



*"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 Third Sunday after Pentecost

08 November 2009

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

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:41-44

### SERMON

### "The Widow & the Two Coins"

Series: Encounters with Jesus

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

### HYMNS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Leave It There

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Benson & Marie Mendillo

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Barbara Kirkpatrick

## FOCUS: Keeping a Secret

How do 300+ people keep a secret for two weeks about a surprise Mexican birthday luncheon for the preacher after worship? I didn't know how everyone did it, but you did! My thanks to each of you for "keeping the secret" and to those of you who were able to attend the Mexican Fiesta for my 50th birthday and for the many cards and well wishes. It was fun to share my 50th with each of you, my church family. We all enjoyed the "family friendly" margarita machine, too! It was a day to remember.

My thanks especially to my family: to my wonderful wife, Barbara, who is the ultimate caterer and hostess, and to my children, Matthew and Catherine, for putting it all together and pulling it off. (I was equally amazed that they could keep the secret, too!) Catherine tells me that I'll have another fiesta in 10 years!

I look forward to seeing each of you this Sunday in worship.

Yours in Christ,  
Daniel Kirkpatrick



Rob Brakensiek

## FAITH UPDATE BY ROB BRAKENSIEK SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009

As a life long Methodist I have always had the benefit of seeing how the Methodist church can touch peoples' lives. Growing up in a small farming community in southeast Arkansas, our local Methodist church played a vital role in community development and support. My parents always made sure I was part of the church in some way, either thru Sunday school or UMYF.

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American Red Cross

## Bi Monthly American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, November 9

3:00pm-7:00pm-Wesley Wing

## Cokesbury Book Fair

Highland Valley UMC

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!



Jan Parrish

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

On Sunday, November 1 we welcomed Jan Parrish to our church by transfer from Harmony Grove UMC in Camden, AR. She joined at the 10:45am service. Jan is a retired high school science teacher and a new resident to Little Rock. She has two sons, one grandson and a grandchild on the way. She is a participant in the fall Alpha Class and has visited various Sunday School classes. Her address is: 28 Cedar Point Ct., LR, 72211. The home phone is 747-1413 and the e-mail address is: [devrryanprish@yahoo.com](mailto:devrryanprish@yahoo.com).

We currently have 54 new members for a total membership of 936. Please join us in welcoming Jan as the newest member of our Highland Valley church family.



## FALL CLEANING FOR SANCTUARY MONDAY,

NOVEMBER 9—9:00am

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

## 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. If you are able to come to the dinner and business session, please RSVP to [churchoffice@hvumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@hvumc.org) or 224-6047 by **Friday, November 6**. Child care is provided.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR ROBE UPDATE

**COST:** \$2,767.38  
**CONTRIBUTIONS:** \$1,495.00  
**BALANCE:** \$1,272.38

Watch for a great Pizza Hut Fundraiser soon!



## YOUTH NEWS!!



Left: HVUMC Youth with William McRea, Director of Youth Ministries

### 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!!**

### What's Coming Up?

**Friday November 6**—Friday Night Live 6:00-9:00pm.

**Friday, November 20-Sunday, November 22**—Youth Retreat. Sign up in the Family Life Center.

### Youth Minister's Corner

We have some exciting things coming up in the next couple of months from our Youth Retreat to the soon to be announced HVUMC Youth Iron Chef. Don't forget our Higher Ground Wednesday nights gathering. I want to personally thank everyone for the incredibly warm welcome I have received since I arrived. I look forward to working with everyone both adult and youth.

A special thank you to all the youth and parents who gave their time to help with the Halloween Carnival. I personally had a blast!

In Christ, William McRea



### Spoils of war!

14 Youth and adults went to Gator Park for paintball wars Sunday, November 1.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias may be placed in the sanctuary during Advent in memory or honor of a loved one or friend and the donation will be listed in the church bulletin **December 20**. Poinsettias may be picked up any time after the 5:00pm worship service on Christmas Eve. If you would like to place a poinsettia, complete this form (*please print clearly*) and place it in the offering plate by **December 13** or send to the church office along with \$10 for each poinsettia requested.

PLEASE PLACE \_\_\_\_\_ POINSETTIA(S) IN THE SANCTUARY:

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

FROM \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please show name as you would like it to appear in the bulletin. Thank you.)*

### Faith update by Rob Brakensiek, continued from page 1...

People in our church always supported each other, through both good times and bad. I remember growing up that I lost 2 friends at a young age, one to cancer and the other to a car accident. Both situations were tragic, but they especially hit close to home in a rural community and in the same church. What stood out to me was the support that went out to those families from our local pastor and church members. While nothing could remove the grief, I certainly believe that having a Christian community to support, care, and pray for people during times like that helps, and that is what the Methodist church is all about. While I rarely make it back to my local Methodist church my mother is still active in that church. Even though I had not been a member for quite some time, I saw that same outpouring of love to my Mom and family when my father passed away in 2000.

