



"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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28 SEPTEMBER 2009

15524 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, AR 72211

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Divine Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
04 October 2009

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

SCRIPTURE

John 1: 43-51

SERMON

"Nathaniel:

Man Under a Fig Tree"

Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Nothing But the Blood
Fill My Cup, Lord*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Susan Allen

Focus: Churchwide Family Picnic

I hope you'll make plans to join us this Sunday, October 4 at our fall Church Wide Family Picnic at 12:30pm at Maumelle State Park following our 10:45am worship service. Sponsored by our UM Youth and UM Kids ministries, you're invited to bring a lawn chair and come out for our cookout with hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings provided. Afterwards we'll have games in the big field beside the covered pavilion at Maumelle Park. The fall weather has been spectacular this week, and I hope you'll make plans to eat with us at our family picnic this Sunday after worship.

I'm beginning a new sermon series this Sunday, October 4, entitled "Encounters with Jesus" and we'll look at different persons in the Gospels who crossed paths with our Savior and whose lives were changed.

So grab your lawn chair and bring a good appetite and I'll look for you at our picnic this Sunday!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick



Maumelle Park Pavilion #5

CHURCH-WIDE FAMILY PICNIC
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4—12:30pm
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, & Drinks Provided
Bring a lawn chair and a friend!
Maumelle State Park Pavilion #5
off Cantrell Road

Pastor's Fall Bible Study

Wednesdays
10:00am-11:00am

Connections Sunday School
Classroom
Wesley Wing, First Floor

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



Jamie Martin

Fall Finance Program Kicks Off October 11

Supporting our mission to know Christ
and share Christ with the world



Our fall finance Program begins Sunday, October 11 and continues through November. Persons who are members of our church will receive a financial packet, a 2010 Estimate of Giving card and copies of our 2010 preliminary budget in the mail next week. The Stewardship Committee is asking

persons to prayerfully consider making an estimate of giving for 2010 by returning the tear off portion of the card in the offering plate or by placing it in the mail. For further information please contact our Financial Manager, Stacie Holloway at 224-6047 or e mail Stacie@hvumc.org.

Louis Burgess,
Stewardship Committee Chair

Welcome New Member

We're happy to welcome to our church **Jamie J. Martin**, who united by transfer at the 9:40am service on September 27. Jamie moved to Little Rock from Vicksburg, MS where she was a member of the Hawkins UMC for the past 44 years. A native of Elaine, AR, she is a former businesswoman and owner of a ladies ready to wear shop. She has one son here in Little Rock and two grandchildren.

Her address is: 14300 Chenal Parkway, #1102, 72211. The phone is 227-0091.

Thus far in 2009 we have 52 new members in our church for a total membership of 947. We are excited to have Jamie Martin as the newest member of our Highland Valley family.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



If you missed last week, the pumpkin patch will be open Sunday, October 4!

During the morning hours, in between all three services, pumpkins will be available for a suggested donation! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE DONATIONS, BOUGHT PUMPKINS FOR PAINTING, OR MADE HANDPAINTED PUMPKINS. We raised \$275 for the children's choir robes. Way to go, Highland Valley! We continue to need your help in raising money for the Children's Department choir robes. Here's how you can still help:

Donate one or more "painted" pumpkins for the Pumpkin Patch.

Select painted pumpkins to use for decorating. They will be available during the morning of October 4 on the sidewalk that leads from the Children's Building to the Church.

***These pumpkins will be available for EVERYONE and may be painted in any form that you wish. 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 October 4.



ROCKERS AND HUGGERS NEEDED

We are in need of Rockers and Huggers in our church nursery. If you love to rock a baby, please contact Vanya Gilmore at 224-6047 or Vanya@hvumc.org. We would love to have you, and the babies would too!

COME TO THE FAMILY PICNIC!

Let's all roll out to the Family Picnic at Maumelle Park this Sunday sponsored by our HVUMC youth. Let's eat, have fellowship, and enjoy the great outdoors. Remember that there will be no children's programming that evening so you can stay at Maumelle Park as long as you want!

*****Our pumpkin patch outing to Motley's Pumpkin Patch that was originally planned for this date has been moved to **October 18**. More information will be available next week!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR ROBES

Hear our children singing in worship on October 18!

We welcome your donations! Mark your contribution for the children's choir robe fund.



MUSIC NOTES

From Betty's Desk



Grace Notes recently traveled to the Roberts Building at Good Shepherd for our first outing of this fall. This is such a wonderful ministry and it does us as much good as the residents of the facility.

The Chancel Choir had an upbeat anthem, "Lord of the Dance" this past Sunday with accompanists Carter Malone, Joel Clark, Dianne Burnett and Stacie Holloway. **Looking ahead—the Chancel Choir will do "Old Time Religion Medley" in the next few weeks.

