



*"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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24 NOVEMBER 2008

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## Divine Worship



First Sunday in Advent  
30 November 2008  
8:30am, 9:40am, 10:45am

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2: 7-12

### SERMON

## "A Different Kind of King"

Series: *The Christmas Story*

Rev. Daniel R. Kirkpatrick

### HYMNS

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
We Three Kings*

### METHODIST STUDENT DAY OFFERING

(See article on page 3)

## FAITH UPDATE



It's time to set your calendars. When you see me addressing the church, that typically means that the Holiday Season has arrived.

Because with the Holiday Season comes the end of the year, and the end of the year means that we are entering the critical time to complete our budget need. To successfully meet our needs in 2008, we need to collect about \$216,000 between now and December 31, 2008. Although this is a large number, it is less than the amount we needed at the same time last year. In addition, our apportionments will decrease by \$31,000 next year, which is highly unusual but very welcome.

During the last several years, I have spoken to you on five different occasions. Following each of these conversations, you provided more than what we needed to complete our budget. But this year, rather than make a formal request, I am just going to notify you of our financial position, and by faith, I will have confidence that we will again meet our budget goals this year.

I am honored to have served you during the last two years as your Chair of the Finance Committee. These years have been challenging, but I am pleased with our results.

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## FOCUS: HANGING OF THE GREENS & FAMILY SUPPER

Sunday, November 30—2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Light Supper at 5:00 pm

Family Life Center

Our church will be hosting "Hanging of the Greens" Sunday, November 30 from 2:00pm - 5:00pm. A light family supper of soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:00pm in the Family Life Center and we'll conclude with informal singing of Christmas carols. (We are asking adult Sunday school classes to bring crock pots of soup and sandwich trays.)

Families and individuals are invited to come assist in decorating our church buildings with Christmas decorations during this time. Men are invited to come at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary to assist with the assembly and raising of the large Christmas tree.

Youth will be involved with decorating the Wesley Wing and Family Life Center. Children are encouraged to participate in Christmas activities and crafts in the Jones Education Building as well.

Come join in the Christmas spirit following the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Rev. Daniel Kirkpatrick

## 2008 FALL FINANCE PROGRAM

### TITHING: GIVING GOD OUR BEST



The 2008 Fall Finance program "*Tithing: Giving God our Best*" is in its eighth week. 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)

To date, 135 commitments have been received for a pledge total of \$570,516. This represents 53.25% of our preliminary budget for 2009. 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. For additional information, please contact the church Financial Manager, Stacie Holloway at 224-6047 or e-mail [Stacie@hvumc.org](mailto:Stacie@hvumc.org).

## BAPTISMS



Dr. and Mrs. Tim (Jane) Boehm presented their grandchildren, **Izzy Boehm**, and **Rubin Boehm**, for baptism this past Sunday, November 23 at the 10:45am worship service. Izzy, age 9, is a 4th grader at Chenal Elementary and Ruben, age 7, is a 2nd grader at Chenal. They are both active in Sunday school and United Methodist Kids on Sunday evening.

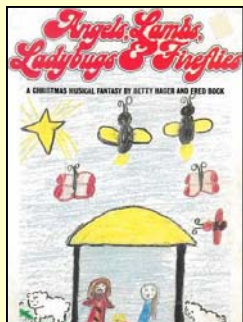
We thank God for this family and the baptism of these boys.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome to our church **Mr. and Mrs. Shawn (Kristi) Solloway** who united with us this past Sunday, November 23 at 10:45am by transfer from St. James United Methodist Church in Little Rock.

They are the parents of four children: Tanner, age 10; Caroline, age 7; Savannah, age 4; and Ella, age 2. Shawn is the owner of Exit Marketing off Rodney Parham and Kristi is a speech pathologist with Easter Seals and a dental hygienist. Their address is 1919 Wellington Woods Drive, 72223 and the phone is 353-0776 and e mail [solloway@exitideas.com](mailto:solloway@exitideas.com).





