



"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

09 NOVEMBER 2009

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Divine Worship

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

15 November 2009

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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10: 38-42

SERMON

*"Mary & Martha:
A Tale of 2 Sisters"*

Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

Lord of the Dance

There's Something About That Name

Take Time to Be Holy

SPECIAL MUSIC

Highland Valley Ringers

Children's Choirs

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Lindsey Garland

ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00AM-4:00PM-FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Handmade Gifts-Crafts-Holiday Items

Baked Goods

Jewelry

Wooden Items

Baby Items

Cross Stitch

Ornaments

Stamped Items

Floral Items



The Arts and Crafts Sale is sponsored by HVUMC United Methodist Women. A light lunch will be available.



Bettie Gray

FAITH UPDATE BY BETTIE GRAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

Good Morning, this will be a better morning when this day is over, although I appreciate this opportunity, thank you Daniel. I told Daniel this would be 1-2 minutes, but I lied! But everyone should do a Faith Update. Maybe it wouldn't be up here. I changed these notes 4 times. I got up at 3:00 this morning and wrote something down. I won't talk too long. I love the Methodist Church. I love this church and I thank God for the people that have given of their time and talents to this church where I could come and worship. When my granddaughter (she is in Winslow now) came, she said, "Mawmaw, your church feels like a family and mine doesn't." I'm praying now that her church will become a family for her. Now I'll start—my faith

began long before I became a Christian when my mother taught me to say, "Now I lay me down to sleep." And from there, she took me to Sunday School. We didn't have much money, but she would put two pennies in the corner of a handkerchief and tie a knot in it. I was so proud to go to church with my two pennies. *Continued on page 2...*

2009 Fall Finance Program

"Tithing: Supporting our Mission to Know Christ and Share Christ with the World" - Update: Week 6



Our 2009 Fall Finance program began five 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 five weeks we have received 106 Estimate of Giving Cards for a total of 414,940 or 39% 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

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15—10:45AM

Children should meet in the Chapel for rehearsal at 10:30am.

Keith Horn
Former Cleveland Indians
Baseball Pitcher
Guest Speaker

**United Methodist Men
Program & Potluck Dinner
Tuesday, November 17
6:00pm-Family Life Center**



Keith Horn

The United Methodist Men's group will meet Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00pm for their monthly potluck dinner and program. The guest speaker is Keith Horn of our church. Keith is a native of Pine Bluff and a former major league pitcher with the Cleveland Indians. He played his college baseball at Arkansas State University. He will speak on his experiences as a professional pitcher. Men are invited to come and attend—kids and grandkids are welcome as well. For additional information, contact Herrn Northcutt at 224-6047 or email Herrn@hvumc.org.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



We will be selling Pizza Hut Fundraiser cards over the next few weeks. The cost of each card is \$10 and Highland Valley UMC will get to keep \$6 of each card. Cardholders may use their card up to 12 times and receive a medium, one-topping pizza with purchase of a large pizza each time. The proceeds will help complete the Children's Choir Robe fund. We are almost at our goal! Thank you for your continued support.



THE EDGE

We have a busy couple of weeks coming up. It is time to put it in overdrive for God and climb the mountain.

Youth Retreat—November 20-22. Signup sheet is at the Youth Booth. The cost is \$50.

Hanging of the Green—November 29 3:00pm-5:00pm. We have the Family Life Center.

Merry Mission—Saturday, December. 12—10:00am-1:30pm. Come and get your gifts wrapped by the Youth aka the Elves. There will be a Youth Outing that night. Time and place TBA. There is a signup sheet.

Need Youth sponsors—as chaperones and teachers—signup sheet at Youth booth or contact William@hvumc.org.



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. 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. We need you!!**

Faith update by Bettie Gray, continued from page 1...

