

# 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.*

## **March 19, 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: If God is for us, who is against us?

**People: God gave the only Son for us.**

Leader: Who is to condemn us?

**People: Christ Jesus intercedes for us.**

Leader: What will separate us from the love of Christ?

**People: Neither death nor life, nor anything in all creation**

**Can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Leader: Come, follow Jesus, who gave his life for us.

**People: Come, worship God, for God's love is always with us.** *(From Romans 8)*

\* Opening Hymn "Lift High the Cross" UMH pg.159

Opening Prayer

**Jesus, we need so much for the battles we fight: courage, patience, trust, and spunk.**

**You show us how to live differently. And You give us victory. Thank you. Grant that we**

**face the future unafraid, draw us closer to one another, and give us the peace and joy**

**which is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Special Music

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 17:33-49

New Testament Scripture Matthew 27:32-37

Sermon "Finding Ourselves Out of a Paper Bag" Rev. Amy E. Pannell

Responsive Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH pg. 369

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

\* Closing Hymn "Standing on the Promises"

UMH pg. 374

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

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“\*” indicates congregation standing, if able

**GREETERS**

March – Fred Guilliams

**NURSERY**

March 19 – Cindy Jamison

March 26 – Sarah Haskins

**ACOLYTES**

March 19 – Logan Custer

March 26 – Graham Weaver

**USHERS**

March 19 – The Men

March 26 – The Women

**CHURCH LIFE**

**Today, Sunday, March 19 – 4:00 p.m. Disciple I Lesson 29**

**Monday, March 20 – the UMW will meet at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served by Barbara Guilliams and Joyce Sledd**

**Monday, March 27 – 7:00 p.m. the Adult Choir will meet. We are getting close to the Easter Presentation, so please be here if you can!**

**CHOCOLATE COVERED EASTER EGGS!!** Order forms are in the hallway, so order yours today! **Production will begin on Tuesday, March 28 at 8:00 am.** We welcome all helpers! See Helen Akers for more info.

**Sunday, April 2 – 2:00 p.m. – More Than a Carpenter a Musical for Easter** Highland UMC and Piedmont Presbyterian Choirs will present this moving Easter Cantata at Piedmont. All are welcome! Please join us. There will be a time of fellowship and snacks following the presentation.

**April 15, Saturday (6:00 a.m.)** Beginning at Highland UMC Meet at Highland UMC—in the sanctuary for a short devotional at 6:00 a.m. Then, we will begin our prayer journey with God all the way to the cross at the Callaway Cemetery, where we will lay down our crosses and burdens and have a meaningful communion. A fellowship breakfast will follow at the Callaway Fire Department. Also, if you would like to participate in this spiritual journey but are unsure about doing the actual walk, there will be a ride for you. Thank you for participating and encouraging others to be there. Questions: Call Keith and Jennifer Brubaker at 483-5579 or Terry and Cindy Jamison at 420-9782.

**Saturday, April 15** – Easter Egg Hunt – 10:30 am. Come out to search for eggs, make a craft and enjoy a snack. You only need to bring your basket for collecting the eggs. See Crystal Weaver for more info.

**Sunday, April 16 – 6:30 am.** Community Sunrise Service. Service will be held at the Callaway Community Cemetery. In case of rain, we will meet at Piedmont Presbyterian Church. Rev. Jessica Slusses, Pastor of Bethany Church of the Brethren will be preaching and Piedmont Presbyterian Church will provide the music. Please come out for this very special service.

**Saturday, April 22 – 5:30 p.m.** The Youth would like to invite you to their “**Love You to the Moon and Back**” **space-themed dinner** here at Highland’s Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the hallway for you to sign up and choose your meal’s meat (steak, chicken or salmon). There will be a planet-themed cheese ball buffet table, dinner with your choice of meat and, of course, don’t forget to save room for the overflowing lava cake, followed by a game of Bingo! There will be a donation basket available for contributions. If you have any question, please see Eric Krauss.

**Sunday, April 23** – Disciple I. Lesson 30.

Vacation Bible School: Plan and Pray! June 4-8, 2017

If you would like to send a card of encouragement to Carrie Fisher, here’s the address:  
Carrie Fisher, 5016 King Richard Drive, Annandale, VA 22003

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:	
3/12/17	60 Present for Worship and \$2,160.00 received in gifts
3/5/17	66 Present for Worship and \$2,711.00 received in gifts

### **Prayer Requests**

March 12 – Carrie Fisher, John and Dana Akers, Cheryl Guilliams Bailey, Dave Campbell, B.L. Furrow, Barbara Guilliams, Connie Hayes, Melissa O’Dell, Dot Webb, The Family of Farren Webb, Debra Webster

March 5 – Carrie Fisher, Cheryl Guilliams Bailey, Sherri Krauss, Mary Sigmon, The family of Clay Rakes, Kelly Moran, The Family of Marie Bowen, The family of Brittany Brideson

February 26 – Chase Branton, Annette Saul, Jonathan Custer, The Palmer Family, The Family of Janet Willis

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