



*"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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## Divine Worship

Second Sunday in Advent  
6 December 2009  
8:30am, 9:40am, 10:45am

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-12

### SERMON

*"Follow the Star!"*

Series: *The Christmas Story*  
Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

### HYMNS

*The First Noel*  
*What Child Is This*  
*We Three Kings*

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Youth Choir

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Barbara Kirkpatrick



Don Lambert

## FAITH UPDATE BY DON LAMBERT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

Good morning! So far, in our Stewardship Campaign, we have \$150,000 remaining to reach our goal. If you have not submitted your pledge yet, please prayerfully consider and give all you can. If you can give above your pledge, please do.

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## Focus: "Christmas Spirit"

I hope that each of you had a fine Thanksgiving holiday with loved ones this past week! Here at Highland Valley UMC we had a great Sunday after Thanksgiving welcoming the season of Advent and our Hanging of the Greens. What better way to begin Advent than with the baptism of a baby boy! Our congratulations to Brent and Lesley Haughaboo in the baptism of little Blake. I think he may be up for the part of baby Jesus in the Children's Christmas musical this next Sunday evening!

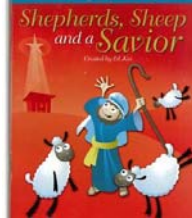
Don Lambert presented an outstanding "Faith Update" in reminding us of the privilege we all share in our giving to "Feed Christ's sheep" through the ministries here at Highland Valley UMC. (Read his remarks in the enclosed Faith Update.)

My thanks to Mary Pickering and our Altar Guild in hosting our "Hanging of the Greens" with 90+ persons who participated. Our beautifully adorned sanctuary with the Chrismon Tree and greenery helps us enter into the Christmas spirit. The family supper in the Family Life Center was delicious with the wide variety of homemade soups, sandwiches, and desserts, too. We appreciate the many Sunday school classes who provided the delicious food.

The wonder of our Savior's birth in December is a great time to invite our neighbors and colleagues at work to come and worship with us at Highland Valley UMC. Show your care and love for an unchurched neighbor or friend and invite them to experience the Christmas spirit with us this coming Sunday in worship as we sing our beautiful carols and re-tell the story of Jesus' birth—the best news our old world has ever heard and still desperately needs to hear and experience.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

Yours in Christ,  
Daniel Kirkpatrick



## Children's Christmas Musical Sunday, December 6—6:00pm in the Sanctuary

### SHEPHERDS, SHEEP AND A SAVIOR

*Created by Ed Kee*

### Special Christmas Dinner 5:00pm—Family Life Center

Menu

Christmas Ham—Seasoned Green Beans—Cheesy Potatoes—Holiday Fruit Salad  
Rolls—Assorted Desserts

Donations only, tickets will not be sold.

Sponsored by the Youth of Highland Valley UMC.

*All dinner proceeds will be used for the Youth Mission Projects.*



## HVUMC YOUTH SPONSORED ANGEL TREE

Highland Valley UMC will sponsor an Angel Tree for children in the Little Rock School District and foster children in Pulaski County. Please visit the tree in the Narthex **this Sunday** and pick up one or more angels! Please return the gifts in a gift bag, with the

angel you took from the tree attached. (Gifts must returned to the Family Life Center by 5:00pm on December 15.)



Haughaboo family

## Infant Baptism

Sunday, November 29, Brent and Lesley Haughaboo presented their son, Blake Thomas, for infant baptism at the 10:45am worship hour. His proud big sister, Hannah Claire, and big brother, Andrew and many members of his family attended. We thank God for the baptism of this boy and his family's commitment to Christ and His Church.

## 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.)*

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

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



Please join us as we honor all babies born in 2009 to our Highland Valley members. As we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth, we'd like to honor our 2009 babies born in our church this year: Kiera Shade Baer, Grace Elizabeth Currey, Blake Thomas Haughaboo, Addison Hope Millard, and Peyton Faith Millard. Please join us as we introduce them at the 10:45 service on Sunday, December 6.

We'd like to give a special thank you to Deborah Bolding who made the beautiful prayer crosses for our babies.



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.)*



Special recognition UMW pin recipients: Cheryl Simmons, Linda Baer, Kenny Baer



Left: Outgoing UMW President Cheryl Simmons with Dorothy Henninger



Youth Booth in the Family Life Center.

# THE EDGE

Save the dates:

**December 12**—Merry Mission. Need your Christmas gifts wrapped but don't have time, let the Youth do it! Merry Mission benefits the Angel Tree. Youth—signup sheet at the Youth Booth in the Family Life Center.