The Sunday School teacher would have to undo the knot to take out our offering, but other girls were like that. I used to be so excited to put some change in the offering plate. That excitement is gone now, why? I certainly have more money to put in for my church. God has given me so much. He is so good to me. Vacation Bible School was a big part of my life growing up. That's where the faith comes in. We were taught at Methodist Youth Camp at Camp Couchdale and Camp Tanako where I met friends in the Little Rock Conference and Mary Ann Woodworth. I met her at a Methodist Youth Camp. She was a city girl and I was a country girl, but she never looked down her nose at me. Our MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) group was very small, 6-10 and we didn't have a youth counselor. Parents were our youth counselors. I didn't go to college, but 2 months after I graduated from high school, I went to work as a secretary in an insurance company. I remember leaving that office building that day—it was my first time with high heels—and how I thanked God for that job I had secured. I hated shorthand, but I passed the test. Thank God we don't have to do that now. We can listen to tapes and type it in a computer. I got my first paycheck, and I always tithed my paycheck and times were tough. I don't remember where I learned about tithing (and this really has bothered me) unless I read it in the Bible where you give back to God 10% of what He has given you. Sometimes by getting a ride to work, you would save 15 cents (1950) and coffee was 15 cents. I could go out with the ones on my floor to have a cup of coffee if I caught a ride to work that day. I thank God for bringing me through all these times. Life was not always a mountaintop experience. I had some valleys to go through, but God is so good. He just directs our path. Then, I quit work when I married. We didn't tithe, but we gave every paycheck. What a wonderful church we have here and thanks to people that have committed their funds to God to build this beautiful place. I love to say the *Apostles' Creed*, it reminds me of what I believe in. I have been able to raise my pledge the last two years. It's not a tithe yet, but I'm working on it. From taking my two pennies in a knotted handkerchief, I have come to commit my funds to the Lord for the building of His kingdom. That's my Faith Update. Thank you.



MUSIC NOTES

From Betty's Desk

Sunday, November 8, we enjoyed hearing Marie Mendillo. We appreciate and are blessed by her beautiful music.

November 15 our Highland Valley Ringers will ring during all three worship services. I think that you will be surprised what this group has accomplished in a short time. Also, a special treat this day! Our Children's Choirs will sing during the 10:45am worship service. We always love to see and hear our children!

November 22 is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and special music of Thanksgiving will be heard from the choir and our new ladies' trio.

November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent. As we begin this special time of year, we invite you to join us as we celebrate the Christmas season with special music to celebrate our Savior's birth.

December 6 our children will present "*Shepherds, Sheep, and a Savior*", a Christmas musical by Ed Kee. The youth will sponsor a dinner at 5:00 in the Family Life Center, followed by the program at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

December 13, "*And This Shall Be a Sign*" will be presented by the Chancel Choir. This Christmas Cantata was written by Larry Shackley, music, and John and Audra Parker, lyrics and narration. The cantata proclaims God's promise fulfilled.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY!

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.)



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, Mavis Holley, Sue Wilson, Jerry Morgan, Mary Hall, Jack & Eutha Scott.

OUR PRESENCE

November 8

Divine Worship

8:30	51
9:40	43
10:45	144
Total	238

Sunday School

Adults	116
Youth	13
Children	30
Total	159

OUR GIFTS

November 8

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 11/08/09	15,384
Total receipts, operating & restricted 11/08/09	15,444
Year to date operating budget receipts through 11/08/09	849,544
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 11/08/09	917,355
Restricted funds received for: Walnut Grove Restoration, local missions.	

2010 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

2010 Total Pledged	414,940
Number of Pledges Rec. to Date	106
Percent of 2010 Budget Pledged	39%

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - NOVEMBER 8

CHILDREN

Infant/Ones	3
2 Yr. Old	6
3/4 Yr. Old	4
K/1st Grade	9
2nd/3rd Grade	5
4th/5th Grade	3
Total	30

ADULTS

Faith	8
Fellowship	4
Pairs & Spares	2
Alice Fidelis	3
Highlander	29
New Beginnings	10
New Horizons	5
Good News	9
Connections	10
Ben Miller	26
Children/Youth	
SS Teachers	10
Total	116

YOUTH

Jr. High &	
Sr. High	13
Total	13

GIFTS

BUDGET

In memory of **Marcia Dees**
 ... by Margaret Alexander
 ... by Wayne & Ruby Russell
 In memory of **Adrian "Bud" Wagner**
 ... by Margaret Alexander

BUS GASOLINE FUND

... by Third Agers

WALNUT GROVE RESTORATION

In honor of the **50th wedding anniversaries of Bill & Val Hawkins and Rance & Martha Perkins**
 ... by Paul & Grace Dixon

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Our Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, November 9 had 20 people come, 17 donations, 3 for the first time. Our goal was 18, so this was great! Mark your calendar—the next blood drive is **January 4, 2010**.

Staff Sharing

THANKSGIVING

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most high." Psalm 92:1

It is great to have a special day when we can examine our many blessings and be thankful for each and every one of them.

As we hurry through our day to day activities, how many of us take the time to truly realize how very blessed we are in our personal life and as a country? With all of life's problems, we still have much to thank God for. With the political and economic problems that America faces, we still can be thankful to live in a free country in which we can live, work, and practice our religious beliefs.

One of the favorite hymns of Thanksgiving, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" was written by Henry Alford in 1844. The first stanza of this harvest hymn is an invitation and an exhortation to give thanks to God in His earthly temple - our local church. The final stanza is a prayer for the Lord's return - "the final harvest home."

