



"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

29 JUNE 2009

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Divine Worship

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

5 July 2009

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

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 2:24-3:10

"Here I Am"

Rev. Regina E. Gideon

Associate Minister

HYMNS

America the Beautiful

My Country 'Tis of Thee

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Bless America

Highlander Sunday School Class

Focus: Dressing for the Summer Heat!

Sunday was a exciting day of worship with our Vacation Bible School children leading the way with their great music and enthusiastic spirits. We also welcomed Rev. Regina Gideon, our new associate minister, and husband, Stephen at each of our worship services. She will be preaching at all three services this coming Sunday, and we are excited to hear her as she brings God's Word to us. The luncheon reception was wonderful afterwards. Our thanks to Carla Coleman for coordinating the salad luncheon and for the colorful "sunflower" tables.

We also had a fun-filled week with Vacation Bible School concluding on Friday, June 26 with 155 children, youth, and adults participating throughout the week. Our thanks to Vanya Gilmore, our tireless Children's Director, for her leadership and to all the adult and youth volunteers who gave so generously of their time working with the children. We had many visiting children and parents who participated from our west Little Rock neighborhoods in VBS and were present in worship Sunday.

Since June has seen the premature arrival of hot August weather, I want to invite and encourage each of you to dress comfortable on Sunday mornings to accommodate the heat. Contrary to many impressions, the Bible does not spell out any dress code for worship: in fact, the only preparation taught in the Bible is the preparation of the human heart! (See the words of Jesus in John 4: 23, 24).

I also want to wish each of you a safe and happy 4th of July holiday weekend. I hope to see you in Sunday school and worship this coming Sunday!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

Welcome New Member

We are happy to welcome to our church **Stephen Gideon** who united with our church this past Sunday, June 28 at the 10:45am service by transfer from Liberty Missionary Baptist Church in Little Rock. His wife, Rev. Regina Gideon, our new associate minister, is a member of the Arkansas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Stephen is employed with Windstream Communications in west Little Rock. Their address is: #3 Auriel Circle, Maumelle, AR 72113, the home phone is 213-5757 and email: Stephen.gideon@windstream.com.

We currently have 42 new members in our church in 2009 for a total membership of 1207.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Stephen & Regina Gideon as the newest persons in our church family.



Stephen & Regina Gideon

Interfaith Hospitality Network Sunday, July 5-Saturday, July 11

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute (Proverbs 31:8)

God's people in every era are called to defend the rights of the weak, speak up for the disenfranchised, and protect the lives of those who are vulnerable. This comprehensive call is the great reminder that the blessings, rights, wealth, and power we may have is not ours alone; it is a gift from God to be used to bless those who have no power to speak, to defend, or to protect themselves.

(Friday's devotional - May 28, 2009)

We received the above devotional in May during our last IHN week. This seems to sum up our reasons why we volunteer for Interfaith Hospitality Network. IHN is a network of churches who on a rotating weekly basis provide housing and food for homeless families with children. Our church has been a leader in IHN these past three years and over 100 members of our church have volunteered as overnight hosts and servers of breakfast or dinner meals. As Christians, we are all abundantly blessed. Here is your opportunity to share the wealth of those blessings. IHN week will be July 5-11. We are in need of volunteers for overnight and to provide an evening meal. Please look in your heart and share your gifts from God. Contact Peter Ward @ 351-0560 for overnight or Pam Simpson @ 940-1051 for meals. God's blessings on you all.

DELTA MISSION PROJECT July 13-17, 2009. It's time!

On Monday, July 13, youth and adults will travel to south Arkansas to build and renew the communities of Dermott and Lake Village.

We continue to support both the Lake Village Food Pantry and the Lakeside School District. We are collecting the following items through July 12:

School Uniform pants, shorts or skirts: Navy and khaki school uniform shirts: white, yellow, blue, burgundy, red.

Expo dry erase markers Ink pens – blue, black, red

Glue sticks Pocket folders with prongs

Post-It notes Hand sanitizer

Wide-ruled 1-subject spiral notebooks Scissors

1" Binders with pockets 12" rulers

Quart and gallon size freezer bags #2 pencils

24-count crayons Index dividers with pockets

Pencil pouch Highlighters

Wide-rule loose-leaf paper Kleenex

Composition notebooks (Speckled cover)

(All donated items may be left on the round table in the Family Life Center.)

