



"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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2 March 2009

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Divine Worship

Second Sunday in Lent
8 March 2009
8:30am, 9:40am, 10:45am

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20: 1-17

SERMON

"God's Top Ten"

Series: *Moses*

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

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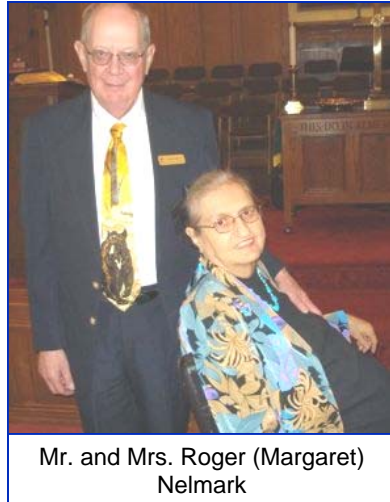
*And Can It Be
Thy Word Is a Lamp
Close to Thee*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Lindsey Garland

SPECIAL MUSIC

Awakening



Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Margaret)
Nelmark

Focus: *Keeping the Main Thing The Main Thing*

In spite of the snow on the ground last Sunday morning, we had 3 fine services of worship, including our wonderful Youth Choir singing that beautiful anthem, "Down to the River to Pray."

We were also excited to welcome Roger and Margaret Nelmark to our church family, who joined by transfer from the Fairfield Bay United Methodist Church, here in Arkansas. Roger and Margaret have been participating in our church for quite some time, worshipping at the 10:45am service. They are retired—Margaret is a US Navy veteran and Roger from the Minnesota iron mines as a welder. They have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. Their address is 15501 Capitol Hill Boulevard, Apt. 314 72211 and the phone number is 716-2919. It's easy to spot Roger and Margaret because she's always in the center aisle in her motorized wheelchair. They have a great love for Christ and His Church—we know that because it takes a greater effort for them to attend, but they always make that effort. That touches my heart and helps me to love God more, too.

In recent years people have asked the question: "What is the purpose of the church?" As a minister, I'm always excited to explain that the purpose of the church has not changed for 2,000 years: to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the One who set the agenda for His Church in giving us the Great Commission in Matthew 28: 19, "Go, and make disciples of all nations..." Helping other people come to faith in Jesus Christ is what we are all about here at Highland Valley Methodist. You and I can do that by simply inviting someone to come to worship and Sunday School with us. Or invite someone to attend our Alpha Course that we offer on Sunday evening at 6:00pm.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday for worship and Sunday school!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

BEGINS SUNDAY,
MARCH 8

TURN YOUR CLOCKS
FORWARD 1 HOUR

Lenten Offering Update

To date we have received \$3,505 from 24 families for our 2009 Lenten Offering. Contributions received will be applied directly to the principal balance of our mortgage loan. This special offering continues through Palm Sunday, April 5.

Created By God Human Sexuality Class for 5th and 6th Graders

\$20.00 Fee

Mandatory parent meeting:

Sunday, March 8, 3:00pm—5:00pm

Class schedule:

Friday, March 13, 6:00—9:00pm and
Saturday, March 14, 9:00am—5:45pm

To sign up, contact **Kim Johnson** or **Brenda Welch**
224-6047 or brenda@hvumc.org

YOUTH NEWS!!

What a fabulous night of fellowship! Record attendance at our Annual Pancake supper! We served over 170 people on Tuesday evening and raised \$950 for our summer trips. Thank you, youth, for stepping up and working so hard. It was a great evening for our congregation. A big thank you to Geoff Addison for coordinating everything in the kitchen and flippin' those flapjacks. We appreciate you!

We had another great day Sunday with 37 in Sunday School and 35 for paintball after church. Thanks, Ryan, for driving us! This Friday evening is Friday Night Live from 7:00pm-10:00pm. Bring a friend and join us!

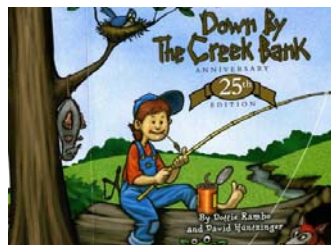
The "Created by God" Study is coming up next weekend, March 13 and 14, for 5th and 6th graders. Liz Wright from St. Paul UMC will be leading us. I have known Liz for many years, and she will be a great facilitator for our group! Parents, please contact the church office (Brenda or myself) as soon as possible to register. The cost is \$20. A mandatory parent meeting will be held on Sunday, March 8, from 3:00pm-5:00pm.

Have a great week! See you at church!

Kim

"Down by the Creek Bank by the old holler log....."

Sound like fun? Well, this children's musical, written by Dottie Rambo, is just that – FUN! We invite you to experience the songs, games, and laughter with our children at Highland Valley United Methodist Church. Mark your calendars to join us at the creek bank on **Sunday, May 3**. Picnic style dinner at **5:00pm** (donations accepted) Program at **6:00pm** in the gym. Ya'll come!



COME SEE HOW YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY HAS GROWN

GRAND OPENING ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009

9:00AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for a reception at 9:00am in the parlor

A special THANKS to all who have helped grow the library by their donations (books and monetary), purchases at the Book Sale and their prayers.

