



"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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Divine Worship



Twenty-seventh Sunday After
Pentecost

16 November 2008

8:30am, 9:40am, 10:45am

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

SERMON

"Lighten the Load"

Rev. Brock Patterson

HYMNS

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Take My Life and Let It Be

SPECIAL MUSIC

Handbell Choir

FAITH UPDATE



Janet Floyd

My family and I have been members of HVUMC for just over 2 years now. When we first came to HVUMC it was kind of like a homecoming for me. When I was born, both sides of my family were long time members of Highland UMC. In fact, my parents—Ed & Deanna Etheridge—who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in a few short months—were married at Highland UMC. When people ask them how they met, they like to say that they met in the nursery at Highland UMC. I was born while they were at Highland UMC and that's where I was baptized. I attended Highland until I was about 10 years old and then for many years I was a member at Oak Forest UMC and then Trinity UMC before coming here a couple of years ago. So coming to HVUMC kind of felt like coming full circle for me, coming home. On one of the first Sundays that we attended, a couple of ladies came up and welcomed us and introduced themselves. They were Jean Hooper and Mary Ann Woodworth. Mrs. Hooper was my Sunday School teacher when I was in kindergarten. Mary Ann and Hot Woodworth were people I remembered as long time family friends.
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FOCUS: THIRTY YEARS AND GROWING!

Our 30th Anniversary Sunday and Catfish Luncheon was a huge success with 392 in worship and 230+ persons who attended the catered dinner and time of sharing afterwards. It was an honor to recognize and welcome back Rev. and Mrs. Louis (Barbara) Mulkey, the founding pastor of Highland Valley United Methodist Church. We had an outstanding Faith Update by Mrs. Janet Floyd who shared wonderful memories and ties with the old Highland Church. And appropriately, we welcomed another new member to our church, Mrs. Rosemary Holt, which reminds us of our church's unchanging mission: "to make disciples of Jesus Christ."

I want to personally thank the 30+ volunteers, including many youth, who helped set up, serve, and clean up for our luncheon. They're listed in the "Our Service" section of this newsletter. Our Church Council Chairperson, Mrs. Carla Coleman was the driving force and coordinator and we extend a special thanks to her.

It was fun to hear from the Mulkeys and so many of our former Pride Valley UMC and Highland UMC members who dreamed and planned and worked and made our new church possible. What a great Sunday for our church!

We're in the last weeks of our fall finance program and we need your help to complete it. This Sunday, our Associate Minister, Brock Patterson, will be preaching on stewardship and sharing his personal faith related to giving to the Lord. We look forward to seeing you at Sunday school and worship this Sunday!

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick



Pictured from left:

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick & Carla Coleman (Happy birthday Carla!), Kevin Wade, Barbara Mulkey, Rev. Louis Mulkey, Sue Jones.

2008 FALL FINANCE PROGRAM TITHING: GIVING GOD OUR BEST



The 2008 Fall Finance program "*Tithing: Giving God our Best*" is in its sixth week and will continue for the next two 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, 108 commitments have been received for a pledge total of \$446,936. This represents 41.7% 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Mrs. Rosemary Holt

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CHARGE CONFERENCE & DINNER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17—6:00PM

Family Life Center
Child care provided

A Mexican Fiesta dinner catered by LaHacienda Mexican Restaurant and hosted by HVUMC United Methodist Women. Rev. Phil Hathcock, presiding.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias may be placed in the sanctuary during Advent in memory or honor of a loved one or friend and the donation listed in the church bulletin **December 21**. Poinsettias may be picked up any time after the 7:00pm worship service on Christmas Eve. If you would like to place a poinsettia, complete this form (*please print clearly*) and place it in the offering plate by **December 14** or send to the church office along with \$10 for each poinsettia requested.

PLEASE PLACE _____ POINSETTIA(S) IN THE SANCTUARY:
IN HONOR OF _____
IN MEMORY OF _____
FROM _____
(Please show name as you would like it to appear in the bulletin. Thank you.)

**ATTENTION ALL YOUTH CLUBBERS
4TH & 5TH GRADERS**
Save the date...**Saturday, November 22**. Plan to join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and friends. Will we go bowling? Will we see a movie? Will we hike up Pinnacle Mountain? Whatever we do, we are bound to have a blast so be sure to mark it on your calendar. Details will appear in next week's newsletter. Any questions, please call Martha Sims at 517-3140.

