



"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



Twenty-sixth Sunday After
Pentecost
9 November 2008
8:30am, 9:40am, 10:45am

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5: 1-55

SERMON

"When Disability Comes"

Series: *Wrestling with
Human Suffering*
Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

HYMNS

*The Church's One Foundation
Nobody Knows the Trouble I See
Spirit Song*

FAITH UPDATE



Perry Bolding

I have been a member of the United Methodist Church all of my life. I have been blessed to have been raised in a Christian family by loving parents and grandparents who were very devout United Methodists who believed the sun rose and set on the church.

My grandfather became a full-time United Methodist minister after his retirement from the U.S. Postal Service and served some small country churches in and around El Dorado with the devoted aide of my grandmother and, especially, my mother (his daughter-in-law) because he was blind after losing his sight in his 50s because of glaucoma.

Later, after retiring from his first ministry duties, he was recalled to active status for a short period of time. As a result of his efforts during this second ministry, he was named "Pastor Emeritus" of St. Paul United Methodist Church in El Dorado.

Now, I feel humbled and blessed even more by having a wonderful and loving wife and two great children, a loyal daughter-in-law and a happy and healthy granddaughter with another grandchild on the way.

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FOCUS: WELCOME BACK TO REV. AND MRS. LOUIS (BARBARA) MULKEY ON OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY



This Sunday, November 9, we're observing the 30th birthday party of Highland Valley United Methodist Church with a catered Catfish luncheon at 11:45am in the Galloway Family Life Center. 200 persons have made luncheon reservations.

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A STATEMENT FROM OUR STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Staff Parish Relations Committee of Highland Valley UMC is aware of concerns within the congregation, many which have been shared with various Committee members. On Sunday November 2, 2008 the Committee held a fruitful meeting with Reverend Philip Hathcock, our District Superintendent, to openly review and discuss all issues. The agreed upon goal of all members of the Committee is to work toward reconciliation and open resolution of the conflicts we face. It is our unanimous intent to do this by adhering to the stated duties for the Committee that we each have agreed to uphold through our committee participation. The *Book of Discipline* of the United Methodist Church sets forth the following committee duties that directly address our goal of church unity.

1. To encourage, strengthen, nurture, support, and respect the pastor(s) and staff and their family(s).
2. To promote unity in the church.
3. To confer with and counsel the pastor(s) and staff on the matters pertaining to the effectiveness of ministry; relationships with the congregation; conditions that may impede the effectiveness of ministry; and to interpret the nature and function of the ministry.
4. To confer with, consult, and counsel the pastor(s) and staff on matters pertaining to priorities in the use of gifts, skills, and time and priorities for the demands and effectiveness of the mission and ministry of the congregation.

The Committee closed our meeting with a reading of the following quote from chapter 21 of the *Purpose Driven Life*. "Focus on what we have in common, not our differences. God wants unity, not uniformity. But for unity's sake we must never let differences divide us. We must stay focused on what matters most—learning to love each other as Christ has loved us, and fulfilling God's five purposes for each of us and his church."

It is the sincere desire of the Committee that all of Highland Valley's valued members join us in directing our energy toward this end.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Mrs. Doris Wigley



Mr. and
Mrs. Guy
(Lillian)
Borden

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ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE

HIGHLAND VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
15524 CHENAL PARKWAY
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2008
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



HANDMADE GIFTS - CRAFTS - HOLIDAY ITEMS

BAKED GOODS	CROSS STITCH
JEWELRY	ORNAMENTS
WOODEN ITEMS	STAMPED ITEMS
BABY ITEMS	FLORAL ITEMS



LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE

2008 FALL FINANCE PROGRAM TITHING: GIVING GOD OUR BEST



The 2008 Fall Finance program "Tithing: Giving God our Best" is in its fifth week and will continue for the next three Sundays. Proverbs 3: 9,10 says:

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine." (NIV)

Church members received a mailing with a 2009 Estimate of Giving card, a copy of the 2009 preliminary budget, and a narrative budget.

The Stewardship Committee asks you to prayerfully consider making an Estimate of Giving for 2009 and return the perforated card in the enclosed envelope. Estimate of Giving cards can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or returned by mail. To date, 86 commitments have been received for a pledge total of \$357,804. This represents 33.4% of our preliminary budget for 2009. For additional information, please contact the church Financial Manager, Stacie Holloway at 224-6047 or e-mail Stacie@hvumc.org.