"Come, ye thankful people, come. Raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin. God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied: Come to God's own temple, come. Raise the song of harvest home."

"Even so, Lord, quickly come, to Thy final harvest home. Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; thee, forever purified, in Thy presence to abide. Come, with all Thine angels, come. Raise the glorious harvest home."

The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful heart. Carry this musical truth with you through this Thanksgiving season:

"God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come. Raise the song of harvest home."

See you in worship as we give thanks during this special time of year.

In His Service, Betty

MISSION CORNER

CAMP ALDERSGATE-PETIT JEAN MEATS

Camp Aldersgate has formed a partnership with Petit Jean Smoked Meats in Morrilton, AR. Camp Aldersgate receives a portion of the profits from every smoked ham or gift box they sell. Petit Jean smoked hams or gift boxes make great holiday gifts for friends, family members or customers. Handy feature: The items can even be "drop shipped" directly to the recipients on your list. You can download a printable order form, come by the church office, or order online by going to www.campaldersgate.net or call 225-1444. Deadline to order is **December 10**.



Guisela Alfaro-Brakensiek

TOYS FOR SMILES -EL SALVADOR

My name is Guisela Alfaro-Brakensiek. As a member of Highland Valley, I've seen many acts of kindness at this church. I'm originally from El Salvador, and during a trip home earlier this year, I learned of a small organization run by a family friend that collects toys for underprivileged children of El Salvador.

I would like to ask your help in collecting toys to ship back to help this organization. We need new or good used toys for boys and girls age 4-

12 years old. Also, the organization accepts clothes for children in the same age range.

You can drop your donations at the church's office during weekdays, and I will be in the gym during fellowship time Sunday November 15 and 22. Toys will be shipped to El Salvador on Monday, November 23. All donations are appreciated.

Notes: Toys should be unwrapped, they must pass through customs; donations are also appreciated for the cost of shipping.

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 to select your Sunday. The price of the flower arrangements is \$75.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We have two open dates on the 2009 altar flower calendar—**November 29** and **December 27, 2009**. If you would like to place an arrangement in memory or honor of someone, please contact Julie@hvumc.org or call 224-6047. The cost is \$75.

CROSSROADS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Are you looking for an opportunity to join with a group of friends or to make new friends and to connect in a small group fellowship and study? We want you to join us for the launch of the Crossroads Sunday School Class and our Christmas Open House on **December 6 at 9:30am**. We will meet on the second floor of the Wesley Wing in the former New Horizons classroom. We will be studying the Advent series "The Scriptures Sing of Christmas" during the month of December. After that, our study material will be geared toward the application of God's word in our everyday lives. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship on December 6! Contact Janet Floyd, 868-9175, for more information.

TIME TO PUT UP THE CHRISMON TREE!



Advent is coming quickly. One of our first big projects for Advent is to put up the Chrismon Tree. If you have helped in the past, you know it's hard work. But the result is a blessing for our congregation. We will start on Sunday afternoon November 22 at 2:00pm and should be through by 4:00pm. Call Herr Northcutt at 224-6047 for more information.

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"

CALENDAR

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

10:00am Staff Meeting
6:00pm Troop 335 Troop Meeting
Cub Scout Den Meetings
7:00pm Finance Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

10:00am Senior Choir
5:30pm Upward Evaluations
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 6134
UM Men Supper/Program
Men's Bible Study
6:30pm Handbell Choir
6:45pm Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline
4:30pm Chipato Valley Girl Scouts
5:30pm Upward Evaluations
6:00pm Higher Ground
Wacky Wednesday
Art Class
6:30pm Chancel Choir
7:15pm Art Class

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30pm Highlander Class Dinner

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

5:00pm Youth Retreat at Ferncliff
6:00pm Upward Evaluations
7:00pm Alpha Retreat

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:30am Art Class
Alpha Retreat
Youth Retreat
9:30am Upward Evaluations
10:30am Art Class

YOUTH RETREAT November 20-22 Ferncliff Camp

You are encouraged to sign up by Friday, November 13 by contacting William@hvumc.org or 224-6047. The cost is \$50 per person. Watch your email for details!

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

Acolytes

Alex & Audry Horn (8:30)
Megan King & Anna Markland (10:45)

Children's Church

Kelly & Tracy Davidson

Rockers and Huggers

Karen Latch (9:40)
Tammy Felder (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Judy Bates

Fellowship Time Host

New Horizons SS Class

Bus Driver

John Watkins (868-9981)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

November Ushers

Bill & Suzanne Yee
Mike & Bev Stock

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Monday-Friday

8:00am-5:00pm

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