The Youth Choir will sing in worship on Sunday, October 4 at the 9:40am and 10:45am services. This will be your first opportunity to hear them this fall, and I know that you will be uplifted by their enthusiasm as they sing songs of praise. We have two youth, Michael Griffin on keyboard and Jonathan Cartwright on drums, who will be accompanying the choir.

All three of our Children's Choirs will sing at the 10:45am worship service on October 18. We hope to have our new robes by then and be able to show the new face of the Highland Valley Children's Choirs. We appreciate your donations to the choir robe fund. You make it possible for us to make this project a reality. We still need your help!

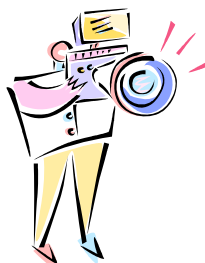
We have a new handbell rehearsal time for those of you who would like to ring and can't come during the day. We now practice on **Tuesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm**. Give us a try! Ringing is so much fun!

How about singing with the choir for Christmas?

We are beginning our Christmas rehearsals and we encourage you to join us! What a wonderful and joyous season is upon us! Make it even more special by singing the beautiful music celebrating the birth of Jesus! Rehearsal is on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm. Don't say that you can't sing! We are told to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!" We can all do that! **Come and join us on Wednesdays!**

Betty

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS



For those of you that missed the opportunity to have your photos taken for the Church Directory in early summer, please be advised that Olan Mills will return to our church on **Tuesday, October 20** between the hours of **4:00pm and 8:00pm, for a "make up day" prior to the publishing of the Church Directory**, if we have a minimum of 20 new photos to be added to the directory.

If you missed having your photograph taken in April or if you are new to HVUMC and would like you and your family to be included in the Church Directory, please contact Carla Coleman at carla1950@sbcglobal.net or arafr@sbcglobal.net or 690-2250 to schedule your appointment!! **PLEASE CONTACT CARLA BY NOON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT so that we can determine if we meet the quota of photos for a "remake" day!**

The Alpha Course

Sunday, October 4

5:00pm-7:00pm—Church Parlor—Childcare Provided



The **Alpha** Course is offered again this fall at Highland Valley United Methodist Church. It continues this Sunday, October 4 at 5:00pm with a casual dinner in the Church Parlor. Childcare is provided. 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** Course for the next 8 weeks. Please call the church office at 224-6047 or email: churchoffice@hvumc.org for additional information.

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, Jeanette Horton, Paula Conaway, Sue Bass, Sonny Bradshaw, Randy Bush, Debbie Bush.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Nodya Lambert and family in the death of Nodya's mother, Marcia Dees, age 98, of Little Rock, on September 29.

OUR PRESENCE **September 27**

Divine Worship

8:30	44
9:40	50
10:45	189
Total	283

Sunday School

Adults	133
Youth	19
Children	37
Total	189

OUR GIFTS **September 27**

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 9/27/09	11,608
Total receipts, operating & restricted 9/27/09	12,454
Year to date operating budget receipts through 9/27/09	734,867
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 9/27/09	797,047
Restricted funds received for: children's choir robes, Infant Crisis Ministry, Handbell Fund, Walnut Grove	

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - SEPTEMBER 28

CHILDREN

Infant/Ones	4
2 Yr. Old	5
3/4 Yr. Old	3
K/1st Grade	10
2nd/3rd Grade	4
4th/5th Grade	11
Total	37

ADULTS

Faith	11
Fellowship	3
Pairs & Spares	4
Alice Fidelis	3
Highlander	33
New Beginnings	9
New Horizons	2
Good News	12
Connections	14
Ben Miller	30
Children/Youth	
SS Teachers	12
Total	133

YOUTH

Jr. High	13
Sr. High	6
Total	19

GIFTS

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

... by Highlander SS Class

HANDBELL FUND

In memory of **Don Howard**
... by Connections SS Class
... by Bettie Gray

WALNUT GROVE

In honor of **Ben Miller SS Class**
... by Carter & Carla Coleman

Staff Sharing



Fall always brings back such fond memories of my childhood as well as my own children's childhood and the memories which we have made together. When you take a walk on a crisp fall morning, especially in the woods, you can just "feel" God all around you. It never changes after all of these years! You can hear the crunch of the fall leaves under your feet and the quiet sounds of nature all around you. You can see the gorgeous colors of our various kinds of trees which we are so fortunate to have here in Arkansas. You can smell certain smells associated with fall like

spiced cider, burning wood, (a long time ago you could smell burning leaves from someone's leaf barrel), and of course, the smell of cinnamon from various foods or candles. I always associate "fair food" or "football games" with fall for taste: caramel apples, corn dogs, hot dogs, popcorn, and funnel cakes. There is nothing like the electricity you feel than when going to a Razorback football game especially in the beautiful mountains surrounding Northwest Arkansas. I live with a bunch of duck hunters and I know that just being out in nature among God's glory is as much a part of the thrill for them as the hunt itself. I actually put on waders and went duck hunting once, just to say that I had been, but I'll leave it to the men in my family! I prefer warmth to cold. Our senses can elicit such great feelings. I hope you have a "sense"ational fall season!

