



"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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06 APRIL 2009

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Divine Worship



Easter Sunday
12 April 2009
8:30am, 9:40am, 10:45am

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-11

SERMON

"Cemetery Celebration"

An Easter Sunday Message
Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
He Lives*

Up From the Grave He Arose

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Lindsey Garland

Focus: Easter Memories

Holy Week is the highlight of the Christian calendar as we recall the Passion of Jesus' suffering and death on Good Friday and His Resurrection triumph on Easter Sunday. The Christian message of Jesus defeating death itself, of evidence of life beyond the grave is the greatest news the world has ever known. It's still the good news that human beings need today more than ever.

My earliest Easter memory is a black and white photo of my older brother David, age 5, and myself, age 4, dressed in our Easter coats and ties and standing on the front lawn holding our Easter baskets! That was 45 years ago. Now this coming Easter Sunday my wife, Barbara, and I will take photos of our two children in their Easter fineries. Easter is about making memories.

This past Sunday our church had 3 outstanding Palm Sunday services with over 450 in worship, highlighted at 10:45am by welcoming the James Parrish family to our church. And almost 300 persons attended our Easter Fair and Egg Hunt Sunday afternoon as the sun held out and shined on our outdoor festivities. It was exciting to see dozens of kids converge on the green field for the egg hunt, with moms and dads in tow. This was a great outreach to our west Little Rock neighbors. Our thanks to Martha Sims who organized the Easter Fair activities and to Geoff and Hunter Addison who were our cooks for the family dinner.

I look forward to seeing you this Easter Sunday as we worship our Risen Savior—come make an Easter memory with us!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

Lenten Offering Update

To date we have received \$16,005 from 68 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 will conclude Easter Sunday, April 12.

Holy Week Services

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 9—7:00pm

A worship service observing *The Last Supper* of Jesus with Disciples in the Upper Room

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Hymns of the Cross

April 10—7:00pm

A worship service led by our Youth telling the Passion of Jesus' Suffering and Death through Scripture and Hymns of the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12—8:30, 9:40, & 10:45am

Special Music:

Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir & brass accompaniment

Birth Announcement



We welcome to our Highland Valley family, **Addison Faith Millard** and **Peyton Hope Millard**, born April 6. Addison weighed 2 lbs., 2 oz.; Peyton 1lb. 3

oz. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Will (Kristi) Millard.



Pictured left: James & Natalia Parrish, Katelyn & Brendan

Welcome New Members

We are glad to welcome **Dr. James and Natalia Parrish** and their children, **Katelyn and Brendan**, to our church, who united at 10:45am on April 5 by transfer from St. Luke UMC in Orlando, FL. Their address is: 9 Cypress Point, 72212 and the home phone is: 379-9262. The email is Natalia@theparrishs.com. James is a professor in the business department at UALR. Their daughter, Katelyn, is age 6 and in kindergarten at Pulaski Academy and Brendan is age 4.

We have 9 new members in 2009 for a total membership of 1180. Please join us in welcoming the Parrish family as our newest church family.

HIGHLAND VALLEY'S 2009 COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT & PICNIC



Thank you to Martha Sims for organizing the community Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic. It was a huge success with 300 being served according to Geoff Addison who was in charge of the kitchen. Thank you to the many volunteers, including the youth, the men's group and parents who made this event such a fun time for all of the families. The petting zoo was a new favorite this year. There were also games, drawings for Easter baskets, and of course the big "hunt".

YOUTH NEWS!!

What a wonderful Palm Sunday! Youth Choir, you were great as always. The Easter Egg Hunt was better than ever! I was so proud of each of you and the leadership you gave in manning the booths and providing lively entertainment in the festivities. Great job, Havumcah! A wonderful start for Holy Week. Because of services on Thursday and Friday evenings, **we will not have Higher Ground on Wednesday night** so that you can get ahead with homework and plan to worship with your families. **There will be no evening activities this Easter Sunday.** We will resume UMYF on April 19 with the Chacko family hosting our meal.

