



"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

22 DECEMBER 2008

15524 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, AR 72211

501.224.6047

Divine Worship



First Sunday after Christmas
28 December 2008
8:30am, 9:40am 10:45am

College Student Sunday

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:19-23

SERMON

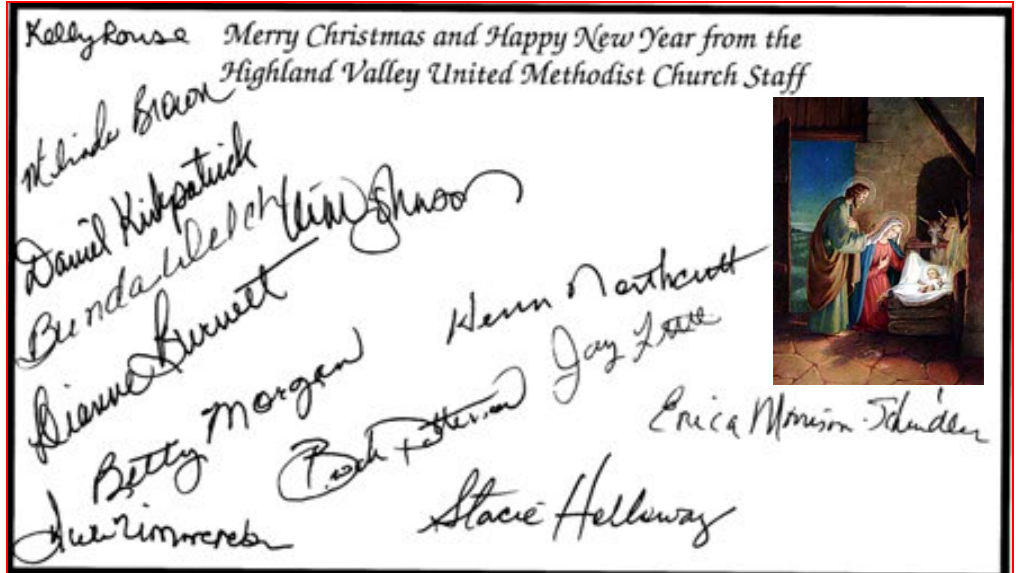
Year end,

Close-out Special

Rev. Brock Patterson

HYMNS

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



COLLEGE STUDENT SUNDAY DECEMBER 28

Our college students home for the holidays will assist in leading worship on "College Student Sunday", December 28 at all three services. We welcome all of our college and graduate students back home for the holidays. Several of them will help lead in worship at 8:30am, 9:40am, and 10:45am this coming Sunday, including special music, ushering, Children's Moments, prayers, and scripture reading. Rev. Brock Patterson will be preaching.



Highland Valley United Methodist Church Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm & 11:00 pm

Carols, Candles & Communion

Child Care Provided

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2: 1-7

SERMON: *Come Home for Christmas*

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

Joy to the World, Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, Silent Night, Holy Night

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

To date, 148 commitments have been received for a pledge total of \$662,836. This represents 61.87% of our preliminary budget for 2009.



Rex & Belinda Eley

2008 Year End Giving Update We're Close!

In order for Highland Valley UMC to complete our 2008 financial obligations, we need to receive **\$42,000** in gifts by **December 31**. We have received gifts totaling **\$174,000** over the last five Sundays toward the needed **\$216,000** to finish out the year. We thank those persons who have already completed their 2008 estimates of giving or made second mile contributions to help us finish out our financial year in the black. With everyone doing their part, we can complete 2008 on a strong note.

The church financial year ends on December 31 and checks and contributions must be received or postmarked by **December 31** in order to receive 2008 tax year giving credit. The church also takes VISA and Mastercard if you find that more convenient. If persons need to know the current balance on their 2008 estimates of giving, please call or e-mail Stacie Holloway, Financial Manager at 224-6047; Stacie@hvumc.org, or follow the directions on page 2 of the newsletter for checking your contributions on line.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome a new family to our church. **Mr. and Mrs. Rex (Belinda) Eley** united by transfer from Fellowship Bible Church. Their address is 800 Stewart Road, 72223 and the phone is 821-5654, e-mail reley@eylemail.com. The Eleys have recently completed the *Alpha Course* this fall. We currently have 48 new members in 2008 for a total membership of 1327. Please join us in welcoming this couple as the newest members of our church family.

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.

CHILI LUNCHEON & COOKOFF A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Chili Luncheon this past Sunday was a huge success! We had a delicious buffet of chili from over 20 different cooks. Over 150 persons dined until they were full and the good news is that we raised \$4200. Our thanks to all the volunteers and chili cooks who made it possible and everyone who came and ate and contributed with your generous gifts. Our thanks to the New Beginnings Sunday School Class. We are thankful for Highland Valley UMC being a caring and supportive church.



Above: Santa with Andrew & Hannah Claire Haughaboo.
Right: with Alli Chacko

Right: Santa with Olivia Johnson.



Santa visiting with several kids in the parlor on Sunday, December 7.

YOUTH NEWS!!

Higher Ground resumes Wednesday, January 7, at 6:00pm! Ready for a new year? Come and be a part of the "newness" of Grace in God. We will begin our Study by exploring the *Mystery of Truth, Gospel, Redemption* and more! Join us on January 7!

Start the year right by finding an area of Youth Ministry to serve in! Moms and Dads, we are moving into the new year full force and need your help for successful ministry. The key to our Youth Ministry is parent involvement. Help us "Shine in 09" and stop by the Youth Booth soon!

See you at church!