ROCKER AND HUGGER NEEDED!
We need an extra Rocker and Hugger in the infant nursery during the 9:40 service on **November 23 and 30**. Please contact Brenda Welch at Brenda@hvumc.org.

KIDS CLUB PLAY REHEARSAL TIMES: Sunday, **November 16 & 23**—5:00-6:30pm in the music room.



8TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14— 9:00AM UNTIL WE RUN OUT—FAMILY LIFE CENTER SPONSORED BY THE INFANT CRISIS MINISTRY HOMEMADE COOKIES, CANDIES & SMALL BREADS

The cost is \$5.00 a pound. We need lots of candy and cookies. If you can donate cookies and/or candies, we would greatly appreciate it. Please drop off at church on Friday, December 12 or Saturday, December 13 from 2:00-4:00pm, or Sunday morning. Thank you for your continued support.



Members of **Boy Scout Troop 335** delivering food and monetary donations to the Union Rescue Mission.



YOUTH NEWS!!



THANKS! Big THANKS to our youth and adults that sold concessions to our Highland Valley voters. We had a great profit, thanks to a generous donor family, and showed wonderful hospitality to our community. A special thanks to the day crew: Mary Bower, Renee' Wise and Nechi Fullerton and our Manager, Geoff Addison, for working the bulk of our sales while our youth were in school. Great job! Each youth that served will receive credit in their youth account!

Another BIG THANKS to all of our host families for Discipleship Weekend: Daniel and Barbara Kirkpatrick, Kenny and Shawn Clark, Jim and Renee' Wise, and Chuck and Mary Bower. Thanks, also, to Joel and Nancy Clark, Steve and Bettye Boone, Ryan Atkins, Jo and John Carter, and Joe and Susan Burkett for such great help over the course of the weekend. We had a wonderful weekend together as a Youth Group. Thank you for helping to make this possible!

And, thanks to Dana Addison and Cindy Fields for our meal on Sunday night. We had a long weekend and came back for more on Sunday night. Thanks for keeping our energy levels up!

Our **CHRISTMAS DINNER** is coming up and we will again need help in the kitchen the night of our Children and Youth Program, December 7. Again this year, we will need sheet cakes. For now, please sign up at the **YOUTH BOOTH** if you can assist. **YOUTH** that can assist with ticket sales should sign up at the **YOUTH BOOTH** and **ALL** youth should plan to participate in serving our meal.

UMYF ON November 23 – METHODIST HEALTH SYSTEMS. Please plan on joining us November 23 for our service to the youth at Methodist Health, Maumelle. We will be worshipping and gaming with youth residing here at their invitation. More information to come at UMYF this week, but save the date and plan to be at the church at 3:30pm to depart.
Have a great week! Kim

41 HVUMC youth enjoyed fellowship during Discipleship Weekend

MUSIC NOTES
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 NOW!**

FAITH UPDATE—(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Dianne Burnett's dad, Pete Major, was the photographer who took all my baby pictures. Joel Clark and his family lived just up the street from my grandparents. There are echoes in this building of my grandmother, Elizabeth Adair, who was a member here at HVUMC until her death 15 years ago. So for me this seemed like home very quickly. But for my husband, Greg, and my son, Jackson, it was an unfamiliar place. That first Sunday we attended Sunday School. Greg and I went to the New Horizons class and Jackson went to the children's department where he was welcomed with open arms by Martha Sims. Greg and I immediately felt a connection in that small group setting. Within a couple of weeks Greg said, "If we're going to visit anywhere else, we need to do it, because this feels very comfortable." Jackson told me how much he liked the children's department. Needless to say, we didn't visit anywhere else.

As we began to settle into HVUMC, we began to take advantage of many of the programs that the church offers and we began to find areas where we fit. Me with the acolyte program, Greg with the Interfaith Hospitality Network and doing odd jobs around the church, and Jackson with the children's department and now with the youth group. We have become more than just pew fillers. We have found an opportunity for service. When we all joined this church we vowed to uphold this congregation of the United Methodist Church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. I am here today as a reminder of our duty to stewardship. I see stewardship as being not only about the "gift portion" of that membership vow, but also about the "service portion" of the vow, because I see our gifts as another way to be of service to God. Every day I pray that God will help me to see the opportunities He puts before me for service and to help me be courageous enough and willing to step forward and take advantage of the opportunity to serve Him. Today I am asking you to be courageous and willing to step up and offer your service to God in the form of your stewardship donation for 2009.