The April float trip has been postponed until summer. Stay tuned for more details!

Coming up soon...

Scout Rummage Sale/Youth fundraiser opportunity. See sign up at the Youth Booth!

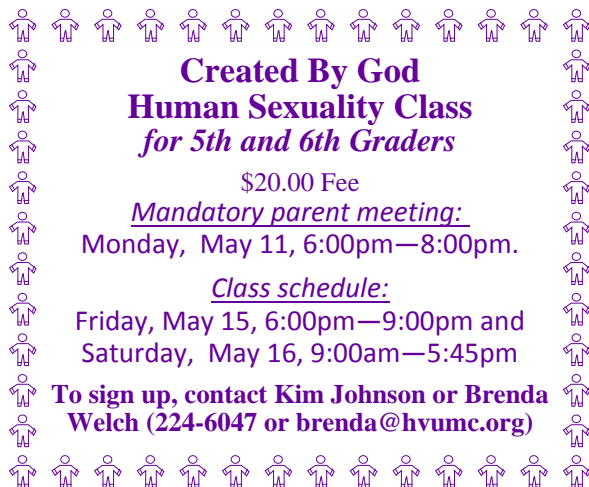
Senior High Saturday, April 25

Youth Sunday with Senior Recognition, May 17

Senior Dinner May 21, 6:30pm

Have a great week!

Kim



Created By God
Human Sexuality Class
for 5th and 6th Graders
 \$20.00 Fee
Mandatory parent meeting:
 Monday, May 11, 6:00pm—8:00pm.
Class schedule:
 Friday, May 15, 6:00pm—9:00pm and
 Saturday, May 16, 9:00am—5:45pm
To sign up, contact Kim Johnson or Brenda Welch (224-6047 or brenda@hvumc.org)

Ms. Milinda Brown
25 Years
in Highland Valley's
Nursery!

Our Church is hosting a reception to honor Milinda Brown for 25 devoted years working with our children in the nursery. The reception will be held in the gym after the 10:45am service on Sunday, April 26.



For more information, Contact Jo Carter:

350-8525



April 26 in the Family Life Center!
11:45am
Cake and The Chocolate Fountain

MUSIC NOTES

Easter is the celebration of Love in its highest form. From "Apples of Gold" compiled by Jo Petty, comes the paragraph that sums it up for all of us: "Add all the love of all the parents and the total sum cannot be multiplied enough times to express God's love for me, the least of his children."

Christ says not, "at the end of the way you find ME." He says, "I AM the way: I AM the road under your feet, the road that begins just as low as you happen to be."

What a wonderful promise for us to embrace this Easter season. Won't you join me in the special services during this Holy Week as we celebrate and renew our faith.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 12, is a special day in the life of our church. We are celebrating the resurrection of our Lord on this day, and we will celebrate with joy!

Our Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, Liturgical Dancers, and instrumentalists, will join together to make this a day filled with worship and music presented to the glory of our Lord!

Come and join the Highland Valley Family as we lift our voices in joyful praise!

See you in church Sunday!

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

Betty Morgan, Jim Williams, Ouida Roark, Nelda Hicks, Frank Highfill, Mary Jo Smith, Marie Buckley, Dorothy Dillon, Margaret Nelmark, Bruce Hamilton, Jane Sentell, Don Smith, Eutha Scott, Nell Ambrose, Delaine Russell, Will, Kristi, Addison, & Peyton Millard.

OUR PRESENCE

April 5

Divine Worship

8:30	76
9:40	68
10:45	312
Total	456

Sunday School

Adults	172
Youth	37
Children	49
Total	258

OUR GIFTS—April 5

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 4/05/09	19,012
Total receipts, operating & restricted, for 4/05/09	23,137
Year to date operating budget receipts through 4/05/09 (14 weeks)	273,662
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 4/05/09	331,098
Restricted funds received for: Lenten Offering, Missions, Handbell Fund, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Youth Programs, Senior Ministries.	