# HIGHLAND VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH KIDS AND YOUTH CLUB PRESENTS A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL ANGELS, LAMBS, LADYBUGS & FIREFLIES

By Betty Hager and Fred Bock

Sunday, December 7 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

A Dinner is provided by the Youth at 5:00pm in the Family Life Center,  
(for dinner tickets, see related article below)

and the Youth Choir will also present three selections during the program.  
You will not want to miss this program by our young people!



## 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.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DINNER!

Get your tickets NOW for our Annual Christmas Dinner and Program, December 7! We begin our meal at 5:00pm with the program following. All proceeds benefit the missions of the Youth Department.

Tickets are available in the Family Life Center OR by calling the church office. **The deadline for tickets is Wednesday, December 3.**

## ROCKER & HUGGER NEED—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

There is a need for 2 Rockers & Huggers for the 9:40am service and one for the 10:45am service. Please contact Brenda Welch if you can rock and hug this Sunday!

## YOUTH NEWS!!

### SIGN UP NOW!

We have a lot of things taking place with the Christmas season! Stop by the Youth Booth to take note of the following:

**Friday Night Live**, 12/5 – parent volunteers needed!

**Christmas Program and Dinner**, 12/7 – youth and parent volunteers needed!

**Parents Night Out FUNDRAISER**, 12/12 – youth and parent volunteers needed!

**Youth Christmas Party**, 12/14 – FOOD needed!

**Senior High Saturday**, 12/20 – Sign up to attend!

In this great season of joy, be a part of the love of Christ in this body together!  
Kim

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

You asked for it, you got it! By popular demand, our Youth will again offer babysitting services on Friday night, **December 12**, from 6:00-9:00pm. We will have snacks available and you are welcome to bring a sack dinner if you need! Reserve your spot NOW by emailing Kim Johnson at [kim@hvumc.org](mailto:kim@hvumc.org). YOU MUST RESERVE BY **DECEMBER 10!**

## Birth Announcement



**Mr. and Mrs. Chad (Malane) Jarreau** of our church are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Hunter Lane**, on Thursday, November 20. Hunter was born at 10:34am at Baptist Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs., 10 ozs. and is 20 inches. He is welcomed at home by big sister, Madeline. Proud grandparents are Lane and Sheila Hammonds of Houston, Texas and Janet Jarreau and Thomas and Janet Jarreau of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

We thank God for the birth of this boy to the HVUMC family.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

On behalf of the Highland Valley United Methodist Women, we would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Crafts Fair on November 8. We would also like to thank some special individuals who helped to make this event a great success. Those who helped with the set up and take down included: Rick and Sheila Jennings, Karla McDuffie, Milinda Brown, Brock Patterson, Herrn Northcutt, and Jay Little. Those who helped in the kitchen included: Kenny and Linda Baer, Marilyn Winburne, Bettie Gray, Nodya Lambert, Sue Jones, Wadene Hilliard, Miriam Bilheimer, Kathryn Baertsch, and Evelyn Carter.

Linda Brown, Chairperson, Arts & Craft Fair  
Dorothy Henninger, Chairperson Arts & Craft Fair Lunch

## ASSISTED LISTENING HEADSETS NOW AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP

The Board of Trustees of our church recently purchased and installed a new Assisted Listening Sound System for use in the Sanctuary, according to Mr. John Watkins, Trustee Chairperson. There are 10 wireless ear pieces that are available for worshippers as they enter the narthex. Each unit consists of a small battery operated pocket size receiver and a headset. Please see an usher when you enter the Sanctuary to ask for one and remember to return it at the end of the service as you exit.

The cost of this new system is around \$2,000. Persons may contribute to the cost of this new system by designating checks or envelopes "Assisted Listening Device." Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias may be placed in the sanctuary during Advent in memory or honor of a loved one or friend and the donation will be listed in the church bulletin **December 21**. Poinsettias may be picked up any time after the 5:00pm 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.)

