

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.*

September 17, 2017

Prelude

The Ministry of the Acolytes

Welcoming our Guests, - Trisha

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 - Jennifer

L. With holy reverence, we remember irreplaceable women, O God, We honor those who nurtured us and taught us to honor and love you, O God

P. May their example of Christian faith help transform us into Your image

L. We honor women who feed the hungry, clothe the unclothed, befriend the lonely, and comfort the comfortless. We bless them for unselfishly loving your people as You love us.

P. Many you continue to meet their needs as they minister to others.

L. We honor women grieving the loss of loved ones.

**P. May you, O God, continue to comfort them with Your Word, spoken and blessed.
May we learn to encourage them as they have encouraged us.**

L. We honor our sisters throughout the world who need your spiritual, economic and physical healing.

P. May You meet their needs, Holy One, according to your riches in glory, we pray.

L. We honor all the women who have gone before us, named and unnamed.

P. We give You thanks, O God.

L. We honor all those who stand alongside and for these women. We bless those who encourage them to dream, who bring out the best in them, who help them bear their burdens, and who love them right, O God

P. May You watch over and keep all your people, these women and all who love them, with your care, gracious God. Consecrate this day for Your glory. In the name of the One who parents us and created us, who redeems us, and empowers us forever. Amen

Opening Prayer - Lynn

Lord Jesus, I look to You this day! Release fresh faith in me. Open my eyes to see your wonder-working power all around me. Stir in me a passion to embrace the sacred moments You provide. Help me not to live beneath my spiritual privilege when You've provided more than enough grace for the journey. Though it's not always an easy adventure, You're always with me and I am ever-blessed. Thank you for loving me like You do. I lift my hands in praise and I embrace a grateful heart today. Amen.

Presentation of Mission Pins

Special Music

Scripture Lesson

James 5:13-18

Sermon

"Faith in Prayer"

Judy Prettyman

*Responsive Hymn - Barbara

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH pg. 496

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) - Barbara

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 - Trisha Ushers: Caroline & Shelby

*The Doxology (Praise God from whom all blessings flow...) UMH pg. 95

* Closing Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMH pg. 133

* Benediction - Carol Jane

* Postlude

*"**" indicates congregation standing, if able*

GREETERS

Mitch Webb

NURSERY

September 17 – Sherri Krauss

September 24 – Cindy Jamison

ACOLYTES

September 17 – Abby Krauss

September 24 – Graham Weaver

USHERS

September 17 – The Women

September 24 – The Youth

CHURCH LIFE

Amy is grateful for the United Methodist Women for scheduling their worship today, the same day as New Hope's Homecoming. As a cooperative parish, Amy serves both congregations. Usually, New Hope worships at 8:30 a.m. but because of Homecoming they will be worshipping at 11:00 a.m. Amy looks forward to hearing the good news from Judy Prettyman and then will quietly slip out so she may go preach and lead in worship at New Hope. Thank you for your understanding.

Monday, September 18 – The **UMW** will meet at **7:00 p.m.** Refreshments will be served by Carol Jane Moran and Amy Pannell. Please come and be with us.

Youth Hike and Picnic

Sunday, September 24, the youth will be going on a hike to Buffalo Mountain! Youth and adults will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. After the hike there will be a picnic at Smartview. The hike will include a Sunday School lesson by Terry Jamison. The goal is to be back at Smartview between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to go, please contact Terry and Cindy Jamison.

Franklin County Parent Forum

Franklin County Public Schools with Franklin County Sheriff's Department, the Fresh Coalition, and Carilion, will hold its first ever Parent Forum in the Auditorium at Franklin County High School on September 28 at 7:00 p.m. This forum will introduce topics that will help parents better understand some issues that face their children and our community. At the Parent Forum in the Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. they will address such topics as "what your children may be hiding from you on their cell phone," "the dangers of social media," "the rise of heroin, methamphetamines," "misconceptions about the risks of alcohol and marijuana use," etc. Parents will be given resources and an opportunity to address questions to an expert panel.

A Charge to Keep

CHANGE OF DATE: 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:

9/10/17	56 Present for Worship and \$2,618.90 received in gifts
	Final yard sale total: \$1,321.55 – Thanks for all that helped!
9/3/17	60 Present for Worship and \$1,686.98 received in gifts

Prayer Requests

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

August 27 – Kenny & Jean Bernard, Ronnie & Sue Bernard, Mildred Jamison Boitnott, Caregiver Need for Benny Fisher and Joyce Johnson, Audrey Dudley's mom passed away, B.L. Furrow, The Family of Adam Wright

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