



"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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15524 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, AR 72211

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Divine Worship



First Sunday after Epiphany
11 January 2009
8:30am, 9:40am 10:45am

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3: 1-7

SERMON

The Burning Bush

Series: *Moses*

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Holy Ground
This Is My Father's World*

HONDURAS MEDICAL MISSION TRIP SUPPLIES NEEDED

Dr. Becky Liggin, co-chair of our Mission Committee and a physician at Arkansas Children's Hospital, will be heading again this year on a Christian Medical Mission Trip to the Central American nation of Honduras during **January 17-25**. A large group of Christians from the Little Rock area will be participating.

Persons can support this mission with their prayers and gifts including donations of the below needed items. Please drop them off at the front of the stage in the Family Life Center of our church. The deadline for donated items is **January 15**.

Thank you for your support.

Items needed: cash contributions, Tylenol, ibuprofen, eye glasses, sunglasses, nerf footballs, jump ropes, Frisbees, coloring books, small craft projects for children.



Mr. and Mrs. Benson (Marie) Mendillo and sons, Lerie, Lebenson & Vangel.

FOCUS: FINISHING OUT STRONG IN 2008

We have exciting news: our church successfully completed our 2008 budget! On November 23, with six Sundays remaining in 2008, Finance Chairman Scott Welch challenged our church that we needed to receive \$216,000 in contributions in our last six weeks to make it. And praise the Lord, we did. In fact, we exceeded our giving needs to the 2008 budget and will have a small carryover of \$12,525 for 2009. The 2008 budget was \$1,058,100 and we brought in \$1,070,625 with all bills paid. This was possible because of the faithfulness and commitment of our church members.

According to church finance records, this is the first time since 1997 that Highland Valley UMC has completed it's budget successfully. This is especially encouraging and commendable in light of the severe economic meltdown in our country this past fall. In 2007, we were \$5,000 short of our budget needs which were made up from a carryover from 2006. We have made great strides in stewardship in the last two years. In recent years our church's history was to use restricted funds to pay operating expenses. I am glad to say that we no longer use restricted funds for operating expenses.

I want to express my thanks to 2008 Finance Chairperson Scott Welch and his fine committee for their excellent leadership in this past year, along with several of our other chairs, many of whom are outgoing: 2008 Church Council Chair, Mrs. Carla Coleman; SPRC Chair, Mrs. Jewel Murphy; Trustee Chair, Mr. John Watkins; Stewardship Chair, Mr. Mark Johnson; and Lay Leader, Mr. Michael Stock.

It is a great feeling to be able to pay all of one's bills and start the new year of 2009 in a strong way. And this is because of the faithfulness of so many people in our church. It makes me proud to be your senior minister. I believe this is a harbinger of good things to come as we carry over this momentum in 2009. It's exciting to see what we can accomplish as we all work and sacrifice together for the Lord.

I began a new series of messages on the life of Moses this past Sunday. I look forward to seeing you in worship and Sunday school this coming Sunday!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

KIDS CLUB RESUMES

**Sunday, January 11—5:00pm-6:30pm—3 years thru 5th grade
Meet in the Family Life Center at 5:00pm for snack supper.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome to our church **Mr. and Mrs. Benson (Marie) Mendillo** and their sons, **Lerie, Lebenson**, and **Vangel**, who united by transfer on January 4 at the 10:45am service. Benson and Marie transfer from Central UMC, in Manilla, Philippines, and their sons are placed on the preparatory roll. Benson is a student at UAMS and Marie teaches English at Parkview High School. They are members of the Chancel Choir and their sons are active in Sunday school, UM Youth and UM Kids. Lerie, age 14, is a freshman at Lutheran High School; Lebenson is a fifth grader and Vangel is a 3rd grader, both at Lawson Elementary. Their address: #7 Cottonwood Court 72211; the phone is: 716-9166 and the e-mail is: mariecm@sbcglobal.net. They have been residents of Little Rock since April 2005.

We had 50 new members join in 2008 for a total membership of 1329. We are excited to welcome this family as the newest members of our Highland Valley Church family.

YOUTH NEWS!!

Let's shine in 09! School is back and so is evening programming! Start the year off right with a commitment to immerse yourself in HAVUMCAH. UMYF kicks off this Sunday as we "take out the trash" and get off to a right start in our lives. Come be a part this week!

