



"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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Divine Worship



Fourth Sunday in Lent
22 March 2009

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

SCRIPTURE

Numbers 13:25-33

SERMON

*"Giants and
Grasshoppers"*

Series: *Moses*

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed
O Happy Day
Are Ye Able*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Susan Allen

Focus: Rev. Brock Patterson Receives New Appointment

This past Sunday in worship on behalf of Bishop Charles Crutchfield and District Superintendent Philip Hathcock I announced the appointment of our Associate Minister, Rev. Brock Patterson, to a new church start in west Pulaski County, effective after Annual Conference in June. Brock is in his sixth year as Associate Minister at Highland Valley United Methodist. We are excited about his new appointment as this is a dream he has had for the past several years, to start a new church in the Pulaski County area. His last Sunday with us will be June 21. He is currently in the process of completing his requirements to be ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church.

I know you will join me in congratulating Brock on this new opportunity of ministry and thanking him and ShawnD' and their family for their six years of ministry at Highland Valley UMC.

This coming Sunday we will continue our series of messages on Moses and the Hebrew children as they journey toward the Promised Land. We will also be singing the great hymns of the Cross as we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week together. I look forward to seeing you in worship and Sunday School this coming Sunday!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick



Highland Valley UMC Library Committee

Committee members Dick Hirt, Ardie Otten, Margaret Yates, Maxine Patterson, Patty Downes, Nell Lyon at the opening of the HVUMC Library March 15.

"Our House" Dinner

Friday, March 27
Ben Miller SS Class Host

Family Life Committee

The Family Life Committee will meet Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30pm in the Library. All committee members are urged to attend. We will be meeting with our Olan Mills representative. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer to assist with our pictorial directory, please contact Kim Irizarry at 223-2575, 551-1771 or kirizarry@pcipublishing.com.

Lenten Offering Update

To date we have received \$7,735 from 47 families for our 2009 Lenten Offering. Contributions received will be applied directly to the principal balance of our mortgage loan. This second mile offering is a voluntary offering above and beyond our yearly 2009 commitments. The Finance Committee has asked each family to consider a \$250 gift. This special offering continues through Palm Sunday, April 5.

Third Agers

April 2

Date Change!



The tulips are blooming at Garvan Gardens in Hot Springs! We will leave the church at 10:45am on Thursday, **April 2**. Cost is \$7 and lunch on your own. Make your reservations by **March 29** by calling Joan Winstead at 221-1424 or 681-6884 or the church office.

United Methodist Youth Spring Break Trip March 24-28

Our United Methodist Youth Group will be traveling on their annual Spring Break trip to Perdido Key, Florida March 24-28, according to Mrs. Kim Johnson, Youth Minister. 24 youth and adults and their families will be going.

One Great Hour of Sharing

This Sunday, March 22, our church will receive a special designated second mile offering, the *One Great Hour of Sharing*, which benefits and underwrites UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief, our disaster relief agency. Through this special offering, all of the administrative costs of the disaster response teams across the US are underwritten so that when a disaster occurs, 100% of contributions received go directly to assist persons. Special envelopes for the *One Great Hour of Sharing* will be in the bulletins during worship or you may designate your offering envelopes or checks *One Great Hour* in the lower left hand corner. Thank you for your generous second mile support of this important ministry both in Arkansas and nationwide.

YOUTH NEWS!!

Are you enjoying the party? If you don't know for sure what I'm talking about, you haven't been to church in a while. THIS Sunday night at 5:00pm we will conclude our look at the "Party Life" and the invitation that is there for everyone to God's family! Bring a friend and join us for this fun study together!

Spring Break is next week and we will not have UMYF on Sunday, March 29. We WILL help host the Easter Egg Hunt activities again this year on Sunday, April 5, from 4:00-6:00pm. Plan on being here about 3:30pm to help set up and prepare this fun time for our church family!

Also, we have been invited to work with the boy scouts again this spring in their Annual Rummage Sale. This is a profitable fundraiser for Choir Tour balances for youth that work multiple work nights during the two-week preparation. The actual sale is on Saturday, April 25 with preparation for two weeks beforehand. Save the dates if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity!

