



"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

20 JULY 2009

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Divine Worship



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
26 July 2009
8:30am, 9:40am, 10:45am

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:21-35

"Tortured by Books"

Rev. Regina E. Gideon

HYMNS

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Breathe on Me, Breath of God
The Gift of Love*

CHANCEL CHOIR

Connections, Good News,
Pairs & Spares
Sunday School Classes

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Susan Allen

Focus: Kim Johnson

Kim Johnson, youth minister, gave her two weeks notice, Friday, July 17 after returning from the Delta Mission Project to take the position as Worship Leader at the new church plant in Ferndale. Kim has served faithfully as youth minister at our church for the past five years. I know you'll want to join me in thanking her for her service to our youth and our church. We pray God's best for Kim as she continues to serve the Lord and His Church in this new capacity. We will miss Kim and her husband, Mark, and their three children and offer our gratitude to God for her ministry here at Highland Valley UMC.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has posted our youth minister position in various colleges and seminaries and will be in the process of hiring a new person for this important ministry in our church later this summer. Few Methodist churches in Arkansas have the luxury of being able to afford a full time youth minister and I am grateful for Highland Valley UMC's commitment to this vital ministry to our youth. We are proud of our strong youth ministry at Highland Valley and I ask you to please pray for our church as we go through the process of hiring.

Rev. Regina Gideon will be preaching this Sunday at all three worship services and I know you look forward to hearing her preach again this coming week.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

INFANT CRISIS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS MEETING

Monday, July 27, 6:30pm
HVUMC Library

We are looking for new volunteers! If you would like to serve in this worthwhile ministry, join us on July 27. This meeting is for current and new volunteers. For questions please contact Mary Bower at chuckb1983@aol.com.



Welcome New Baby

We welcome to our Highland Valley family, Grace Elizabeth Currey. She is the daughter of Brent and Debbie Currey and was born Sunday, July 19.



5 Day Kids Camps: Basketball Camp & High Octane Camps

Monday, July 27—Friday, July 31

Children ages 6—12

Child Evangelism Fellowship

It's not too late to volunteer to help at one of the camps. If interested, please call Vanya and come to the short training meeting on Sunday, July 26, 11:45am, lunch provided.

Welcome New Member

We welcome to our church **Dr. Debra L. Simmons**, who united June 19 by baptism and profession of faith at the 8:30am service. She is Associate Professor of Endocrinology at UAMS. She is married to Bob Doran, Jr., their address is #6 Country Oaks Dr., 72223, the home phone is 821-6502 and email: bdoran1114@sbcglobal.net.

We currently have 45 new members in our church in 2009 for a total membership of 985.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Debra Simmons as the newest person in our church family.

Pictured left: Debra Simmons



CHILDREN'S CORNER



In case you weren't here last Sunday, we have a Humane Society contribution drive going on! Check out the bulletin board in the Children's Wing for a list of items OR bring your QUARTERS to fill up the clear tubes for the animals!

Since August is **BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH MONTH** and **THEME SUNDAYS**, here is the list for you to post on your calendar. You may also pick up a flyer on the table in the children's hall.

August 10—God's light is so bright, we've gotta wear shades! Wear sunglasses to SS and church.

August 9—We're WILD about Highland Valley UMC! Wear animal prints, animal ears or noses, or t-shirts with wild animal designs.

August 16—Sock it to me Jesus! Teach us how to be strong Christians! Wear wild and funky socks.

August 23—Hats off to Jesus! Wear a hat to S.S. We will want to take them off in the sanctuary to be respectful, but you may carry them with you.

August 30—We're BEAR-Y proud to be Christians! Bring your favorite bear to S.S. and church.

Library Notes: I am SO excited about getting the Children's Library up and running, but we need YOUR HELP.

We need one or two people who would help get the books catalogued! If you could volunteer just one or two days after a brief training on how to do this, it would get us up and running that much quicker! Please call Vanya or email Vanya@hvumc.org.

Here are some of the titles which may be checked out WHEN we are open: *I Love You This Much, Goodnight Warrior, Devotions for Families: Sticky Situations, God's Girls #2, Sometimes I'm Afraid, In Jesse's Shoes, The Christopher Churchmouse Treasury, and God Loves Me More Than That.* ***There will be books on various topics from which to choose, for both parents and children/preteens. If you have a title that you would like to see in our library, please drop me a line.

Vanya

YOUTH NEWS!!