About 5 years ago I was at work one day, and I was going through a particularly difficult time in my life. I had visited Highland Valley Methodist but I was not a member. I knew Reverend Kurt Boggan, but not especially well. I called Kurt up out of the blue that morning and we talked for about 10 minutes, and he invited me to come up to the church over my lunch hour and visit. I knew Kurt was a busy man, but he made time to meet with me even though I was not even a member of his church. While that may not seem like a big deal, to me it was, because I knew that Kurt had a lot of responsibility to his own congregation. Once again the Methodist church had come through for me and I saw the love that the Methodist church is all about. That was probably the one biggest reason why I decided to join Highland Valley United Methodist Church.

I would love to say that I tithe my full 10%, but I cannot make that statement. Some years I do, while others I am not quite able to make it. However, I cheerfully give what I can through money and time to support whatever church I attend. This year God has blessed me tremendously. I remarried and also have a young stepson who is now part of my family. I was able to attend the Alpha class with my wife Guisela, and Lucas is already part of a kids group as he attends the nursery. Both my wife and I decided that it was important for us to support Highland Valley as a family. I am excited about the new opportunities we will be able to participate in as a family, that are all made possible through the giving to the church.

This year will mark an interesting chapter in Highland Valley. Some of our fellow members have now been called to support Brock in his new church and the wonderful opportunities that surround that. We will need people here to step up in both time and financial support to fill that void. I know it is a challenge but I also have faith that it can be done. The good news is that hopefully the downturn that hit us in recent months is beginning to improve. I hope that you prayerfully consider your support of Highland Valley in the coming weeks and do what you can to make 2010 another successful year for our church.

**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, Carla Coleman.

**OUR SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to Carter and Carla Coleman and family in the death of Carla's nephew, Edward Mickey (Little Mick) Mihelic, III, age 28, of Bald Knob on October 28.

**OUR PRESENCE**

**November 1**

**Divine Worship**

8:30	59
9:40	44
10:45	205
Total	308

**Sunday School**

Adults	147
Youth	17
Children	35
Total	199

**OUR GIFTS**

**November 1**

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 11/01/09	16,680
Total receipts, operating & restricted 11/01/09	17,985
Year to date operating budget receipts through 11/01/09	834,160
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 11/01/09	901,911
Restricted funds received for: Assoc. Pastor's Office Ren., Children's Choir robes, defibrillators, handells, local missions.	

**2010 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

2010 Total Pledged	361,758
Number of Pledges Rec. to Date	87
Percent of 2010 Budget Pledged	34%

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - NOVEMBER 1**

**CHILDREN**

**ADULTS**

Infant/Ones	2	Faith	9
2 Yr. Old	5	Fellowship	4
3/4 Yr. Old	6	Pairs & Spares	4
K/1st Grade	8	Alice Fidelis	3
2nd/3rd Grade	7	Highlander	41
4th/5th Grade	7	New Beginnings	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	New Horizons	3
		Good News	14
<b>YOUTH</b>		Connections	11
Jr. High &		Ben Miller	34
Sr. High	17	Children/Youth	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	SS Teachers	9
		<b>Total</b>	<b>147</b>

**GIFTS**

**BUDGET**

In honor of **Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick's birthday**  
... by Bill & Suzanne Yee

**DEFIBRILLATORS**

In honor of **Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick's birthday**  
... by Tom & Jackie Lorenzo

**HANDBELL FUND**

In memory of **Don Howard**  
... by Caroline Howard

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR ROBES**

In memory of **Marcia Dees**  
... by Caroline Howard

In memory of **Adrian "Bud" Wagner**  
... by George & Gwen Mobbs

In honor of **James Frost & Carolyn Peterson**  
... by Highlander SS Class

In honor of **Michael Stock, grandson of Mike & Bev Stock**  
... by Sue Wilson

**Staff Sharing**

It has stopped raining for the first day in what seems like weeks. The skies are blue and the sun is bright. The wind is rustling the leaves of the trees, showing off their fall hues. John Calvin once said "The earth is the theatre of God's glory." I couldn't agree more. It's a good day to be alive – and I'm thinking it would be an even better day if I were outside!

There's something about the fall landscape and weather that makes me sense God's presence and love. I'm profoundly grateful for a God who shares such extravagant beauty. The sunshine brightens my soul; it makes me want to see the good in bad situations, in difficult people. I believe that slowing down and breathing in nature is a spiritual discipline in the same way that reading your Bible or praying is. God uses all kinds of ways to morph us back into the divine image. God is present with us wherever we are, all the time - it's just a matter of us attuning ourselves to God's transforming grace.

Isaiah said "Holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory." Let us not get so busy with the dailyness of our lives that we miss out on the glory of God all around us!

