



"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

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Divine Worship



Fourth Sunday in Advent
21 December 2008
8:30am, 9:40am 10:45am

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

SERMON

No Vacancy

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

HYMNS

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Away in a Manger
What Child Is This?

SPECIAL MUSIC

Handbell Choir
Chancel Choir

FOCUS: LIGHTING THE CANDLE

I hope each of you enjoyed our "snow & ice" day this past Tuesday—we certainly did at our house with the schools out as we all appreciated an unexpected day of rest.

What beautiful worship services we had this past Sunday with the Chancel Choir and orchestra leading us in our Christmas Lessons and Carols. Our thanks to our hardworking choir and director Mrs. Betty Morgan and pianist Mrs. Erica Morrison-Schindler for their fine work. In the song, "*Celtic Advent Carol*," the refrain states "*Light the candle, Jesus is coming. Open your hearts, prepare ye the way. Be of good cheer and put away fear, the light now is coming to dry ev'ry tear.*" In these difficult economic times, lighting the candle of Jesus' birth reminds us what this old world needs the most—a reminder of God's unconditional love for us and a genuine reason to "be of good cheer" for the things that truly matter in life.

This Sunday, December 21, after the 10:45am worship service, you're invited to a Chili Luncheon in the Family Life Center to benefit a family in our church during this special season. So come join us for worship this last Sunday before Christmas and then some delicious chili with your family, too.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday!

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

2008 FALL FINANCE PROGRAM—WEEK ELEVEN TITHING: GIVING GOD OUR BEST

To date, 146 commitments have been received for a pledge total of \$656,536. This represents 61.28% of our preliminary budget for 2009.

CHURCHWIDE CHILI LUNCHEON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21—11:45AM TO BENEFIT THE PETER WARD FAMILY FAMILY LIFE CENTER -TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE IT'S OUR TURN NOW!!!



What do you do when one of our own, who has helped so many, needs a little assistance??? **We eat chili.** Join us for the Ward Family Appreciation Chili Preparation and Consumption Contest. December 21, 2008 immediately after 10:45am worship. For a \$5.00 entry fee you can sample and judge the highest quality fixins' that Highland Valley United Methodist Church has to offer. We will also take up a love offering. Let's show the Ward family how much they are loved at our Church. They have done so much, with IHN, Men's Bible Study, Rice Depot. Now it's our turn to do for them.

Highland Valley United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Services Carols, Candles & Communion



5:00pm
Chancel
Choir &
Soloists

11:00pm
Soloists



HIGHLAND VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHANCEL CHOIR AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Thank you to everyone who had a part in the service and behind the scenes for *Lessons & Carols* on Sunday, December 14.

EARN A COOL \$20!!!



For one hour's work on Christmas Eve! Contact Brenda Welch at Brenda@hvumc.org or 224-6047 if you would like to work in the nursery on Christmas Eve during 5:00pm service.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The Pastor's Bible Study will take a break until **January 14**. Contact Brock in the church office (224-6047) or brock@hvumc.org for additional information. Join us in January!

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, SMALL GROUP LEADERS!

An appreciation gift for all leaders/teachers will be in the Family Life Center this **Sunday, December 21**. If you have led or taught any group this year—please stop by and pick yours up!

YOUTH NEWS!!

YOUTH PARENTS!

Have you been by the Youth Booth lately? Looking for a place to serve or connect? We have lots of opportunities in 2009!

Right now is a great time to help with a meal, chaperone Friday Night Live or teach Sunday School. We will soon start new curriculum and need your help for a great 2009! Stop by the Youth Booth this week to connect with this great ministry to the present and future church!

No regular evening events will be held until after the New Year. We will resume Higher Ground on **Wednesday, January 7**, and UMYF will resume on **Sunday, January 11**. Sunday School continues each week!

Kim



CHRISTMAS CAROLERS—Thanks to all those who came out to Good Shepherd Retirement Center and Parkway Village last Saturday evening for caroling. Thanks to Mrs. Brenda Welch, our Children's Director for coordinating this event!



