



"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

14 SEPTEMBER 2009

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Divine Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
20 September 2009
8:30am, 9:40am, 10:45am

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6: 13

SERMON

"Jesus: God's 'Amen'!"

Series: *The Lord's Prayer*
Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

For the Beauty of the Earth
Victory in Jesus
Amen! Amen!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Vanya Gilmore

Focus: Special Invitation

We had a tremendous Sunday at our Family Funanza with over 200+ persons in attendance, and we were most thankful that the rain held off! As an added bonus, it was exciting to have Channel 7 covering our event. It was also exciting to see so many visitors from our community participating in the various events which were taking place! Our thanks to our Children's Director, Mrs. Vanya Gilmore, for her outstanding leadership in coordinating this fun event which helps introduce our church to our neighbors and friends. We had many volunteers who acted as hosts and made it possible, and we thank each of you for your hard work and participation which made Family Funanza effective.

We have another opportunity this coming Sunday to impact our unchurched friends, family, and neighbors. The fall Alpha Class will begin on Sunday, September 20 at 6:00-7:00pm with the Alpha Celebration Dinner. The Alpha Class is a user-friendly introductory course on the Christian faith, Christianity 101, and takes place in a relaxed, casual and non-threatening setting. I encourage you to invite a friend to attend the Alpha Celebration Dinner this Sunday. Someone impacted your life in helping you discover faith in Jesus Christ and it's both our responsibility and privilege, our unchanging mission given to us by Jesus, to help influence others so they may experience Christ too.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday in worship and Sunday School as we conclude our sermon series on Jesus and *The Lord's Prayer* with a one-word scripture text: the Hebrew word, "Amen" which means, "So be it!"

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick



Welcome New Members

Pictured above: **Erik & Michelle Kellim**, and their 2 1/2 year old daughter, **Brenna** who joined our Highland Valley UMC family last week.



Alpha

The Alpha Course Celebration Dinner

Sunday, September 20

6:00 pm—Church Parlor—Childcare Provided

The **Alpha** Course is offered again this fall at Highland Valley Methodist Church! It begins Sunday, September 20 at 6:00pm with the **Alpha Celebration Dinner** in the Church Parlor. The **Alpha** Course is a 10 week introductory class to Christianity for adults. Begun in London, England at an Anglican church, it is now used around the world in over 120 countries and 50 different denominations as an effective tool in introducing seekers and those with questions to the Christian faith.

You are encouraged to attend and bring a friend, neighbor, or relative to the **Alpha Celebration Dinner** on Sunday, September 20. Childcare will be provided and children are welcome to attend and eat with their families, too. The dinner and introduction will last one hour and persons will have the chance to enroll in The **Alpha** Course for the next 9 weeks.

Please call the church office at 224-6047 or e-mail: churchoffice@hvumc.org for the number of persons for dinner reservations for the **Alpha Celebration Dinner**.

*Menu: Chicken Parmesan & Pasta
Parmesan & Roasted Shrimp Salad
Shrimp Bisque Soup Garlic Bread Sticks
Dessert: Brownie bites & Coffee*



Family Funanza '09

Left: Children & adults had fun with the Radio Disney crew. Above left: Stacia & Joel DeWitt giving blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive. Above right: Kitchen crew—Charles Gilmore, Julie Zimmerebner, Don & Maxine Stecks.

The Jump Zone was a big hit!



CHILDREN'S CORNER



The Pumpkin Patch is coming!

We need your help in raising money for the Children's Department choir robes. On Sunday morning, **September 27**, there will be a PUMPKIN PATCH at Highland Valley UMC with painted pumpkins for sale. The proceeds will help raise money for the children's choir robes. Here's how you can help:

- Donate one or more "painted" pumpkins for the Pumpkin Patch.
- Purchase painted pumpkins to use for decorating. They will be on sale during the morning of **September 27** on the sidewalk that leads from the Children's Building to the Church.

***These pumpkins will be on sale for EVERYONE and may be painted in any form that you wish. They may have funny or scary faces with hair, hats, and embellishments! They could be decorated with pictures of stars, for example, or other holiday-related items. So get your creative brains to work and dust off your paint brushes. If you don't paint, you may donate unpainted pumpkins for other people to paint! The pumpkins may be brought to Vanya's office at any time from today through **September 27**.

