

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 26, 2017

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: Do not be afraid!

People: We are not God!

Leader: Joseph and his brothers learned that God can turn human's plans for evil into plans for good.

People: We have nothing to fear!

Leader: Jesus learned that God can turn a shameful cross into a sign of victory.

People: Reassure us!

Leader: Mary learned that God can turn a tomb into a place of worship, wonder, and surprise.

People: Talk to us heart to heart. *(Inspired by Genesis 50:20, The Message)*

*Opening Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH pg.133

Opening Prayer

As we worship, help us lean into your everlasting arms. All that makes us happy and sad, all that makes us strong and scared, you embrace us. Near to you, with you, show us all you are doing and can do for us and our world. Amen.

Special Music

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 44, selected verses

New Testament Scripture John 19:23-27

Sermon "Doggy Bags" Rev. Amy E. Pannell

Responsive Hymn "Hymn of Promise" UMH pg. 707

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 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH pg. 140

* Benediction

* Postlude

“*” indicates congregation standing, if able

GREETERS

March – Fred Williams

April – Shelby Nemeth

ACOLYTES

March 26 – Graham Weaver

NURSERY

March 26 – Sarah Haskins

USHERS

March 26 – The Women

April 2 – The Youth

CHURCH LIFE

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:

3/19/17

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

Prayer Requests

March 19 – Newton Guilliams, B.L. Furrow, Barbara Guilliams, The Family of Aubrey Hicks, Dawn Hall, Dot Webb, Tom Godsey, Charles Hunt, Cheryl Bailey, Carl Akers, Tony Green

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

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