MUSIC NOTES

We had 10 ladies (pictured bottom right) from the Grace Notes who travelled to Good Shepherd this past Tuesday. One gentleman, Mr. Wayne Russell, joined us there. We sang to a room full of very appreciative folks. Thanks to all who took part in this ministry and to Rita Bryant for leading the songs, and to Brock Patterson for driving the bus for us. We invite anyone who is interested in this ministry to join us next month on the fourth Tuesday, March 24. Grace Notes will also be in the choir loft at the 8:30 service on March 29. They will lead the hymns and present an anthem at that service. Thank you, Grace Notes, for your ministry! Awakening will present our Special Music for Sunday, March 8.

The Chancel Choir will present a Lenten anthem, "In the Cross", accompanied by Jeannie Weatherford on piano, and Rebecca Ring on flute.

Thanks to the Youth Choir for singing "Down to the River to Pray" in all three worship services this past Sunday. We are so blessed to hear them each month.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

March 15 – Special music by our Children's Choir will be "Wade in the Water". Rita Bryant will also sing a favorite for the Easter season, "They Could Not", arranged by Sandi Patti.

March 22 – Special music will be presented by Jon and Lara Keck with instrumental accompaniment.

March 29 - TBA –

April 5, Palm Sunday – The children of the church will present the palm branches in a special processional. The day will be highlighted by special anthems by the Children's Choir and the Chancel Choir with special instrumental accompaniment.

April 12, Easter Sunday – Special music by the Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, organ, piano, brass and percussion! This will be a full day of worship and praise to the risen Lord. Make your plans to be with us!

See you in Church Sunday.

Betty

ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

**6-Week Study
10:00am—11:00am
Wednesdays-Hart Chapel
The Pastor's Bible Study**



Join Rev. Brock Patterson for a Lenten Study of the last few days of Jesus' ministry before the crucifixion. The second lesson will be: The Passover (Luke 22:7-38). Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Rev. Brock Patterson in the church office: 224-6047 or brock@hvumc.org.



Grace Notes at Good Shepherd February 24

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

Ouida Roark, Nelda Hicks, Frank Highfill, Mary Jo Smith, Marie Buckley, Dorothy Dillon, Margaret Nelmark, Greg Robertson family, Bruce Hamilton.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mary Pickering and family in the death of her husband, Mr. David Pickering, age 70, on March 1.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Karen) Shepherd and family in the death of their nephew, Max Baxley Shepherd, age 4 months, of Benton, on March 1.

OUR PRESENCE

March 1

Divine Worship

8:30	58
9:40	47
10:45	219
Total	324

Sunday School

Adults	152
Youth	40
Children	37
Total	229

OUR GIFTS—March 1

2009 Operating Budget	\$1,048,372
Operating budget receipts for 3/1/09	16,016
Total receipts, operating & restricted, for 3/1/09	20,216
Year to date operating budget receipts through 3/1/09 (9 weeks)	180,481
Year to date receipts, operating & restricted, through 3/1/09	219,048
Restricted funds received for: Lenten Offering, AR Rice Depot, Handbell Fund, Youth Fundraiser, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Library Fund, Catch the Vision, Local Missions,	

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MARCH 1

<u>CHILDREN</u>		<u>ADULTS</u>	
Infant/Ones	2	Pairs & Spares	4
2 Yr. Old	11	Fellowship	3
3/4 Yr. Old	6	Ben Miller	35
K/1st Grade	8	New Beginnings	20
2nd/3rd Grade	4	Connections	7
4th/5th Grade	9	Good News	11
Total	40	Faith	8
		Highlander	31
		Alice Fidelis	3
<u>YOUTH</u>		New Horizons	18
6th-8th Grade	22	Children's SS Tchrs	12
9th-10th Grade	11	Total	152
11th-12th Grade	4		
Total	37		

GIFTS

BUDGET

In honor of **Maxine Patterson**
 ... by Don & Donna Smith
 In memory of **Bill Grimmett**
 ... by Don & Donna Smith
 ... by George & Jean Harper
 ... by Randolph & Jewell Murphy
 ... by Phoebe Norman
 ... by Virginia Nix
 ... by Wayne & Ruby Russell

Continued next column.....

Staff Sharing

As I look toward the special services during Holy Week, I think of planning the music, rehearsing each musical group, considering the logistics of processing from the back of the church into the choir loft, directing the handbells while wondering how to get back to the organ, etc. All of these things take me away from the purpose of it all.

Why do we observe the beginning of the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday? Why do we come together to sing the songs of the cross during this season? Why do we celebrate the excitement of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday with the waving of palm branches and the smiling faces of our children? Why do we celebrate Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday around the Lord's table? Why do we mournfully remember the events of Good Friday? Why do we rejoice on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Risen Lord?

Worship properly positions the worshiper. And, oh, how we need it! Max Lucado says in his book, *Grace For the Moment*. "We walk through life so bent out of shape. Five-talent folks swaggering: 'I bet God's glad to have me.' Two-talent folks struggling: 'I bet God's sick of putting up with me.' Treat both conditions with worship."