Pastor's Fall Bible Study Wednesdays

10:00am-11:00am—Hart Chapel

"The Book of Psalms: How the Psalms Teach Us to Talk to God"

The Pastor's Bible Study for the fall is held each Wednesday at 10:00am in the Connections Classroom, first floor, Wesley Wing. The fall study will be: "The Book of Psalms: How the Psalms Teach Us to Talk to God." It will be led by Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick and Rev. Regina Gideon. Please call the church office at 224-6047 for further information.

Congratulations, Highland Valley! We did it!

We raised \$600 for the [Central Arkansas Women's Shelter](#) from the "[Broken China Jewelry Project](#)", exceeded our number of donors [over any other date](#) for the [Red Cross Blood Drive](#), reached our goal of \$500 for [The Great American Bake Sale](#) to aid hungry children in Arkansas, gave \$50 and much-needed items to the [Humane Society of Pulaski County](#), and let people know what Highland Valley has to offer with all of our wonderful mission projects.

We extend a huge amount of gratitude to every single person who baked, donated, and bought items, or volunteered to man a booth to make the [First Annual Family Funanza](#) a huge success. A special thank you goes to Carla Coleman for organizing the Mission Area and to Deborah Bolding for heading up the Bake Sale. Each and every person who gave of themselves should know that they did it for the glory of God and should feel so proud that their hard work really made a difference in the lives of others. **WAY TO GO HIGHLAND VALLEY!

YOUTH NEWS!



Come see what's in view for Fall 2009 this **Sunday, September 20** UMYF starts 5:00—6:30pm with snack supper. Youth Choir is 6:30—7:30 pm.

YOUTH AND PARENTS MEETING

Immediately following the 10:45am service on **Sunday, September 20**, we will have a short meeting in the Highlander Classroom to discuss the start time of our youth choir and UMYF on Sunday evenings. I will also hand out the fall schedule and parents will have an opportunity to sign up to sponsor future events or snack dinners. If you will not be able to attend, please get in contact with me or Betty sometime this week. See you soon!

In Christ,
Regina



MUSIC NOTES

From Betty's Desk

What an exciting time to be in church! If you still haven't found your niche, give the offerings of the music ministry of Highland Valley a try!

We are underway, starting a new season of singing, ringing, and praising the Lord! Chancel Choir, Men's Chorus, Keen-Tones Choir, and Handbell Choir have all begun rehearsing. This next week we begin Children's Choirs and Youth Choir!

GRACE NOTES

Grace Notes will meet next Tuesday, September 22 at 10:00am to go to the Roberts Building

SPECIAL PROJECT HELP NEEDED!

Can you make choir robes? We need white stole-type robes with bows for the younger children's choirs. If any person or group would like to take on this project, please let me know.

The 2nd-5th grade choir will have tailored robes which must be purchased. If you would like to make a donation to the robe fund, please do so, or if you would like to head a project for this purpose, contact Betty@hvumc.org. We are busy doing the Lord's work. Come and join in the excitement at Highland Valley!

A NEW MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY

A special new choir will be starting practice on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Grace Notes will take the lead in starting this new group, but we encourage any singer who is interested to join the KEEN-TONES. We extend a special invitation to the members of the Highlander and Ben Miller Sunday School classes. We will be singing old gospel music and some newer hymns as well. I'm hoping to have this choir in 8:30 worship a couple of Sundays during the month and also am excited about a musical program showcasing this group later in the spring.

If you love to sing and love to fellowship with your Christian friends, this is a great opportunity. We will have coffee and donuts starting at 10:00am in the music room and will finish practice by 11:00am.

Please come and join us! MEN AND LADIES ARE ALL WELCOME!

All of our musical groups are now rehearsing. The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday (2nd and 4th weeks) 10:00-11:00am KEEN-TONES Choir
- Thursday – 12:00noon – 1:00pm - Handbell Choir
- Wednesday – 6:00-6:30pm Joyful Noise Men's Chorus
- Sunday – 4:45-5:15pm - Children's Choirs
- Wednesday – 6:30-8:00pm Chancel Choir
- Sunday – Time TBA - Youth Choir

Please join us each week.
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, Eutha Scott, Delaine Russell, Addison & Peyton Millard, Jeanette Horton, Paula Conaway, Jim Martindale, Sue Bass, Don Howard, Ruth Gilliam, Mary Hall, Sonny Bradshaw, Randy Bush, Debbie Bush, Bill Harris.

