



*"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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FOCUS: OUR MISSION: MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST

Divine Worship



Second Sunday after Epiphany
18 January 2009
8:30am, 9:40am 10:45am

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 5: 1-9

SERMON

Let My People Go

Series: *Moses*

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Go Down, Moses
Make Me a Captive, Lord*

HONDURAS MEDICAL MISSION TRIP SUPPLIES NEEDED

Dr. Becky Liggins, 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.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

Upper Room Devotionals are available in the entrance to the Family Life Center. Upper Room Devotionals are free. (Sponsored by HVUMC United Methodist Women).

The mission of Highland Valley Methodist is to "Make Disciples for Jesus Christ." That's the unchanging mission for our church and every Methodist Church. It's our focus and litmus test of every ministry which takes place in our church. Enclosed in this week's church newsletter is a copy of the committees and members of the 2009 Church Council who were elected at the November 2008 Charge Conference. Also included is a copy of the 2009 Church budget which was approved in December 2008 by the Executive Committee of the Church Council. The purpose of the Church Council and leaders and the Church budget is to help us in our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ.

The first Church Council of 2009 will be on January 25 at 4:00pm and meets in the Family Life Center. Church Councils are open meetings to any members of our church. Each year by rotation 1/3 of our church officers rotate off the council and new persons are elected. We will be welcoming many new faces in leadership roles for 2009. The various committees represent the many ministries of our church including Evangelism, Missions, Christian Education, Worship, and children's and youth ministries, as well as administrative oversight of Finance, Trustees (Building and Grounds), and Staff-Parish Relations (personnel). We had outstanding leadership from outgoing Council officers in 2008 and we thank them for their service to the Lord and our church.

The 2009 Church Budget is a responsible budget with a zero % increase over our 2008 budget. This is due to several factors including the current economic conditions facing our state and nation, and also represents the response of our 2008 fall stewardship program. We had an outstanding year financially in 2008 and we believe this will continue in 2009 as we serve the Lord and put Him first in our lives.

I'll be continuing my sermon series on the life of Moses this coming Sunday, and we'll retell the story of Moses when he asked Pharaoh to "*Let my people go.*" And we'll sing that great spiritual, "*Go Down, Moses*" together. I look forward to seeing you in worship and Sunday school this coming Sunday!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 ANNUAL CONSULTATION FOR THE 2009-10 MINISTERS' APPOINTMENT

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Personnel) of our church will meet this coming Sunday, January 18 for the annual consultation to Arkansas Conference Bishop Charles Crutchfield regarding the 2009-2010 appointment of our Senior Minister, Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick, and Associate Minister, Rev. Brock Patterson. Rev. Kirkpatrick is serving in his second year of appointment at Highland Valley UMC and Rev. Patterson is in his sixth year. United Methodist ministers are appointed one year at a time, from June to June, by the Annual Conference Bishop. Each January in the consultation process the SPR Committee offers its counsel to the Bishop and Cabinet in regards to the appointment of our assigned clergy and the ministers themselves also offer their respective input to the Bishop and Cabinet in regards to their appointment. In the appointment process, the final decision rests with the Bishop and Cabinet. Below are the 2009 SPR Committee members and their phone numbers:

Dr. Sue Keathley, Chair—821-4550
Tommy Carlisle—821-5758
Steve Murray—868-4766
Darren O'Quinn—821-4915
Nodya Lambert—312-9601
Steven Warren—868-9953

Jo Carter—224-1226
Russ Wegener—779-1819
Lena Adams—219-2051
Jewell Murphy—Lay Member to
Annual Conference—225-1564
Michael Stock
Lay Leader—821-8727

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



Come celebrate our 4th birthday with us! We will be entertained by our own **Don Stecks** and the **Drug Store Cowboys**. Lunch will be served and the cost is \$5.00. Reservations must be in no later than **January 18**. For information or to make reservations, call the church office at 224-6047, Joan Winstead at 221-1424 or Joanne Frost at 228-9420.



**ICE SKATING EXTRAVAGANZA!!!
KIDS CLUB/YOUTH CLUB OUTING**
Sunday January 18, 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
Come to Arkansas Skatium—1311 South Bowman Road
Pizza, Drinks and Ice Cream will be served.

For more information,
Contact Brenda Welch
brenda@hvumc.org



CREATED BY GOD

We are looking for people with medical and psychology background that would be interested in teaching our "Created by God" class this spring. Please contact Brenda Welch at 224-6047 or brenda@hvumc.org.



PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Are you looking for a Bible Study to attend? Try the Pastor's Bible Study, meeting every

Wednesday from 10:00am to 11:00am in the Chapel. January 21 lesson: "Daniel in the Lion's Den" - Daniel, chapters 4-6. Make plans to join us! Questions? Contact Brock in the church office, 224-6047 or brock@hvumc.org.

