



"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

www.hvumc.org

01 MARCH 2010

15524 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, AR 72211

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Divine Worship

Third Sunday in Lent
07 March 2010
8:30am, 10:45am,
9:40am Casual Worship

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:8-11

SERMON

"Holy Rest"

Rev. Regina Gideon

HYMNS

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Let There Be Peace on Earth*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Youth Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Barbara Kirkpatrick

Focus: "2010 Census & the Alpha Class"

If the 2010 census holds true as it has since 1980, 50% of our neighbors in Little Rock and across the U.S. are unchurched. In west Little Rock that translates to 3,000 households without a church. Jesus' words are still true, "The fields are white for harvest."

Enclosed in this edition of our church newsletter is a colorful **Alpha** invitation with the photos of several smiling faces for you to give away this week! The purpose of the invitation is to provide an easy way for you to invite a friend, family member, or neighbor to come to our spring 2010 **Alpha** Class which begins Sunday, March 7 with the **Alpha** Celebration Dinner at 6:30pm in the church parlor. This is the third year our church has offered this exciting 10 week class, a short-course on the Christian faith. It's primarily designed for persons who have questions about God, religion, and the Bible, all in a user-friendly, non-threatening environment. It is also a "refresher course" for persons who already have faith in Christ. Each evening begins with a delicious home-cooked meal, then a short talk on an aspect of the Christian message, and then a 30 minute small group discussion.

Someone asked me, "Who is going to attend the new **Alpha** Class?" The answer is, "Whoever each of our church members reach out to invite and attend!"

God doesn't expect us to be a Billy Graham! But we each share in the responsibility and privilege of making Christ and His love real to others. And all of us have the capability of giving away an **Alpha** invitation and asking someone to come Sunday evening to check out this exciting class that God is using to make a difference in the lives of others. You're always welcome to accompany them to the **Alpha** Celebration Dinner. Just call ahead at 224-6047 or email churchoffice@hvumc.org to let us know you're coming for our meal count.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

2010 Church Photo Directories Are Here!

The new Olan Mills 2010 Church Photo Directories have arrived! Persons who had their photograph taken may come by the church office and pick up a copy or it may be picked up in the Family Life Center this coming Sunday, March 7. The names of each person/family are on the back of each Directory. Our thanks to Deborah Bolding, editor of the new directory, for her dedicated service in producing it.

Chile Earthquake 2nd Mile Relief Offering Sunday, March 7

A second mile relief offering for the people of Chile in light of the devastating 8.8 magnitude earthquake last Saturday will be received this Sunday, March 7. 100% of your gifts go directly to Chile for relief through the United Methodist Committee on Relief or UMCOR. Please make your checks payable to Highland Valley UMC and designate in the lower left corner "Chile" or on the outer envelope.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers on behalf of the people of this nation.



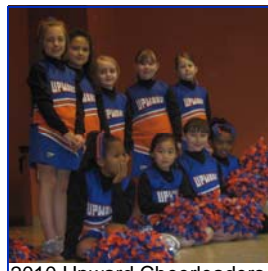
The **Alpha** Course Celebration Dinner

Sunday, March 7
6:30—7:30pm
Church Parlor—Childcare Provided

Menu: Pork Loin, Twice Baked Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Green Dinner Salad, Rolls, & Dessert

The **Alpha** Course is offered this spring at Highland Valley Methodist Church. It begins this Sunday, March 7 at 6:30pm with a delicious dinner in the Church Parlor. Childcare is provided. 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 in over 120 countries and 50 different denominations as an effective tool in introducing seekers and those with questions to the Christian faith.

You are encouraged to attend and bring a friend, neighbor, or relative. The **Alpha** Course continues for the next 10 weeks. Please call the church office at 224-6047 or email: churchoffice@hvumc.org for additional information.



2010 Upward Cheerleaders

2010 Upward Basketball & Cheerleading Season Concludes

Saturday, March 6
Closing Program—5:30pm
Family Life Center



Jon Cartwright,
2010 Upward Director

CHILDREN'S CORNER



GOOD JOB!