Our Spring Calendar is included this week in this newsletter. Mark your calendar now to be a part of these great fellowship and growth opportunities. Moms and Dads, we really need you to make this a year of growth for our kids. Stop by the Booth or email me today (kim@hvumc.org) to find the place to serve with our youth! See you at church! Kim

THANK YOU'S

The family of **Burl C. Duncan** would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers concerning his death..We want to thank you for all the cards and food and most importantly, the generosity that has been expressed towards our family.

You will all be richly blessed. Thank you from the Duncan family.

The **Cookie Walk** for Infant Crisis Ministry was a great success this year. We made a little over **\$1400**. A huge thank you to everyone who donated cookies and to those who bought cookies. Your help and generosity continues to make this event a success every year. A special thank you to Linda Baer who coordinated the event. The money will help us buy supplies to put in the baskets we provide for Moms who need a helping hand with their newborns. I know they are thankful for your generosity also. God Bless you all.

The Infant Crisis Ministry Team

Thank you to the generous people that contributed to the gift certificates for the children at the **Youth Emergency Shelter**. The Highlander and New Horizons Sunday School Classes were very generous. We really appreciate it and hope you know what a difference you made in a child's Christmas. Once again, this church has donated enough money so that each child could receive a **\$50 gift certificate** for them to have on Christmas morning.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY



Are you looking for a Bible Study to attend? Try the Pastor's Bible Study, meeting every Wednesday beginning **January 14**, 10:00am to 11:00am in the Chapel. First lesson: Introduction to the Book of Daniel. Daniel, chapters 1-3. Make plans to join us! Questions? Contact Brock in the church office, 224-6047 or brock@hvumc.org.

MUSIC NOTES

A huge THANK YOU to all for a wonderful Christmas season of music. To the Chancel Choir, Men's Chorus, Handbell Choir, Children's and Youth Choirs, Soloists and Instrumentalists – You were wonderful and worked very hard to make the season festive and joyful. THANK YOU!

I have heard many great comments about the special music on December 28 while I was away on vacation. It was great to have a reunion of Go Fish and special thanks to Julia Frost and her son Robert for their music in honor of Wadene Hilliard. Also, thank you to Erica Morrison-Schindler for playing for the three services of the day.

Thank you to One Way and the Youth Choir for starting off the New Year in worship. This was the first performance by our new youth praise band, and they did a wonderful job.

I look forward to a great New Year as we begin preparation for upcoming services. If you feel moved to join any of our musical groups, please contact me and know that we welcome new members! All groups begin rehearsals this week, so remember to join us and let's make 2009 a great year for music ministry.

Betty

Staff Sharing

SPOTLIGHT: CHANCEL CHOIR

Have you ever attended a traditional worship service without the presence of the Chancel Choir? The choir is such a fixture in the service that we just expect them to be there. Their musical leadership is an integral part of our worship service.

The Chancel Choir of Highland Valley United Methodist Church is made up of thirty-five very talented and giving persons. They attend weekly rehearsals of one hour and thirty minutes, and they bring a special anthem every Sunday of the year, taking only the month of July off. They present two special events during the year: the service of Lessons and Carols held in December, with special music during the entire month of December, and special anthems during Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Dedication to and love of their church and their Lord provides their motivation to be prepared for each Sunday, and to be present as worship leaders in weekly worship services.

The Chancel Choir takes pride in presenting a special presentation of Lessons and Carols each year. This year's service was held on Sunday, December 14 at both the 8:30am and 10:45am worship services. The performance of "Festival of Carols" by Joseph M. Martin, accompanied by chamber orchestra, and including various readers, followed the order of the traditional service begun in 1880 by E.W. Benson, then Anglican Bishop of Truro, England.

We hope that this special service filled your hearts with the love and joy of the Christmas season and that you sang with us, "Glory to God in the Highest".

As the New Year begins, the choir strives once again to be the best worship leaders possible, and to bring to the congregation and to the glory of God, the beauty of hymns and anthems that will enhance our worship

In His Service,
Betty

GAITHER HOMECOMING

The Gaither Homecoming Lovin' Life Tour 2009 is coming to Little Rock! The date is Friday, March 20, 2009 and will be in Alltel Arena in North Little Rock, AR. Tickets are \$19.50 each for a group of 10 or more. For more information and interest in purchasing tickets, please contact betty@hvumc.org. We will be taking the HVUMC bus. **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP!**

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, Bill Grimmett, Margaret Nelmark, Peter Ward & family, Donna Smith, Mary Lou Rowland, Greg Robertson family, Karen Shepherd, Duane Osam, Norma Priutt, Carol Wilson, Judy Lowman, Lisa Townsend.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Louis (Susie) Burgess and family in the death of Louis' mother, Mattie Jones, age 92, of Newport on December 27.