See you at church! Kim

INFANT CRISIS MINISTRY

Infant Crisis Ministry will be making new schedules for the next 6 months. If anyone is interested in joining our ministry, please contact Mary Bower at 821-0979 or chuckb1983@aol.com. We would love to have new members join our group. The commitment is small and the rewards are great.

EGGS NEEDED FOR HVUMC ANNUAL COMMUNITY EGG HUNT!

It is that time of year again! On Palm Sunday, April 5, Highland Valley United Methodist Church will host our annual Community Cook-Out and Easter Egg Hunt from 4:00-6:00pm. As always, we need lots and lots of candy-filled eggs for the many children that attend. This Sunday, empty eggs will be available in the gym for you for pick up, take home, fill with candy, and return to any of the collection bins located throughout the church. Please note that it is best to use non-chocolate candy when filling the eggs, as chocolate tends to melt if there is any sunshine at all! Thanks in advance for your contribution to this valuable ministry!

CREATED BY GOD RESCHEDULED

Mark your calendar! Created By God is rescheduled for **Friday, May 15**, from 6:00pm-9:00pm and **Saturday, May 16** from 9:00am-5:30pm. The mandatory parent meeting is **Monday, May 11** from 6:00-8:00pm. Please contact Brenda Welch or Kim Johnson for information. Watch for details in your next newsletter.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY, MARCH 22—4:00PM
GOOD NEWS CLASSROOM IN THE WESLEY WING

MUSIC NOTES

Thanks to our Children's Choir and Mrs. Rita Bryant for the special music last Sunday. We are always so blessed to have our children sing in the worship service, and Rita wears multiple hats in our music ministry, and wears them all well. Thanks to you all!

With spring break approaching, we realize that Easter is just around the corner. We are working on special music in all of our music groups.

March 22 we will hear special music from Lara Keck, accompanied by Steve Boone, Stephen Giles, and Jim Wise.

March 29, Marie Mendillo will sing the wonderful song, "Via Dolorosa", which will carry us into Holy Week. Also, the choir will sing a beautiful communion anthem, accompanied by Brenna Gilstrap on violin.

April 5, Palm Sunday, the children, youth, and chancel choir will sing joyous songs, accompanied by guitar, bass guitar, and percussion.

Thursday, April 8, we celebrate Holy Thursday with communion and an anthem by the choir.

Friday, April 9, Good Friday, the choir will sing "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" with special cello accompaniment by Dr. Chuck Schock.

April 12, Easter Sunday, the chancel choir, handbell choir, and instrumentalists will bring special anthems of praise to the risen Lord at all three worship services. You will hear "Majesty", "Christ the Lord is Risen Today", "For This Joyous Easter Morning", and "Hallelujah Chorus". What a wonderful day to celebrate!

The season of Lent and Easter provide many opportunities to worship, and music is an integral part of that worship. Our Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Youth Choir, and Instrumentalists are gearing up for a wonderful season of praise. Come and join us in worship!

Betty

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 12, as a memorial or to honor a friend or family member, complete this form and place it in the offering plate or send to the Church Office along with \$10 for each Lily requested.

The last day to order Easter Lilies and have the memorial or honorarium listed in the Easter bulletin will be **Sunday, April 5**. Lilies may be picked up after worship on Easter by the person being honored or the family members of those given as memorials.

Please place _____ Easter Lily(Lilies) in the Sanctuary. I am enclosing \$_____

IN HONOR OF: _____

or

IN MEMORY OF: _____

FROM: _____

(Please PRINT names as they are to appear in bulletin listing)

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, Bruce Hamilton, Jane Sentell, Don Smith, Eutha Scott.

OUR PRESENCE

March 15

Divine Worship

8:30	56
9:40	64
10:45	221
Total	341

Sunday School

Adults	164
Youth	29
Children	43
Total	236

OUR GIFTS—March 15

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 3/15/09	13,804
Total receipts, operating & restricted, for 3/15/09	17,580
Year to date operating budget receipts through 3/15/09 (11 weeks)	214,145
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 3/15/09	259,078
Restricted funds received for: Lenten Offering, Missions, Handbell Fund, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Adult Library, Walnut Grove Restoration, Infant Crisis Ministry, Youth & Children's Programs.	

