

Highland United Methodist Church  
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## THE HIGHLANDER

February 2017

### Take a Letter

When is a time you received a special letter in the mail? When is a time you sat down and wrote a letter to someone? Personal letters make us feel special.

Did you know there are letters in the Bible? Letters, written by traveling pastors to Christian communities, ended up becoming books in our Bibles. For once, we do not get in trouble for reading someone else's mail! Letters sent so long ago help us feel special. On Sundays, beginning January 22 until February 19, we will be reading the beginning of a letter from the Bible called *1 Corinthians*. Written in the first century by Pastor Paul to Christians in the bustling town of Corinth, the letter encourages and counsels Christ's Church through conflict and hardship.

Praying and pondering about our time with this old, but current letter, *1 Corinthians*, has made me think about letter writing.

When I left for college, I did not have an email address, nor a cell phone; long distance calls cost resources. I am grateful that my mom took the time to write. I kept the letters and have them in a box. A few years ago, I reread them. A letter can move us, even after so many years later. The person feels close, whether they are miles away or have died.

Many years ago, family friends—four sisters—gathered after their Thanksgiving meal to talk about what they would be giving their mom for Christmas. "I have an idea," said the youngest sister. "Mom has everything she needs that can be bought at a store. I think we should each write her a letter about what she means to us." That Christmas each sister gave their mom letters; each one filled with their own gratitude, apologies, and promises. A letter can put into words what we do not take the time to share. A letter makes us cherish what sometimes we take for granted.

My cousin is currently serving a one year sentence in a Northern Virginian jail. The prison does not allow inmates to receive cards. In the past, cards have carried harmful substances. Only letters are allowed. I try at the end of my day to write her, but writing a letter can take work. I must stop, think and take time. But, the work is worth it when I receive a letter from her.

I hope you will come for worship and let *1 Corinthians* bless you. Like the letters, I have sent and received, *1 Corinthians* will help us feel close to Jesus and other Christians who endured lions, tigers, and unbearable emperors for their faith! *1 Corinthians* shares with us how precious and powerful it is to be part of Christ's family; something we take for granted in our busy lives. And *1 Corinthians* may be some work to understand—taking the time to listen for our lives—but the work is worth it! See you Sunday!

Amy

## Schedules

### Acolytes

February 5 Levi Haskins  
February 12 Emma McPherson  
February 19 Bailey Grace Haskins  
February 26 Davis Moran

### Greeters

Mike Whitaker

### Nurse

February 5 Sherri Krauss  
February 12 Cindy Jamison  
February 19 Sarah Haskins  
February 26 Donna Guilliams

### Piano

open

### UMW

The UMW will meet on Monday, **February 20** at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served by Barbara and Caroline Guilliams.

### Youth

The Youth will meet on Saturday, **February 4** at 7:00 p.m. for a meeting and preparations for subs. Come slice and dice and gab about what all ages are up to this spring.

The Highland Youth will be holding their annual Superbowl Sub Sale on Sunday, **February 5**. For \$5.00 you get a sub, one bag of chips and a pickle wedge. Homemade desserts will also be available for purchase at time of pick up. All funds support Highland's Youth Group activities and mission work. Order forms are located on the entrance table. Please submit orders by **January 31**. Contact Sherri Krauss and Cindy Jamison with questions.

## News and Notes

### **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

C.R.E.W. (Christians Ready, Eager, and Willing) service committee will meet on **February 15** after worship. Everyone is welcome. Do you know of anyone who needs some repairs or help at their home? This committee would like to help our congregation lend a helping hand. A red box is out by the front door with request forms. Come to the meeting, too—Bring your ideas and all thoughts. Contact Sherri 798-4001 for questions. Thank you!

### **Saddle up to the Bar...the Potato Bar**

Sunday, **February 19**—Piedmont Presbyterian invite neighbors and "cousins in Christ" Highland and New Hope UMC to our Potato Bar on Feb. 19th after church (around noon). Donations will be accepted to help our youth program and we'll have all the yummy fixin' you've come to know and love! For more information, please call Pastor Nadia Stropich at 483-2655

### **Prayer List**

Alan Messenger  
Keith and Bethany Goad  
Richard Wilkes  
Ms. Mutter's Family  
Ms. Woody's Family  
Ms. Woodard's Family  
Family of Buford Hall  
Family of Linda Bourhill's Dad who passed  
Kenny and Jean Bernard  
Jonathan Custer  
Caroline Guilliams  
Newton Guilliams  
Jerry Jamison  
(Big) Jimmy Guilliams  
Mark Newbill  
Bob Prettyman  
Elizabeth Rutrough  
Family of Jeffery Simmons  
Kathy Sink  
Dot Webb  
Janet Willis  
Johnny Guilliams  
Joey Hyatt, Jr.  
The Hall Family  
Debra Wray  
Judy Brubaker  
Ron Burroughs  
Kitten (Catherine) Guilliams

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Feb 2 B – Shelby Nemeth  
Feb 3 B – Joyce Sledd  
Feb 6 B – Peggy Hall  
B - Ruth Handy  
Feb 8 B – Josh Guilliams  
Feb 10 B – Caroline Guilliams  
B – Jeremy Weaver  
Feb 11 B – Barbara Guilliams  
Feb 12 B – Stoney McPherson  
Feb 13 B – Emma McPherson  
Feb 16 B – Glenn Weaver  
Feb 22 B – Hannah Jamison  
Feb 24 A – Travis and Katherine McPherson  
B – Adrianna Sledd  
Feb 25 B – Danny Guilliams

### **Humor is Good for the Soul (a few chuckles)**

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you "know what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay", said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, daddy." The young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for "Basic Information Before Leaving Earth>"

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the Pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday School lesson was about. He said, "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand painted sign.....Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.

Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

Hartie Price Educational Fund News  
2016

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank the following individuals for their contributions to the Scholarship Fund during 2016: Earl and Helen Akers in memory of Verna Sue Gravely; Loleine Fisher in memory of Anne Snead; Green Thumb Garden Club in memory of Anne Snead; Coy and Caroline Guilliams; Ronnie and Joyce Guilliams in memory of Anne Snead; Charlotte and Keith Hubbard in memory of Anne Snead; Terry and Cindy Jamison; Joyce Johnson in memory of Anne Snead; Perry and Carol Jane Moran in memory of Anne Snead and Laura and Glenn Weaver in memory of Anne Snead.

Total contributions for 2016 were \$855.00. We greatly appreciate all the contributions that have been made.

We awarded scholarships in the amount of \$356.00 each to Meredith Brubaker, Logan Krauss and Cassidy Moran.

Thank you for your continued support in the education of our young people.

Trustees: Judy Prettyman, Chairman  
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Vicki Hodges, Member at Large  
Amy Pannell, Pastor

