

# Highland United Methodist Church

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*We are an open community of Christians sharing Christ's love and helping each other to develop and strengthen their relationship with God.*

## **October 1, 2017**

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Prelude

The Ministry of the Acolytes

Welcoming our Guests,

Sharing Ministry Opportunities and Celebrating Special Days

Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prepare For Worship: Ringing of the church bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: I bless God every chance I get; my lungs expand with his praise.

**People: I live and breathe God; if things aren't going well, hear this and be happy:**

Leader: Join me in spreading the news; together let's get the word out.

**People: God met me more than halfway, he freed me from my anxious fears.**

Leader: Look at him; give him your warmest smile. Never hide your feelings from him.

**People: When I was desperate, I called out, and God got me out of a tight spot.**

Leader: Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see—how good God is

**People: Taste and see that the Lord is good!** *(Psalm 34, the Message and NRSV)*

\*Opening Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs.1-4) UMH pg. 57

Opening Prayer

**Jesus prayed that we might be one. In union and communion with each other and with You. Today, God, we confess fumbblings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere. We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.** (From UMC.org)

Blessing for the Gifts for the Kitchen (See Insert)

Special Music

Scripture Lesson

Galatians 1

Sermon

"Big God: A Shocking Move"

Rev. Amy E. Pannell

\*Responsive Hymn

"I Come With Joy"

UMH pg. 617

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (At this time you are invited to share how we can pray with you and for you or someone you care about this week)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

The Offering; Prayer and Offertory

\*The Doxology (Praise God from whom all blessings flow...)

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Celebration of Communion

*All are welcome! This is Christ's table, come just as you are. When you come, reach out your hands, and a piece of bread will be given to you. Dip the bread into the cup. You may be served at your seat. The elements of grace are bread and non-alcoholic grape juice.*

\* Closing Hymn "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" ( See Insert)

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

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“\*\*” indicates congregation standing, if able

**GREETERS**

October – Ronnie, Joyce, Ashton, Zoey

**NURSERY**

October 1 – Donna Guilliams

October 8 – Sarah Haskins

**ACOLYTES**

October 1 – Graham Weaver

October 8 – Jared Jamison

**USHERS**

October 1 – The Men

October 8 – The Women

**CHURCH LIFE**

**Today, Sunday, October 1** – Youth Visioning Meeting after morning Worship

**Today, Sunday, October 1** – 4:00 p.m. – Wesley Covenant Group will meet

**Monday, October 2** – The **Choir** will meet at **7:00 p.m.** Please come and be with us.

**Saturday, October 7** – **Custer's Cruise In – 12noon – 4pm** at the Fire Dept. Food and Fun. Please come out and support this fundraiser

**Sunday, October 8** – Doughnuts and Devotions in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am  
Finance Committee Meeting following morning worship

**Saturday, October 14** – We will have an **outside workday beginning at 8:30 a.m.** Please let Keith know if you plan to help so he can schedule work accordingly. Thanks!

**Sunday, October 15** –3:00 p.m. District UMW Gathering at St.Paul's in Danville, Va.

Saturday, October 21 – Lord'

**NOVEMBER 19** - Charge Conference is an event that takes place once a year. This year ours will be held at Gogginsville UMC on Sunday afternoon, **November 19, 1:00 p.m.**

As members of this congregation, we will faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers (see the prayer list), our presence, our gifts, our service (see announcements) and our witness (all you do and who you are.)” We are thankful that you have blessed Highland United Methodist Church with your presence and your gifts:

9/17/17            63 Present for Worship and \$1,826.00 received in gifts

9/10/17            56 Present for Worship and \$2,618.90 received in gifts

Final yard sale total: \$1,321.55 – Thanks for all that helped!

### **Prayer Requests**

September 24 – B.L. Furrow, The Family of Eddie Reaves, bobby Webb, Okie Bowman and Virginia, Annette Saul and New Hope Congregation, Tiffany, Brandon, Skye and Nova

September 17 – Ronnie Bernard, Fred Guilliams, Iva Guilliams, Karen Haskins & family, B.L. Furrow, Christian Yopp, The Family of Estelle Jones, Joyce Sledd, Mildred Jamison’s daughter, Phyllis

September 10 – Estelle Jones, Jeff Gaubatz, Louise Gaubatz, Bob Gaubatz, Eric Krauss, B.L. Furrow, Tim Holt, Karen Haskins, Karen Shively, Sandra Jackson, Johnny Guilliams, Jeff Cooper & Family, Katherine Cooper, Fred Guilliams, Mary Wade Akers, Michael Schwartz, Ronnie Bernard, Kenny Bernard, Family of Gary Wray, Family of Dorothy Webster, Pam and Gail stuck in Florida Weather, Praise that Judy Prettyman is pain-free.

September 3 – Kenny Bernard, Ronnie Bernard, Dean Blankenship, Tricia Custer, Fred Guilliams, Colton Holly, Buck Hodges, Estelle Jones, David Mattie, Joyce Sledd, The Family of Russell Smith, Mabel Webb, Irene Webster, Louise Gaubatz

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