TROOP 335 NEWS

Troop 335 finished with a safety fence and bench for John Latch's Eagle service project at Pinnacle Mountain State Park on December 27, 2008.

Pictured right: John is the fourth from the right on the top row.



MUSIC NOTES

Our special music for this coming Sunday, January 18, will be presented by Awakening. They will provide music at all three worship services. Come and enjoy our outstanding band for the first time in the New Year.

Preparation is under way for a children's musical in the spring. Be sure and bring your child to Kid's Club activities on Sunday evenings from 5:00pm-6:30pm. Lots of fun, study, and music are here for them!

If you are interested in helping one of the music ministries, we have a need for another octave of handbells. Our group of ringers has advanced to the point that **WE NEED MORE BELLS**. This would be a great gift as a memorial that will last and continue to provide music in worship for the years to come. We welcome any gift that you would like to give toward this project.

Come and join us in worship as we sing together, and enjoy the many uplifting anthems and solos that will be provided to enhance your worship experience.

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!**

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ON SALE NOW!!



Girl Scout cookies are on sale through January 25. There will be order forms in Sunday School classrooms and the Family Life Center. The cost is \$3.50 a box. Orders will be delivered February 22.

BEN MILLER SS CLASS INVITATION

The Ben Miller SS class is sponsoring a cruise to New England October 3-10, 2009. For more information contact Grace Dixon at 868-7480, 350-7009 or grace.dixon@yahoo.com.

ARKANSAS CHAPLAIN HONORED



Wesley Hilliard (third from left), senior pastor of Heritage United Methodist Church, Van Buren, currently deployed in Iraq with the Army National Guard, was recently honored by fellow chaplains and ministers at the base in Tallil on his last Sunday there, Dec. 7. After more than a

year in Iraq, Hilliard is slated to return with other members of the 39th Infantry and will be back in Arkansas by Christmas. This photograph was shared with the *Arkansas United Methodist* by Jacob Morris, a member of Bearden's First UMC, who is also stationed in Tallil. He writes: "While my missions have carried me all over the country, I always had the blessing of making it back to my camp. And when my schedule allowed, I made it to church out here. ... Brother Hilliard's service has been a blessing to so many in our community and he has left a lasting impression on countless lives around the world."

(This article was reprinted by permission from Arkansas United Methodist December 19, 2008 edition. Rev. Hilliard is the son of HVUMC member, Mrs. Wadene Hilliard. He returned from Iraq in December.)

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, Duane Osam, Norma Priutt, Carol Wilson, Judy Lowman, Lisa Townsend, Ruth Gilliam.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ian (Sara Harris) Good in the death of Ian's mother, Mrs. Norma Good of St. Louis, MO on January 11.

OUR PRESENCE

January 11

Divine Worship

8:30	50
9:40	72
10:45	238
Total	360

Sunday School

Adults	153
Youth	30
Children	50
Total	233

OUR GIFTS—January 11

General Budget Receipts	\$ 8,979
Restricted Funds	\$ 297
Local missions, food pantry, Infant Crisis Ministry, Music Ministry, Walnut Grove restoration	

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE JANUARY 11

CHILDREN		ADULTS	
Infant/Ones	6	Pairs & Spares	2
2 Yr. Old	6	Fellowship	4
3/4 Yr. Old	8	Ben Miller	28
K/1st Grade	13	New Beginnings	18
2nd/3rd Grade	8	Connections	11
4th/5th Grade	9	Good News	15
Total	50	Faith	10
		Highlander	30
YOUTH		Alice Fidelis	3
6th-8th Grade	20	New Horizons	19
9th-10th Grade	8	Children's SS Tchrs	13
11th-12th Grade	2	Total	153
Total	30		

GIFTS

BUDGET

In memory of **Gussie Wyatt**
 ... by Wes & Sue Ann Hall
 ... by Jana B. Leming, Madelyn Beard, Judy B. Briley
 In memory of **Mattie Jones**
 ... by Jim & Linda Martindale
 ... by Dorothy Vix
 ... by Bill & Fran Eiseman
 In honor of **Mary Milstead**
 In memory of **Anne Milstead**
 ... by Ray Milstead
 In honor of **Margaret Alexander**
 In honor of **Ruby Russell**
 ... by Hot & Mary Ann Woodworth

MUSIC MINISTRIES

In honor of **Duane & Dodie Osam**
 ... by Hot & Mary Ann Woodworth

Staff Sharing

THE LIGHT OF OPPORTUNITY

One more year has passed. I'm a year older, a pound or two heavier, and another Christmas and New Year's Day has raced by. But now that 2008 is a fading set of memories, I notice that I'm creeping into 2009 with some apprehension.

