



*"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



Fifth Sunday of Easter  
10 May 2009

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

### SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

### SERMON

*"Teach Your Children"*

*Series: Moses*

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

### HYMNS

*Sing with All the Saints in Glory  
Because He Lives*

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Barbara Kirkpatrick

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Awakening Praise Band

## Focus: Youth & Children Galore

Sunday, May 3 was an exciting day as 18 persons united with our church including 16 youth from our spring Confirmation Class. We were glad to welcome Lesa Kuhnert and Susan Tinker who united by transfer. We are also proud of each of the 16 youth and thank the Lord for their newly-professed faith in Christ and for the support of their families. It was a heartfelt moment for me to be able to confirm our 12-year-old son, Matthew, as well. He was baptized when he was four months old—which seems like only 2 or 3 years ago! We're proud of you, Matthew! It was a joy working with all these fine youth in the Confirmation Class for the past 3 months.

Our children's ministry had an outstanding musical on Sunday evening, "Down By the Creek Bank" with 35 children singing in the program and over 200 persons in attendance. The children were wonderful and we have lots of talented voices from little ones all the way up to the big kids! The picnic dinner of fried chicken and all the trimmings was delicious, too! Our thanks to Brenda Welch, interim Children's Ministry Director; children's choir director, Mrs. Betty Morgan; and to Kim Markland, my wife, Barbara Kirkpatrick, Martha Sims, and Kevin Wade for their outstanding contributions which made a fun-filled evening.

We thank the Lord for our fine children's and youth ministries—both groups which are the present and future of our church! I look forward to seeing you this Sunday in worship—and fellows, don't forget, it's Mothers' Day!

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

## 16 Youth Confirmed Sunday, May 3

Sixteen youth united with our church by profession of faith this past Sunday, May 3. Pictured below are: Johnathan Hankins-Hull, Mary Grace Bishop, Natalee Clark, Anna Irizarry, Patrick Burkett, Lerie Mendillo, Michael Griffin, Jackson Floyd, Matthew Kirkpatrick, Will Hastings, Rebecca Mitts, Kirk Hutchins, Nathan Schneider and Nicholas Hobby. Not pictured: Reid Bartholomew and Addison Yee.



## Lenten Offering Thanks

To the Highland Valley Church Family...

Thanks to all of the members of our Church who participated in the Lenten Offering.

A total of **76** giving units **contributed \$18,140** which will be used to make additional principal payments outside the normal budget commitments on our mortgage.

The Finance Committee appreciates the membership of Highland Valley and their continued faithfulness and gifts in support of the operations of our Church.

Perry Bolding, Finance Chair

## Welcome New Members

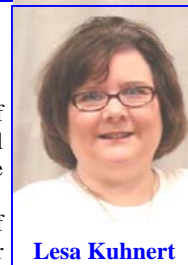
Our church has welcomed 18 new members this past week.

**Lesa Kuhnert** united at the 8:30 am service by transfer from First Baptist Church. She is a native of Magnolia, MS and has been a resident of Little Rock since 1988. She is a Registered Nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Her address is 14415 Huckleberry Drive 72211 and the home phone is: 228-3064 and e mail blueyedrn84@yahoo.com.

**Susan Nix Tinker** unites by transfer from St. James UMC. She is the daughter of Mary Frances Branton of our church and a member of the Highlander Sunday school class. Susan is employed in insurance sales. Her address is: 18 Ridgfield Court 72223 and the home phone is: 868-8844.



Susan Tinker



Lesa Kuhnert

Sunday, May 3rd was youth Confirmation Sunday and sixteen persons united with our church by baptism and/or profession of faith. They are pictured on the front page of this edition of the church newsletter.

We have received 27 new members in 2009 for a total membership of 1197.

Please join us in welcoming these 18 persons as the newest members in our church family.



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Summer 2009

Come to the "Croc Dock" where fearless kids shine God's light!! June 22-June 26 from 9:00am-12:00noon. Register now for VBS on-line at [www.hvumc.org](http://www.hvumc.org) or contact Brenda Welch at 224-6047.

## YOUTH NEWS!!

### YOUTH NEWS THIS WEEK!

What a great Sunday! Great job, Youth Choir! We had wonderful worship together and our Choir Tour preparations continue to impress me. You have such creative minds and I love how you are preparing your message to share! Choir Tour is going to be wonderful! **CHOIR TOUR COOKIE DOUGH ORDERS ARE DUE IN ON SUNDAY.** If you plan to sell, you'd better get going! Money should be turned in to me before noon on Sunday!

We continue with **Higher Ground** this week at 6:00pm in the Youth Wing. There will be NO UMYF this Sunday, May 10, as it is Mother's Day. Take that time to honor your family instead!

**Delta Mission Project** registration has begun. We will return to the Delta **July 13-17**. The cost is \$50 and is open to any youth or collegiate that has completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. More information is available at the Youth Booth. The \$50 registration is due June 7. Sign up now to guarantee your spot!