Yours in Christ, Vanya

WALNUT GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH RE-DEDICATION, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Pictured: Members of Ben Miller SS Class



INFANT CRISIS MINISTRY MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11—9:00AM—CHURCH LIBRARY

Infant Crisis Ministry will meet Sunday, October 11 at 9:00am in the church library. We welcome anyone who is interested in joining or finding out about Infant Crisis Ministry.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15—10:00AM—PARLOR

This is a planning meeting to set a time for cleaning and preparing our sanctuary for the Christmas season. Also, this will be our annual meeting for planning 2010. We always welcome new people, so anyone who would like to join or for information about the Altar Guild, please call Mary Pickering at 821-3092 or email marypick1039@gmail.com.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK OCTOBER 4-10

How can you help?

- ***Volunteer to provide an evening meal – If your family will eat it, so will ours.
- ***Volunteer to spend the night (8:00pm to 6:00am)
- ***TEENS – Get your volunteer hours by providing a meal or spending the night (two teens with one adult) or help the children with their homework. We will provide you with a letter on IHN letterhead of your volunteerism.
- ***Volunteer to provide a Saturday activity.
- ***Become an IHN coordinator at Highland Valley United Methodist Church.

Please contact either Pam Simpson 940-1051 or Greg Floyd 413-8768 for more information and to volunteer.

THIRD AGERS LADIES ONLY TRIP!

We are going to a fashion and flair style show and brunch on Friday, October 23. We must have reservations in no later than Wednesday, October 14. We also need 6 models, please let us know if you are willing to model. The cost will be \$10. There will be prizes and discounts. They carry sizes 4-28. We will leave the church at 9:00am for Hot Springs. Please call Joan Winstead at 681-6884, Joanne Frost at 228-9420 or the church office at 224-6047.

LADIES!

Plan a day of fun and fellowship at the beautiful Ozark Conference Center (near Morrilton), November 5, 2009.

Holiday Flavors and Sounds November 5, 2009 9:00am-1:30pm

Music, shopping, lunch—featuring Susan Heck, author from Tulsa. The cost is \$20 before October 15 or \$25 after. Let's fill the Highland Valley bus! If interested, call Nodya Lambert at 312-9601. *(The deadline for registration is October 28)*

UM WOMEN NEWS

Meeting Changes:

Tuesday, October 6 at 1:00pm-Circle 1 will meet in the Family Life Center.

Tuesday, October 13 at 10:30am-UMW Unit Meeting in the Highlander Room.

September Social Action is Rice Depot's Food for Kids.

15TH ANNUAL HVUMC ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 9:00am-4:00pm



The 15th Annual HVUMC Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by the Highland Valley UM Women will be Saturday, November 14 in the Family Life Center. For additional information, including booth rental, contact Linda Brown, Chairman, at 664-1335.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

8:30am Divine Worship
9:00am Fellowship Time
Fellowship (Telephone) Class

Pumpkin Patch Open!

9:30am Sunday School Classes
9:40am Casual Worship

10:45am Divine Worship

12:00pm Family Picnic in Maumelle Park

4:00pm Men's Chorus
5:00pm Alpha Class

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

10:00am Staff Meeting
1:00pm Prayer Group
6:00pm Board of Trustees
7:00pm Troop 335 Troop Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

10:00am Grace Notes
1:00pm Circle 1 (Family Life Center)
Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
6:00pm Men's Bible Study
6:30pm Handbell Choir
6:45pm Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline
6:00pm Higher Ground
Girl Scout Volunteers
6:30pm Chancel Choir
7:15pm Art Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

8:30am Art Class
10:30am Art Class

HELP NEEDED FOR PICNIC SUNDAY, OCT 4

- 1) Setup/clean up picnic site
- 2) Bring Desserts

If you will help, please contact Regina asap. Regina@hvumc.org or 224-6047.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

Acolytes

Trevor Ward (8:30)
Izzy Boehm & Anna Markland (10:45)

Children's Church

Barbara Kirkpatrick

Rockers and Huggers

Karen Latch (9:40)
Jackie Kolstad (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Staci Grimes

Fellowship Time Host

Good News SS Class

Bus Driver

Joe Burkett (312-9223)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

October Ushers

Louis Burgess, Don Kirk
Bob Baertsch, John Watkins

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Monday-Friday

8:00am-5:00pm

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Christ and Share Christ*