



*"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

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## Divine Worship

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

01 November 2009

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

### SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-15

### SERMON

*"Nicodemus:"*

### *Meeting Jesus in the Dark"*

*Series: Encounters with Jesus*

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

### HYMNS

*For All the Saints*

*I'll Meet You in the Morning*

*Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Youth Choir

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Barbara Kirkpatrick

## Focus: "When the Saints Come Marching in..."

This past Sunday we had three lively worship services and at the 10:45am hour the Chancel Choir had an upbeat medley of spirituals that reminded me of New Orleans and "when the saints come marching in..." One of our youth, Jonathan Cartwright, played the drums again and Scott Welch made his debut on the acoustic guitar along with our brass, Joel Clark and Carter Malone. A special thanks to all those who volunteered for our outstanding Halloween Carnival Sunday afternoon. We had over 300 children, youth, and adults present with half of them from outside of our church. Our thanks to our hardworking Children's Director, Vanya Gilmore, for her creative touches for a fun afternoon. The pet Halloween costume fashion show was a huge hit, too. 20 dogs and 2 cats all dressed up! It looked like an AFV moment for sure! Our daughter Catherine's cat, Cynder, did his part in his witch's costume. Be sure to check out the photos in the newsletter this week.

This coming Sunday we'll observe the meaningful "All Saints' Sunday" and sing some of the great hymns of Heaven, including a great gospel hymn, "I'll Meet You in the Morning." I look forward to singing and worshipping with you on November 1.

Yours in Christ,  
Daniel Kirkpatrick



## 2009 Fall Finance Program

### "Tithing: Supporting our Mission to Know Christ and Share Christ with the World"

#### Update: Week 3

Our 2009 Fall Finance program began two weeks ago and continues through November. The theme is based on our church mission statement: "Tithing: Supporting our Mission to Know Christ and Share Christ with the World" from the Great Commission by Jesus in Matthew 28: 16-20. Persons who are members of our church received a financial packet with a 2010 Estimate of Giving card and copies of our 2010 preliminary budget last week. After three weeks we have received 67 Estimate of Giving Cards for a total of \$271,206 or 26% of the 2010 preliminary budget total of \$1,057,889.

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 this Sunday or by placing it in the mail. For further information please contact our Financial Manager, Stacie Holloway at 224-6047 or email Stacie@hvumc.org.

Louis Burgess, Stewardship Committee Chair



Karen Hutchins

## FAITH UPDATE FROM KAREN HUTCHINS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009

First of all, I am not here to stand up in front of you as an example. I am simply here to stand in front of each of you as a work in progress.

Over the years, I have personally found it frustrating that I have not tithed my full 10% as Jesus asked each of us to do in the Bible. But with 3 children we always seem to have bills, bills and more bills. My husband and I have continued to try to do our best to keep up some level of giving to our church, Highland Valley.

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## All Saints' Sunday November 1

### Divine Worship

Sunday, November 1 our Church will observe "All Saints' Sunday" during the three worship services. All Saints' Day remembers the lives of Highland Valley members who have died in the past 12 months. A reading of the roll of the honored dead and chiming of a bell will be used to mark the names of our members who have died in the past year.

Cindy Robertson  
Bill Grimmett  
Betty Bennett  
Donald Howard  
Mary Rose Garner

Annalee White  
Mary Lou Rowland  
Ouida Roark  
Adrian D. "Bud" Wagner

Bruce Hamilton  
Don Smith  
Cloriene Ulmer  
David Pickering



**Don't Forget to Fall  
Back!  
Daylight Savings  
Time Ends**

**Sunday, November 1**

**Turn your clocks back or you'll be an hour  
early to Sunday School and Worship!**



**Bi Monthly  
American Red Cross  
Blood Drive**

**Monday, November 9  
3:00pm-7:00pm  
Wesley Wing**

### Halloween Carnival 2009



Carnival guest with Bride of Frankenstein, Stacie



Rex & the Marklands



Michelle & Lindsey Dickinson

You could feel the electricity in the air as you entered the gym on Sunday evening. Fun was had by all at the 2009 Highland Valley UMC Carnival. The Pet Fashion Show had 22 entries and was enjoyed by everyone watching and/or participating. The Creepy Café proceeds will greatly help the Youth. A huge THANK YOU needs to be handed out to everyone who helped decorate, tear down, worked a booth, purchased food, and participated in any form to make this year's carnival a HUGE SUCCESS. Blessings to all!

