



*"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

21 DECEMBER 2009

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## Divine Worship

Christmas Eve  
24 December 2009  
5:00pm

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1: 18-25

### SERMON

*"Jesus: Our Emmanuel"*

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

### HYMNS

*Joy to the World*  
*Away in a Manger*  
*Silent Night, Holy Night*

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Vanya Gilmore



*Christmas Eve Service*  
*Carols, Candlelight, &*  
*Communion*  
*December 24*  
*5:00 PM Only*  
*Childcare Provided*

Thursday, December 24 at 5:00pm our church will observe Christmas Eve with one worship service of "Carols, Candlelight, & Communion." Childcare will be provided. Please join us on this holy night as we observe the birth of our Savior through the written and spoken word, beautiful carols, Holy Communion, and candlelight.



## Divine Worship

First Sunday after Christmas  
27 December 2009  
8:30am, 9:40am, 10:45am

### SCRIPTURE

3 John 1-8

### SERMON

*"Reputations"*

William McRea  
Director of Youth Ministries

### HYMNS

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*  
*The Friendly Beasts*  
*Sing We Now of Christmas*

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Lisa Ring

## College Student Sunday To Be Observed December 27

### William McRea, Director of Youth Ministries, Preaching

This coming Sunday, December 27, our church will observe College Student Sunday. As a way of welcoming home our college students for the holidays, the last worship services of 2009 will be led by our college students. Director of Youth Ministries, William McRea, a first-year graduate student at Memphis Theological Seminary, will be preaching.

### ANGEL TREE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

See page 2 for an Angel  
Tree 2009 update!

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the  
Highland Valley United Methodist Church Staff*

*Jane Finner*  
*Vickie Downard*  
*William McRea*  
*Melinda Brown*  
*Vanya Gilmore*  
*Karen Northcutt*  
*Stacie Holloway*  
*Dogina Sidera*  
*Deanne Burnett*  
*Betty Morgan*  
*Julie Zimmerman*  
*Daniel R. Kirkpatrick*

## 2009 Year End Giving Update

As 2009 draws to a close, our church is also bringing its 2009 financial year to completion. With one Sunday remaining, we need to receive \$68,850 in order to finish the year in the black. The church books close on Friday, January 8 but contributions must be postmarked or received by December 31.



Above: Family caroling on Sunday, December 7.

### PIZZA HUT CARDS



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.)*

## THE EDGE



As we close out 2009 let's look back on the amazing journey we have had so far. There have been ups, downs, and some interesting changes. Always look at the good and **the** bad of the last 12 months as events that made us stronger and taught us. Enjoy your Christmas break, because we are going be charging the plate swinging in 2010. Below are the dates for January, and there is going to be a special announcement in a couple of weeks. Be on the lookout. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**December 31**-New Year's Eve Party in the Youth Room/  
Wesley Wing. 6:00pm-12:30pm

**January 6**-Higher Ground resumes

**January 10**-UMYF resumes

**January 8**- Friday Night Live 6:00pm-9:00pm

**January 17**- Breakaway Bowling 12:30pm-5pm

**January 31**- Talent Extravaganza 5:00pm-6:30pm

### MUSIC NOTES

#### *From Betty's Desk*

The Chancel Choir presented their Christmas cantata, "And This Shall Be a Sign" last Sunday, December 13. We loved the beauty of the text as well as the music in this special cantata. Through the prophecies or "signs" of the Christ, we celebrate the birth of Messiah, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

MAY YOU FIND JOY, LOVE, HOPE, AND PEACE  
DURING THIS BLESSED SEASON OF THE YEAR.

### ANGEL TREE 2009 UPDATE

The Angel Tree was a huge success and because of the church's generosity 140 children will have clothes, shoes, and toys this Christmas. There are a couple of thank yous that need to go out. First and foremost a huge thank you needs to be



Left: Angel Tree in the Narthex.  
Above: Gifts waiting to be picked up.

given to Carla Coleman and her crew who took the time to help gather names and prepare the gifts for shipment. Carla, you are a true blessing. Thank you to all those who took an angel from the tree – and then gave generously of your time and resources by providing gifts for the children of Little Rock. Over \$3,000 in donations to provide gifts for the angels came in. Because so many angels were taken AND we received such generous donations, Highland Valley was able to help even more families than we originally anticipated. Thank you! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree project – to underprivileged children in Little Rock this Christmas, you may have been the "angel" they were praying for.

Dear Members of HVUMC,

On behalf of the 18 students and their siblings who attend Pulaski Heights Elementary, I wanted to say thank you for all you did to make Christmas a brighter time. As I passed out the bags of gifts to each of the families involved I knew that we were helping those in need right here in our own city.

Of those families I would like to share some of the details of their struggle to live day to day. One has 6 children under the age of 11, five of them have been adopted. One has a father that was laid off from his job in October and cannot find another job. One is a single mother who gets up every day at 3:00 a.m. to throw a paper route to make ends meet. Another is a single mother with 4 children who also has two of her brothers living with her at this time. You can see why I was so proud to share with them your gifts.