FOCUS: (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Our special guests are the founding pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Louis (Barbara) Mulkey. Rev. Mulkey served the former Highland United Methodist Church from 1973 until 1980. The former Pride Valley UMC, a white framed "country" church located at our present location on Chenal Parkway and Highland UMC at 12th & Cedar, became "yoked" and voted to merge on October 1, 1976. Ground was broken on the sanctuary in 1978, the date on the bronze plaque at the front of the Sanctuary. On Easter Sunday on April 15, 1979 Highland Valley United Methodist had its first worship service in the newly opened facility. It cost \$365,000 and the debt was retired three years later in November 1982.

Rev. Mulkey and his wife, Barbara, are retired and live in Little Rock. They have three sons, and 9 grandchildren. They will share memories with us during the 10:45am Divine Worship service and afterwards during the luncheon.

I look forward to seeing you at our United Methodist Women Craft Fair on Saturday and at Sunday school and worship as we observe our 30th birthday as a church.

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

INFANT NURSERY

Marc Franklin is enjoying "Rocking and Hugging" Pierce Keathley during Sunday School.



If there are no babies in your family and you need to get your "baby fix", come join our dedicated team of Rockers and Huggers. For more information, contact Brenda Welch.

If you would like to come to the fish fry and have not purchased a ticket, please call the church office immediately—224-6047.

FAITH UPDATE—(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

In 1974, I joined Highland United Methodist Church. One of the highlights of my spiritual life was my service on the original committee that formed our present church through the merger of the old Highland Church and Pride Valley United Methodist Church or, as it was referred to then by some folks, "that little country church way out there on Kanis Road in western Pulaski County".

From a purely economic standpoint, the Highland Church had a "little money" and the Pride Valley Church had a "little land", but, more importantly, neither had any long term debt.

Bringing two separate and distinct congregations together could have been a challenging endeavor, but due to the character, commitment, faith and devotion of our committee and the members of these churches, this union was accomplished in a spirit of love and devotion to the Good Lord and His work.

There are three committee members still alive and active in what is now known as Highland Valley United Methodist Church – myself, Don Lambert and Hot Woodworth.

As it is written in the Gospel According to Luke in Chapter 14, verse 28, "For which of one of you when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it."

We had that charge before us in 1976 when the two churches merged and that charge remains before us today in 2008.

We still need to count the costs and what it will take monetarily to continue the operations of our Church.

This is all a part of the United Methodist vow to uphold the Church by **OUR PRAYERS, OUR PRESENCE, OUR GIFTS, OUR SERVICE, AND OUR WITNESS.**

Through the efforts of all of our members, working together, the main mission of the Church continues to be to win people to Jesus Christ and carry out His work through our worship and outreach at Highland Valley United Methodist Church.

Perry Bolding

MUSIC NOTES

We were blessed this past Sunday by our great Youth Choir! They sang at all three worship services and were the leadership choir during the entire service at 10:45am. Awakening also presented special music in the 8:30am and 10:45am services.

Thanks to both of these fine music groups!

Exciting News! Our chamber orchestra composed of several of our church members with assistance from some visiting musicians are practicing on music for our annual Lessons and Carols. This is our first journey into orchestral accompaniment and we are so excited! The Chancel Choir is working hard on preparing a special program on December 14. The presentation will be during the 8:30am and 10:45am worship services on that day. We invite you to save the date on your calendar and be present for this worship service of music.

Come join us in worship on Sunday.

Betty

The Handbell Choir will ring on Sunday, November 16. Their selection will be "How Beautiful".

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, Wes Schaffner, Margaret Nelmark, Daphne Avey, Don McNeil, Aggie Parse, Drew & Kit Coons Chris Ring, Guisela Alfaro.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Greg Robertson, and children Matt and Sophia in the death of his wife and their mother, Mrs. Cindy Robertson, age 49, on November 3.