Peace of Christ be with you, Regina

PS - The forecast calls for sunny skies the rest of the week. ☺



**MUSIC NOTES**

*From Betty's Desk*

Thank you to the Youth Choir and the Chancel Choir for their special music last Sunday. A special thank you to Joel Clark for directing while I was at the piano. This coming **Sunday, November 8**, we will enjoy hearing Marie and Benson Mendillo. We always look forward to being blessed by their music.

**Sunday, November 15**—Children's Choirs sing in 10:45am worship. Highland Valley Ringers ring at all three services.

**Sunday, November 22**—Special music by our ladies' trio, Dianne Burnett, Kim Markland, Jeannie Weatherford.

Thanksgiving anthem by the Chancel Choir, accompanied by Rebecca Ring on the flute.

**Sunday, November 29**—First Sunday of Advent – Special music by the Chancel Choir to usher in the Christmas season.

**Thursday, December 3**, 6:30pm, Sanctuary—Christmas Piano Recital by the piano and voice students of Betty Morgan.

**Sunday, December 6**—5:00pm, Christmas dinner sponsored by the Youth, Family Life Center.

6:00pm, Christmas musical presented by our Children's Choirs, Sanctuary.

**Sunday, December 13**—8:30am & 10:45am worship – Christmas cantata presented by the Chancel Choir.

**UM WOMEN NEWS**

**Tuesday, November 10 Circle Meetings**

Circle 4—11:30am at Parkway Village.

Circle 1—12:00 noon at the home of Sheila Jennings.

Mary Martha Circle—1:00pm in the Church Library.

**Reminder:** the 6th Annual Meeting of Arkansas District UMW will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 8:45am—2:30pm at First UMC in Russellville, the program is "Come to the Table with Purpose."

**MISSION CORNER**

**Methodist Missionaries with November Birthdays**

Faith Koone  
UMCN Sprite Lodge  
5 Mission Road Hwoishe  
Jas, Plateau State, Nigeria

Eugene Mueumbo  
c/o Sierra Leone Ann. Conference  
31 Lightfoot Boston Street  
PO Box 115  
Freetown, Sierra Leone

**THANK YOU TO HIGHLAND VALLEY**

Many thanks for helping provide transportation for our Annual Fish Fry! We raised \$30,000 to help support the Camp and its missions.

Many thanks and much love, Dana Addison  
*(Kenny Baer volunteered to drive the HVUMC bus for this event.)*

**2009 Fall Finance Program**  
**"Tithing: Supporting our Mission to Know Christ and Share Christ with the World" - Update: Week 5**



Our 2009 Fall Finance program began four 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. After four weeks we have received Estimate of Giving Cards for a total of \$361,758 or 34% 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](mailto:Stacie@hvumc.org).

Louis Burgess, Stewardship Committee Chair

**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

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|--------------|---------------|
| 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.

**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"*



**2010 FLOWER CALENDAR**

The 2010 Flower Calendar is now in the Family Life Center. Please sign your name on the Sunday you wish to provide flowers for our sanctuary, or you may call 224-6047 or e-mail [churchoffice@hvumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@hvumc.org) to select your Sunday.

The price of the flower arrangements is \$75.

**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8**

- 8:30am Divine Worship
- 9:00am Fellowship Time  
Fellowship (Telephone) Class  
Cokesbury Book Fair  
Sunday School Classes
- 9:30am Casual Worship
- 10:45am Divine Worship
- 2:00pm Library Committee
- 4:00pm UM Youth
- 4:45pm Children's Choirs
- 5:00pm Alpha Class
- 5:15pm Kids Club/Youth Club
- 5:30pm Youth Choir

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

- 9:00am Altar Guild Sanctuary Cleaning Day
- 9:00am Bridge Group
- 3:00pm American Red Cross Blood Drive
- 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop 407
- 6:00pm Charge Conference Dinner  
Troop 335 Troop Meeting  
Cub Scout Pack/Den Meeting
- 7:00pm Charge Conference

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

- 11:30am Circle 4 (Parkway Village)
- 12:00pm Circle 1 (Sheila Jennings home)
- 1:00pm Mary Martha Circle (Library)
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 6:30pm Handbell Choir

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

- 6:30pm Youth Parents Meeting

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

- 8:30am Art Class
- 9:00am UM Women Arts & Crafts Fair
- 10:30am Art Class

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8**

**Acolytes**

Trevor Ward (8:30)  
 Izzy Boehm & Vangel Mendillo (10:45)

**Children's Church**

Cindy & Lindsay Soulsby

**Rockers and Huggers**

Heather Abed (9:40)  
 Donna Smith (10:45)

**Coffee Steward**

Staci Grimes

**Fellowship Time Host**

Connections SS Class

**Bus Driver**

Elaine Jones (821-2104)

**Head Ushers**

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

**November Ushers**

Bill & Suzanne Yee  
 Mike & Bev Stock

**Church Office Hours**

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

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