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MARCH 15

CHILDREN		ADULTS	
Infant/Ones	0	Pairs & Spares	4
2 Yr. Old	8	Fellowship	3
3/4 Yr. Old	6	Ben Miller	41
K/1st Grade	10	New Beginnings	19
2nd/3rd Grade	8	Connections	10
4th/5th Grade	11	Good News	13
Total	43	Faith	11
		Highlander	31
YOUTH		Alice Fidelis	3
6th-8th Grade	20	New Horizons	17
9th-10th Grade	7	Children's SS Tchrs	12
11th-12th Grade	2	Total	164
Total	29		

GIFTS

BUDGET

- In memory of **David Pickering, Sr.**
 - ... by Don & Jeanette McNeill
 - ... by Buddy Matson
 - ... by Gene & Dona Scott
 - ... by Loyd & Trudy Walker
 - ... by Johnnie Lou Lowry
 - ... by Jamie Lowry
 - ... by Ann Shelton
 - ... by Gene & Linda Pfeifer
 - ... by Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield Nelson
 - ... by Kim Lowman
 - ... by Donald & Maxine Stecks
 - ... by John & Shirley Moore
- In memory of **Charles Patterson**
 - ... by Bob & Beverly Sullenger
 - ... by Clay & Martha Taylor
 - ... by Butch & Dianne Burnett
 - ... by Jim & Betty Kimzey
 - ... by Marie Buckley
 - ... by Margaret Alexander
 - ... by Dick & Sara Hirt
 - ... Wadene Hilliard
 - ... by Jim & Evelyn Carter
 - ... by Perry & Deborah Bolding
 - ... by Connections Sunday School Class
 - ... by Sue Wilson

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Staff Sharing

Just Say No?

The following article comes from Jonathan McKee, president of The Source for Youth Ministry.

"Just Say No" begins with Mom and Dad

The influence of parents, however big or small, is growing. In the latest annual survey from *The Partnership for a Drug Free America*, the number of teens who reported "learning a lot" from their parents about the risks of drug use rose last year from 32% to 37%. This increase represents statistical significance. Over 6,500 teenagers between 7th and 12th grade participated in the survey. President of *The Partnership*, Steve Pasierb, came to a conclusion that stimulates hope. "Parents are talking, and what you see in the study, particularly among the girls, is the willingness of kids to listen."

Talking is one thing. But what results – if any – are coming from kids' willingness to listen? Evidently, a lot. "We know from the last 20 years of this study," says Pasierb, "that kids who report learning a lot at home about the drug issue are half as likely to use as kids who don't get that at home." *Half as likely!* What can you do to affect the lives of teenagers in a world skeptical of parents' influence?

1. Stick with it. Granted, parenting isn't easy, and unfortunately, there aren't any guarantees, but we must remember that parenting happens over the long-haul of life.

2. Give teenagers what they desire most...you! I guess we can't complain about giving kids what they want, when they want something good. According to the surprising findings of the report, "spending time with family" brings teenagers the most happiness. Happiness for the sake of happiness isn't very helpful in the long run, but happiness that stems from parents making an intentional investment in their children is priceless.

3. Refer to the owner's manual...often. Contrary to the popular joke that says "kids don't come with an owner's manual," they actually do. As parents, we just need to remember who the real Owner of our kids is. In several places, the Bible makes mention of parenting tactics. One of the most impacting is Ephesians 6:4, "Do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." The more we expose our children to His training and instruction, the better our chances are of not only having an impact on our kids, but helping them live godly lives, as well.

Indeed, *some* parents have lost the place of loudest and most influential voice on their children's lives. But parents who commit to having the most consistent voice will have children who look on their parents' efforts with gratitude.