The Kindergarten/First Grade Class sure has bragging rights! **Celia Tillery** and **Will Watkins** have perfect attendance for the Winter quarter. This makes Will's second 3 month attendance award. They will both receive recognition pins. Also there are three regular attendees who need to be congratulated for only missing 2 times. They are **Cade Sinks, Ryan Hatch, and Autumn Gault**. They will all receive recognition ribbons. We will award these special children with their pins and ribbons on Sunday, March 14, at the 10:45am service. Way to go children and parents! We are so proud of you!

TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA/COLLECTORS EXPO HUGE SUCCESS!

Wow! What a way to end February! Over 130 people attended our church wide Talent Extravaganza and Collectors Expo Sunday evening, February 28, at 5:00pm. We had an amazing attendance of performers, collectors, church members, and visitors for the FIRST Talent Extravaganza and Collectors Expo. Thank you to everyone who brought their wonderful collections to share with us, especially Don and Maxine Stecks (pharmacy collection), Allan and Aggie Parse (No. American Indian and wooden kitchen utensils collections), John and Gay McDaniel (duck decoys/ handmade figurines-game collection), the Kirkpatrick family (movie collection) and William McRea (Superman collection). These collectors spent a great amount of time unloading, unpacking, displaying, and repacking their vast collections and we appreciate it SO MUCH! **Thank you also to the wonderful array of **TALENTED PERFORMERS**. If you didn't come to this event, then you really missed out! We had dancers, singers, pianists, slow numbers, fast numbers, fantastic costumes, much laughter, and applause! I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to showcase these wonderful children and adults. Our church can only get stronger, especially when everyone gets involved by participating, inviting friends, and showing up to view events. Let's do it again next year!

Yours in Christ, Vanya

Please see the newsletter insert for great photos!!!



THE EDGE

Date to Remember:

March 19—Winter Jam Concert. \$10 at the door. Doors open at 6:00pm. Leaving time TBA.



2010 EGG-CELLENT SPRING FESTIVAL SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Easter will be here before we know it and it's time to start collecting items for our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. This year we are calling it, 2010 Egg-cellent Spring Festival to appeal to a wider group of people in the community.

The date is: Sunday, March 28, from 3:00pm-6:00pm. Here's how you can help:

1. Make and distribute flyers to schools, neighbors, and friends.
2. Be the food coordinator (ask for donations and get volunteers to make and hand out the food).
3. Volunteer to man a booth (craft area, game area, or food area).
4. Begin stuffing plastic eggs and bring them to church with you and put in Vanya's office.
5. Help find some tame animals (goats, rabbits, chickens, etc.) for the animal area. (The Jones family has graciously offered to bring a horse.)
6. Come to the PLANNING MEETING on Sunday, March 7, at 4:30pm, during the beginning of Kids' Club, in the Education Building.

Contact Vanya@hvumc.org or 224-6047 for more information or to sign up for one of the above jobs. Thanks!



ALTAR GUILD SPRING CLEANING FRIDAY, MARCH 12 9:00AM 'TILL IT'S DONE!

The HVUMC Altar Guild is sponsoring a spring cleaning day for the Sanctuary on Friday, March 12 at 9:00am. Bring your old rags, polish, window cleaner and tools. We need to knock down the cobwebs and get ready for spring! Everyone is welcome, please join us!



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 is teaching the book of Revelation.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



Rev. Regina Gideon is leading a 6-week Bible study during Lent based on the book *Power and Passion: Six Characters in Search of Resurrection* by Samuel Wells. 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 continue on Sundays, through March 28, from 4:30pm-6:00pm. This week's lesson is on Barabbas, Chapter 2.

LENTEN OFFERING—40 DAYS OF SHARING



During this season of Lent, the Missions Committee would encourage you to prayerfully consider 1) donating the monetary equivalent of whatever you would give up for Lent (chocolate, Starbucks coffee, red meat, etc.) toward "**40 Days of Sharing**" and 2) give sacrificially for this offering beyond your tithe, to help "the least of these," because Jesus promised that we could find *him* among *them*.

And here's the especially fun part! The Missions Committee wants you to find a creative container to put your offering in (jar, coffee can, etc). In church on February 21, you will receive labels to put on your container so that we know which container was yours and so that your Sunday school class can be credited when you turn them in March 28. Why the labels? Because we are having a contest to see who can come up with the most creative container for "**40 Days of Sharing!**" The Missions Committee will be the panel of judges and the winning containers will be on display in the gym on Easter Sunday. Also, we want to see which Sunday school class has the most participants in "**40 Days of Sharing.**" Your class picture with your containers will appear in the next week's newsletter.