Thank you. Janet Floyd

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, Wes Schaffner, Margaret Nelmark, Aggie Parse.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. John (Mary) Chaney, Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Sharon) Lilly, and Ms. Becky Seay in the death of their father, Mr. James (Jim) Lilly, Sr., November 9.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. David (Jeanne) King in the death of David's mother, Mrs. Marie King, on November 5.

OUR PRESENCE

November 9

Divine Worship

8:30	62
9:40	56
10:45	274
Total	392

Sunday School

Adults	139
Youth	44
Children	41
Total	224

OUR GIFTS—November 9

Needed Weekly	\$ 20,550
General Budget Receipts	\$ 19,660
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 180
Heifer Project, Local Missions, Youth Programs	

Annual Budget 2008

\$1,058,102

Year to Date

Receipts	\$810,947*
Expenses	\$901,734
Income (Deficit)	(\$ 90,787)**

2008 Projected Remaining Expenses \$156,368

***Percentage under budget 11%**

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

Pledge Results

2008 Total Pledged & Estimated \$738,136

Pledges & Estimates Rec. Year to Date \$603,962

Pledges & Estimates Unpaid (\$134,174)

Percent of Pledges & Estimates Received 82%

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 9

CHILDREN		ADULTS	
Infant/Ones	4	Pairs & Spares	4
2 Yr. Old	5	Fellowship	3
3/4 Yr. Old	9	Ben Miller	17
K/1st Grade	7	New Beginnings	12
2nd/3rd Grade	4	Connections	13
4th/5th Grade	12	Good News	8
Total	41	Faith	8
		Highlander	33
		Alice Fidelis	3
		New Horizons	25
		Children's SS Tchrs	13
		Total	139
YOUTH			
6th-8th Grade	20		
9th-10th Grade	20		
11th-12th Grade	4		
Total	44		

GIFTS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

In memory of **Cindy Robertson**
... by Steve & Bettye Boone

BUDGET

In honor of **Mary Milstead**

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

In honor of **Rev. Brock Patterson & Family**
... by Terry & Sheila McLarty

In memory of **James Pruitt**
... by Curt & Lucille Mahla

Staff Sharing

SPOTLIGHT: CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIRS

How beautiful is a child's smile! Have you noticed how happy and delighted the faces of those in the congregation become upon watching our children come to the front to sing their songs of praise? We are transformed by their young smiling faces and the happiness that radiates from them. What a wonderful thing to experience.

The Children's Choirs at Highland Valley are divided into two groups. I love to call the 3's and 4's the Cherubs. How like little angels they are! They love to sing and we love hearing them.

The older children's choir is made up of children from ages 5 through the 5th grade. They are learning children's anthems to share in worship services. Choir is one of the rotations during Kid's/Youth Club activities on Sunday evenings.

Both of these groups are practicing music for the Christmas program to be held on December 7, entitled "Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies". Mark your calendars for this special event. Dinner will be served by the youth preceding the program.

The Youth Choir is comprised of youth from grades 6 through 12. The Youth group is very active in this church and in community and state-wide missions. The Youth Choir sings on the first Sunday of each month at all three worship services, will sing during the Children/Youth Christmas program on December 7, they will serve dinner before that program, and will go on a week long choir tour during the summer. These choirs tell the wonderful story of Jesus and His love through their music.

Thank you Kids/Youth Club and Youth Choirs for your commitment and sharing with your church family each month. You are very special and we are very proud of each one of you who participates. How blessed Highland Valley is to have such great kids and youth!
Betty

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

(Continued from page 1)

We welcome **Mrs. Rosemary Holt** to our church who joined at the 10:45am service on November 9. She comes by transfer from the Dardanelle UMC. Her address is: 14300 Chenal Parkway, #7030, 72211 and the phone is: 221-6776 and e-mail is: rosieholt@sbcglobal.net. She has six children, 17 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

We have 44 new members in 2008 for a total membership of 1324. We're excited to welcome Rosemary as the newest member of our church family.

NEW ADDRESS: Ouida Roark, Pleasant Valley Living Center, 12111 Hinson Rd., Room 310, Little Rock, AR 72212, phone 352-0760.

OUR SERVICE

A message from the family of Julia Heien :

Thank you all for sending the wonderful meal during this difficult time in our lives. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

The Heien family

Thank you from Election Day:

HVUMC received many, many thank yous for our hospitality on Election Day. Here are just a few:

Thanks for being such great hosts to the election workers!

Dear Fellow Methodists,

Thank you for opening your facilities and providing us voters such nice accommodations as we waited today to vote. You certainly made the process as easy as possible, and the flavored coffee and donuts, not to mention the chairs, were so very much appreciated. God bless you all!