Kim

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In memory of **Mary Lou Rowland**
... by Virginia Nix

In honor of **Mary Milstead**
In memory of **Anne Milstead**
... by Ray Milstead

WALNUT GROVE RESORATION

In memory of **David Pickering, Sr.**
... by Jim & Linda Martindale
... by Bill & Val Hawkins

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

In memory of **David Pickering, Sr.**
... by Bob & Kathryn Baertsch
In memory of **Charles Patterson**
... by Jean Hooper

LENTEN OFFERING

In memory of **Charles Patterson**
... by Larry & Cheryl Simmons
... by New Horizons Sunday School Class
... by Gary, Beverly, & Ashley Graham
... by Maxine Patterson
... by Nodya Lambert
... by Highlander Sunday School Class
... by Marilyn Hagberg
In memory of **David Pickering, Sr.**
... by Ken & Vicki Jackson
... by Bob & Doris Flowers
In memory of **Robert Heaston**
... by Larry & Cheryl Simmons
In memory of **Helen Meloy**
... by Gary, Beverly, & Ashley Graham
... by New Horizons Sunday School Class

HANDBELL FUND

In memory of **Charles Patterson**
... by LaVerne Moseley
... by Circle 4
... by George & Gwen Mobbs
... by Guy & Lillian Borden

ADULT LIBRARY

In memory of **Charles Patterson**
... by Jim & Linda Martindale

ANNUAL BOY SCOUT GARAGE SALE

APRIL 25 8:00AM – 2:00PM



Always a great selection of things you need. Proceeds provide Summer Camp funds and program items. Call Herrn at 224-6047 or email hern@hvumc.org for drop off and pick up information.

**ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS
A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

**6-Week Study
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 fourth lesson will be: *Peter Denies Jesus* (John 13:26-14:7, Luke 22:54-62). Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Rev. Brock Patterson in the church office: 224-6047 or brock@hvumc.org.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Alpha Circle-Tuesday, March 24, 6:30pm at the home of Bev Stock.

Other dates: Saturday, March 21—Central District UMW Spring Meeting, in the Kendall Center at Philander Smith College. 9:30am -registration/refreshments; 10:00am gathering. Program: "The Least of These at the Table." Donations of pasta and winter clothing will be appreciated.

Thursday, March 26—Seniors' birthday party at Aldersgate, Circle 4.

March Social Action is The Dorcas House: items requested are baby wipes, cleaning supplies, bleach, laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, paper napkins, paper cups, paper plates and clothing for women, children and babies.

THANK YOU'S

Dear Highland Valley Family:
Thank you for your prayers and support following the loss of my father. My family has received many cards and calls from you, all of which are sincerely appreciated. Although we miss Dad terribly, your love and concern for our family has helped us be reassured of God's love during this difficult time. Thanks again. I am truly grateful for all that you have done.

God Bless, **Brock**

From the Patterson Family:
Our heartfelt thanks go out to our friends at Highland Valley United Methodist Church for your care and concern for our family during this time of loss. Thank you.

Anne Lea Patterson, children and grandchildren

CALENDAR

SUNDAY MARCH 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
- 4:00pm Youth band practice
- Worship Committee
- 5:00pm UM Youth Fellowship
- 6:00pm Alpha Course
- 6:30pm UM Youth Choir

MONDAY, MARCH 23

- 9:00am Bridge Group
- 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop 407
- 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 335
- Evangelism Committee
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 335

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

- YOUTH FAMILY SPRING BREAK TRIP**
- 10:00am Grace Notes
 - 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
 - 6:30pm UMW Alpha Circle (Bev Stock home)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

YOUTH FAMILY SPRING BREAK TRIP

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

- YOUTH FAMILY SPRING BREAK TRIP**
- 5:30pm "Our House" dinner
 - (Ben Miller SS Class host)

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

- YOUTH FAMILY SPRING BREAK TRIP**
- 8:30am Art Class
 - 10:30am Art Class

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 23

6:30PM

LIBRARY

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY MARCH 22

Acolytes

Winston & Jonathan Cartwright (8:30)
Izzy Boehm & Sam Welch (10:45)

Children's Church

Bill & Suzanne Yee

Rockers and Huggers

Rhonda Hatch (9:40)
Deborah Currey (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Staci Grimes

Fellowship Time Host

New Beginnings

Bus Driver

Kenny Baer & Joe Burkett (227-4936)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

March Ushers

Don Adams, Kelly Davidson
John Holloway, Jim Otten

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