United Methodist Women

## UM WOMEN NEWS

**Circle Meetings—Tuesday, December 8:**

Circle 1-12:00noon, home of Jewel Murphy.  
Mary-Martha Circle-12:30pm, home of Phoebe Norman.  
Circle 4-11:30am, brunch at the home of

Bennie Ungerman.

Alpha Circle-Potluck dinner, home of Gay McDaniel.

**Social Action**—HVUMC Angel Tree.

## Highland Valley UMW Installation Service and Tea Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Special UMW Recognition Pins were received by Cheryl Simmons, and Kenny and Linda Baer. A new slate of officers for 2010 were elected. Below is the dedication written by Dorothy Henninger for Cheryl Simmons, outgoing UMW President:

*It is always exciting to recognize the recipient of our annual recognition pin.*

*Our recipient has worked for the UMW many personal hours. For which she did not receive even a bouquet of flowers.*

*As a professional she is great; And the top of the scale we would rate.*

*To work with her is always a pleasure. In looking back, it is a time we will treasure.*

*Her patience is also a great attribute, Therefore, we give her a special salute.*

*She is always organized and has her papers on the table, Which lends credit in making our unit stable.*

*Who would be better to receive this special recognition Than someone who has worked full time with missions.*

*So we say thanks, for the kindness and smile And making us all want to go the extra mile.*

*I will not divulge our secret right now As someone else will endow.*

*(See photos left)*

## Faith Update by Don Lambert, continued from page 1...

This is the 31st year, at about this time, we here at HVUMC are working on our commitments for stewardship. Thirty-one years ago we were new as a congregation. We had this building, two mobile classrooms, begged, borrowed, I hope not stolen, and a wasp infected building that had served as the Pride Valley Church. Of those present, if you were here then please hold up your hand, who would have thought it impossible in 30 years to finance and support the facilities and programs for God's service presently at this church.

Anytime we contribute to a cause, we should and do ask, "What does this expenditure accomplish?" The money we have given in the past and will give in the future supports the work of the Body of Christ here at HVUMC. All of the missionary work, and it is extensive, over the world, nation and state is supported by this stewardship. The local programs and work in the community or local church are results of this program.

When it comes to how a Christian should view money I believe United Methodist philosophy I have heard comes from John Wesley. He said a Christian should, "earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can".

To further add to the values of our giving, our Savior, as He was about to ascend to sit at the right hand of His and our Father, looked at the sometimes problem and always loving apostle, Peter. He asked Peter three times, "Simon (Peter), Son of Jonah, do you love me?" Three times, Peter answered, "Yes Lord." After each answer, Christ said, "Feed my sheep."

Through our stewardship and work I believe that now as in Christ's time on Earth, he is asking HVUMC, "Do you love Me?"(as he did Peter). We answer "Yes, Lord, you know we do." Once more, Christ tells us "Feed my sheep." I believe this is the work of God by the people of God.

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, Mary Harris.

**OUR PRESENCE**

**November 29**

**Divine Worship**

8:30	53
9:40	33
10:45	157
Total	243

**Sunday School**

Adults	117
Youth	16
Children	20
Total	153

**OUR GIFTS**

**November 29**

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 11/29/09	17,914
Total receipts, operating & restricted 11/29/09	18,394
Year to date operating budget receipts through 11/29/09	900,591
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 11/29/09	969,859
Restricted funds received for: local missions, Children's choir robes, Philippines disaster, UM Student Day	

**2010 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

2010 Total Pledged	598,230
Number of Pledges Rec. to Date	142
Percent of 2010 Budget Pledged	56.6%

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - NOVEMBER 29**

**CHILDREN**

Infant/Ones	3
2 Yr. Old	-
3/4 Yr. Old	3
K/1st Grade	6
2nd/3rd Grade	4
4th/5th Grade	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

**ADULTS**

Faith	8
Fellowship	4
Pairs & Spares	-
Alice Fidelis	3
Highlander	32
New Beginnings	7
New Horizons	5
Good News	16
Connections	9
Ben Miller	25
Children/Youth	8
SS Teachers	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>

**YOUTH**

Jr. High & Sr. High	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

**GIFTS**

**BUDGET**

In memory of **Mike Campbell**  
... by Nodya Lambert  
In memory of **Tom Hicks**  
... by Blanche Hicks

**MISSIONARIES WITH DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Clara Biswan  
c/o United Methodist Mission  
No. 74, St. 606 Sangkat BOENG  
KAK 11  
Phnomen Penn 3, Cambodia

Ronald Davidson  
Apartado 30509, Toncontin  
Comayaquela, Honduras

**SCOUT TROOP 335 NEWS**



HVUMC Scout Troop 335 traveled to Mt. Nebo the weekend of November 13, 14 & 15. 12 Scouts and 9 adults were in attendance.