OUR PRESENCE

December 28

Divine Worship

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| 8:30 | 52 |
| 9:40 | 54 |
| 10:45 | 220 |
| Total | 326 |

Sunday School

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|--------------|------------|
| Adults | 116 |
| Youth | 21 |
| Children | 25 |
| Total | 162 |

OUR PRESENCE

January 4

Divine Worship

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|--------------|------------|
| 8:30 | 74 |
| 9:40 | 64 |
| 10:45 | 252 |
| Total | 390 |

Sunday School

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|--------------|------------|
| Adults | 140 |
| Youth | 30 |
| Children | 41 |
| Total | 211 |

OUR GIFTS—January 4

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| Needed Weekly | \$ 20,201 |
| General Budget Receipts | \$ 18,119 |
| Restricted Funds | \$ 1,022 |
| Local missions, food pantry, Interfaith Hospitality Network | |

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 28

CHILDREN

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Infant/Ones | 2 |
| 2 Yr. Old | 3 |
| 3/4 Yr. Old | 4 |
| K/1st Grade | 7 |
| 2nd/3rd Grade | 2 |
| 4th/5th Grade | 7 |
| Total | 25 |

ADULTS

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Pairs & Spares | 4 |
| Fellowship | 2 |
| Ben Miller | 20 |
| New Beginnings | 12 |
| Connections | — |
| Good News | 10 |
| Faith | 11 |
| Highlander | 28 |
| Alice Fidelis | 3 |
| New Horizons | 12 |
| Children's SS Tchrs | 14 |
| Total | 116 |

YOUTH

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| 6th-8th Grade | 9 |
| 9th-12th Grade | 12 |
| Total | 21 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE JANUARY 4

CHILDREN

| | |
|---------------|-----------|
| Infant/Ones | 3 |
| 2 Yr. Old | 5 |
| 3/4 Yr. Old | 7 |
| K/1st Grade | 8 |
| 2nd/3rd Grade | 6 |
| 4th/5th Grade | 12 |
| Total | 41 |

ADULTS

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Pairs & Spares | 4 |
| Fellowship | 4 |
| Ben Miller | 23 |
| New Beginnings | 16 |
| Connections | 12 |
| Good News | 12 |
| Faith | 11 |
| Highlander | 27 |
| Alice Fidelis | 3 |
| New Horizons | 18 |
| Children's SS Tchrs | 10 |
| Total | 140 |

YOUTH

| | |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 6th-8th Grade | 20 |
| 9th-10th Grade | 6 |
| 11th-12th Grade | 4 |
| Total | 30 |

GIFTS

BUDGET

... by Good News SS Class
 ... Infant Crisis Ministry
 In memory of **Gussie Wyatt**
 ... by Maxine Patterson
 ... by Stevan & Allison Dalrymple
 ... by Barry & Cornelia Beck
 ... by Cornerstone Healthcare
 ... by NHS Management, LLC
 ... by Vickie Robbins
 ... by HealthBridge, LLC
 ... by Richard Cisne
 ... by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Teague
 In honor of **Rev. Brock Patterson**
 In honor of **Drew & Kit Coons**
 ... by Randy & Jane Campbell
 In honor of **Duane Osam**
 ... by Jim & Evelyn Carter
 ... by Maxine Patterson
 In honor of **Duane & Dodie Osam**
 ... by Jean Hooper
 ... by Highlander SS Class
 In honor of **Ruby Russell**
 ... by Maxine Patterson
 In honor of **Bill Grimmett**
 ... by Maxine Patterson
 ... by Highlander SS Class
 In honor of **Duane & Dodie Osam, Ruby Russell, Bill Grimmett**
 ... by George & Gwen Mobbs
 In memory of **Burl Duncan**
 ... by Perry & Deborah Bolding
 ... by Shirley Gunnels
 ... by George & Gwen Mobbs
 In memory of **Mattie Jones**
 ... by Perry & Deborah Bolding
 ... by Shirley Gunnels
 ... by Mrs. R.D. Montgomery
 In memory of **Alfred Holloway**
 ... by Perry & Deborah Bolding
 In honor of **Nell Ambrose**
 ... by Faith SS Class
 In honor of **Youth Choir & One Way**
 ... by John & Stacie Holloway
 In memory of **Bernard Frederick, Lynda Frederick**
 ... by Gary & Judy Frederick