This Lent, consider taking up the practice of sharing. You'll be glad you did.

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, Mary Hall, Betty Cathell, Caroline Waldron, Louis Burgess, Tom Lorenzo, Dodie Osam, Margaret Nelmark.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Tim, Hunter and Tanner Conaway in the death of their wife and mother, Paula Conaway, age 54 of Little Rock on February 23. The Conaway family are former members of HVUMC.

OUR PRESENCE

February 28

Divine Worship

8:30	63
9:40	42
10:45	169
Total	274

Sunday School

Adults	130
Youth	9
Children	30
Total	169

OUR GIFTS

February 28

2010 Operating Budget	\$1,034,280
Operating budget receipts for 02/28/10	9,094
Total receipts, operating & restricted 02/28/10	9,329
Year to date operating budget receipts through 02/28/10	132,702
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 02/28/10	145,300
Restricted funds received for: local missions, Walnut Grove restoration.	

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - FEBRUARY 28

CHILDREN

ADULTS

Infant/Ones	4	Faith	10
2 Yr. Old	4	Fellowship	1
3/4 Yr. Old	6	Alice Fidelis	3
K/1st Grade	8	Highlander	36
2nd/3rd Grade	2	New Beginnings	9
4th/5th Grade	6	Crossroads	6
Total	30	Good News	10
		Connections	12
YOUTH		Ben Miller	32
Jr. High &		Children/Youth	
Sr. High	9	SS Teachers	11
Total	9	Total	130

GIFTS

BUDGET

In honor of **Wadene Hilliard**
... by Highlander SS Class
In memory of **Roscoe Jennings**
... by Highlander SS Class
... by Bettie Gray

WALNUT GROVE RESTORATION

In memory of **David Pickering, Sr.**
In honor of the March birthday of **Stephen Pickering**
... by Mary Pickering
In memory of **David Pickering, Sr.**
... by Martha Pearce

OUR SERVICE

Thanks to **Kenny Baer and family** for providing and preparing the Youth pancake supper on Fat Tuesday. Over \$480 was raised for Youth Missions.



Rob Brakensiek

**Rob Brakensiek
United Methodist Men's President**

Rob Brakensiek is the new president for 2010 of our United Methodist Men's group. Rob is a native of Hazen, Arkansas and a graduate of Hendrix College and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He has been employed with Euronet since 1994. He and his wife, Guisela, are the parents of an 18 month son, Lucas. We're excited to welcome Rob into this leadership role with our men. The UM Men meet monthly on the third Tuesday at 6:00pm for a potluck dinner and program. The UM Men provide support for various mission and service projects throughout our church and Little Rock community. In 2010 the monthly speakers are men within our church who tell about their backgrounds and lives. The 2010 speakers have included Todd Hudson and George Mobbs. The next UM Men's meeting will be Tuesday, March 16 at 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. The meetings are open to all men and kids and grandkids are welcome to attend as well.



MUSIC NOTES

From Betty's desk

Sunday, March 7—Youth Choir meet in the Sanctuary at 8:10am for rehearsal.

SPECIAL MUSIC DURING LENT AND EASTER

Sunday, March 7 - The Youth Choir will sing in all three services with special accompaniment by Michael Griffin (keyboard), Scott Welch (guitar), and Sam Welch (drums).

Sunday, March 14, 4:30pm-5:00pm—Children's Choir Rehearsal. No Youth Choir because of the church-wide Passover Seder meal from 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Sunday, March 21 - No Children's Choir or Youth Choir – Beginning of Spring Break.

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday – The children will process with palm branches and will sing in 10:45am worship.

Thursday, April 1 – Maundy Thursday –The Chancel choir will present a special anthem.

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday – Special music by the Chancel Choir and Marie Mendillo will complement this hymn service.

April 4 – Easter Sunday - Special music by the Chancel Choir with piano, organ, trumpet, flute, and handbell accompaniment at all three worship services.

I hope to see all of you in worship as we travel through the days of Holy Week which culminate in the joyous celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

In His Service, Betty



FREE MONEY FOR HIGHLAND VALLEY UMC

When you shop with your Kroger gift card, money goes to the church. Purchasing without your Kroger card leaves money unclaimed. Don't pass up this opportunity! Cards are available Sundays during Fellowship time.



