

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.

February 28, 2016

A Service of Word

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

Reading for Lent: "The Greatest Love"

Call to Worship:

Leader: God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

People: my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

People: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

(From Psalm 63)

*Hymn of Praise "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH pg. 400

Prayer for the Day:

God of Creation, create in us new hearts to love others, hearts that are free from the need to judge. Create in us new minds to seek Your wisdom, minds that are free from the desire to seek our own gain and satisfaction. Create us anew, and fill us with Your Spirit. In Your name we pray. Amen.

(Written by Rev. Wendi Mitchell)

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

Special Music

Sermon

"An Extra Day"

Pastor Amy E. Pannell

Responsive Hymn

"Spirit Song"

UMH pg. 347

THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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...*) UMH pg. 95

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Dedication "Grace Greater than Our Sin" UMH pg. 365

* Benediction

* Postlude

**** indicates congregation standing, if able*

GREETERS

Mitch Webb & Graham Weaver

March – Fred Guilliams

ACOLYTES

February 28 – Abby Krauss

March 6 – Hannah McPherson

USHERS

February 28 – The Men

March 6 – The Women

CHURCH LIFE

Today, Sunday, February 28 – The Finance Committee will meet

Today, Sunday, February 28 – **Disciple I** will meet at **4:00 p.m.** Lesson 8: Leadership (The People Without a King)

Monday, February 29 - The **Adult Choir** will meet at **7:00 p.m.** **YOU** are invited to come and join us!

Monday, February 29 – We will begin making **Easter Eggs on Monday, Feb. 29** around 10:00 am. We welcome you to come help in this fundraising project. We ask for extra help this year, as some folks who usually help us will not be able to help out this year, so please help if you can! Order forms will be in the entrance hallway at the mailboxes. Fill out your order forms now. All forms need to be turned in before March 13. Egg pick-up will be March 20.

Wednesday, March 2 – The **Grace Group** will meet at 10:00 am. We will discuss Rahab!

Sunday, March 6 – The **Trustees** will meet

Lenten Readings - During Lent we will include special readings at the opening of worship services to help us tune in to the season. This will include extinguishing candles one by one through Palm Sunday. **We need readers.** The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board next to the Good Samaritan SS classroom. Thank you for helping in this meaningful part of worship. The Worship Committee

Operation Christmas Child – For all those who participated in the youth group’s February collection for Operation Christmas Child, thank you so much! March’s collection is a musical instrument (harmonica, recorder, etc.) Please purchase the item and place it in the box in the hall. We will be collecting a different item each month through October. In November we will fill the shoe boxes and send them to children in need. Thank you for all the support and love you show for us.

We are updating the **call chain**, a way of sharing when a member is critically ill and in need of prayer or when there is a funeral. Please check the bulletin board right by the sanctuary door to update your information or add your name! **Please check it by March 5.**

SAVE THE DATE!! VBS will be held Sunday, June 5 – Thursday, June 9. There will be more information to follow as the date gets closer. If you have any questions, please see Katherine McPherson.

If you are interested in being a substitute teacher for any of our Sunday School Classes when the regular teacher cannot be here, please see Katherine McPherson

Thanks to everyone who helped make the jewelry box fundraiser such a success! We are very pleased to announce that we raised \$1,695.00. We appreciate everyone who helped fix the boxes and everyone who bought them.

Thanks to Helen, Barbara and Pam for making the cloth Lent donation bags. Feel free to pick up a bag near the church entrance to put your donations in during the Lent season. Give up something this Lent, and take extra time to pray and do devotions as you praise God for giving His Son as an ultimate sacrifice for each of us. These devotion bags will be presented on Easter Sunday, then all money will go to Stepping Stones to help the people in our area who are hungry. Have a blessed Lent season.

IT’S COMING!! Check out the wall next week!!!

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:	
2/14/16	60 Present for Worship and \$1,210.07 received in Gifts
2/21/16	89 Present for Worship and \$1,169.66 received in Gifts

Prayer Requests

February 21 – Dot Webb, Odessa Poff, Newton Guilliams, Gary Guilliams, Drucilla Barbee, Danielle McPherson
February 14 – Mike Shaw, The Family of Matt Ellis, Mary Amos, Barbara Guilliams, Danielle McPherson, Josephine (Barbara and Sheldon’s daughter-in-law)
February 7 – Emily Bayly, Briley Darden (home), Abigail Rude, Deborah Wray, Lexy Bailey, Meagan Keith, Arlet Greer, Danielle McPherson

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