Kim

MUSIC NOTES

Christmas Eve music will include anthems by the Chancel Choir and the Joyful Noise Men's Chorus at 5:00pm and special solos at both the 5:00pm and 11:00pm services by Kim Markland, Lindsey and Sam Clark, Kim Johnson, Ramy Zimmerebner, and Marie Mendillo.

December 28 will be College Student Sunday. The music will feature the reunion of Go Fish and other special music.

Erica Morrison-Schindler will be our pianist/organist for this day while I am on vacation.

Mark these special days on your calendar and join us in the beautiful music of Christmas.

Betty

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 Grimmett, Margaret Nelmark, Peter Ward & family, Donna Smith, Mary Lou Rowland, Greg Robertson family, Karen Shepherd, Nell Ambrose, Duane Osam.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Richard Duncan and Mrs. Wadene Hilliard and family in the death of Richard's father and Wadene's brother-in-law, Mr. Burl Duncan on December 21.

OUR PRESENCE

December 21

Divine Worship

8:30	58
9:40	93
10:45	255
Total	406

Sunday School

Adults	151
Youth	25
Children	47
Total	223

OUR GIFTS—December 21

Needed Weekly	\$ 20,550
General Budget Receipts	\$ 43,487
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 6,935
Delta Mission Project, Infant Crisis Ministry Cookie Walk, Local missions, Youth programs, Children's programs, Music Ministry	

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 21

CHILDREN		ADULTS	
Infant/Ones	5	Pairs & Spares	4
2 Yr. Old	7	Fellowship	3
3/4 Yr. Old	9	Ben Miller	30
K/1st Grade	10	New Beginnings	24
2nd/3rd Grade	4	Connections	11
4th/5th Grade	12	Good News	8
Total	47	Faith	9
		Highlander	28
YOUTH		Alice Fidelis	3
6th-8th Grade	13	New Horizons	19
9th-10th Grade	10	Children's SS Tchrs	12
11th-12th Grade	2	Total	151
Total	25		

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



DELTA ANGEL TREE

Herrn Northcutt and Steve Northcutt delivered items from Highland Valley's Delta Angel Tree to Lake Village on December 18.



GIFTS

BUDGET

- ... by United Methodist Women
- In memory of **Gussie Wyatt**
- ... by Debby Nye, Amy Wilbourn & Cindy Thomas
- ... by David Barker
- ... by Louise Rose
- ... by Pioneer Nursing & Rehab
- ... by Jim Cooper & Family
- ... by LSC Marketing
- ... by Methodist Nursing Home
- ... by Little Rock Health Care & Rehab Center
- ... by Wayne & Ruby Russell
- ... by Beverly Westlake
- ... by Summit Health Resources
- ... by Toni Bachman
- ... by Peggy Suitt
- ... by Minnie Lee Mayhan
- ... by Shirley Reines
- ... by Novell Robertson
- ... by Jane Thompson
- ... by Louise Rose
- ... by Joyce Ward
- ... by Lisa Lowery
- In honor of **Ruby Russell**
- ... by Highlander SS Class
- In honor of **Mary Hall**
- ... by Bob & Beverly Sullenger
- In honor of **Maxine Patterson, Phoebe Norman, Joanne Frost, Joan Winstead, Carolyn Peterson**
- ...by George & Gwen Mobbs

DELTA MISSION PROJECT ANGEL TREE

- In honor of **Stacie Holloway**
- ... by Chuck & Mary Bower

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- In honor of **Brenda Welch**
- ... by Circle 1

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!

**HIGHLAND VALLEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BLOOD DRIVE**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5
4:00pm TO 8:00pm**

**GALLOWAY FAMILY LIFE CENTER
REFRESHMENTS TO ALL DONORS-
DONOR CARD OR PHOTO ID REQUIRED**

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 1 week left in 2008 and a long way to go for the church's finances. We received \$43,487 last week.

Total giving needed for 2008	\$1,058,102
Total giving received for 2008 as of 12/21/2008	\$1,016,972
Remaining contributions needed for 2008	\$ 41,130
Weeks left in 2008	1



Divine Worship

Epiphany Sunday
4 January 2008
8:30am, 9:40am 10:45am

SCRIPTURE
Exodus 2:1-5

SERMON
A Baby in a Basket
Series: Moses
Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
His Eye Is on the Sparrow
God Will Take Care of You

50th Wedding Anniversary
Mr. and Mrs. David (Mary) Pickering
will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on December 28, 2008.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

January's UMW Unit Meeting will be our pledge service at 10:30am on Tuesday, **January 6**, 2009 in the Highlander SS classroom. Following will be a sandwich luncheon with Mary-Martha Circle hosting.

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.

CALENDAR ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28
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 29
5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30
5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice
6:00pm Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
No Scheduled Activities

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1
New Year's Day—church office closed

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2
5:00pm Upward Basketball Practice

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3
2:00pm Emily Northcutt Wyatt
Baby shower

SUNDAY DECEMBER 28

Acolytes
Izzy Boehm & Sydney Warren (8:30)
Rachel Patterson & Shea Peatross(10:45)

Children's Church
Cindy & Lindsay Soulsby

Rockers and Huggers
Ashley Atkins (9:40)
Jenn Wegener (10:45)

Coffee Steward
Scott Welch

Fellowship Time Host
New Beginnings SS Class

Bus Driver
Scott Grimes (223-5370)

Head Ushers
Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

December Ushers
Darren O'Quinn, Bob Baertsch
Don Kirk, Greg Floyd

There will be no newsletter the week of December 28.

Church Office Hours
Monday—Friday
8:00am—5:00pm
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Our Mission is to Know Christ and Share Christ