**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.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY MARCH 7

- 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 Imagine Ministry (Pulaski Heights UMC)
- 3:30pm Confirmation Class
- 4:00pm UM Youth Fellowship
- 4:30pm Adult Lenten Bible Study
Kids' Club/Youth Club
Egg Hunt Planning Committee meeting
- 5:00pm UM Youth Snack Supper
- 5:30pm Real Moms
- 6:30pm Alpha Celebration Dinner

MONDAY, MARCH 8

- 8:00am-5:30pm Daily Bread Counseling
- 9:00am Bridge Group
- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 6:00pm Troop 335 Troop Meeting
Cub Scout Pack/Den Meetings

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

- 1:00pm Circle 1 (Parlor)
Mary Martha Circle (Library)
- 1:30pm Circle 4 (Good News Classroom)
- 4:00pm Parlor Committee
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 6:30pm Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:00pm **Church Newsletter deadline**
- 6:00pm UM Youth Higher Ground
Art Class
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

No Scheduled Activities

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

- 9:00am Altar Guild Sanctuary Clean Up

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

- Habitat for Humanity—St. Norbert College
- 8:00am Art Class
Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
- 11:00am Fitzgerald/Baer Wedding Shower



OPEN DATE FOR FLOWER CALENDAR

March 28 is available to place flowers in the sanctuary for worship. If you would like to reserve this Sunday please call or email the church office.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY MARCH 7

Acolytes

Kirk Hutchins (8:30)
Mary Grace Bishop & Jessica Goodwin (10:45)

Children's Church

Nickole Ellis

Rockers and Huggers

Jenn Wegener (9:40)
Jana Malone (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Margaret Yates

Fellowship Time Host

New Beginnings SS Class

Bus Driver

Kenny Baer (227-4936)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

March Ushers

Paul Dixon, Rex Eley,
Bob Flowers, Jim Martindale

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8:00am-5:00pm
Phone: 224-6047 FAX: 224-1139
E mail: churchoffice@hvumc.org



****Interfaith Hospitality Network newsletters** are available in the Family Life Center.



**"Christ in the Passover"
Church Wide
Passover Meal
Sunday, March 14**

5:00pm—6:00pm
Family Life Center

Sunday, March 14 at 5:00pm in the Family Life Center a special worship service for the season of Lent will be held called

"Christ in the Passover" in which the traditional Jewish Passover Seder meal and ritual will be held for our entire church. It will be led by missionaries Aaron and Rashelle Trank from Jews for Jesus in California, a group of messianic Jewish-Christians. Our presenter will interpret the Jewish ritual in light of our New Testament interpretation of Jesus Christ. The Passover meal is open to all adults, youth, and children and is sponsored by the Worship Committee. A love offering will be received at the conclusion of the Passover meal in support of the Jews for Jesus ministry. For further information, please call 224-6047 or email churchoffice@hvumc.org.

Youth Confirmation Class

Begins Sunday, March 7

3:00pm—4:00pm
6th—9th grade

Wesley Wing-1st Floor
Connections Classroom



The 2010 Youth Confirmation Class begins this Sunday, March 7, from 3:00pm—4:00pm, in the Wesley Wing on the first floor in the Connections Classroom. The Confirmation Class is for youth 6th grade—9th grade and will be led by Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick. At the conclusion of the class in May, participants will have the opportunity to receive baptism, make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and unite with the Church. All interested youth are invited to attend. For further information, please e-mail RevKirk@hvumc.org or phone 224-6047.

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*Our Mission is to Know
Christ and Share Christ*



*You are invited to a
Wedding Shower
honoring
Amber Fitzgerald and
Jon Baer*

*Saturday, March 13, 2010
11:00am to 1:00pm in the Parlor
Jon is the son of Ken and Linda Baer
and grandson of Marilyn Winburne.
Registered at Wal-Mart*

Collectors Expo



Collectors Expo showed off collections from Pokemon and bottle caps to arrowheads and apothecary articles. Pictured are Aggie Parse's wooden utensils, William McRea's Superman collection, Sydney Warren's giraffes. Allan Parse's arrowheads, Jane Boehm, John McDaniel's decoys and hand carved-painted figures, and Don & Maxine Stecks' apothecary collection.