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE APRIL 5

CHILDREN

Infant/Ones	2
2 Yr. Old	9
3/4 Yr. Old	9
K/1st Grade	11
2nd/3rd Grade	5
4th/5th Grade	13
Total	49

YOUTH

6th-8th Grade	21
9th-10th Grade	11
11th-12th Grade	5
Total	37

ADULTS

Pairs & Spares	4
Fellowship	3
Ben Miller	30
New Beginnings	24
Connections	16
Good News	12
Faith	12
Highlander	38
Alice Fidelis	3
New Horizons	18
Children's SS Tchrs	12
Total	172

OUR SERVICE

Thanks goes out to Greg Floyd for work on the gym floor recently.

GIFTS

BUDGET

In memory of **Mary Louise Frost**
... by Highlander SS Class
... by George & Gwen Mobbs
In honor of **Don Smith**
... by Highlander SS Class

HANDBELL FUND

In memory of **Charles Patterson**
... by Joel & Nancy Clark & Family

LENTEN OFFERING

In memory of **Mary Louise Frost**
In memory of **Nell Zimmerebner**
In honor of **Milinda Brown**
In honor of **Nell Ambrose**
... by Maxine Patterson

YOUTH PROGRAMS

In honor of **Kim Johnson**
... by Jim & Renee Wise & Family

SENIOR MINISTRIES

In memory of **Mary Lou Rowland**
... by The Rowland Family

Staff Sharing

The Good News of Bad Situations

Good news exists everywhere, even in the toughest circumstances. As Christians, we understand that the Good News exists, helping us to be optimistic during tough times. Yet even when we're at the top of our game, finding good news in bad situations can be very difficult.

So given the challenging environment in which all of us live, work, and play, I began thinking about where we might look to find the good. It's a plain fact that many of us work diligently in our Faith without seeing tangible results. We might spend our entire lives attempting to do things the right way, without receiving even a hint that our efforts are making a difference.

I know that the ultimate Good News is Jesus Christ. Yet when I think about what Jesus actually experienced, it doesn't sound very good. Jesus was betrayed by a friend. That doesn't sound very good. Then Jesus was abandoned by a whole group of other friends and followers. Not much good news there, either. Jesus was then arrested, tortured, and killed. No matter how many ways I phrase those events, I can't make it sound remotely good. Yet somehow, while all this was taking place, good news surfaced.

Consider the previously unknown people who were active participants of Jesus' last few hours. Consider Simon of Cyrene (Mark 15:21), who alleviated some of the burden by carrying Jesus' cross. Consider the thief on the cross next to Jesus, who became the first person led to Christ by Faith alone (Luke 23:39-43). Consider the centurion overseeing the crucifixion, who became the first person to be converted as a result of Jesus' death (Mark 15:39). Consider Joseph of Arimathea, who gave up his own burial tomb so that Jesus' body could be properly buried (Matthew 27:57-60).

Each of these previously unknown people were present during the worst few hours of human history, yet each of these folks represent some good news in a terrible situation. Did Jesus' friends recognize the good news as it occurred? If not, how long did it take for them to recognize the good news God accomplished through these other people?

Like most people, I've experienced significant challenges during this last year. Yet in the midst of it, God has continued to bring good news to the surface. Maybe I am *stretching* to find the good news in some particularly bad situations. Maybe the road towards optimism does wind close to the path of denial, but Jesus' victory over death assures me that God is close and actively working in all kinds of unknown people and situations. My Faith in Christ provides me with the good news of hope, not because it's unrealistic, but because God has a habit of doing some extraordinary things through ordinary people. Sometimes it just takes a while for me to recognize it.

God Bless. Brock.

THANK YOU!

I want to take this opportunity to thank my church family for the outpouring of care and love during my eye surgery and recovery. I truly appreciated the wonderful food, the many cards and calls, the house cleaning, and especially your prayers as I accepted this wonderful donor gift of a cornea. I am recovering nicely, and because of the many talented people in our music ministry who covered for me, the music continued.