Cash donations are always appreciated for the purchase of lumber and hardware for restoration or supplies for the trip. Any remaining funds will be used to purchase additional clothing and school supplies!

American Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, July 6 3:00pm-7:00pm Family Life Center



Please make time to drop by the church this Monday, July 6 between 3:00pm and 7:00pm and donate a pint of blood in our Red Cross Blood Drive. Donors must be age 17 or older, weigh at least 100 pounds and be in good health. Give the gift of life to another.

CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP



Highland Valley UMC has been offered an awesome opportunity to take part in Child Evangelism Fellowship. This event will take place from July 27-July 31. We are looking for 12 energetic volunteers who will be willing to help the trained CEF staff. Opportunities to serve are: mid morning (10:00am); afternoon (1:00pm) or evening (6:00pm). We need 4 volunteers for each time slot. For more information on this community outreach, please contact Vanya at Vanya@hvumc.org or Dianne at Dianne@hvumc.org or call 224-6047.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009 Crocodile Dock—This Dock Rocks!!



Pictured above and left: Scenes from VBS 2009.

Thank you to everyone who shopped, taught, led a group event, helped prepare crafts/food/props, sang, organized, or helped with a group for VBS. We sincerely appreciate you! We couldn't have done it without you!
Vanya and the children of HVUMC

YOUTH NEWS

What a BIG week! Vacation Bible school was fabulous – youth, you Rocked the Dock! Thank you for being the difference for our children last week. You were wonderful. On Friday evening we hosted dinner to the residents at “Our House”. It is always a blessing to serve the families there. Again, you made a huge difference! Thank you for being the light to the world!

We are surfing through summer at Highland Valley and have had some great experiences already. This week our Summer Madness Adventure was at Pinnacle Mountain with swimming at the Bower's. We had 27 youth and 3 adults for this week's trip. Next week (July 7) we'll head out to Hot Springs for the day! Sign up at the Youth Booth and be here for our 9:00am departure with \$10 and a sack lunch! Also this week, the Senior High Book Study meets Thursday at McDonalds on West Markham at noon. Read through chapters 1 and 2 for our meeting and please let me know if you need transportation!

Looking ahead....DMP departs July 13!

Youth Family Tube Float to Caddo River, Sunday, July 26

Summer is here and we're growing together. Come and be a part!

Kim

MUSIC NOTES—MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES!

Do you sing, play an instrument, dance, ring bells? Then I have just the opportunity for you!

The Music Ministries of Highland Valley is now recruiting new members!

I know that many of you played or sang in High School or College bands or choirs!

Why not dig out your old instrument, shine it up, and play for the Lord!

Polish up on your vocal skills and join the choir!

Men's Chorus needs MEN to raise your voices and make a Joyful Noise!

Learn a new skill such as ringing a handbell! Easy as 1,2,3 – Red or blue!



*“You have a Bible? You can study. You have a heart? You can pray. You have a mind? You can think.”
And the Angels Were Silent by Max Lucado*

You have a voice? Sing for the Lord! The Lord and your church needs you!

Contact Betty@hvumc.org for more information about any area of interest.

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

Nelda Hicks, Frank Highfill, Mary Jo Smith, Marie Buckley, Dorothy Dillon, Margaret Nelmark, Eutha Scott, Delaine Russell, Addison, & Peyton Millard, Jeanette Horton, Paula Conaway, Gay McDaniel, Ida Marie Sisco, Sue Bass, Jo Carter, Joel Clark, Ardie Otten, Justin Garrison.

OUR PRESENCE

June 28

Divine Worship

8:30	58
9:40	46
10:45	267
Total	366

Sunday School

Adults	138
Youth	33
Children	46
Total	217

OUR GIFTS

June 28

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 6/28/09	10,990
Year to date operating budget receipts through 6/28/09	552,900

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - JUNE 28

CHILDREN

Infant/Ones	4
2 Yr. Old	8
3/4 Yr. Old	6
K/1st Grade	10
2nd/3rd Grade	6
4th/5th Grade	12
Total	46

ADULTS

Faith	11
Fellowship	4
Pairs & Spares	-
Alice Fidelis	4
Highlander	24
New Beginnings	22
New Horizons	17
Good News	7
Connections	6
Ben Miller	30
Children/Youth	
SS Teachers	13
Total	138

