



"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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23 FEBRUARY 2009

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Divine Worship

First Sunday in Lent

1 March 2009

8:30am, 9:40am, 10:45am

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 19: 1-6

SERMON

"God's Special Treasure"

Series: *Moses*

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

The Old Rugged Cross

Jesus Saves

On Eagle's Wings

SPECIAL MUSIC

Youth Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Barbara Kirkpatrick



Russ & Tammy
Felder, & daughter
Autumn

Faith Update: The *Alpha* Course

by Russ Felder

I woke up a year and a half ago and evaluated how our lives were going. Almost thirty years old, I hadn't been a member of a church since high school. My wife wasn't baptized. My daughter wasn't baptized. I knew where I wanted us to go as a family, but wasn't sure how to get us on track.

The question came up again. "I think we should get Autumn baptized," I said. She was six months old now, and I felt like it was time. So Tammy asked agreeably, "Ok. Why?" Then the other questions came up. How do we know God is real? How do we know Jesus is real? How do we know what we believe is right, and all of the other religions out there that don't believe in Jesus are wrong? These were all honest, real questions that I wasn't able to answer for my wife in an adequate manner. I was raised in the church, from the Baptism class, to First Communion, to Confirmation, and high school youth group. Sometime in the early college years I decided that church didn't fit into my lifestyle, and would get back to it "later." Tammy wasn't raised in the church at all, short of going to Vacation Bible School a couple of times.

We tried a few churches during our early married years, but church was tough.

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ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS

A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

6-Week Study Beginning March 4

10:00am—11:00am

Wednesdays-Hart 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. The first lesson will be: Judas betrays Jesus (Mark 14:1-11; Matthew 26:1-16). Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Rev. Brock Patterson in the church office: 224-6047 or brock@hvumc.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive

MONDAY, MARCH 2—3:00PM-7:00PM WESLEY WING



Make a difference! Give blood at Highland Valley! During March and April, everyone who presents to donate blood will receive an American Red Cross baseball hat.

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



Alpha

CUB SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY

The Derby was held February 9. Al Hobby is the Scoutmaster. Den/Pack Champions listed to the right.



Pack Champions: (1st) Christopher Cook, (2nd) Cassidy Shuler, (3rd) James Ivester.
Den Champions: (Tiger) Adams Smith, (Wolf) Christian Thomas, (Bear) Myles Meldrum, (Webelos 1 & 2) Gresham Barnes.

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

YOUTH NEWS!! UMYF AND HIGHER GROUND

We had a BIG Sunday this past week! 31 in Sunday School and 41 at UMYF! We will finish up our "heavenly" unit at UMYF this week. Thank you to the Addisons and Fields for feeding us! Higher Ground continues tonight at 6:00pm in the Youth Wing.

PAINTBALL

The deadline for Paintball is next Wednesday! We will depart after the 10:45am service on March 1 for Paintball Arkansas (Mayflower) and return by 4:00pm. The cost is \$25, which is due February 25.

SENIOR HIGH SATURDAY takes place on Saturday, February 28, at Larry's Pizza HWY 10 from 6:00-7:30pm. Come and join us!

Have a great week! Kim

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.

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

FAITH UPDATE : Continued from page 1

Though friendly, everyone seemed to know everything. Everyone seemed to have it all together, with no doubts or questions. It didn't seem like the right environment to ask Tammy's questions. We were afraid to look stupid. How could we be thirty, and still have the questions we had? We felt like we should know more by this point in our lives, and that we might be judged for where we were. It was hard to get much out of the daily sermons without some type of an underlying foundation. When Reverend Kirkpatrick told us about the Alpha Course, I really thought it might literally be the answer to my prayers.

So what is the Alpha Course? The Alpha Course is a practical introduction to Christianity in a relaxed, judgment-free environment. The group meets once a week for 10 weeks for a dinner, a video, and a small group discussion to cover what was presented. It presents the important information in a manner that appeals to those that haven't had a life-long relationship with Jesus. The course paints a picture in a straight-forward, fact-based manner in a format that encourages small group discussion and questions. It covers topics from who is Jesus, to why and how do we pray, and how do we approach reading the bible.

As a Christian, from my perspective, one of the toughest things we are called to do is witness. How could I tell people about Jesus? What if someone asks questions I can't answer? Let's face it, in a game of Bible trivia, I would be the kid picked last! The Alpha Course is a tool we can all use to witness. It answers the questions for us. All we have to do is get the right people into seats at the Alpha dinner that kicks off the course.