I cannot wait to see them in January with their new coats on and to know that they are now "Highland Valley Methodist Kids".

Margie Northcutt

### 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, Mary Jo Smith, Marie Buckley, Dorothy Dillon, Delaine Russell, Jeanette Horton, Mavis Holley, Susie Wilson, Jerry Morgan, Mary Hall, Mary Harris, Justin Garrison.

#### OUR PRESENCE

#### December 20

##### Divine Worship

8:30	67
9:40	62
10:45	172
Total	301

##### Sunday School

Adults	119
Youth	14
Children	30
Total	163

#### OUR GIFTS

#### December 20

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 12/20/09	39,208
Total receipts, operating & restricted 12/20/09	40,158
Year to date operating budget receipts through 12/20/09	979,519
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 12/20/09	1,055,749
Restricted funds received for: Children's Choir robes, missions, Youth Emergency Shelter	

#### 2010 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

2010 Total Pledged	634,651
Number of Pledges Rec. to Date	150
Percent of 2010 Budget Pledged	61.36%

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - DECEMBER 20

##### CHILDREN

Infant/Ones	4	Faith	12
2 Yr. Old	2	Fellowship	3
3/4 Yr. Old	4	Alice Fidelis	3
K/1st Grade	6	Highlander	20
2nd/3rd Grade	8	New Beginnings	11
4th/5th Grade	6	Crossroads	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	Good News	12

##### ADULTS

Connections	16
Ben Miller	29
Children/Youth	
SS Teachers	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>

##### YOUTH

Jr. High &	
Sr. High	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

#### GIFTS

##### BUDGET

In honor of **Nodya Lambert**  
 In honor of **Maxine Patterson**  
 ... by Highlander SS Class  
 In honor of **Betty Morgan**  
 In honor of **HVUMC Bus Drivers**  
 ... by Wyleen Crider  
 In honor of **Highlander SS Class Committee**  
**Phoebe Norman, Joan Winstead**  
**Marilyn Hagberg, Ruby Russell,**  
**Joanne Frost, Carolyn Peterson,**  
**Lorna Kuno**  
 ... by George & Gwen Mobbs  
 In honor of **Vanya Gilmore**  
 ... by Alice Fidelis SS Class

##### CHILDREN'S CHOIR ROBES

In honor of **Betty Morgan**  
 ... by Jim & Linda Martindale

## CALLING ALL TALENTED FOLKS AND THOSE WHO THINK THEY ARE!

# Talent Extravaganza

**January 31 ~ 5:00-6:30**

\*\*\*Start planning now. Get a group together and/or perform alone and sign up today! We need magicians, dancers, singers, comedians, and unique talent to be showcased. ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE.

Call Vanya for more information!

#### 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 invite you to join us in the Crossroads Sunday School Class. We meet on the second floor of the Wesley Wing in the former New Horizons classroom at 9:30am. Our study material is geared toward the application of God's word in our everyday lives. Come join us for study and fellowship! Contact Janet Floyd at 868-9175 for more information.



## NOTICES

- ☛ **Holy Communion** is available each Sunday from 8am to 12pm in Hart Chapel (except during the Sunday School hour).
- ☛ **Upper Room Devotionals** are available in the entrance to the Family Life Center. Upper Room Devotionals are free. (Sponsored by HVUMC United Methodist Women).



**Highland Valley on Facebook!!**

Check out Highland Valley United Methodist's fan page on Facebook! You can connect with other members, check out upcoming events and see pictures from the latest happenings!

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

Thursday, December 24  
Office closes at noon

Friday, December 25  
Office closed

**No newsletter the last week of the year.**

Thursday, December 31 &  
Friday, January 1  
Office closed

**AMERICAN RED CROSS  
BLOOD DRIVE**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 4**

**3:00pm-7:00pm**

**Mark your calendar!**



**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 1 week 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 12/21/2009	\$ 979,519
Remaining contributions needed for 2009	\$ 68,850
Weeks left in 2009	1
Giving needed every week for the rest of the year	\$ 68,850

**THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP**

**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 27**

**College Student Sunday**  
8:30am Divine Worship  
9:00am Fellowship Time  
Fellowship (Telephone) Class  
9:30am Sunday School Classes  
9:40am Casual Worship  
10:45am Divine Worship

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28**

9:00am Bridge Group  
10:00am Staff Meeting

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30**

12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

6:00pm Youth New Year's Eve party

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY  
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 27**

**Acolytes**  
Meagan King (8:30)  
Peyton Yee & Seth Welch (10:45)

**Children's Church**  
Vanya Gilmore

**Rockers and Huggers**  
Karen Latch (9:40)  
Vanya & Connor Gilmore (10:45)

**Coffee Steward**  
Margaret Yates

**Fellowship Time Host**  
Ben Miller SS Class

**Bus Driver**  
John Watkins (868-9981)

**Head Ushers**  
Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

**December Ushers**  
Don & Lena Adams  
Werner Schneider  
Greg Floyd

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

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*Our Mission is to Know  
Christ and Share Christ*