OUR PRESENCE

November 2

Divine Worship

8:30	128
9:40	123
10:45	201
Total	452

Sunday School

Adults	164
Youth	37
Children	51
Total	252

OUR GIFTS—November 2

Needed Weekly	\$ 20,550
General Budget Receipts	\$ 23,360
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 230
Walnut Grove Restoration, Missions, Infant Crisis Ministry	

Annual Budget 2008

\$1,058,102

Year to Date

Receipts	\$791,287*
Expenses	\$885,448
Income (Deficit)	(\$ 94,161)**

2008 Projected Remaining Expenses \$172,654

***Percentage under budget 12%**

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

Pledge Results

2008 Total Pledged & Estimated \$738,136

Pledges & Estimates Rec. Year to Date \$588,920

Pledges & Estimates Unpaid (\$149,216)

Percent of Pledges & Estimates Received 80%

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 2

CHILDREN		ADULTS	
Infant/Ones	4	Pairs & Spares	4
2 Yr. Old	8	Fellowship	4
3/4 Yr. Old	8	Ben Miller	32
K/1st Grade	9	New Beginnings	19
2nd/3rd Grade	7	Connections	9
4th/5th Grade	15	Good News	14
Total	51	Faith	11
		Highlander	39
YOUTH		Alice Fidelis	4
6th-8th Grade	16	New Horizons	16
9th-10th Grade	17	Children's SS Tchrs	12
11th-12th Grade	4	Total	164
Total	37		

GIFTS

APPORTIONMENTS

In honor of **Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick's birthday**
 ... by David & Mary Pickering

MUSIC MINISTRY

In honor of **Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick's birthday**
 ... by Randy & Jane Campbell

BUDGET

In honor of **Mary Milstead**
 In memory of **Anne Milstead**
 ... by Ray Milstead

In honor of **HVUMC Youth**

WALNUT GROVE RESTORATION

In honor of **Gay McDaniel**
 ... by Quapaw Questers

Staff Sharing

THE OPPORTUNITIES OF CHANGE

Change is in the air. Whether we like it or not, things are changing all around us. Some of us have new jobs. Some of us are in new schools. Some of us may be experiencing health issues that are new for us. Some of us may have moved into a new home in recent weeks or months.

The struggling economy has changed our financial positions, and just this week, our country has elected a new President. The seasons have changed, and according to my fashion consultant (my wife), the style and color of the clothes I wear is about to change. I suppose that we might as well say that change is guaranteed to occur in our lives, whether we like it or not.

The peculiar thing about our current times is that it seems significant changes are occurring more and more frequently in our lives. Like a personal computer, as soon as I get accustomed to the new change in my life, another bigger, better, or updated change surfaces. We experience change at home, work, school, and even church. The world today is a different place than when I was a child. The world is different today than it was yesterday, and it will even be different tomorrow.

Recognizing this, I am now left with two choices: I can pretend that change doesn't exist, or I can adapt to the changes around me. Can I survive without incorporating change in my life? You betcha. But what will my life be like if I choose to ignore the inevitable and the obvious? Will I alienate myself and my ministry? Although I'd like to live on a tropical island some day, I certainly don't want to live there by myself, in a state of denial.

But a better approach might be this: in every change that occurs also comes some type of opportunity for us to share the Glory and Blessings of God. Change brings us the opportunity to go somewhere we have never been, and change allows us to dive into greater depths that we previously believed were unreachable.

Through change, I might discover how to reach someone who is really lost. Through change, I might be able to witness God's ultimate power in ways that I could never have imagined. Through the opportunities provided by change, I might finally realize that God is really answering my prayer to make the world and make it a better a place. And maybe, just maybe, I'm the change that God needs to make it happen.

God Bless, Brock

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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We're happy to welcome to Highland Valley UMC three persons who joined Sunday, November 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy (Lillian) Borden joined at the 10:45am service. They come by transfer from 1st UMC in Cleburne, TX. Their address is: #7 Elmcrest Court, 72211 and the phone is: 224-2588 and e mail: guyborden@sbcglobal.net. Guy is a retired engineer. They moved to Little Rock in August 2008 and have a daughter who lives here.

Mrs. Doris Wigley joined by transfer at 10:45am. She is a new resident to Little Rock having moved here in May 2008 from Englewood, FL and formerly belonged to the Englewood United Methodist Church. Her address is: 14300 Chenal Parkway (Parkway Village), Apt. 2114, 72211. The phone is 954-8141. She has a daughter who lives in Little Rock.

We have 43 new members in 2008 for a total membership of 1327.

We welcome these persons who are the newest members of our church family.