*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, Peter Ward, Donna Smith, Mary Lou Rowland.

**OUR PRESENCE**

**November 23**

**Divine Worship**

8:30	62
9:40	56
10:45	223
<b>Total</b>	<b>341</b>

**Sunday School**

Adults	141
Youth	31
Children	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>

**OUR GIFTS—November 23**

Needed Weekly	\$ 20,550
General Budget Receipts	\$ 16,424
Miscellaneous Funds	\$ 130
Youth Emergency Shelter, 2008 Capital Improvements Campaign	

**Annual Budget 2008**

**\$1,058,102**

**Year to Date**

Receipts	\$853,797*
Expenses	\$961,246
Income (Deficit)	(\$107,449)**

**2008 Projected Remaining Expenses \$96,856**

**\*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 \$634,310

Pledges & Estimates Unpaid (\$103,826)

**Percent of Pledges & Estimates Received 86%**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 23**

**CHILDREN**

Infant/Ones	6
2 Yr. Old	5
3/4 Yr. Old	9
K/1st Grade	5
2nd/3rd Grade	4
4th/5th Grade	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>

**YOUTH**

6th-8th Grade	17
9th-10th Grade	10
11th-12th Grade	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>

**ADULTS**

Pairs & Spares	4
Fellowship	2
Ben Miller	26
New Beginnings	13
Connections	7
Good News	14
Faith	11
Highlander	26
Alice Fidelis	4
New Horizons	20
Children's SS Tchrs	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>

**GIFTS**

**BUDGET**

In honor of **Mary Milstead**  
 In memory of **Anne Milstead**  
 ... by Ray Milstead  
 In memory of James Lilly, Sr.  
 ... by Maxine Patterson  
 In memory of **Annalee White**  
 ... by Ken & Sue Jones  
 ... by Faith SS Class

*Staff Sharing*

Dear Friends and Members of Highland Valley,  
 This month I would like to share some ways "Adults Can Nurture Children in the Christian Faith" (adapted from the General Board of Discipleship article by Mary Alice Gran). There are so many ways you can nurture our children each week that don't require a lot of work or time. Here are a few:

- Learn children's names and use their names when having conversations with them.
- Seek out children to include in conversations.
- Sit with families at church dinners. Visit with the children as well as the parents.
- Smile at children during worship. Encourage their attendance and inclusion in worship.
- Plan for the inclusion of children for every event.
- Offer to share your interests and talents with children and youth in the church. (Take a small group fishing, help them make wooden crosses, teach them needlework, share your backyard for a Sunday school class outing, tell Bible stories, and so on.)
- Become a mentor for a child or youth who is not related to you.
- Develop an ongoing, supportive relationship.

Or you may have your own ideas about how you would like to nurture our children. They love getting to know all ages and types of people in the Church. It gives them more of a sense of community and a feeling that they are a part of a big family where they are accepted for just being a precious child of a loving God.

I hope all of you have a holiday season full of love, happiness and good health!  
 Brenda Welch, Director of Children's Ministries

**METHODIST STUDENT DAY OFFERING—NOVEMBER 30**

Highland Valley UMC will receive a second mile offering this Sunday, November 30 for the United Methodist Student College Scholarships and loans program. Special envelopes will be included in the bulletin. Many of our Highland Valley UMC college students are eligible to apply for a United Methodist college loan or scholarship. This is a yearly offering received at United Methodist churches across the country. **Please mark your checks "Student Day Offering" in care of Highland Valley UMC and place in the special envelopes provided.**

Each year, the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry awards scholarships and loans to students at United Methodist and other accredited colleges and universities through the United Methodist Student Day Offering. In addition, a portion of the United Methodist Student Day offering is returned to annual conferences for merit scholarship awards to students of their choosing. Thank you for generosity.

**CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES**

**TO SHARE CHRIST...WITH A NEEDY CHILD AT CHRISTMASTIME**

Again this year, our church is sharing the love of Christ with our friends in the impoverished Delta of Arkansas. In the Galloway Family Life Center, you will find the Delta Angel Christmas Tree, which gives names, ages and sizes for children in Chicot County available for sponsorship this Christmas. You, your family, your children, Sunday School class or small group may take an angel (or two) from the tree to sponsor this holiday season.

Gifts for Delta Angels should NOT be wrapped but should be LABELED with the child's name and placed beneath the large tree on the center of the stage in the Family Life Center. Gifts should be returned NO LATER than **December 17**. Anything delivered after 12/17 will not be able to be sent to Lakeside School District! This is part of our ongoing Delta Mission Project, now beginning its sixth year. For more information, or to volunteer to assist in delivery, please contact Kim Johnson at the church.

**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 5 weeks left in 2008 and a long way to go for the church's finances. We received \$16,424 last week.

Total giving needed for 2008	\$1,058,102
Total giving received for 2008 as of 11/24/2008	\$ 853,797
Remaining contributions needed for 2008	\$ 204,305
Weeks left in 2008	5
Giving needed every week for the rest of the year	\$ 40,861

### FAITH UPDATE *(Continued from page 1)*

Our church's financial position is much improved, and we have a responsible budget process. In addition, our financial reporting is accurate and completely open. Our financial statements are available for your review at any time by just making a request to our Financial Manager, Stacie Holloway.

As my tenure on the finance committee concludes at the end of this year, we can all be confident that next year's committee leadership will strive for continued improvement in all financial areas of the church. With your continued support, we can look forward in Faith to continue God's work in 2009 at Highland Valley.

Scott Welch

### PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The Pastor's Bible Study meets every Wednesday morning, 10:00am to 11:00am in the Chapel. The lesson on December 3 is Isaiah 1-7. 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](mailto:brock@hvumc.org) for additional information. See you Wednesday!



### UMW NEWS

**Tuesday, December 2:** - 10:00am Executive Board Meeting in the Parlor.

**Tuesday, December 2—** 10:30am Christmas Tea and Installation of Officers in the Parlor (Executive Board hosting).

**December Social Action:** Monetary donations for Delta Mission's Christmas Project.

### CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30

8:30am Divine Worship  
 9:00am Fellowship Time  
 Fellowship (Telephone) Class  
 Sunday School Classes  
 9:30am Casual Worship  
 9:40am Divine Worship  
 10:45am Hanging of the Green  
 2:00pm Youth Choir  
 4:00pm Family Supper  
 5:00pm UM Kids/Youth Rehearsal for Christmas Program  
 6:00pm

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:00pm Prayer Group  
 5:00pm Upward BB Practice  
 6:00pm Boy Scout Troop 335  
 6:30pm Cub Scout Den 3

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

10:00am UMW Executive Board Meeting  
 10:30am UMW Christmas Tea  
 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry Group  
 6:00pm Men's Bible Study  
 Baker Bazaar

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

12:00pm Handbell Rehearsal  
 5:00pm Upward BB practice  
 6:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting  
 7:00pm Book Club  
 Arts Academy recital

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:00pm Upward BB practice  
 7:00pm Youth Friday Night Live

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00am Chipato Valley GS Cookie Training  
 10:00am Christmas Program Rehearsal

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30

##### Acolytes

Rachel Patterson & Shea Peatross(8:30)  
 Sydney Warren & Catherine Kirkpatrick (10:45)

##### Children's Church

Bill & Suzanne Yee

##### Rockers and Huggers

Rhonda Hatch (9:40)  
 Deborah Currey (10:45)

##### Coffee Steward

Gay McDaniel

##### Fellowship Time Host

Ben Miller SS Class

##### Bus Driver

Kenny Baer (227-4936)

##### 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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### 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](mailto:betty@hvumc.org). We will be taking the HVUMC bus. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

### 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!

*Our Mission is to Know Christ and Share Christ*