6:00pm Sr. High to Larry's Pizza

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

The six-week Christian season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 25 and continues through Palm Sunday, April 5, leading up to the events of Holy Week and Easter. A Methodist devotional booklet, "The Sanctuary for Lent 2009" with a page a day for this 40- day period will be available beginning this Sunday, February 22 in the narthex. A large print version is also offered. You may also obtain a copy by calling the church office at 224-6047 or emailing churchoffice@hvumc.org.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22

Acolytes

Izzy Boehm & Trevor Ward (8:30)
Winston & Jonathan Cartwright (10:45)

Children's Church

Cindy & Lindsay Soulsby

Rockers and Huggers

Jill Hudson (9:40)
Jana Malone (10:45)

Coffee Steward

John & Jo Carter

Fellowship Time Host

Highlander SS Class

Bus Driver

Kenny Baer (227-4936)

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