Fast forward to the present. My wife has accepted Jesus and is baptized; my daughter is baptized; and we look forward each day to learning more about the blessings of Jesus, and how he wants us to live. I know the Alpha Course works because I watched firsthand how what we learned transformed our lives. We all know people that are looking for answers. We all have friends or family or coworkers that either weren't exposed to Jesus growing up, got off track somewhere along the way, or maybe believe in God, but don't realize how important church is to their faith. This is your opportunity. If you can get just one person into the Alpha Course that needs to be there, you can help transform a life.

And, for the record, you still wouldn't want me on your Bible trivia team. But I'm getting there!

Thank you, Russ Felder

MUSIC NOTES

THANK YOU:

To the Chancel Choir and to Carter Malone, trumpet, and Joel Clark, trombone, for the anthem this past Sunday.

To the Joyful Noise Men's Chorus for their anthem, "I'll Fly Away," at all three services.

To the Grace Notes for their ministry to the people in our health facilities. We had a great trip to Good Shepherd Nursing Home on February 24.

NEXT WEEK:

The first Sunday of each month we always hear from our outstanding Youth Choir. They will be a part of our worship in all three services. The Chancel Choir anthem will be: "In the Cross", accompanied by Jeannie Weatherford at the piano, and Rebecca Ring on flute.

KID'S CLUB continues to work on the spring musical which will be presented May 3. We need all of our children to come out on Sunday evenings from 5:00pm-6:30pm in order to practice the music and learn the lines for the play.

YOUTH CHOIR is making plans for choir tour music. We need your input. Be sure to attend practice on Sunday at 6:30!

HANDBELL CHOIR has new members! Kenny Clark, Scott Welch, and John Carter, are among our new ringers! WELCOME!

CHANCEL CHOIR also has new members! Stacia DeWitt, Linda Jenkins, Daniel and Yen Egbe, and Scott Welch are our new recruits! There's room for more, so come and join us!

MEN'S CHORUS had nine members at rehearsal for the past two weeks. What a great group of guys! And, they can sing!

COME AND JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRIES
WE NEED YOU!

Betty

*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, Paula Conaway, Bruce Hamilton.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Nodya Lambert in the death of her brother-in-law, David Breshears of Pine Bluff on February 24.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Jane) Heaston in the death of his brother, Robert Heaston of Chicago last week.

OUR PRESENCE

February 22

Divine Worship

8:30	71
9:40	77
10:45	208
Total	356

Sunday School

Adults	155
Youth	31
Children	55
Total	241

OUR GIFTS—February 22

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 2/22/09	23,862
Total receipts, operating & restricted, for 2/22/09	25,297
Year to date operating budget receipts through 2/22/09	164,465
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 2/22/09	199,832
Restricted funds received for:	
Lenten Offering, AR Rice Depot, Handbell Fund, Infant Crisis Ministry, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Library Fund, Boggan Scholarship Fund, Local Missions	
<i>Correction: YTD receipts for operating and restricted through 2-15-09 should have been \$173,535.</i>	

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 22

CHILDREN		ADULTS	
Infant/Ones	4	Pairs & Spares	4
2 Yr. Old	10	Fellowship	3
3/4 Yr. Old	9	Ben Miller	34
K/1st Grade	12	New Beginnings	16
2nd/3rd Grade	8	Connections	13
4th/5th Grade	12	Good News	11
Total	55	Faith	8
		Highlander	31
		Alice Fidelis	3
YOUTH		New Horizons	18
6th-8th Grade	16	Children's SS Tchrs	14
9th-10th Grade	12	Total	155
11th-12th Grade	3		
Total	31		

NOTICES



- ☛ **Holy Communion** is available each Sunday from 8am to 12noon in Hart Chapel (except during the Sunday School hour).
- ☛ **Upper Room Devotionals** are available in the entrance to the Family Life Center. Upper Room Devotionals are free. (Sponsored by HVUMC United Methodist Women).
- ☛ Weekly updates for **Interfaith Hospitality Network** families are located at the Welcome Center in the Family Life Center. Feel free to pick one up.

GIFTS

BUDGET

- In memory of **Bill Grimmatt**
 - ... by James Morse
 - ... by Nechi Fullerton
 - ... by Verisource LLC Employees
- In memory of **Bill & Thelma Grimmatt**
 - ... by Blanche Hicks
- In memory of **Mary Lou Rowland**
 - ... by Margaret Alexander
- In memory of **Robert Heaston**
 - ... by Connections SS Class
- In honor of **Frances Hanson**
 - ... by Faith SS Class

HANDBELL FUND

- In memory of **Mary Lou Rowland**
 - ... by George & Gwen Mobbs

INFANT CRISIS MINISTRY

- In memory of **Mary Lou Rowland**
 - ... by Nodya Lambert

LIBRARY FUND

- ... by Good News SS Class

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

- In memory of **Mary Lou Rowland**
 - ... by Alice Fidelis SS Class

MISSION CORNER

A LETTER TO HIGHLAND VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM OUR HOUSE

Dear Friends at Highland Valley United Methodist Church, Thank you for your faithful and continuing support of Our House and our shared mission to give hope to homeless men, women and children. This past year has brought many blessings. One of the most wonderful and inspiring developments of 2008 was that you, our dinner servers, stepped up to fill in all of the gaps in our serving schedule. Every single day was covered! Every dinner served was cooked with love and care. You came with your colleagues, your friends and your family and brought so much more than food to our residents. You brought joy into our community here at 302 East Roosevelt Road.