**Youth Sunday is May 17** with our youth leading worship and recognition of graduating seniors. We look forward to the **Senior Dinner** for graduates and their parents on **May 21** and are so grateful for the Mom 2 Mom Circle for again hosting this dinner. RSVP, please! ☺

See you in worship this Sunday!  
Kim



### PULASKI HEIGHTS BAPTIST YOUTH AND HIGHLAND VALLEY UNITED METHODIST YOUTH

Youth from both churches are participating in the international world hunger awareness movement, 30-Hour Famine. On May 8 and 9, youth members will be fasting, performing service projects in our community, learning about poverty issues, and raising funds to provide for the basic needs of a child in another country.

- How can you help?**
- \*\*\*\*Make a donation
  - \*\*\*\*Pray for the youth
  - \*\*\*\*Provide supplies (packages of individual juices, peanut butter crackers, granola bars, cereal bars, canned meat or tuna with pop-top lids, pudding or fruit cups)

### SCHOLARSHIP FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

In honoring the memory of their son and brother, David, the Chu family has established a new scholarship for graduating high school seniors that are active members of Highland Valley. The first award of this scholarship will be on Youth Sunday, May 17, during the 10:45am worship service. We are thankful to Nancy Chu and her family for providing this opportunity for our Youth!

### CREATED BY GOD HUMAN SEXUALITY CLASS for 5th and 6th Graders

\$20 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](mailto:brenda@hvumc.org))

### MUSIC NOTES

The Handbell Choir was honored to be invited to ring for the National Crime Victims' Rights Week Memorial Service on Tuesday, April 28. The event was held at the Kendall Center on the campus of Philander Smith College. The bell choir will be taking a summer break, and we look forward to using our newly purchased bells as we begin the programming in the fall.

Thanks to our Youth Choir for singing at all three services this past Sunday. They always inspire us, and their part in the worship services makes it very special. They are busy preparing skits and songs for their annual choir tour which will be the week of June 7.

Awakening will present special music on Mother's Day, May 10. We always look forward to being blessed by their music! Also this Sunday, "Thank You" will be sung by Catherine Kirkpatrick, Anna Markland, and Sydney Warren. These three young ladies are members of our Youth Club Choir.

Betty

Dear Highland Valley Family,

My heartfelt appreciation to each of you who sent cards, offered kind words, prayers, gifts, and support at the recent passing of my Mother. It's never easy to lose someone so precious to you, but having such a caring church family is a source of great comfort and blessing.

In God's Love,  
Margaret Yates

## 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, Eutha Scott, Delaine Russell, Addison, & Peyton Millard, Jeanette Horton, Paula Conaway, Peggy Hugg, Bettie Gray, Butch Burnett.

### OUR PRESENCE

May 3

#### Divine Worship

8:30	55
9:40	57
10:45	278
Total	390

#### Sunday School

Adults	132
Youth	36
Children	39
Total	207

### OUR GIFTS

May 3

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 5/3/09	26,775
Total receipts, operating & restricted 5/3/09	28,785
Year to date operating budget receipts through 5/3/09	374,594
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 5/3/09	440,493

Restricted funds received for: Adult Library, Boy Scouts, Debt Retirement, Delta Mission Project, Infant Crisis Ministry, Music Ministry, Walnut Grove Restoration.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - MAY 3

#### CHILDREN

Infant/Ones	2
2 Yr. Old	8
3/4 Yr. Old	7
K/1st Grade	10
2nd/3rd Grade	3
4th/5th Grade	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

#### YOUTH

6th-8th Grade	21
9th-10th Grade	12
11th-12th Grade	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>

#### ADULTS

Faith	10
Fellowship	3
Pairs & Spares	4
Alice Fidelis	4
Highlander	20
New Beginnings	16
New Horizons	13
Good News	11
Connections	9
Ben Miller	30
Children/Youth	
SS Teachers	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>

### UNITED METHODIST MEN NEWS

Potluck—Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00pm

The speaker will be **John Carter**, a member of our church who also serves on the board of directors for Love, Truth, Care Ministries. LTCare serves Little Rock with inner-city after school programs and hunger prevention programs. A large part of their ministry also includes Latin America and specifically Honduras. John will speak about his mission trips to Honduras and the work of LTCare is doing in the mountain communities of San Matias to improve quality of life, education and spreading the good word about our Lord.

## Staff Sharing

When?

As a pastor, I have discovered that one of my most meaningful vocational duties is exploring life's questions with folks. One of the common questions I receive involves the concept of "when" something might occur. I even catch myself asking that same question. *When* will it happen?

*When* is especially difficult as a Christian. We receive the promise of salvation through our faith in Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world, and God even provides us with a road map to salvation through the Bible. And though the map contains countless lessons that help us examine life's mysteries, the Bible doesn't provide definite chronological answers in regards to *when* something might occur.