January is difficult. The same dark and cold winter I hoped for in December has become a painful reality in January. That seems strange to me, so I decided to try and determine what makes January difficult. After thinking about this for a long time, I finally decided that January is so difficult because all the lights are out. Although December was cold, the Holiday lights add warmth to the winter air. And now, the cold air remains but all the light is gone...and I don't like it. It's dark when I leave for work, when I come home from work it's still dark, and most days in between are some variance of the color grey.

Darkness...Dismay...Uncertainty...Bills and other mail lay unopened on the kitchen table because I know that they contain more Christmas heartburn. The news reports that crime is rising, and I read in the paper that more jobs are being eliminated. Situations at school and work just seem to be unacceptable, and my last meal isn't sitting too well on my stomach. I look in the mirror and see that even the colors I wear this time of year are depressing!

So how does one find light when everything around is dark? I suppose that I could tell people that everything in my life is perfect, or pretend that my Christmas bills don't exist, or even wear bright colors, but I can live in denial for only so long. I need to find a source of *real hope* that will help provide some light in a forest of winter darkness.

It is during times like these that I can't help but think about opportunity. Potential...Possibilities...Upside. Down times are opportunities because it's when I'm down that I have the most "upside" potential. These down times are often the best opportunities for improvement in our personal or emotional lives. These down times are also perfect for the development of spiritual disciplines, such as prayer, reading the Bible, and quiet meditation. Some might say that this is just a simple reminder of hope, and in part, that's true. But I've learned one thing about opportunity and hope. It is much easier to see light when it's dark.

Fire always burns brighter at night. At night, even a spark can be seen from far away. The flames of opportunity are always brighter when it's dark. So maybe darkness isn't so bad after all. Maybe I should just consider darkness from a different viewpoint: What opportunities emerge when it's dark outside? What blessings do I experience when the times are tough? Is it now that I appreciate my family? Do I finally thank God that I have a job, gas in the tank, or food on the table? Do I finally learn that reading my Bible can make a difference in my life? Do I finally answer the soft knock on the door of my heart?

What happens when the darkness falls and my Christmas snow turns into January ice? Potentially, *everything can happen*. Because when it's dark, I am often in the best position to see God's blessings and opportunities that are already within reach.

Merry January and God Bless. Brock.

MISSION CORNER

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Please mark your calendar—the next Red Cross Blood Drive at Highland Valley will be **Monday, March 2.**

WALNUT GROVE UMC

The completion of the Walnut Grove UMC renovation is at hand. We need volunteers to do the final cleanup of the sanctuary in early spring. The main goal is to coat the pews and floor boards with a finishing preservative. Because this is a historical structure, they cannot be stained. If you can help, please call Martha Perkins at 821-8889 or the church office at 224-6047.

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 **\$8,979** in budget receipts this week.

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

Total giving received for 2009 as of 1/11/2009 \$27,098

Remaining contributions needed for 2009 \$1,021,274

Weeks left in 2009 50

Giving needed every week for the rest of the year. \$20,425

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.

2009 FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2009 Flower Calendar is in the Family Life Center. Please sign your name on the Sunday you wish to provide flowers for our sanctuary, or you may call or e-mail the church office to select your Sunday. **Currently, we have February 1 and February 15 open.**

Please note that after much deliberation by our Altar Guild, it has been determined that the price of our arrangements must be raised to \$75 in order to have the size and quality of flowers needed.

UNITED METHODIST MEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 6:00PM—FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Mike Stock will present the program. He is the Lay Leader of Highland Valley and active in several church ministries. Mike is president and CEO of QualChoice of Arkansas. Join us for a potluck supper, fellowship and our ministry program. Children are welcome. For questions, call the church office at 224-6047. We look forward to seeing you!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Sunday, January 18

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

CALENDAR

SUNDAY JANUARY 18

- 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 Staff Parish Relations
- 4:00pm Youth Band Practice
Worship Committee
- 5:00pm Kid's/Youth Club—ice skating
UMYF
- 6:30pm Youth Choir

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

- 10:30am Staff Meeting
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:30pm Cub Scout Den 3
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 335

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
United Methodist Men Supper
Girl Scout Troop 134

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 11:30am Third Agers
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:30pm Finance Committee

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm "Our House" Dinner, New
Horizons Host

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

- 6:00pm Senior High Saturday
(Playtime Pizza)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY JANUARY 18

Acolytes

Winston & Jonathan Cartwright (8:30)
Lebenson & Vangel Mendillo (10:45)

Children's Church

Larry & Kathy Bryant

Rockers and Huggers

Jill Hudson (9:40)
Jana Malone (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Terry Chacko

Fellowship Time Host

Good News SS Class

Bus Driver

Scott Welch (227-5655)

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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Custodian |

Our Mission is to Know Christ and Share Christ