

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 18, 2016

Prelude

The Ministry of the Acolytes

Welcoming our Guests,

Sharing Ministry Opportunities and Celebrating Special Days

Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ - Jennifer

Prepare For Worship: Ringing of the church bell

Choral Introit

Call to Worship - Bob

Leader: When God created the universe,

People: God was planning our future.

Leader: When the breath of God swept over the dark waters,

People: God was thinking about us.

Leader: When God separated the light from the darkness and the sea from
dry land,

People: God was setting the stage for the rest of our lives.

Leader: When God breathed into humanity the breath of life,

People: God was already preparing our pathways.

Leader: When God created living beings to swim in the oceans, fly above the
earth and creep upon the land, we were on God's mind.

**People: We have always been on God's mind. Today we turn our hearts and our
minds to worship God.** *(written by The Rev. Dr. LaGretta Bjorn, www.gbod.org)*

*Hymn of Praise

"Be Still My Soul"

UMH pg. 534

Opening Prayer

**O God, that we may receive your blessing, touch our brows, touch our heads, and do not
look upon us in anger. In a hard year, offer us mercy; in a year of affliction, offer us
kindness; dark spirits banish from us, bright spirits draw near to us. When we are afraid,
off us courage; when we are ashamed, be our true face; be over us like a blanket, be
under us like a bed of furs. Amen.**

Special Music

Responsive Scripture

Psalms 79:1-9 (See Insert) - Sandra

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Sermon

"How Long, O Lord?"

Sandra Fulcher

Responsive Hymn

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

UMH pg.117

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) - Bob

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

“Seek Ye First”

UMH pg. 405

* Benediction - Sandra

* Postlude

“” indicates congregation standing, if able*

GREETERS

September – Barbara & Fred Guilliams

NURSERY

September 18 – Sarah Haskins

September 25 – Cindy Jamison

ACOLYTES

September 18 – Bailey Grace Haskins

September 25 – Garrett Weaver

USHERS

September 18 – The Youth

September 25 – The Men

CHURCH LIFE

Today we welcome Sandra Fulcher. As the Danville District office's administrative assistant, she is a servant. As a disciple of Jesus, she is serving, praying, and loving God and God's people. Sandra is also a wife, mother, and grandmother. Thank you to Sandra for giving of her time, gifts, and passion, so Amy can be with New Hope as they celebrate Homecoming.

Today, Sunday, September 18 – Disciple I begins again from **4-6pm**. We will begin the New Testament. Lesson 18: Radical Discipleship. For a schedule or the reading on CD, see Pastor Amy

Monday, September 19 – The **UMW** will meet at **7:00 p.m.** Refreshments will be served by Carol Jane Moran and Amy Pannell. Please come and join us.

Sunday, September 25 – Walk the Walk: Join the Callaway Colts team at Elmwood Park to support research and hope for Type I Diabetes. Callaway Elem. has 5 students with Type I diabetes. It is caused by the pancreas not producing insulin. At this point, there is not a known cause or cure, but it can be managed. The walk will be at Elmwood Park. It appears that we can choose to walk on flat terrain around Elmwood Park (approx. 1 mile) or a 3 mile walk. The walk begins at 2:00 p.m. If you cannot attend, but would like to make a donation, see Jennifer.

Operation Christmas Child –September's collection is Ink Pens: Black, Blue, Red and Green. Please purchase these items and place them in the box in the hall. 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.

October 2 – Men’s Breakfast Outing - Please be at the church by 6:45 a.m. so we can make it to Cracker Barrel and hopefully back! See Terry Jamison or Keith Brubaker for more info. Sorry Ladies, we love you, but.....

October 2-The Worship/Music Committee will meet following Morning Worship. If you have thoughts or ideas, please see Lynn Bayly, Pastor Amy or any member of the committee

October 16 – (11:30-2:00 p.m.) Join us for lunch and a discussion about how Jesus is making disciples at Highland. We will also learn about the needs of our neighbors. So we will have a BBQ sandwich for you, please sign up (on the bulletin board by the sanctuary door). See Pastor Amy with your excitement and questions.

Sunday, October 30 – Administrative Council Meeting following Morning Worship

November 6 – Our Charge Conference is scheduled at Rocky Mount UMC from 2:00 – 3:30. Please plan to attend.

November 13 – A new hands on mission encounter afternoon for the District. Our D.S. is leading us to act out of the box—it will be a hands on event of connecting with each other and our neighbors.

God’s Activities to Pray for and Participate In:

September 18 – Disciple 1 begins

September 25 – JDRF Walk

October 2 – Music/Worship Committee Meeting

October 16 – Church Gathering

October 29 – Cowbell Service at Piedmont

November 6 – Charge Conference

November 13 – District Conference-Hands on Mission Event

Henry Bussey asks Highland and New Hope to help celebrate his first cousin’s 94th birthday on September 29 by sending her a birthday card: Anna Morris, P.O. Box 1157, Rocky Mount, VA 24151.

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:

9/4/16 57 Present for Worship and \$ 694.61. received in Gifts

9/11/16 72 Present for Worship and \$2,347.91 received in Gifts

Prayer Requests

September 4 – Verna Sue Gravely and family, Annette Saul, Johnny and Penny Guilliams, Sarah and Noah, Tommy Barrett

August 28 – Pam Messenger, Keith Brubaker and unspoken prayer, Andrew Snead, Newton Guilliams and family, Kenny Bernard and family, Lola Softly, Verna Gravely, John Bussey, Leo Scott, Carl Norton, Audrey and Andy Daniels, Baby “Bear” (really a human baby named Bear born early

August 21 – Vicki Hodges, Fred Guilliams, the Gregg Smith family-who has a new baby delivered two weeks early

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