Recently, the *when* question seems to have become much more common in everyday conversations. *When* will things improve? *When* will my headaches finally go away? *When* will I finally see rewards from my hard work? *When* will the economy improve? *When* will my computer stop crashing? *When* will I finally recover from my personal loss? *When* will things improve at work, school, church, and everywhere else?

*When?* I wish I had an easy answer. The best I can do is offer a pastoral answer to *When*: God's time is not always my time. Hmm...I'm not sure that helps. In fact, I know that answer helps me exactly zero. *When* helps me feel better. *When* helps me develop a better plan. I need to know *when* because it helps me to better provide my own answers. *When* helps me control the situation.

Wait a minute! Maybe that's the problem! Maybe my desire to know *when* is all about my need to be in control. If God revealed *when* to me, would I know what to do? If I knew the good stuff was coming in a few months, would I still ask for God's help? If I knew that pain would be over in a few days, would I still ask God for healing? If I knew for sure that I would be alive tomorrow, would I be praying for forgiveness tonight?

Hmmm...That changes my perspective a little. Maybe it is my own selfish desire that drives my curiosity for *when*. But even worse, maybe it's my own lack of faith that prohibits me from seeing beyond the uncertainty of this life and into the life of Christ. After all, it's through Christ that I can maintain the hope and joy of an Eternal Life, no matter "when" it arrives.

God Bless.  
Brock.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Circle meetings on Tuesday, May 12, 2009

**Circle 1** will meet at 1:00pm at the home of Mary Ann Woodworth.

**Mary-Martha Circle** will meet at 1:00pm at the home of Norma Hoopman.

**Circle 4** will meet at 1:30pm at the home of Beverly Sullenger.

Don't forget the **Arkansas Conference Spiritual Retreat** at Camp Tanako in Hot Springs on Saturday, May 16. The HVUMC van will provide transportation. Join us for a day of spiritual renewal and friendship.

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY MAY 10 MOTHER'S DAY

- 8:30am Divine Worship  
9:00am Fellowship Time  
Fellowship (Telephone) Class  
9:30am Sunday School Classes  
9:40am Casual Worship  
10:45am Divine Worship  
6:00pm Alpha Course

### MONDAY, MAY 11

- 9:00am Bridge Group  
10:00am Pastor's Bible Study  
10:30am Staff Meeting  
5:00PM Girl Scout Troop 407  
6:00pm "Created by God" Mandatory Parent Meeting  
6:30pm Cub Scout Den 7  
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 335

### TUESDAY, MAY 12

- 1:00pm Circle 1 (Mary Ann Woodworth home)  
Mary Martha Circle (Norma Hoopan home)  
1:30pm Circle 4 (Beverly Sullenger home)  
6:00pm Men's Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- 12:00pm **Church Newsletter deadline**  
6:00pm Higher Ground Bible Study  
Men's Chorus  
Scholarship Committee  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm Women's Bible Study

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

No Scheduled Activities

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

- 6:00pm Created by God

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

- 9:00am Created by God  
12:00pm Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK MAY 24-30

We will have another opportunity to show our Christian love and support for IHN families when we host the week of May 24-30. HVUMC has volunteered to host an extra week because there are not enough churches to provide a safe place for the families in the program. If you would like to provide a meal or spend the night during this week, please contact Peter Ward at 351-0560, Pam Simpson at 940-1051 or the church office.

*Attention Students:* If you are looking for a way to get your Volunteer Hour Credits, come join us. We will gladly provide you with a letter noting your service.



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Our Hearts, Our Minds and Our Doors are Always Open.

## GIFTS.

### BUDGET

- In memory of **Don Smith**  
... by Phoebe Norman  
... by Gene & Luella Beasley  
... by Justin & Nancy Garrison  
In memory of **Marion Godair** and **Jeff Harliss**  
... by Mary Ann & Hot Woodworth  
In honor of **Bettie Gray**  
... by Highlander Sunday School Class  
In honor of **Patrick Burkett**  
... by Ellen McCloskey  
In honor of **Judy Lowman**  
... by Faith Sunday School Class  
In honor of **Milinda Brown**  
... by Jim, & I Renee Wise and family

### DEBT RETIREMENT FUND

- In honor of **Bettie Gray**  
... by Circle 1

### MUSIC MINISTRY

- In memory of **Charles Patterson & Don Smith**  
... by Hot & Mary Ann Woodworth

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

### SUNDAY MAY 10

#### Acolytes

Courtney Soulsby & Sam Griffin (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

John & Jo Carter

#### Fellowship Time Host

United Methodist Men

#### Bus Driver

Ryan Atkins (225-1580)

#### Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

#### May Ushers

Bob Baertsch, Louis Burgess,  
Don Kirk, Werner Schneider

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Christ and Share Christ*