



*"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

16 NOVEMBER 2009

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### Divine Worship

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

22 November 2009

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

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 17: 11-19

### SERMON

*"The Ten Lepers:*

*A Lesson in Gratitude"*

Series: *Encounters with Jesus*

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

### HYMNS

*America the Beautiful*

*My Country, Tis of Thee*

*Now Thank We All our God*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Ladies' Trio

Chancel Choir accompanied by

Rebecca Ring

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Lisa Ring

### 2009 Fall Finance Program

**"Tithing: Supporting our Mission to Know Christ and Share Christ With the World" - Update: Week 7**



Our 2009 Fall Finance program began six 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 six weeks we have received 120 Estimate of Giving Cards for a total of 471,060 or 44.5% 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



Dr. Garry Teeter

### Focus: "Daily Bread Counseling"

I'm excited to announce that at our November 9 Charge Conference Trustee Chairperson Clark McCarley presented a proposal that was approved unanimously to provide a weekly office in our church facility for Rev. Garry D. Teeter, full-time pastoral counselor with the non-profit ministry, "Daily Bread Counseling." Rev. Teeter is a native of Bryant, Arkansas and an ordained United Methodist minister. He is a friend and colleague of mine and founder of Daily Bread Counseling, which currently has offices at 1st UMC, Hot Springs, and 1st UMC, Benton. The focus of Rev. Teeter's ministry is Christ-centered pastoral counseling, which he began in 1997 and now serves full time. He has a strong reputation for helping individuals, couples, and families. His credentials include being President of the Arkansas Board Certified Licensing of Counselors, having been appointed by Gov. Mike Beebe. He and his wife, Donna, are the parents of two daughters and one grandchild is on the way! This service is available to members of our church and also persons in the Little Rock area. Daily Bread Counseling accepts most insurance plans. Please see the web site at [www.dailybreadcounseling.com](http://www.dailybreadcounseling.com) or email: [garry@dailybreadcounseling.com](mailto:garry@dailybreadcounseling.com) or the confidential phone line 501-847-2229 for appointments.

We are excited to welcome Rev. Teeter and Daily Bread to our church as an expansion of our church's ministry and outreach to persons in west Little Rock.

This coming Sunday is the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day, and we will sing some of the great patriotic hymns of our Christian faith as a part of our worship. I look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday!

Yours in Christ,  
Daniel Kirkpatrick

### Come Join Us!

### FAITH UPDATE BY BEV STOCK SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009



Bev Stock

My husband and I grew up in St. Louis and eventually got to Little Rock by way of Kansas City and Houston. Along the way we've been embraced by a number of churches with all varieties of programs and events. Having four children, we were quickly involved in countless activities. We've always found somebody busy creating opportunities for others to share God's love.

I don't really know where my faith came from or when it started, but I don't remember being without it. I can't tell you when or where the spirit moved my children, but I can see it in them. I believe some of these somebodies along the way shared very important things with us.

Everyone has to find God for themselves, in their own way. Maybe a Bible story inspired you for life. It may have been a kind word or the star on top of a tree that made you look for more answers. We never really know what will touch someone, who it may be or how far it will go.

One thing we do know is that churches don't just pop up by themselves. Activities don't just happen. Somebody has to put things in motion. That's the way it worked in the Bible. God said "Build an ark" and somebody built the ark. God said "Feed my lambs" and even now, somebody is busy feeding God's lambs.

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### TOYS FOR SMILES EL SALVADOR



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 under-privileged children of El Salvador.

I would like to ask your help in collecting toys or cash contributions which will be used to purchase clothing and toys to ship back to help this organization. We need new or good used toys for boys and girls age 4-12 years old. Please make your checks to HVUMC with the note El Salvador. Also, the organization accepts clothes for children in the same age range.

You can drop your donations at the church office during weekdays, and I will be in the gym during fellowship time **Sunday, November 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.

# 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. *(Please see Vanya to purchase your card.)*



## THANK YOU!

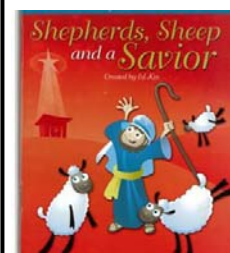
The Cokesbury Book Fair was a big success. We hope everyone found something of importance to them for gift ideas. I'd like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Pam Simpson and Nickole Ellis for purchasing books and advent wreaths for the Children's Department and Library.

Vanya



## BABY DEDICATION DAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 10:45AM

Please join us as we honor all babies born in 2009 to our Highland Valley members. Since the Advent season is upon us and we are about to honor the birth of Jesus Christ, we thought this would be an appropriate time to honor our Highland Valley babies, as well.



On a hill just outside of Bethlehem, lowly shepherds were tending their sheep at night. They didn't get much company out there. People had been passing through for several days as the census was underway, but they hardly spoke at all as they walked by on their way to Bethlehem. Nobody really wanted to talk to the shepherds. That is, nobody except an angel! They may have been at the bottom of the social ladder in Bethlehem, but God chose shepherds to be the first ones to see the Savior! This is their story – what they heard and what they saw that marvelous night when God came to dwell with men.