All of us need the season of Lent and Easter to affirm our Christian faith. We do this through the celebration and remembrance of the events in Jesus' life so many years ago. We worship with our Christian friends and fill our hearts with the enormous gift of love that God showed for all of us through the sacrifice of His only Son, and His resurrection to save us all from our sin.

I challenge myself and all of us to remember the reason that we observe this Holy season, and to not get burdened down by the process, but uplifted by the spirit of the worship. In order to be anointed, we must stand still, lower our heads, and bow before God. Won't you join in every one of the special services during this very special time of year, and be renewed in the faith that we all believe in?

See you in church every special day and every Sunday throughout the year!

Betty

Gifts continued.....

BUDGET CONTINUED...

In memory of **Mary Lou Rowland**
 ... by Wadene Hilliard
 In honor of **Betty Cathell**
 ... by Faith SS Class
 In honor of **Mary Milstead**
 In memory of **Anne Milstead**
 ... by Ray Milstead
 In honor of **Mary Ann Woodworth, Joan Winstead,**
Joann Frost, Maxine Patterson
 ... by Phoebe Norman

LIBRARY FUND

In honor of **Maxine Patterson**
 ... by Highlander SS Class
 In memory of **Bill Grimmett**
 In memory of **Mary Lou Rowland**
 ... by Jean Hooper

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

In memory of **Mary Lou Rowland**
 In memory of **George P. Bilheimer**
 ... by Miriam Bilheimer

HANDBELL FUND

In memory of **David Breshears**
 ... by George & Gwen Mobbs

LENTEN OFFERING

In memory of **Bill Grimmett**
 ...by Chuck & Mary Bower

*Transferred to the Church
Triumphant*
David Harold Pickering, Sr.

8 March 1938—1 March 2009

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live." **John 11:25**

**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL
BOOKLETS AVAILABLE**

The six-week Christian season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 25 and continues through Palm Sunday, April 5, leading up to the events of Holy Week and Easter. A Methodist devotional booklet, "The Sanctuary for Lent 2009" with a page a day for this 40-day period is available in the narthex. A large print version is also offered. You may also obtain a copy by calling the church office at 224-6047 or emailing churchoffice@hvumc.org.

**ANNUAL BOY SCOUT
GARAGE SALE**
APRIL 25 8:00AM – 2:00PM

Always a great selection of things you need. Proceeds provide Summer Camp funds and program items. Call Herrn at 224-6047 or email herrn@hvumc.org for drop off and pick up information.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Circle meetings for Tuesday, March 10:
Circle 1: 1:00pm at the home of Nodya Lambert.
Circle 4: 1:30pm at the church.
March Social Action: Dorcas House
Other dates:
March 6: Church Women United Friendship Day at St. James UMC.
March 21: UMW Central District Spring Meeting, 9:30am; Kendall Center at Philander Smith College; donations of pasta and winter wear would be appreciated.

NOTICES



- **Holy Communion** is available each Sunday from 8am to 12noon 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).
- Weekly updates for **Interfaith Hospitality Network** families are located at the Welcome Center in the Family Life Center. Feel free to pick one up.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY MARCH 8

- 8:30am Divine Worship
- 9:00am Fellowship Time
Fellowship (Telephone) Class
- 9:30am Sunday School Classes
- 9:40am Casual Worship
- 10:45am Divine Worship
- 3:00pm "Created by God" parents meeting
- 4:00pm Confirmation Class
Youth band practice
- 5:00pm UM Kids
UM Youth Fellowship
- 6:00pm Alpha Course
- 6:30pm UM Youth Choir

MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 9:00am Bridge Group
- 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop 407
- 6:30pm Cub Scout Den 7
- 8:00pm Boy Scout Troop 335

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 1:00pm Circle 1 (Nodya Lambert home)
- 1:30pm Circle 4 (Good News Classroom)
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:00pm Missions Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
- 12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline**
Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Higher Ground Bible Study
- 6:00pm Art Class
Men's Chorus
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Women's Bible Study
- 7:15pm Art Class

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 6:00pm "Created by God" Class

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- Habitat for Humanity
- 8:30am Art Class
- 9:00am "Created by God" Class
Library Committee
- 10:30am Art Class

**MISSIONARIES WITH
MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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Southern Philippines
Methodist College
PO Box 68
Kidapawan City 9400,
Philippines

David Persons
PO Box 20219
KITWE, Lambia

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY MARCH 8

- Acolytes**
Sam Griffin & Trevor Ward (8:30)
John Holloway & Winston Cartwright (10:45)
- Children's Church**
Larry & Kathy Bryant
- Rockers and Huggers**
Ashley Atkins (9:40)
Jenn Wegener (10:45)
- Coffee Steward**
Maryanne Campbell
- Fellowship Time Host**
UM Men
- Bus Driver**
Gary Graham (227-8577)
- Head Ushers**
Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding
- March Ushers**
Don Adams, Kelly Davidson
John Holloway, Jim Otten

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Monday—Friday
8:00am—5:00pm

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Our Mission is to Know Christ and Share Christ