OUR SERVICE

A special thanks to **Rev. Brock Patterson** who organized the many volunteers on Election Day at our church in rolling out the red carpet of hospitality to the voters. We went above and beyond the call of duty in making persons feel welcome with coffee, donuts, and box lunches offered by youth and youth parents. It was a great day for Highland Valley UMC!

Thank you to **Red Cross blood donors** November 3—27 people came to donate and we were able to collect 21 units!

Thank you to **Ben Miller Sunday School Class** for redoing the front flower beds for fall.

Thank you to **Greg Floyd** for assisting with moving a piano, a window and having bus keys made for the church.

BUDGET WATCH (WE NEED YOU)

What follows will be a 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 will inform you in all remaining issues of the newsletter about how much we have received so far this year and how much is still needed both in total and weekly. We received **\$23,360** last week.

Total giving needed for 2008	\$1,058,12
Total giving received for 2008 as of 11/02/2008	\$791,287
Remaining contributions needed for 2008	\$266,815
Weeks left in 2008	8
Giving needed every week for the rest of the year	\$33,352

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The Pastor's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning, 10:00am to 11:00am in the Chapel. The lesson on November 12 is Nahum 1-3. Join us any time your schedule allows. A recap of the previous week's lesson will begin at 9:30am each Wednesday. You may contact Brock in the church office (224-6047) or brock@hvumc.org for additional information. See you Wednesday!

**UPWARD BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING**

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading, a non-competitive, Christian-based sports league, is set to begin in December. **To sign up to participate**, visit the Upward table in the Family Life Center or go to www.hvumc.org and click on the Upward link. We are again partnering with Asbury United Methodist Church, and we will need a host of volunteers to help get the project underway. We are specifically looking for volunteer coaches for both Basketball and Cheerleading. We also need referees, facility monitors, prayer leaders, and others. Would you like to help in some way? Please contact the church office, 224-6047.

UMW NEWS

IMPORTANT REMINDER: November Unit Meeting has been changed from Tuesday, November 4 (Election Day) to **Tuesday, November 11**. We will meet in the Highlander Room at 10:30am. Gay McDaniel will present a brief program on World Thank Offering and Thank Banks will be collected. Our friend Deborah Bell from Hoover UMC will also speak. No lunch will be served.

Circle Meetings: Tuesday, November 11

Circle 1—12:00pm in the Parlor.

Mary Martha Circle—1:00pm in the Highlander Class.

Circle 4—12:15pm at Beverly Sullenger's home.

Sunday, November 16

Real Moms Circle—5:00pm at the church.

Alpha Circle will not meet.

Transferred to the Church Triumphant

Cynthia Robertson

04 December 1958—03 November 2008

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

HIGHLAND VALLEY T-SHIRTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

\$10 EACH

SIZES—M, L, XL, XXL

COME BY AND GET ONE!!

CALENDAR**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9**

- 8:30am Divine Worship
- 9:00am Fellowship Time
Fellowship (Telephone) Class
Sunday School Classes
- 9:40am Casual Worship
- 10:45am Divine Worship
- 12:00pm HVUMC 30th Anniversary Lunch**
- 3:00pm Orchestra Rehearsal
- 4:00pm Youth band practice
- 5:00pm UM Kids/UMYF
- 6:00pm Alpha Course
- 6:30pm Youth Choir

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 9:00am Bridge Group
- 10:30pm Staff Meeting
- 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop 407
- 6:00pm Boy Scout Troop 335
Upward Evaluation
Cub Scout Den 7
Finance Committee
- 6:30pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 10:30am UMW
- 12:15pm Circle 4 (Sullenger home)
- 1:00pm Circle 1 (Parlor)
Mary Martha Circle
(Highlander Classroom)
- 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
Upward Evaluations

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 12:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Upward Basketball Evaluation

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 15

Scout campout—Blanchard Springs

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9****Acolytes**

Sam Griffin & Trevor Ward(8:30)
John Holloway & Vangel Mendillo (10:45)

Children's Church

Lesley Haughaboo & Amy Sinks

Rockers and Huggers

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

Coffee Steward

Debbie Bush

Fellowship Time Host

Connections SS Class

Bus Driver

Mark Latch (224-0030)

Head Ushers

Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding

November Ushers

Joe & Susan Burkett
Don Adams, Werner Schneider

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Monday—Friday

8:00am—5:00pm

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