INFANT CRISIS MINISTRY

In honor of **Mike & Robin Morrison**
 ... by John & Erica Schindler

MUSIC FUND

In memory of **Gussie Wyatt**
 ... by Nodya Lambert

MISSIONARIES WITH JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Marilyn Chan
 c/o United Methodist Mission
 No. 74 St. 606 Sangkat Boeng
 KAK 11
 Phnom Penh 3, Cambodia

Elma Jackson
 606 Oval Street, Sto Nino
 MariKina City, 1800 Philippines

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thanks to all who came out on January 5 to donate blood. We had 11 people come and collected 8 units—not bad for such a bad weather night!

BUDGET WATCH

Here is our weekly watch and reminder of how much is needed to fully fund the operations of Highland Valley for 2009.

We received **\$18,119** in budget receipts this week.

Total giving needed for 2009 **\$1,048,372**

Total giving received for 2009 as of 1/4/2009 **\$18,119**

Remaining contributions needed for 2009 **\$1,030,253**

Weeks left in 2009 **51**

Giving needed every week for the rest of the year. **\$20,201**

**WANTED:
SOUND TECH VOLUNTEERS
FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Our church is in need of some persons to volunteer to be a part of our Sound Technician pool who operate the sound system in the Sanctuary for worship on Sunday mornings. We have three worship hours, 8:30am, 9:40am, and 10:45am, and volunteers are needed in each service.

A brief training class for sound techs will be held later in January. No previous experience is necessary. Please call the church office at 224-6047 or Herrn@hvumc.org to sign up or for additional information. Thank you.



**THIRD AGERS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
11:30AM**

We will meet in the Family Life Center for lunch and special entertainment by the our own **Don Stecks** and the **Drug Store Cowboys**. Lunch is \$5. Please call Joan Winstead at 221-1424 or Joanne Frost at 228-9420 by January 18 for reservations.

DID YOU KNOW??

Did you know that HVUMC does not have a laundry service? Did you know that tablecloths, dish towels and rags do not wash themselves? So, if your group has hospitality or another event where these items are used, please see that they are laundered and returned. Thank you!

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
NEWS**

Circle Meetings—Tuesday, January 13

Circle 1—1:00pm in the church parlor.

Mary Martha Circle—1:00 pm at the home of Joanne Frost.

Circle 4—1:30pm at the home of Bennie Ungerman.

Sunday, January 18

Real Moms Circle—5:00pm in the Education Building

Local Officer Training—Saturday, January 10, First UMC in Little Rock, 723 Center Street.

**INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK
HELP NEEDED**

One more person is needed this weekend for overnight stay to host Interfaith Hospitality Network guests. Contact Brock at brock@hvumc.org or 224-6047!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY JANUARY 11

- 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 Youth Band Practice
- 5:00pm Kid's/Youth Club
UMYF
- 6:30pm Youth Choir

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9:00am Bridge Group
- 1:00pm Prayer Group
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
Girl Scout Troop 407
- 6:30pm Board of Trustees
Cub Scout Den 7
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 335

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

- 1:00pm Circle 1 (Parlor)
Mary Martha Circle
(Joanne Frost home)
- 1:30pm Circle 4
(Bennie Ungerman home)
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

- 12:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Highlander SS Class Dinner

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

No Scheduled Activities

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY JANUARY 11

Acolytes

Sam Griffin & Courtney Soulsby (8:30)
Sydney Warren & Seth Welch (10:45)

Children's Church

Larry & Kathy Bryant

Rockers and Huggers

Rhonda Hatch (9:40)
Deborah Currey (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Daphne Murray

Fellowship Time Host

Good News SS Class

Bus Driver

Tim Irizarry (223-2575)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

January Ushers

Robin Cline, Scott Grimes
John Watkins, Scott Welch

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**Monday—Friday
8:00am—5:00pm**

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Our Mission is to Know Christ and Share Christ