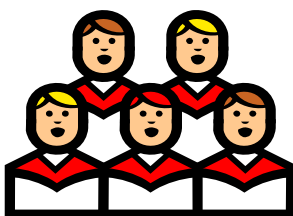
YOUTH

Jr. High	15
Sr. High	18
Total	33



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**CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
WE NEED YOU**



**JULY 19 IS STILL
AVAILABLE!!**

Contact Betty@hvumc.org

Staff Sharing

What a fabulous first Sunday Stephen and I had at Highland Valley! We felt truly welcomed by everyone. I am so excited to be serving a congregation that reaches out to newcomers with such open arms. From the cards and emails before our arrival to the salad lunch reception after the service on Sunday – you have given us a great taste of Highland Valley hospitality.

We are excited to join you on your journey of faith at Highland Valley. I have only been here a few days and I have seen God working in so many ways. What a wonderful children’s ministry we have here! God’s love shined through the smiles of each adult worker at camp last week and God’s image through the laughter of every child. I felt the Spirit of God alive in worship here in Sunday morning worship – in the music especially, with exuberant hymn singing and a meditative solo. One wants to exclaim with Jacob “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it...how awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven” (Genesis 28:16).

George Fox said, “Walk joyfully on the earth and respond to that of God in every human being.” In the weeks and months to come, I am most eager to joyfully get to know each of you – to hear about your lives and families, your gifts and callings in ministry, your journeys of faith, and how I might be able to equip you as we sojourn together. Most of all, I’m excited to see that which is of God in you, the glory of God shine through you, and how together we will share the love of God with those who do not know about it.

May the Peace of Christ Be With You,
Regina

**BISHOP CHARLES CRUTCHFIELD’S ADDRESS TO
ARKANSAS UNITED METHODISTS ENCLOSED IN THIS
EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER**



Bishop Charles Crutchfield

Included in this edition of the church newsletter is the Episcopal Address by our United Methodist Bishop Charles Crutchfield given to the Methodist churches of Arkansas on Monday, June 15 at Rogers, Arkansas.

**METHODIST FAMILY HEALTH
WALK FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Methodist Family Health has scheduled their annual Big Dam Bridge Walk for Children and Families for 6:00pm on August 7. Sponsored in part by the Arkansas Conference and the Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministries, the walk benefits Methodist Family Health which provides mental health services for over 1,000 children and youth in Arkansas. Participants will enjoy free food and live music as well as walking the bridge for a good cause. Registration is \$20 for an individual or \$50 for a family. You can register at www.methodistfamily.org.

WHEELCHAIR NEEDED

The church has need for wheelchairs to assist members in getting to Sunday School classes. If you know of anyone who has a wheelchair they would be willing to donate to the church or sell for a small fee, please contact the church office. Thank you.

COFFEE STEWARDS NEEDED

Are you one of the many who enjoy the gourmet selection of coffee each Sunday morning during Fellowship Time in the Gym? If so, you may want to consider volunteering to help as a Coffee Steward 3 or 4 Sundays a year. Duties include selecting the coffee varieties to be served, brewing the coffee (easy instructions provided!), and keeping the coffee pots refreshed between 8:45am-9:45am. Please contact the Church Office to be added to next quarter's Coffee Steward schedule. What an easy yet important way to serve your church!



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUTURE EVENTS:

July 23: Third Agers will go to Hot Springs (Details TBA)

**July 26: Church Council Meeting—4pm
Ice Cream Supper—5:30pm**

CALENDAR

SUNDAY JULY 5

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

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, JULY 6

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

1:00pm Prayer Group
3:00pm American Red Cross Blood Drive
6:00pm Board of Trustees

TUESDAY, JULY 7

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

9:00am Youth Summer Madness
(Hot Springs)
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
6:00pm Men's Bible Study
6:30pm Education Committee

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline
6:30pm Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY, JULY 9

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

12:00pm Sr. High Youth Lunch Book Study

FRIDAY, JULY 10

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

SATURDAY, JULY 11

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY JULY 5

Acolytes

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

Children's Church

Barbara Kirkpatrick

Rockers and Huggers

Rhonda Hatch (9:40)
Donna Smith (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Maryanne Campbell

Fellowship Time Host

Ben Miller SS Class

Bus Driver

Steve Jones (821-2104)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

July Ushers

Jim Otten, John Watkins

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Monday-Friday

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*Our Mission is to Know
Christ and Share Christ*