Vanya



### UPWARD BASKETBALL/ CHEERLEADING

Upward basketball and cheerleading are available for boys and girls ages kindergarten through 6th Grade. Registration cost until November 21 is \$65, after November 22, \$70. If you would like to sign up, forms are available in the church office or on our website at [www.hvumc.org](http://www.hvumc.org). Games will be played on Saturdays in January and February between 9:00am and 3:00pm. All games will be played in HVUMC Family Life Center.

**\*\*If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dianne Burnett at 224-6047 or [Dianne@hvumc.org](mailto:Dianne@hvumc.org). We need you!!**

### YOUTH NEWS!!

#### CALENDAR ITEMS

Sunday, November 1, 12:00pm - 3:00pm - Breakaway to **Paintball** (sign up by calling William at 224-6047 or [William@hvumc.org](mailto:William@hvumc.org))

Friday-Sunday, November 20-23 - **Youth Discipleship Retreat** (note this is a **new date!** - sign up in gym)

#### WE NEED YOU!

If you are in high school and are interested in coaching or refereeing Upward Basketball or Cheerleading, you can get community service hours for this and make a difference in the life of a child! If you can help please contact [Dianne@hvumc.org](mailto:Dianne@hvumc.org) or 224-6047.

### FAITH UPDATE FROM KAREN HUTCHINS—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

There has never been a doubt in my mind that Jesus blesses us many times over for the amount of time, talents, and tithes we give to him. So even though I know I have been unable to give my full 10% time, talents, and tithes to God I selfishly continue to ask and pray every day for my full allotment of blessings. Believe me - I know God is merciful because his blessings have been abundant in our lives from being a member of this church!

One of the biggest blessings my husband and I have received during our time here at Highland Valley is the many wonderful memories we have from watching the children of this church grow up as we spent 7 years working in the infant nursery. Another blessing we have cherished has been the wonderful friendships and educational opportunities my family has enjoyed at Highland Valley. My children have attended all levels of the children, youth, and art programs while my husband and I have truly expanded our experience with Christ in the New Horizons Sunday School Class.

One thing that has brought comfort to me in my journey to follow God's will is focusing on the pledge we took when we joined this church. We promised to support it with not only our tithes but also our time, talents and prayers. So along our journey we have tried to serve our church with all of these. I hope each of you will prayerfully consider one of the many opportunities to serve in our church and watch how God blesses your experience.

Another thing that has brought me comfort in my journey is a process that was presented to me and my family during our time of membership here at Highland Valley. Several years ago, the stair-step giving plan arrived in the stewardship campaign and it really helped me focus on always improving even if I could not give the full 10% tithe. This process provides guidance for improving my giving a little each year. Every year we try to improve how much we give and somehow we are able to pay each yearly amount even when it seems like we may not be able to pay it in full.

I hope when you receive your stewardship pledge card this year you will pray about taking the next stair step in your pledge journey. Please join me this year **as a work in progress** to serve the Lord through our time, talents, and tithes at Highland Valley.

### MUSIC NOTES

*From Betty's Desk*



Thanks to our Joyful Noise Men's Chorus and to the Chancel Choir and soloist, Jon Keck; instrumentalists, Scott Welch, Carter Malone, Joel Clark, and Jonathan Cartwright, who presented special music for us on Sunday, October 25.

Sunday, November 1, our Youth Choir will sing at the 9:40am and 10:45am worship services. We always look forward to hearing and seeing our youth. We are building and we invite any youth to be a part of our group. Rehearsal is Sunday from 5:30-6:30pm. Come and join us!