Summer Madness continues! We will wrap up our series on Tuesday, July 28 at Willow Springs! NOTE – **We will depart at 10:00am for this outing, NOT 9:00am.** This allows our youth volunteers to work in the 9:00am CEF Camp at Parkway Place.

YOUTH FAMILY TUBE FLOAT

Let's cool together in God's creation! We will leave from worship this Sunday for Arkadelphia and enjoy a nice afternoon tube float on the Caddo River. Return no later than 6:00pm. Bring a sack lunch. Sorry – advance reservation required. If you did not sign up in advance you will have to catch the next Family Adventure....

MAGIC SPRINGS FAMILY ROAD TRIP! Join us at Magic Springs on Saturday, August 8! We'll enjoy Christian Youth Day at the park at the group rate, along with the music of Addison Road and Barlow Girl. Again, advance registration is required. Sign up at the booth!!

God's blessings to you this week!

Kim

MUSIC NOTES!

Thanks to the Drug Store Cowboys for presenting our special music on July 19. I know that everyone enjoyed hearing this fine group of guys.

Also, thank you to the Ben Miller Sunday School Class for leading us in worship and for their anthem.

Our last Sunday with Sunday School classes in the choir loft will be the July 26. The Good News, Pairs and Spares, and Connections classes will join to lead worship on that day. Thank you to all who have participated in our July choir!

I need helpers with our new children's choirs for the fall. Choirs for ages 3 & 4, K-1st grade, and 2nd-5th grades will be forming. If you will help with either of these groups, please let me know. I need you!

I am also beginning a choir for the 8:30am service each Sunday. If you attend this early service and are interested in singing as a choir at this time, please let me know. We will begin rehearsals in September, following Labor Day. This is a new opportunity to share our gifts with the Lord. I would love for any adult or youth who is interested to join us.

Chancel Choir returns to the loft on August 2. Meet in the choir room at 10:45am that day to rehearse.

CHOIR FALL KICK-OFF BASH – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 AT 6:00pm IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER. POTLUCK AND FUN SINGING! ALL OLD AND NEW MEMBERS AND SPOUSES ARE INVITED!

Have a great week!

Betty



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Highland Valley on Facebook!!

Check out Highland Valley United Methodist's new fan page on Facebook! You can connect with other members, check out upcoming events and see pictures from the latest happenings!

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, Ida Marie Sisco, Sue Bass, Don Howard, Jan Smithson, Mary Hall, Lorna Kuno.

OUR PRESENCE

July 19

Divine Worship

8:30	58
9:40	42
10:45	180
Total	280

Sunday School

Adults	147
Youth	24
Children	33
Total	204

OUR GIFTS

July 19

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 7/19/09	24,442
Total receipts, operating & restricted 7/19/09	25,297
Year to date operating budget receipts through 7/19/09	560,787
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 7/19/09	617,712

Restricted funds received for: Delta Mission Project, Infant Crisis Ministry, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Patterson Love Offering, Walnut Grove Restoration.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - JULY 19

CHILDREN

Infant/Ones	2
2 Yr. Old	10
3/4 Yr. Old	8
K/1st Grade	5
2nd/3rd Grade	3
4th/5th Grade	5
Total	33

ADULTS

Faith	10
Fellowship	2
Pairs & Spares	4
Alice Fidelis	4
Highlander	32
New Beginnings	19
New Horizons	12
Good News	13
Connections	6
Ben Miller	30
Children/Youth	
SS Teachers	15
Total	147

YOUTH

Jr. High	17
Sr. High	7
Total	24

OUR SERVICE

Thanks to **Lesley Haughaboo** for framing and hanging the last two years of VBS group photos for our Jones Education Building.

GIFTS

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

In memory of **Deceased Class Members**
... by Faith Sunday School Class

BUDGET

In honor of **Oleta Sproul**
In honor of **Mary Hall**
... by Alice Fidelis Sunday School Class

Staff Sharing

To our precious Highland Valley Family:

For the last five years, my family and I have treasured our faith journey together with you. It was God's leading that led us here in January of 2004, His plan that I would come on staff as your Youth Director the following spring and work alongside our families in growing our youth ministry, and His heart that would ignite our passion and our dream for growing His kingdom here through our labor together with you. There is no question that this path was ordained by God. His blessings to both the ministry and our own family along the way have been countless! Olivia, Will and Ava could not have a richer foundation in their own Christian journey than that which has rooted through the leadership of the people of Highland Valley; the blessing of our wonderful staff has increased my faith and witness to God's love and I am a stronger Christian today because of our time together!