Bev Stock and Val Hawkins with an ICM basket.

**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.

Infant Care Ministry has helped new parents for 15 years through social services around Little Rock. Annually, over 200 baskets are distributed containing basic hygiene and clothing items for newborns. ICM holds the cookie walk and sells Kroger cards to finance this outreach.

This year, we have handmade baby blankets for sale in addition to cookies and treats. Please support ICM by donating and buying homemade cookies, treats or a special handmade baby blanket.

**CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES EMERGENCY SHELTER**

Christmas Wishes: It's that time of year when we all think about how blessed we are and how there are those that have little. Highland Valley has always been so generous in their effort to help others. It is so seldom that we know the impact of our giving. We recently were told of a young 20 yr old girl who dropped by the Centers for Youth and Families new facility in Monticello. She wanted to help with the kids there. The President and CEO of Centers, Doug Stadter, was there and asked her what made her come by. They had just been talking about not knowing what activities they would be able to provide for the kids. She said that she was in the Emergency Shelter for 6 months when she was younger. She said that people brought them Thanksgiving dinner and had a Christmas party for them while she was there. It meant so much to her that she wanted to give back. Guess who donated food for Thanksgiving and had a Christmas party for them? Folks at HVUMC. We are once again wanting to give each child a \$50 gift certificate for Christmas. There are 24 beds at the Emergency Shelter. If you feel at all led to donate please see Sue Keathley or Patty Downes for more information.

Thanks, The Good News Sunday School Class

**ST. PAUL UMC COOKBOOK AVAILABLE**

St. Paul UMC, Little Rock, is selling cookbooks to commemorate their Centennial on March of 2010. The cookbooks are \$20, \$25 if they are to be mailed, and contain 765 recipes. The recipes include offerings from Bishop and Mrs. Crutchfield, Phil and Gwen Hathcock, and selected recipes from previously published St. Paul cookbooks. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, you can contact Sherry Hankins at the church, 666-9429, or Karen Branton in the district office, 324-8022 or [centralsdistrict@arumc.org](mailto:centralsdistrict@arumc.org). The proceeds from the cookbook will help defray the costs of the Centennial Celebration.

### 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.



#### 2009 Fall Finance Program "Tithing: Supporting our Mission to Know Christ and Share Christ With the World" - Update: Week 9

Our 2009 Fall Finance program began eight weeks ago and continues through December 6. 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 eight weeks we have received 142 Estimate of Giving Cards for a total of 598,230 or 56.6% 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

### 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.



### 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).

### 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 4 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 12/2/2009	\$ 900,591
Remaining contributions needed for 2009	\$ 147,781
Weeks left in 2009	4
Giving needed every week for the rest of the year	\$ 36,945

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP

### CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

- 8:30am Divine Worship
- 9:00am Fellowship Time  
Fellowship (Telephone) Class
- 9:30am Sunday School Classes
- 9:40am Casual Worship
- 10:45am Divine Worship
- 5:00pm Youth Sponsored Christmas Dinner
- 6:00pm Children's Program
- 6:30pm Pictures with Santa

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 1:00pm Prayer Group
- 5:00pm Upward Practice
- 6:00pm Board of Trustees  
Cub Scout Den Meetings  
Troop 335 Troop Meeting

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 8:00am Baker Bazaar set up
- 10:00am Children's Minister meeting
- 11:30pm Circle 4 (home of Bennie Ungerman)
- 1:00pm Circle 1 (home of Jewel Murphy)  
Mary Martha Circle  
(home of Phoebe Norman)
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 6:30pm Handbell Choir  
Alpha Circle Christmas Potluck  
(Gay McDaniel home)

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline
- 5:00pm Upward Practice
- 6:00pm Higher Ground  
Art Class  
Chancel Choir  
Mom to Mom
- 7:15pm Art Class

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 5:00pm Upward Practice

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 5:00pm Upward Practice

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 10:00am Youth Merry Mission
- 12:00pm Central District Pastor's Christmas Luncheon
- 2:00pm Cookie Walk Set Up & Cookie drop off

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 6

##### Acolytes

Emma DeWitt (8:30)  
Vangel Mendillo & Emma DeWitt (10:45)

##### Children's Church

Nickole Ellis

##### Rockers and Huggers

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

##### Coffee Steward

Debbie Sharp

##### Fellowship Time Host

Highlander SS Class

##### Bus Driver

Mark Latch (224-0030)

##### Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

##### December Ushers

Don & Lena Adams  
Werner Schneider  
Greg Floyd

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Monday-Friday

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*Our Mission is to Know  
Christ and Share Christ*