You saw our numbers swell as the economy tanked. We had more families with children than ever before. In 2008, we provided housing to 949 people, including 214 children. More and more, we saw people enter our program who had never experienced homelessness. They were distraught, depressed, and worried about their futures as they sat down for dinner that first night. But evening after evening, you came back. In total, more than 3000 different people came to Our House last year to serve that dinner meal. Your service showed our residents that you care—that you see them as valuable members of our community worthy of your time and resources. I know that just as the difficult times have hit our organization and the people we serve, so too have they affected you. Thus I write today with deep gratitude for your continued commitment. In 2008, together we served 77,440 nourishing meals to the poor and needy. We never could have done this without you.

Again, I want to thank you for giving so freely of your time and resources in service to those in our community who are most vulnerable. As always, I would love to express my thanks to you and your serving group in person. If you would like for me to visit with your group to talk about Our House or just to give thanks, I always appreciate the invitation. You can reach me at 374-7383 ext. 201 or Georgia@ourhouseshelter.com.

Thanks for all you do, Georgia Mjartan, Executive Director

FERNDALE HOME EXTENSION ANNUAL BEANS AND CORNBREAD SUPPER FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27—5:00PM-7:00PM

All you can eat

\$5.00 adults; \$2.00 children (includes dessert & drink)

Location: Kanis & Ferndale Cutoff

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES!

THANK YOU for your support of Girl Scouts at Highland Valley. Girl Scout cookies will be available for pick up this Sunday, March 1. Cookies will be available in the Family Life Center from 9:00am-10:45am.

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 is available 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

UMW UNIT MEETING: Tuesday, March 3, 10:30am in the Highlander SS Classroom. Sheila Jennings will present the program and Circle 1 will host a sandwich lunch.

Dates to remember:

March 6-Church Women United "World Day of Prayer".

March 14-Central District Spring Meeting—Wesley and White Memorial.

March 27-29-"Caring for Creation" at Mount Sequoyah.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
BOY SCOUT GARAGE SALE
AT HVUMC
SATURDAY, APRIL 25
WATCH THE NEWSLETTER FOR
DETAILS!**

**NEW HORIZONS SS CLASS PARTY**

The New Horizons Sunday School Class enjoyed an After Christmas Party at the home of Chuck and Mary Bower.



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CALENDAR**SUNDAY MARCH 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
1:00pm Youth Breakaway to Paintball
4:00pm Confirmation Class
5:00pm UM Kids
6:00pm Alpha Celebration Dinner

MONDAY, MARCH 2

9:00am Staff Retreat
1:00pm Prayer Group
3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive
5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
6:30pm Board of Trustees
Cub Scout Den 3
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 335

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

10:30am UMW
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
6:00pm Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline
Handbell Rehearsal
6:00pm Higher Ground Bible Study
6:00pm Art Class
Men's Chorus
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Chipato Valley Service Unit Meeting
7:15pm Art Class

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8:30am Body and Soul
5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
7:00pm Youth Friday Night Live

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

8:00am Upward Basketball Makeup Games
8:30am Art Class
9:00am Library Committee
10:00am Walnut Grove Work Day
10:30am Art Class
6:00pm Upward Awards at Asbury UMC

"Down by the Creek Bank by the old holler log....."

Sound like fun? Well, this children's musical, written by Dottie Rambo, is just that - FUN! We invite you to experience the songs, games, and laughter with our children at Highland Valley United Methodist Church. Mark your calendars to join us at the creek bank on **Sunday, May 3**. Picnic style dinner at **5:00pm** (donations accepted) Program at **6:00pm** in the gym. Ya'll come!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**SUNDAY MARCH 1****Acolytes**

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

Children's Church

Lesley Haughaboo & Amy Sinks

Rockers and Huggers

Jon & Lara Keck (9:40)
Tammy Felder (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Beverly Graham

Fellowship Time Host

Highlander SS Class

Bus Driver

Elaine Jones (821-2104)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

March Ushers

Don Adams, Kelly Davidson
John Holloway, Jim Otten

Church Office Hours

**Monday—Friday
8:00am—5:00pm**

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Our Mission is to Know Christ and Share Christ