We will also hear from the Grace Notes for the first time this year on November 1. They will be our choir and will present a special anthem at the 8:30am service that day. We are forming a new Grace Notes Choir and want to invite new members to join us on the third Tuesday of each month for rehearsal. We practice from 10:00am-11:00am.

#### Upcoming Special Music for November

**November 8** – Marie and Benson Mendillo

**November 15** – All Children's Choirs will sing. We will also hear from our Highland Valley Ringers, who will ring two special arrangements. You will be amazed at the growth of this group!

**November 22** – A ladies' trio made up of Dianne Burnett, Kim Markland, and Jeannie Weatherford will be heard for the first time. This is a new group and I know that you will enjoy hearing them sing an a capella arrangement of "All People That on Earth Do Dwell". The Chancel Choir will present a Thanksgiving anthem, "Now Thank We All Our God".

**November 29** – Hanging of the Green – First Sunday of Advent - Special music to bring in the Christmas season will be presented by the Chancel Choir.

December will be a very full month, with the Children's Christmas Program on **December 6**, and the Chancel Choir Cantata on **December 12**.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND BE A PART OF THE SPECIAL MUSIC OF THE SEASON!**

**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, Delaine Russell, Jeanette Horton, Paula Conaway, Sonny Bradshaw, Mary Hall, Jack & Eutha Scott.

**OUR PRESENCE**

**October 25**

**Divine Worship**

8:30	55
9:40	38
10:45	192
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>

**Sunday School**

Adults	133
Youth	21
Children	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>

**OUR GIFTS**

**October 25**

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 10/25/09	9,972
Total receipts, operating & restricted 10/25/09	10,087
Year to date operating budget receipts through 10/25/09	817,480
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 10/25/09	883,926
Restricted funds received for: Handbell Fund, Interfaith Hospitality Network.	

**2010 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

2010 Total Pledged	\$271,206
Number of Pledges Rec. to Date	67
Percent of 2010 Budget Pledged	26%

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - OCTOBER 25**

**CHILDREN**

Infant/Ones	4
2 Yr. Old	6
3/4 Yr. Old	7
K/1st Grade	6
2nd/3rd Grade	6
4th/5th Grade	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>

**ADULTS**

Faith	9
Fellowship	4
Pairs & Spares	4
Alice Fidelis	3
Highlander	28
New Beginnings	15
New Horizons	5
Good News	15
Connections	9
Ben Miller	30
Children/Youth	
SS Teachers	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>

**YOUTH**

Jr. High	17
Sr. High	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

**GIFTS**

**BUDGET**

In memory of **Adrian "Bud" Wagner**  
 ... by Bob & Beverly Sullenger  
 ... by Hazel Wagner

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETOWRK**

In memory of **Adrian "Bud" Wagner**  
 ... by Circle 4

**HANDBELL FUND**

In memory of **Don Howard**  
 ... by Mr. and Mrs. Launce Mustoe

**Staff Sharing**



Advent begins on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Christmas Eve and ends at sunset on Christmas Eve. Here are some family activities to do to celebrate this wonderful season of joy.

1. Make an advent wreath with your family. It doesn't have to be real. It could be made out of paper. The flames could be taped on each week by a certain child!
2. Share the meaning of the wreath: circle represents eternity; evergreens represent life everlasting; each candle represents 1 week of Advent: the 3 purple ones represent preparation, rose candle represents joy, and the white one represents Jesus, the light of the world.
3. Make an advent calendar which will count all the way down to Jesus' birthday.
4. Find out the true meaning behind the "candy cane."
5. String popcorn on strings that stand for new life.
6. Put out window lights and talk about how the journey must have been for Mary and Joseph.
7. Make a paper chain that you can hang on a doorway with blessings or hopes for the future.
8. Make a crib for baby Jesus by finding a small rectangular box and then each day add "straw" by putting a yellow slip of paper or yarn to represent good deeds that each family member does!

Vanya

**CHARGE CONFERENCE & DINNER  
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6:00PM—FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Dinner is at 6:00pm with the business session at 6:45pm. Rev. Phil Hathcock is presiding. Church Council members and spouses are invited. Child care is provided.