### SHEPHERDS, SHEEP AND A SAVIOR Created by Ed Kee

A Christmas Musical  
Presented by the Children's Choirs of  
Highland Valley United Methodist Church  
Sunday, December 6

5:00pm—Dinner sponsored by the Youth  
Family Life Center

6:00pm—Children's Christmas Musical  
Sanctuary

Make this Christmas a memorable one with  
*Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior.*



# 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. Sign up by contacting William at 224-6047 or [William@hvumc.org](mailto:William@hvumc.org). The cost is \$50.

Hanging of the Green—November 29 3:00pm-5:00pm. We are decorating 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](mailto:William@hvumc.org).

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT!**

You asked for it, you got it! By popular demand, our Youth will again offer babysitting services on Friday night, **December 4**, from 6:00-9:00pm. We will have snacks available and you are welcome to bring a sack dinner if you need! Reserve your spot NOW by emailing William McRea at [William@hvumc.org](mailto:William@hvumc.org) or 224-6047. **YOU MUST RESERVE BY DECEMBER 3!**



## UPWARD BASKETBALL/CHEERLEADING

Upward basketball and cheerleading is 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.

**Upward Evaluations are being held this week—November 17, 18 & 20 from 6-7pm and Saturday, November 21 from 10am-12pm.**

## UM WOMEN NEWS

**UMW Installation Service and Tea** will be Tuesday, December 1 at 10:30am in the Parlor. The Executive Board will be hosting. We will vote on the slate of new officers before the program begins—pray that there will be a new President to install. Our Memorial Anthem and Special Recognition Pin will be presented.

**Social Action is the Delta Mission Christmas Tree.** For Church Women United we are requested to donate gifts for men patients at UAMS. Suggestion-slipper socks with non-skid soles may be brought to the December 1 meeting.

## 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, Mavis Holley, Susie Wilson, Jerry Morgan, Mary Hall, Jack & Eutha Scott, Mary Harris, Tom Lorenzo.

**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to Peggy Hugg and family in the death of Alex Hugg, age 13, of Little Rock on November 13.

**OUR PRESENCE**

**November 15**

**Divine Worship**

8:30	61
9:40	44
10:45	182
Total	287

**Sunday School**

Adults	128
Youth	19
Children	28
Total	175

**OUR GIFTS**

**November 15**

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 11/15/09	8,686
Total receipts, operating & restricted 11/15/09	9,413
Year to date operating budget receipts through 11/15/09	858,230
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 11/15/09	926,768
Restricted funds received for: Walnut Grove Restoration, local missions, Infant Care Ministry, Music Ministry, Youth programs, Handbell fund, Children's Choir robes.	

**2010 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

2010 Total Pledged	471,060
Number of Pledges Rec. to Date	120
Percent of 2010 Budget Pledged	44%

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - NOVEMBER 15**

**CHILDREN**

Infant/Ones	3
2 Yr. Old	2
3/4 Yr. Old	2
K/1st Grade	8
2nd/3rd Grade	5
4th/5th Grade	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>

**ADULTS**

Faith	8
Fellowship	4
Pairs & Spares	2
Alice Fidelis	3
Highlander	29
New Beginnings	10
New Horizons	3
Good News	9
Connections	17
Ben Miller	32
Children/Youth	
SS Teachers	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>128</b>

**YOUTH**

Jr. High & Sr. High	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

**OUR SERVICE**

Thank you to Sheila Jennings who organized the closet behind the Highlander Classroom. Thanks to Sheila and Circle 1 who replenished Red Cross Health Kits. Thank you to Don Stecks who replaced the door sweep on the west door.

*Staff Sharing*

If there is one thing that I have learned in my life it is that *Change* happens. Most of the time it happens when you least expect it or want it to. Everything in life seems to be going great and your way, and then an opportunity presents itself that seems too good to be true and it is time to go. Then there are the times we actually pray for change to happen, and then when it does we begin to get scared of actually having to face it.

I am a man who has moved more times than he wants to count, but each move, each change, has brought with it excitement and sadness. The excitement is always because of the challenge that can await me on the new journey in my life. Moving to Arkansas was one of the biggest changes in my life, even more so than when I went to college. On a whim I applied for a job and a week later I was preparing to move to Little Rock. The whole drive up here, part of me wanted to turn around and drive back, and not leave my mother, sister, new nephew, and other special people. I kept on the road because I knew that going to Little Rock was part of God's plan in my life.

Since I have been here, everybody has welcomed me with open arms into this amazing church family. While I do miss my family and the ability to go walking through 90 acres of farm land, I feel that I have started a new home, and I am not scared anymore. I wish to thank all of you for your kindness, warm welcomes, and of course the gift tree (I do love Subway). Now as we begin this new change in our church's youth ministry program, I ask that you remember the verse that has always been with me.