It is this abundance of blessings which make my words to you so difficult. I have sensed God leading me towards new opportunities and He has made it clear that the next step for me is in worship ministry. We are walking in faith with confidence in Him and the difficulty of this decision is not in saying yes to the Lord but in saying goodbye to each of you. I am comforted by the confidence that if God is leading me towards something new He has new plans for the youth ministry here, as well, and will continue to pour blessings upon our families!

Today, July 17, 2009, I am officially resigning from Highland Valley UMC with full intent to provide transitional leadership to the youth ministry through my last working day in the office, Thursday, July 30, 2009. I will then begin my two week vacation on July 31, 2009. I rejoice in the fruit of our labor together, and I know great blessings and assurance will continue to come to each of you as you continue the great work that our Lord has called you to. My family will surely miss each of you and we ask for your prayers as we begin this next chapter of our life and service to our Lord. You have been our family and we know you will continue to be.

God's blessings to each of you!

Kim Johnson

Kim has accepted the position of Worship Leader/Program Director at Faithspring Church of Ferndale.

MISSION CORNER

THANK YOU

To Highland Valley Church,

Thank you so much for allowing our Friendship Class from Second Presbyterian to use Walnut Grove Church for our hymn sing. We had 45 there including many from the area. Jack Holman made that old piano sound wonderful and the old hymns sounded perfect in that setting.

Barney Taylor was watering the flower beds when we arrived early so he came inside and told us about the restoration. You can read his excitement in his eyes and it looks wonderful.

Enclosed is the offering taken at the close of our service from those in attendance—our class and visitors.

Thanks again,
Virginia Henker

**MEMBER INFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON LINE!**

Did you know you can access your contribution record or find another member's phone number or address from your own computer? You can do this by simply logging on Highland Valley's website: www.hvumc.org.

View or update your personal information, review 2008/2009 giving history, your current quarterly contribution statement, Sunday School Classes and other groups in which you participate—and even send group email, etc., to your groups! You can search the church directory for other members' addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.

When you log on to the website, click on "Access Your Member Information Here" button. It will take you to the log-in page. The first time you log in use the New User Login. You will receive an email with your User Name and Password. Log in again with this information. You may be asked to change your password. Thereafter you will simply log in.

For those with privacy concerns, you can click on My Profile, My Personal Preferences, and choose privacy preferences. You can also upload your picture to your profile if you would like it to be a part of the directory. Click on the EDIT button to change information or picture.

It's a great tool—just go to our website, www.hvumc.org, and try it! Contact Stacie Holloway at Stacie@hvumc.org with any questions.

UMW NEWS

Alpha Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 28, 6:30pm at the home of Linda Martindale.

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.

Thanks to everyone who brought ice cream, cakes and cookies to the Homemade Ice Cream Supper last Sunday night.

There was a great turnout for the Supper, and the Delta Mission Project presentation by the Youth and their adult leaders was very exciting.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY JULY 26

- 8:30am Divine Worship
- 9:00am Fellowship Time
Fellowship (Telephone) Class
- 9:30am Sunday School Classes
- 9:40am Casual Worship
- 10:45am Divine Worship
- 12:00pm Youth Family Tube Float
Child Evangelism Fellowship
Training Lunch

MONDAY, JULY 27

- 9:00am Bridge Group
- 1:00pm Little Rock 09 Child Evangelism
Fellowship
- 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop 407
- 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 335
Infant Crisis Ministry Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 28

- 10:00am Youth Summer Madness
- 11:00am Staff Meeting
- 1:00pm Little Rock 09 Child Evangelism
Fellowship
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 6:30pm UMW Alpha Circle
(Martindale home)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

- 12:00pm **Church Newsletter deadline**
- 1:00pm Little Rock 09 Child Evangelism
Fellowship
- 5:00pm Beggs/Adams Wedding Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JULY 30

- 12:00pm Youth Lunch Study
Beggs/Adams Wedding & Reception

FRIDAY, JULY 31

- 1:00pm Little Rock 09 Child Evangelism
Fellowship
- 6:00pm Little Rock 09 Rally

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY JULY 26

Acolytes

Izzy Boehm & Seth Welch (10:45)

Children's Church

Larry & Kathy Bryant

Rockers and Huggers

Ashley Atkins (9:40)
Need Someone (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Daphne Murray

Fellowship Time Host

Connections SS Class

Bus Driver

Joe Burkett (312-9223)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

July Ushers

Jim Otten, John Watkins

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