Louis Burgess

**Faith Update from Louis Burgess  
 2009 Stewardship  
 Committee Chair  
 Sunday, October 18, 2009**

I am Louis Burgess, and I am your Chairman of our Stewardship Committee. I hope that all of you have received your packets of material detailing our stewardship campaign for 2010.

Before I go further, I would like to give you an update on where we stand on our operating budget for this year (2009).

In spite of the depressed economic state of our community and our nation, and that we have lost several families that joined Rev. Brock Patterson to help him start up the new FaithSpring Church, our church is meeting our operating budget this year.

Our 2009 budget is \$1,048,000 and with our receipts of today we should exceed \$800,000 towards our goal. If the Lord keeps us able and we keep on giving, we are going to meet our budget this year. We still have a long way to go financially, to meet and address our mortgage and major maintenance expenses; but we are much better off financially than we were two years ago.

Our preliminary budget for 2010 is \$1,057,000. It's conservative, it's realistic, and it's obtainable.

For our 2009 budget we received 154 signed commitments from our members. This represented 64% of our operating budget. PLEASE fill out your pledge cards as soon as possible and return them to our church office or place them in the Sunday collection plate. In the first seven days of our campaign we have received 21 pledge cards that committed to over \$100,000.

If we haven't received your commitment by the first week of November, we will make another mailing. Please let us have your commitment before then.

The week of Thanksgiving will conclude our campaign. We will then evaluate our preliminary budget of \$1,057,000 against our giving commitment, and adjust our 2010 budget accordingly. We don't have the pleasure of deficit spending.

Please help your church take another step towards financial stability.

### Cokesbury Book Fair

Highland Valley United Methodist Church  
 Sunday November 8  
 9:00am - 12:00pm  
 Family Life Center



Come browse through the new Christmas books and Christmas Bible Studies. Children, Youth & Adult books will be featured!

Great Christmas Gift Ideas!



### Halloween Carnival 2009



### ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE

HIGHLAND VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 15524 CHENAL PARKWAY  
 LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009  
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HANDMADE GIFTS - CRAFTS - HOLIDAY ITEMS

- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| BAKED GOODS  | CROSS STITCH  |
| JEWELRY      | ORNAMENTS     |
| WOODEN ITEMS | STAMPED ITEMS |
| BABY ITEMS   | FLORAL ITEMS  |



LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE

For questions about the craft fair, please contact Linda Brown at 664-1335.

### CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

- 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 Breakaway (Paintball/Lazer Tag)
- 4:45pm Children's Choirs
- 5:00pm Alpha Class
- 5:15pm Kids Club/Youth Club

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 10:30am UM Women
- 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Group
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 6:30pm Handbell Choir
- 6:45pm Women's Bible Study

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 7:00pm Book Club

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 6:00pm Youth Friday Night Live

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

##### Acolytes

Sam Griffin (8:30)  
 Seth Welch & Courtney Soulsby (10:45)

##### Children's Church

Bill & Suzanne Yee

##### Rockers and Huggers

Rhonda Hatch (9:40)  
 Jackie Kolstad (10:45)

##### Coffee Steward

Maryanne Campbell

##### Fellowship Time Host

Connections SS Class

##### Bus Driver

Darren O'Quinn (821-4915)

##### Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

##### November Ushers

Bill & Suzanne Yee  
 Mike & Bev Stock

### Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday  
 8:00am-5:00pm

Phone: 224-6047 FAX: 224-1139

E mail: churchoffice@hvumc.org

### UM WOMEN NEWS

**October Social Action** is the Hoover Treatment Center. Please place donations in the marked bin in the Highlander Classroom. Requested items are: soap, lotion, tooth brushes, Kleenex, paper towels, paper napkins and toilet paper.

### FALL CLEANING FOR SANCTUARY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9—9:00am

Bring your cleaning tools and supplies and join us. Sponsored by HVUMC Altar Guild.

### Pastor's Fall Bible Study

Wednesdays—10:00am-11:00am—  
 Connections Classroom

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

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*Our Mission is to Know  
 Christ and Share Christ*

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 Custodian