*Jeremiah 29:11- For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

In Christ, William McRea

**Faith update by Bev Stock, continued from page 1...**

Look around now. Worship doesn't just happen. You have hymnals and pencils in the racks and a clear place to sit. It's not like that in here on Mondays. Somebody puts things in place and polishes the brass. They pick up candy wrappers and crumpled bulletins with notes scribbled in the margins. Somebody does all of these things, so somebody else can share God's word.

We also know we are God's chosen people. We were reminded of that in last week's Sunday school lesson from 1 Peter 2. God's chosen people - that's us - everyone here. That makes us all somebody. He wants us to take care of one another. Life gets messy but the basics don't change. God is Love. What you give can change a life. Somebody is praying for help from somebody like you. I have often been blessed by things done by "Somebody". I believe God can use anything for good. I believe that whatever I give to God reaches far beyond me. I choose to do and give whatever I can because somebody has done it for me. Do you ever think to yourself, "Somebody should do something"? I think that too is a message from God.

**MISSION CORNER**

**TO SHARE CHRIST...WITH A NEEDY CHILD AT CHRISTMASTIME**

Again this year, our church is sharing the love of Christ with our friends in the impoverished Delta of Arkansas. In the Galloway Family Life Center, you will find the Delta Angel Christmas Tree, which gives names, ages and sizes for children in Chicot County available for sponsorship this Christmas. You, your family, your children, Sunday School class or small group may take an angel (or two) from the tree to sponsor this holiday season.

Gifts for Delta Angels should NOT be wrapped but should be LABELED with the child's name and placed beneath the large tree on the center of the stage in the Family Life Center. Gifts should be returned NO LATER than **December 16**. Anything delivered after December 16 will not be able to be sent to Lakeside School District! This is part of our ongoing Delta Mission Project, now beginning its seventh year. For more information, or to volunteer to assist in delivery, please contact William at the church.

**9TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**9:00AM UNTIL WE RUN OUT**

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**SPONSORED BY THE INFANT CARE MINISTRY**

**HOMEMADE COOKIES, CANDIES & SMALL BREADS**

We need lots of candy and cookies to make this Annual Cookie Walk a success. Please make cookies, candy, bread, etc. and drop it off at the church on Friday, December 11, Saturday, December 12 from 2:00-4:00pm, or Sunday morning, December 13. Sunday morning beginning at 9:00am, come fill a box with goodies for \$5 a pound. ICM thanks you for your continued support.



**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.

**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](mailto: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.



**DAILY BREAD COUNSELING**

Highland Valley United Methodist Church serves as host to the Daily Bread Counseling service, provided by Rev. Garry D. Teeter, an Arkansas United Methodist minister and full time pastoral counselor. Counseling addresses such issues as: adjustments to stress, anger management, depression, anxiety, bipolar, grief, divorce recovery, spiritual growth, individuals and families surviving Multiple Sclerosis, individuals and families surviving a brain injury.

For more information, go to: [www.dailybreadcounseling.com](http://www.dailybreadcounseling.com).



**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 Herrn 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"*

**BUDGET WATCH (WE REALLY NEED YOU)**

Here is our weekly watch and reminder of how much is needed to fully fund the operations of Highland Valley for 2009 and to avoid an operating deficit for the year. We still have 6 weeks left in 2009 and a long way to go for the Church's finances.

Total giving needed for 2009	\$1,048,372
Total giving received for 2009 as of 11/15/2009	\$ 866,020
Remaining contributions needed for 2009	\$ 187,352
Weeks left in 2009	6
Giving needed every week for the rest of the year	\$ 30,392

**THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP**

**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22**

**Youth Retreat at Ferncliff**

- 8:30am Divine Worship
- 9:00am Fellowship Time  
Fellowship (Telephone) Class
- 9:30am Sunday School Classes
- 9:40am Casual Worship
- 10:45am Divine Worship
- 2:00pm Put up Chrismon Tree in Sanctuary
- 4:45pm Kids/Youth Clubs Rehearsal
- 5:00pm Alpha Class

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

- 9:00am Bridge Group
- 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop 407
- 6:00pm Troop 335 Troop Meeting

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 6:30pm Handbell Choir

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

- 12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline**
- 6:00pm Art Class
- 7:15pm Art Class

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

THANKSGIVING DAY-  
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY-  
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 5:30pm Our House Dinner (New Horizons Host)

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22**

**Acolytes**

Sydney Warren (8:30)  
 Peyton Yee & Sam Griffin (10:45)

**Children's Church**

Kristi Solloway

**Rockers and Huggers**

Jill Hudson (9:40)  
 Connor Gilmore (10:45)

**Coffee Steward**

Ardie Otten

**Fellowship Time Host**

New Horizons SS Class

**Bus Driver**

Joel Clark (224-2756)

**Head Ushers**

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

**November Ushers**

Bill & Suzanne Yee  
 Mike & Bev Stock

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