OUR PRESENCE

September 13

Divine Worship

8:30	58
9:40	48
10:45	142
Total	248

Sunday School

Adults	133
Youth	28
Children	28
Total	189

OUR GIFTS

September 13

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 9/13/09	16,018
Total receipts, operating & restricted 9/13/09	17,054
Year to date operating budget receipts through 9/13/09	705,075
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 9/13/09	765,249
Restricted funds received for: local missions, Walnut Grove Restoration	

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - SEPTEMBER 13

CHILDREN

Infant/Ones	1	Faith	10
2 Yr. Old	5	Fellowship	3
3/4 Yr. Old	1	Pairs & Spares	2
K/1st Grade	6	Alice Fidelis	3
2nd/3rd Grade	4	Highlander	30
4th/5th Grade	11	New Beginnings	8
Total	28	New Horizons	8

YOUTH

Jr. High	19	Ben Miller	28
Sr. High	9	Children/Youth	
Total	28	SS Teachers	13
		Total	133

GIFTS

BUDGET

In memory of **Eloise Graves Marshall**
(aunt of Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick)
... by Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Blewster

WALNUT GROVE RESTORATION

In honor of **Barney & Peggy Taylor**
... by Jim & Ardie Otten

IMMEDIATE SOUND BOARD NEED!

We have an immediate need for sound board volunteers on September 27, October 4 and 11 for several services. Please contact Herrn Northcutt at 224-6047 or Herrn@hvumc.org if you can volunteer for this important ministry on these Sundays.

Staff Sharing

Big things are waiting for you starting September 20.

Children's choirs begin!

All ages from 3 years-5th grade are invited to come and sing!

BIG EVENT: CHILDREN'S CHOIR FESTIVAL

This year our Children's Angel Choir will be a part of the statewide Children's Choir Festival. Every Methodist Church in Arkansas is invited to have their 3rd-5th grade choir participate in this event.

All children in this age group learn the same music, usually 6-8 songs, meet together in a central location to rehearse the songs with a renowned children's choir director/composer, and perform a concert by the mass choir. This is an exciting experience for the children and parents alike. We have had up to 350 children participate in the past. The music is written for two-part singing and prepares the children to read music and sing in parts. If you have never heard a children's choir with many voices, you will be in for a treat!

We at Highland Valley UMC have been asked to host the event this year. It will be held the weekend after Easter, **Saturday April 10**, and I look forward to bringing this wonderful program to our church.

Our choir will need choir robes for this event, as well as regular Sunday worship, so we will begin the project of raising money to purchase robes. If you would like to contribute to the children's choir robe fund, we encourage you to do so.

Parents, please encourage your children to be a part of the new children's choir program at Highland Valley. There will be a choir for all ages, and they will meet each Sunday from 4:45-5:15pm, immediately followed by regular Kid's Club activities.

The Little Angels, ages 4 & 5, will be led by Ms. Vanya, The Cherubs, ages K-1st grade, will be led by Ms. Erica and Ms. Amy. The Angel Choir, 2nd grade-5th grade will be under the direction of Ms. Betty, Ms. Kim, and Ms. Stacia.

All choirs will sing monthly during the 10:45am worship service as well as preparing a Christmas musical and a spring musical.

Big things are happening in our Children's program, and we want all children to be a part of the happenings!

Betty



COOKIES NEEDED

Please help with cookies, cakes or any pick-up food for the dedication of Walnut Grove Methodist Church on September 26. Please let Linda Martindale know if she can count on you by calling her at 868-5644 or e-mailing lmartindale@aol.com. Thanks!

THIRD AGERS

Thursday, September 24

Get ready to go to the "Jot 'em Down Store" and Lum & Abner Museum in Pine Ridge on **September 24**. We will leave the church at **10:00am** and eat on the road. Lunch will be on your own. Reservations must be in no later than September 20. For information or to make reservations, call Joan Winstead (221-1424) or Joanne Frost (228-9420) or the church office (224-6047).