 Sugar and spice and everything nice
 Is what our little baby girl is made of...
 Please join us for a baby shower honoring
 Emily Northcutt Wyatt on
 Saturday, January 3, 2009
 From 2:00-5:00pm at
 Highland Valley United Methodist Church
 Emily is registered at Babies R Us & Target
 Hostesses are Carla Coleman, Nancy Clark,
 Mary Lou Enzminger, Jimmie Lou Neal,
 Sharon Williams & Margie Northcutt

MEMBER INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON LINE!

Would you like to check your contribution record to make sure you are up to date for the end of the year or find another member's phone number or address? You can do this anytime you wish by simply logging on Highland Valley's website: www.hvumc.org.

You can view or update your personal information, review 2007/2008 giving history, Sunday School Classes and other groups in which you participate—and even send group email, etc., to your groups! You can search the church directory for other members' addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.

When you log on to the website the first time, click on the **"Access Your Member Information Here"**. It will take you to the log-in page. The first time you log in use the New User Login. You will receive an email with your User Name and Password. Log in again with this information. You may be asked to change your password. Thereafter you will simply log in. For those with privacy concerns, you can click on My Profile, My Personal Preferences, and choose privacy preferences.

You can also upload your picture to your profile if you would like it to be a part of the directory. Click on the EDIT button to change information or picture.

It's a great tool—just go to www.hvumc.org and try it!

*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 Grimmatt, Margaret Nelmark, Peter Ward & family, Donna Smith, Mary Lou Rowland, Margaret Alexander, Judy Lowman, Greg Robertson family, Logan Sims.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of former HVUMC member Gussie Christine Wyatt, age 77, of Little Rock, on December 13.

OUR PRESENCE

December 14

Divine Worship	
8:30	134
9:40	_____
10:45	357
Total	491
Sunday School	
Adults	168
Youth	33
Children	42
Total	243

OUR GIFTS—December 14

Needed Weekly	\$ 20,550
General Budget Receipts	\$ 43,082
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 2,771
Youth Emergency Shelter, Debt Retirement, Local missions, Capital Improvements Campaign, Youth programs, Children's programs, Music Ministry	

Annual Budget 2008

\$1,058,102

	Year to Date
Receipts	\$ 973,485*
Expenses	\$1,027,919
Income (Deficit)	(\$54,434)**

2008 Projected Remaining Expenses \$30,183

***Percentage under budget 4%**

****Includes district and conference apportionments due but unpaid.**

Pledge Results

2008 Total Pledged & Estimated \$738,136

Pledges & Estimates Rec. Year to Date \$675,703

Pledges & Estimates Unpaid (\$62,433)

Percent of Pledges & Estimates Received 92%

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 14

CHILDREN		ADULTS	
Infant/Ones	3	Pairs & Spares	4
2 Yr. Old	7	Fellowship	3
3/4 Yr. Old	9	Ben Miller	35
K/1st Grade	6	New Beginnings	26
2nd/3rd Grade	4	Connections	11
4th/5th Grade	13	Good News	12
Total	42	Faith	11
		Highlander	29
		Alice Fidelis	4
YOUTH		New Horizons	20
6th-8th Grade	17	Children's SS Tchrs	13
9th-10th Grade	14	Total	168
11th-12th Grade	2		
Total	33		

OUR SERVICE

Thank you to **Dick Hirt** for repainting the handicap parking spaces in front of the sanctuary.

