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## THE HIGHLANDER

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### “Shake Hands with Jesus and Say, ‘How do you do?’”

During my vacation I had the joy of visiting with my Great Aunt Elizabeth. She is my mom’s Aunt. Elizabeth is 95 years old and is bed ridden in a care facility. But, every visit to see her turns out to be a way she uplifts and blesses you.

When Elizabeth was able to go to church, she often sang. Even though she can’t be by the piano that her daughter, who died several years ago, would play or under the roof of a church building, she will begin to sing the hymns she knows by heart or she has written herself. She has a beautiful voice. One of her favorites has the line, “shake hands with Jesus and say, ‘How do you do?’”

Sometimes her memory will skip a beat. “I guess your husband has planted his garden by now?” she said to me. Pastoral care has taught me not to correct dear ones; I just go with the flow—the conversation is more important than “facts.” And being with someone, really being with them and God’s presence in their life, means being in their reality. But this time I did gently respond: “It is garden planting time, isn’t it?! But, I am not married...yet...I still haven’t found that husband.” She paused and then began to quote *Proverbs 3:5*, with personal care, “Oh honey, that’s okay...trust in the Lord with all your heart...” Then, we were able to talk about her husband Bill, who died many years ago, but was a gardener, and how they met.

Last week in *Disciple I*, a journey through the Bible that I have been so humbled and transformed by, our siblings in Christ, with such big hearts, shared how hard it is to see such suffering in this world. We read about in the Bible and we see it today. “How long O Lord, how long before we can shake hands with you again.” But, as we read the book of *Daniel*, we were reminded of the power of worship; in worship we remember and are filled with the vision of Christ’s love, mercy, and grace healing and holding us. In the furnace or lion’s den, there is such a powerful friendship with God, that we can praise God and God works through us and around us. Worship helps us sing, even when bed ridden; worship helps us minister to others to “Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”

How are you finding ways to worship God? Sunday mornings we all practice worship so when we are troubled and tempted, we sing. And we don’t just worship on Sunday mornings, but anywhere and everywhere! Throughout the week, wherever we find ourselves, we worship—that is the grace of God being everywhere and in all times —so that the immeasurable and victorious power helps us sing and bless others even in our sorrow and pain. May it be so. Amen.

Amy

## The 234th Session of the Virginia Annual Conference meets June 17-19, 2016

All are welcome to check out the United Methodist conferencing and worshipping in Roanoke, Virginia at the Berglund Center Coliseum. Thank you to Eric Krauss, Highland's delegate. The theme this year is "Thy Will be Done." It is Bishop Cho's last Conference. In July, representatives will gather in Lake Junaluska to choose a new bishop to serve the Virginia Annual Conference. Friday afternoon and Saturday booths from different ministries are set up. You can learn more about our connection. Cokesbury will also have books and resources. Here are some happenings you might want to check out:

\*Friday, June 17, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Conference begins with singing, "Are We Yet Alive." The Bishop will speak, we will recognize new faith communities, and some other reports will be given.

\*Friday, June 17, 7:30 p.m. A Service of Remembrance and Holy Communion. The preacher is the Rev. Myrtle Frances Hatcher.

\*Saturday, June 18, 8:30 a.m. Bible Study with Dr. L. Gregory Jones, former dean of Duke Divinity School and leader in forgiveness and peace.

\*Saturday, June 18, 9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Different sharings (or reports) will be offered including the Laity Address and General Conference.

\*Saturday, June 18, 11:00 a.m. Worship with the Rev. Eun Pa Hong, pastor from Korea and active in leading missions.

\*Saturday, June 18, 2:00 p.m. A special service for all who are retiring this year and Bishop Cho. Following this service sharing will include a recognition of the deacon ministry and Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center. If there is time, resolutions will be discussed.

\*Saturday, June 18, 7:30 p.m. A Service for Ordering of Ministry. Local pastors will be blessed. People will be commissioned and ordained into ministry. The preacher is the Rev. Mark J. Webb, the bishop of the Upper New York Area. He is from West Virginia.

\*Sunday, June 19, 8:30 a.m. Bible Study with Greg Jones. Following reports from various areas of the Conference ministries like the Treasurer and Statistician!

\*Sunday, June 19, 11:00 a.m. Worship. Bishop Cho will be the preacher. Appointments will be "fixed."

### Campbell's Labels

Yes, it is true that Campbell's will discontinue their label collection, but it would be a two year process. Labels that do not have the words, "Labels for Education" on them will not be accepted after June 2016. Labels that do have those words and logos will not be accepted after June 2017. Henry Fork Center will try to get one more van in that one year! Please keep sending UPC labels, lids, etc., to P.O. Box 888, Rocky Mount, VA, 24151, until June 15, 2017 and let us do the sorting! If we do not have enough points to get a van, we will be able to obtain other supplies including iPads for use in the classroom and tricycles to use in the Activity Building and blacktop.