Voted at Highland this morning. GREAT HOSPITALITY!!! At 6:45 this morning they had chairs set up outside for voters, coffee and donuts, movies for kids, volunteers AND STAFF everywhere trying to help make the voters comfortable. FIRST CLASS.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the HVUMC 30th anniversary: Ryan Atkins, Randy & Jane Campbell, Geoffrey Addison, Butch & Dianne Burnett, Deb Bush, Clark McCarley, Joel Clark, Joe Burkett, Perry & Deborah Bolding, Jon Cartwright, Herrn & Margie Northcutt, Daniel & Barbara Kirkpatrick, Pam Simpson, Sue Porbeck, Mike & Bev Stock, Mary Jones, Brock & ShawnD' Patterson, Carla Coleman, Youth group members, Jim & Sharon Williams, John Patrick Holloway, Kevin Wade, Beverly Graham, Camille Johnson, Staff for helping to sell tickets, Sunday School leaders for promoting the event.

YOU ARE NEEDED!!

The HVUMC Altar Guild would like to announce their annual fall cleaning on Wednesday, **November 19** at 9:00am. What fun for everyone! Bring your rags, extension brushes, and hand vacs and come join us in the sanctuary! Additional volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

**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 7 weeks left in 2008 and a long way to go for the Church's finances.

Total giving needed for 2008	\$1,058,102
Total giving received for 2008 as of 11/09/2008	\$ 810,947
Remaining contributions needed for 2008	\$ 247,155
Weeks left in 2008	7
Giving needed every week for the rest of the year	\$ 35,308

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP

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 19 is Hosea 1-14. 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!

**Highland Valley United Methodist Men
Potluck Supper
Tuesday, November 18—6 to 7:30pm**

Our speaker this month will be Mr. Mike Stock. Mike is an active member of United Methodist Men and Lay Leader for Highland Valley. You are welcome to bring your kids with you. Bring a dish to share. Pass the word! Join us for a potluck supper, fellowship and our ministry program. We will meet in the Family Life Center. Questions? Contact the church office, 224-6047. We look forward to seeing you!

UMW NEWS

Sunday, November 16:
Real Moms Circle—5:00pm at the church.
Alpha Circle will not meet.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: UMW will serve the meal at the Charge Conference Dinner on Monday, November 17 at 6:00pm.



On November 6, 21 ladies from Highland Valley attended the Ozark Conference Center's *Holiday Flavors and Sounds* annual program. Mrs. Vicki Jackson was responsible for organizing the group that went. Mrs. Nodya Lambert is on the Women's Board of the Ozark Conference Center.

HIGHLAND VALLEY UMC T-SHIRTS

There are still HVUMC t-shirts available in the church office. The cost is \$10, sizes M, L, XL, XXL. Come by the office and get yours!

CALENDAR

- SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16**
 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 Orchestra Rehearsal
 4:00pm Youth band practice
 5:00pm UM Kids/UMYF
 5:00pm Mom to Mom Circle
 6:00pm *Alpha* Course
 6:30pm Youth Choir
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17**
 6:00pm Charge Conference
 6:30pm Cub Scout Den 3
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**
 6:00pm Men's Bible Study
 Girl Scout Troop 134
 UM Men Supper
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**
 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
 12:00pm Church Newsletter deadline
 6:00pm Men's Chorus Rehearsal
 Higher Ground Bible Study
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal (with orchestra)
 6:30pm
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**
 12:00pm Handbell Rehearsal
 6:00pm Youth to Third Day Concert
 Highlander SS Class Dinner
 6:30pm Library Committee
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21**
 No Scheduled Activities
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**
 10:00am Chancel Choir Retreat
 Youth Club Event (4th & 5th Grade)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16

- Acolytes**
 Courtney Soulsby & Trevor Ward(8:30)
 Catherine Kirkpatrick & Sam Griffin (10:45)
- Children's Church**
 Larry & Kathy Bryant
- Rockers and Huggers**
 Ashley Atkins (9:40)
 Jenn Wegener (10:45)
- Coffee Steward**
 Judy Bates
- Fellowship Time Host**
 United Methodist Men
- Bus Driver**
 Kenny Baer (227-4936)
- Head Ushers**
 Hot Woodworth, Perry Bolding
- November Ushers**
 Joe & Susan Burkett
 Don Adams, Werner Schneider

**Church Office Hours
Monday—Friday
8:00am—5:00pm**

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