REMINDER: 2008 contributions must be postmarked or dropped off at the church office by **December 31, 2008.**

GIFTS

BUDGET

... by Mary Martha Circle
In honor of **Nodya Lambert, Maxine Patterson, Ruby Russell, Gil Tarver**
In memory of **Gussie Wyatt**
... by Highlander SS Class
In memory of **Gussie Wyatt**
... by Debby Nye, Amy Wilbourn & Cindy Thomas
In honor of **Ruby Russell**
... by Circle #1
In honor of **Pam Simpson and Margaret Alexander**
... by Faith SS Class

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

In honor of **Phoebe Norman**
... by Highlander SS Class

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CAMPAIGN

In honor of **Phoebe Norman & Mary Martha Circle**
... by Marilyn Hagberg

DELTA MISSION PROJECT ANGEL TREE

... by Alpha Circle

**HIGHLAND VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

We are putting together a group for riding, fun and some mission work. If you have a motorcycle (kind and brand is unimportant) and are interested, e-mail Scott Welch at scottwelchcpa@sbcglobal.net or call 501-227-8856.

MISSION CORNER

HARMONY HEALTH CLINIC

Harmony Health Clinic is the new free medical clinic that is opening in Little Rock for the underserved. The clinic opened December 4 and already has patients calling in for appointments. Currently the clinic is short on nurses to staff the clinic. The clinic invites anyone who is interested and is an RN, LPN, or other health professional to join in helping people who otherwise might not be able to get care. Highland Valley church member Becky Ligin is on the credentialing committee for the clinic. If you are interested, e-mail Becky at rligin@sbcglobal.net or call 312-9622.

**CENTERS FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES EMERGENCY
SHELTER**

It's that time again when families and even Sunday School classes are thinking about Christmas and how they might want to share with those less fortunate. HVUMC has always been so generous to the kids. For several years, we have been able to provide a \$50 gift certificate to every child that has to spend Christmas away from family while they are staying at the Shelter. It's a wonderful place for them but it's not home. There are a lot of wonderful opportunities to give at the holidays, but we wanted to ask if you would consider donating for the gift certificates. It may be their only gift. For more information or donations, please contact Amy Sinks or Kathy Ainley.

**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 2008 and to avoid an operating deficit for the year. We still have 2 weeks left in 2008 and a long way to go for the church's finances. We received \$43,082 last week.

Total giving needed for 2008	\$1,058,102
Total giving received for 2008 as of 12/14/2008	\$ 973,485
Remaining contributions needed for 2008	\$ 84,617
Weeks left in 2008	2
Giving needed every week for the rest of the year	\$ 42,309

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.

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.
Thank you for your understanding.

PLANNING TO BUY GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

If you plan on giving any gift cards to friends or family as Christmas gifts this year, please consider buying them at Kroger using your [Kroger Gift Card](#) purchased through Highland Valley. By doing so, our Infant Crisis Ministry receives 5% of every dollar spent using your Kroger Gift Card and the church receives any additional funds raised after the first \$500. Kroger carries a wide assortment of gift cards for almost 200 different stores and restaurants. So, why not do some of your Christmas shopping for gift cards at Kroger this season – Everyone benefits!

 **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 DECEMBER 21

- 8:30am Divine Worship
- 9:00am Fellowship Time
Fellowship (Telephone) Class
- 9:30am Sunday School Classes
- 9:40am Casual Worship
- 10:45am Divine Worship
- 12:00pm Chili Cookoff

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

- 9:00am Bridge Group
- 10:30am Staff Meeting
- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
Girl Scout Troop 407

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE—

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 5:00pm *Carols, Candles & Communion*
- 11:00pm *Carols, Candles & Communion*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26,

CHRISTMAS DAY & HOLIDAY—

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

No activities scheduled

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY DECEMBER 21

Acolytes

Catherine Kirkpatrick & Sam Welch (8:30)
Winston & Jonathan Cartwright(10:45)

Children's Church

Carolyn McCarley & Michelle Dickinson

Rockers and Huggers

Jon & Lara Keck (9:40)
Tammy Felder (10:45)

Coffee Steward

Maryanne Campbell

Fellowship Time Host

Highlander SS Class

Bus Driver

John Carter (224-1226)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

December Ushers

Darren O'Quinn, Bob Baertsch
Don Kirk, 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