## **SCHEDULES**

### **Acolytes**

June 1 - Levi Haskins  
June 12 - Emma McPherson  
June 19 - Brandon Custer  
June 26 - Bailey Grace Haskins

### **Greeter**

Brittany Brown

### **Piano**

Open

### **UMW**

The UMW will meet on Monday, **June 20, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served by Betsy Guilliams and Laura Weaver.

## **News and Notes**

SAVE THE DATE!! Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, **June 5 - Thursday, June 9**. More information to follow as the date gets closer. If you have any questions, please see Katherine McPherson. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway if you would like to sign up to help with VBS.

**Annual Conference Offering** – For the **next two Sundays**, we have the opportunity to participate in the Annual Conference Offering. See the insert for the places and people the offering will help. Checks can be made to Highland UMC and in the memo “ACO”. Thank you!

**Saturday, June 11** – Relay for Life Fundraiser at the Callaway Fire Department. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for needed food items and donations for the silent auction. The fun starts at 5:00 p.m. There will be special music and lots of fun, so make your plans now to come and support our Highland Team! More details are to come.

**Friday, June 24** – Relay for Life at FCHS. See Helen Akers for more information and also to let her know if you will be participating with the Highland Team as she needs to order tee shirts.

### **God's Activities to Pray for and to Participate in:**

June 4 UMW day at Ferrum College  
June 4 Yard Sale at New Hope  
June 4 Youth Planning Party  
June 11 Relay for Life Fundraiser at Callaway Fire Department  
June 17-19 Annual Conference  
June 24 Relay for Life at FCHS  
June 26 Trustees Meeting  
July 10 Council Meeting  
July 22-24 Church Camping Trip

## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for all the donations of tee-shirts for our May donation to Operation Christmas Child. You all have made our shoe box ministry really awesome.

Remember, our youth are participating in this mission project and we'd like to invite you to join with us to touch the lives of less fortunate children. We plan to collect different items each month for 5 more months. In November, we'll assemble as many shoe boxes as we're able. Listed below are the items we are requesting each month for Operation Christmas Child. A reminder will be placed in the newsletter each month and in the weekly bulletins. A box will be placed in the hallway where you can place your donations.

June's donation is a soccer ball (deflated) and pump. Sarah Haskins found these online for \$10.00 a set. She will place an order at the beginning of July. If you'd like to donate money, she'll order for you. Please place any donations in the offering plate in an envelope marked Operation Christmas Child or write a check to Sarah Haskins or Highland UMC with Operation Christmas Child in the memo.

We are hoping that you'd like to participate with us. Thank you for all the support and love you show for us.

MONTH	COLLECTION
February	Toothbrush with Plastic Holder <b>Done</b>
March	Musical Instrument: Harmonica, Recorder, etc. <b>Done</b>
April	Small Flashlight with Batteries <b>Done</b>
May	Short Sleeve Shirt <b>Done</b>
June	Deflated Soccer Ball with Pump
July	Candy: Appropriate candy includes candy corn, gummy bears, caramels, taffy, gum, and Tootsie Rolls. Don't include chocolate (like kisses or candy bars), fruit roll-ups, fruit snacks, or drink mixes. The expiration date must be at least May 2017.
August	Pencils/Colored Pencils/Erasers/Sharpeners
September	Ink Pens: Black, Blue, Red, Green
October	\$7.00 for shipping

### Prayer List

Bob Prettyman  
 Kelly Moran  
 Ethel Dulaney  
 Emily Bayly  
 Family of Nadine Keen  
 Family of James Carroll Akers  
 Vacation Travelers  
 Irene Webster  
 Olga Mihanowich  
 Lindsey Jordan (traveling to Africa)  
 Brian Williamson  
 David Shumate  
 Graduates and Students  
 B. L. Furrow  
 Travis Prillaman  
 Judy Witherow and her family  
 Nancy Hale  
 Deborah Wray  
 Fire victims in Canada  
 Deborah Myers

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 2 B- Alan Guilliams  
 June 5 B - Pam McPherson  
 June 11 B - Brittany Janney  
           B - Colton Whittaker  
 June 13 A - Colbey and Amanda Rude  
 June 16 B - Gordon Guilliams  
 June 17 A - Wes and Tiffany Moran  
           B - Vicki Hodges  
 June 18 B - Ryan Brown  
           B - Harrison Brubaker  
 June 19 A - Newton and Norma Jean Guilliams  
           A - Ken and Linda Handy  
 June 20 B - Colbey Rude  
 June 21 B - Celia Bourhill  
 June 22 B - Dakota Krauss  
           A - Glenn and Laura Weaver  
 June 23 B - Tex McPherson  
 June 24 B - Brandon Custer  
 June 25 A - Tex and Becky McPherson  
 June 29 A - Darryl and Sarah Haskins  
 June 30 A - Tim and Charlotte Jordan

