

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.*

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

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: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

People: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Opening Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH pg.278

Opening Prayer

Jesus came to us humbly, riding on a donkey and proclaiming a message of peace.

**Show us again your ways and teach us obedience. Let this holy week help us become
like you. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 26:1-16

Sermon

"Left Holding the Bag"

Rev. Amy E. Pannell

Responsive Hymn

"O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done"

UMH pg. 287

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

"Were You There"

UMH pg. 288

* Benediction (*This morning there is no benediction because the worship service
continues all week long. We leave in silence, going with him as he eats with the disciples,
washes their feet, as he carries his cross, and as he dies on the cross. We return on
Sunday morning to celebrate his resurrection. May we worship all week long*)

* Postlude

GREETERS
April – Shelby Nemeth

ACOLYTES
April 9 – Hannah McPherson
April 16 – Abby Krauss

NURSERY
April 9 – Cindy Jamison
April 16 – Crystal Weaver

USHERS
April 9 – The Men
April 16 – The Women

CHURCH LIFE

CHOCOLATE COVERED EASTER EGGS!! Thanks to everyone who helped with the eggs the last couple of weeks. Remember to pick up your eggs today following the service

Maundy Thursday

April 13, Thursday “Maundy” means “New Commandment.” On this night we remember that Jesus, kneeling and washing his disciples’ feet said, “I give you a new commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you.” There are two wonderful worship experiences that night for you to choose to attend:

(6:00 p.m.) Piedmont Presbyterian Church
Songs, scripture, and a hand washing service with
Rev. Nadia Stropich and Rev. Amy Pannell.

(6:30 pm) Love Feast at Bethany Brethren Church
Songs, scripture, special food, and a foot washing
service with the Rev. Jessica Slusher.

Good Friday

April 14, Friday (6:00 p.m.) Piedmont Presbyterian Church
On this day, Jesus took his last breath. What is so good about that? For early Christians, "good" meant "holy." Come and hear from "eye witnesses" who were there that night when the world was changed forever as Piedmont presents "Good Friday?" written by Rev. Nadia Stropich. Through the eyes of Peter, Caiaphas, Judas, Paltas wife, one unnamed soldier, Simon of Cyrene, an unnamed centurion, and Joseph of Arimathea we will experience Jesus' love for us in a new way. The program will run about an hour and half.

Walk to the Cross

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.** This worship will be held at the Callaway Community Cemetery (8000 Callaway Road). In case of rain we will meet at Piedmont Presbyterian Church. This year we are excited that the Rev. Jessica Slushes, pastor of Bethany Church of the Brethren will be preaching and Piedmont Presbyterian Church will provide the music.

Monday, April 17 – The **UMW** will meet at **7:00 pm**. Refreshments will be served by Tricia Custer, Crystal Weaver and Pat Webb.

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.

The **Adult Choir** will **NOT meet** again until **April 24, 2017**

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

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:

4/2/17	64 Present for Worship and \$3,022.00 received in gifts
3/26/17	78 Present for Worship and \$1,701.00 received in gifts

Prayer Requests

April 2 – Baby Ethan Krauss, The Family of Claude Cooper, Shelby Nemeth, Barbara Guilliams, Dave Dixon, Dot Webb, Cheryl Guilliams Bailey, Carl Akers

March 26 - Dot Webb, Barbara Guilliams, B.L. Furrow, Randy Underwood, Family of Timmy Wray, Jeremy Weaver, Chris Craighead, Dawn Hall, Cheryl Bailey

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

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