Thanks to all, and thanks to God for His strength during this time.

In His Love,

Betty

MISSIONARIES WITH APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Mogert Adevv
PO Box KIA 9195
Accra, Ghana

Janet May
Universdad Biblica
Latinamerican
Apartado 901-1000
San Jose, Costa Rico

NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Pictures to be taken
April 28-May 2
 Sign up this Sunday in the
 Family Life Center!

**ANNUAL BOY SCOUT
 GARAGE SALE**
APRIL 25 8:00AM – 2:00PM

It's time once again for the Boy Scout Annual Garage Sale. This has been a big community event for the past 20+ years at Highland Valley. The proceeds will be used for 2009 Summer Camp fees and equipment needs of the Troop. Plus, the HV Youth will be helping and earning a portion of the sale proceeds. Here's where you come in: Donations are what make the sale worthwhile, so start digging in those attics and closets and get a jump start on your spring cleaning. If you have donations for the sale, you may bring them to the Family Life Center or to the P.O.D.S. on the west parking lot (call the church office for lock combination) beginning Monday, **April 13** at 6:00pm or contact Herr Northcutt at 224-6047. We will be able to make pickups starting **April 13**. Thanks for supporting this important ministry of our church.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS**Circle Meetings:****Tuesday, April 14—**

Circle 4—9:30am-12:00pm in the Good News SS Classroom.

Circle 1—12:30pm in the Parlor.

Mary Martha—1:00pm at the home of Carolyn Peterson.

Other upcoming dates:

Sunday, April 19—UMW Sunday, Rev. Mary Hoey guest speaker.

Tuesday, April 28—Annual Ladies' Spring Supper, 6:30pm in the Family Life Center. All ladies of the church are invited and welcome.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Join Rev. Brock Patterson for a new study entitled: *The Book of Acts: The Beginning of a New Church*. The study will begin April 15 at 10:00am in the Hart Chapel. Please join us!

1997 TAHOE FOR SALE!

We are selling the 1997 Tahoe owned by the church. It needs work, but might make a good hunting or teenager vehicle after repairs. Contact Herr Northcutt at the church, 224-6047 or herrn@hvumc.org.

COKEBURY CURRICULUM FAIR

SUNDAY, APRIL 19
12:00pm-2:00pm—Parlor



The fair is sponsored by the Highland Valley Education Committee. A representative from Cokesbury will display new study materials.

CALENDAR**SUNDAY APRIL 12—EASTER**

8:30am Divine Worship
 9:00am Fellowship Time
 Fellowship (Telephone) Class
 9:30am Sunday School Classes
 9:40am Casual Worship
 10:45am Divine Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 13

9:00am Bridge Group
 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop 407
 6:30pm Cub Scout Den 7
 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 335

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

9:30am Circle 4 Workshop
 12:30pm Circle 1 (Parlor)
 Mary Martha Circle
 (Carolyn Peterson home)
 6:00pm Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

6:00pm Highlander SS Class Dinner

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

3:00pm Brakensiek/Alfaro wedding set up

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:30am Art Class
 9:00am Vital Signs (St. James)
 10:30am Art Class
 2:00pm Brakensiek/Alfaro Wedding

**HIGHLAND VALLEY UMC
 T-SHIRTS**

There are still HVUMC T-shirts available in the church office. The cost is \$10, sizes M, L, XL, XXL. Come by the office and get yours!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**SUNDAY APRIL 12****Acolytes**

Lebenson & Vangel Mendillo (8:30)
 Courtney Soulsby & Anna Markland
 (10:45)

Children's Church

John & Gwen Watkins

Rockers and Huggers

Ashley Atkins (9:40)
 Jenn Wegener (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Debbie Bush

Fellowship Time Host

Ben Miller Class

Bus Driver

Steve Jones (920-9516)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

April Ushers

Geoffrey Addison, John Carter
 Scott Grimes, Max Sharp

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Monday—Friday

8:00am—5:00pm

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