BALLET MAGNIFICANT

Presents Corrie ten Boom's *The Hiding Place*

Sunday, September 20-7:00pm

The Summit Church

6600 Crystal Hill Road, North Little Rock

A portrayal of divinely inspired forgiveness in the midst of desperate and unimaginable circumstances. www.balletmagnificent.com—America's premiere Christian Ballet Company.

*Walnut Grove Methodist
Church (est. 1885)
Re-dedication*

*Saturday, September 26
3:00-4:00pm
Reception and open house
to follow the re-dedication
1225 Walnut Grove Road*

**Emergency Assistance
Fund Appeal**

Our church receives second mile contributions throughout the year to our Emergency Assistance Fund, which assists persons in need with gasoline, prescriptions, groceries, and utilities. Gifts left at the Communion Rail during the Lord's Supper all go toward helping others in need. Due to high demand this summer, the Emergency Assistance Fund has been depleted. We're asking persons and groups to designate their second mile gifts as "Emergency Assistance Fund" on the envelope or in the left hand corner of the check. Thus far in 2009 we have assisted 42 families and other groups with contributions of \$16,000. Thank you for your generosity in making a difference in other people's lives.

Dr. Becky Liggins
Missions Committee Chair

UM WOMEN NEWS

Circle Meetings:

Tuesday, September 22—Alpha Circle meets at 6:30pm at the home of Shirley Gunnels.

Wednesday, September 23—Real Moms meets at 6:30pm at the church.

September Social Action is "Backpacks for Kids" kid friendly, non-perishable individual serving type foods. Place in UMW storage bins in Highlander Classroom.

Saturday, September 26—HVUMC hosts "Central District UMW Fall Meeting", 9:30am-12:00noon. Mission project is school supplies for DMP.

Saturday, September 26—Aldersgate Fish Fry, 4:00pm-7:00pm, baked goods and crafts should be delivered to Aldersgate on Friday, September 25.

**ALDERSGATE FISH FRY
Saturday, September 26
4:00pm-7:00pm
Camp Aldersgate**

Join us for catfish and all the fixins! There will be great new family friendly entertainment, children's carnival, old-fashioned bake sale and more. All proceeds benefit programs at Camp Aldersgate. Adults—\$15, children (ages 4-11)—\$10, Seniors (65+)—\$10, children under 4—free. For more information, call 225-1444. The HVUMC church bus will be driven as a shuttle at the camp. Kenny Baer has volunteered to drive the church bus for the event.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

8:30am Divine Worship
9:00am Fellowship Time
Fellowship (Telephone) Class
Sunday School Classes
9:30am
9:40am Casual Worship
10:45am Divine Worship
12:00pm Youth Parents Meeting
4:45pm Children's Choirs
5:00pm Alpha Class
UM Youth Fellowship
5:15pm Kids' Club/Youth Club
6:00pm Alpha Class Celebration Dinner
6:30pm Youth Choir

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:00pm Troop 335 Troop Meeting
6:30pm Education Committee

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00pm Men's Bible Study
6:30pm UMW Alpha Circle

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline
5:30pm Wacky Wednesday
6:00pm Higher Ground
Men's Chorus
6:30pm Chancel Choir
Real Moms

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

11:30am Third Agers
12:00pm Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:30pm "Our House" Dinner
(New Beginnings SS Class Host)
6:00pm Bible Boot Camp
Boy Scout Campout to Lake DeGray

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00am Re-think Church Workshop at
Asbury UMC
9:30am Registration-Central District Fall UM
Women Meeting
10:00am Central District Fall UM Women
Meeting
3:00pm Walnut Grove Re-dedication Open
House
4:00pm Camp Aldersgate Fish Fry



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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20

Acolytes

Peyton Yee & Emma DeWitt (10:45)

Children's Church

Cindy & Lindsay Soulsby

Rockers and Huggers

Rhonda Hatch (9:40)
Tammy Felder (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Staci Grimes

Fellowship Time Host

HVUMC Youth

Bus Driver

Joel Clark (224-2756)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

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Kelly Davidson, Brent Haughaboo
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*Our Mission is to Know
Christ and Share Christ*