

Highland United Methodist Church
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THE HIGHLANDER

June 2017

SEEING PEOPLE

One of the blessings of being United Methodists is we are connected to other local congregations in our county, state, country and world. The connection. We see the connection in how pastors are sent to serve—we share pastors. We see the connection in United Methodist Women learning and serving for needs of girls in another country, the imprisoned in the state, or new babies in our local congregation. We see the connection when we gather in Charge Conference to share ideas and learn from each other. We see the connection when people in Franklin County put together a health kit and it goes to help someone in Appomattox, Virginia after a tornado or Japan after a tsunami. The connection reminds us we are never alone; the Holy Spirit works through each other to help us be Christ's church and live his mission: "Go therefore and make disciples..." (*Matthew 28:19*).

One of the ways the Holy Spirit works through our connection is to offer free resources. The Board of Discipleship helps us strengthen or start ways to be and grow as Jesus' disciples. This week they shared a new means of grace: "See the People." These United Methodists share: "For too long we have been looking for quick fixes at our church—we are called to relationships."

A video shows a group of people gathered inside the church, praying—oh one of those typical church meetings! Don't you love them? Then, the people get up from their meeting, they walk out of the church doors and join a youth basketball game happening in the street. "See All the People" reminds us of Jesus—how he spent time with others listening, eating, walking, etc. He saw those neglected by others. "See All the People" encourages us and celebrates all the ways you and I are out and about in our community. "See All the People" redirects my often anxious prayers about visioning—one of my responsibilities as a pastor. "See all the People" resurrects Jesus' way—vision is about people—seeing each other and all those God has places in our lives.

Next month I celebrate another "New Year." For United Methodist pastors, July is like January: it is the first month of the appointed year serving with a congregation. My life has been changed by being in relationship with you, New Hope, and our community the past two years. In relationship, we laugh and cry. In relationship, we listen and share. In relationship, we show up, be present, not worrying about what to say. In relationship, when we make mistakes, we offer correction, the opportunity to repent, and prayer words. In relationship, your grace shines a light on my sins and helps me receive Jesus' forgiveness and change. In relationship, we keep at it through the disappointments and stumbles. In relationship, we ask for help and receive help. In relationship, we celebrate each other, our lives, and life together. Seeing you, the people, I have seen Christ. And I see Jesus when you share about the people in your lives, too. On June 18, when the Bishop confirms my appointment to serve with you and New Hope United Methodist Church for a new year, I give thanks with a grateful heart; the eyes of my heart see Jesus and you.

To learn more about "See All the People" from the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship you can go to www.seeallthepeople.org

Schedules

Acolytes

June 4 - Jared Jamison
June 11 - Hannah McPherson
June 18 - Abby Krauss
June 25 - Levi Haskins

Greeters

Pat Webb

Nursery

June 4 - Donna Guilliams
June 11 - Cindy Jamison
June 18 - Crystal Weaver
June 25 - Sherri Krauss

Piano

Open

UMW

The UMW will meet on Monday, **June 19** at 7:00 p. m. Refreshments will be served by Betsy Guilliams and Laura Weaver.

Helen Akers would like to thank the UMW for making a donation to missions in memory of her mother, Rachel Carter.

Youth

Calling all campers!!! The church camping trip will be Friday, **July 21 - Sunday, July 23** at Smith Mountain Lake State Park. Sites are still available. Contact Crystal Weaver for more information and/or to reserve your site.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

God uses Ordinary People in Super Ways

Vacation Bible School is **(Sunday) June 4 - (Thursday) June 8 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.**

This year we are helping kids discover their strength in God and realize that they are God's heroes! We will meet Bible characters David, Samuel, Abigail, Jesus and the disciples.

Each night we will gather in the sanctuary for an opening. Then different grades go to "stations" where kids learn about God through an experience in drama, science, crafts, play, and music! Sunday through Wednesday a small meal is served. Thursday, we have a special program and there is a Make Your Own Sundae Fellowship.

Classes: Pre-K and K, 1 & 2 and 3, 4, & 5 and 6 & Up Be a Hero!

We need you. How Can You Help?

Pray! For the children, leaders, and all helping.

Be Present! We need people! Do you have a smile? Do you love? Then you are qualified to help! DO NOT FEAR! Check out the sign-up sheet posters by the sanctuary.

Follow the children around to each station Be a person in the Bible story (words provided)
Donate food for a meal Help cook and serve a meal Help decorate one night before VBS

Questions or saying YES contact Katherine McPherson at 484-1392 or katmac@centurylink.net.

Donate Old/Used Adult T-Shirts! Craft leaders are asking for old/used t-shirts. They are planning on cutting out the sleeves and the front so it does not matter what the t-shirt looks like as long as the back is in good shape. It does not matter what color the shirts are either. Please wash the shirts before bringing to the church. We need 20-25 shirts by June 1. Questions: Contact Cindy Jamison at 540-420-9731 or cindy@agjamison.net

Come Celebrate Thursday Night: Thursday evening the children will present a special program about their week. All are welcome to marvel at God's little heroes. Stay after, make an ice cream Sundae and fellowship.

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be Sunday, **June 4** with Potluck after morning worship service.

Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, **June 11** after morning worship service.

Relay of Life Event will be held on **June 23** at Franklin County High School.

July Sermon Series: Songs for Zoe, for Life

One of Highland's littlest sisters in Christ, Zoe, loves to sing! Standing tall, hymnal in hand, though not yet able to read, she praises God—and shares joy! Zoe's zest and energy inspires Amy to wonder, "What songs of faith do I want our littlest siblings in Christ to know?" Did you know that in greek "zoe" means life? What songs give you life and life in God? This July we will have a sermon series on different songs that give us life and we wish to share with all lives! Share your songs: See the table by the Pastor's Office to submit your suggestions.

Update on the Franklin County Faith Network

Recently the Franklin County Faith Network posted this update. We continue to pray for this labor of love to gather area non-profits and congregations.

"What IS Faith Network?" Beginning July 1:

- * All calls for emergency assistance will come through our hotline (coming soon) and our Facebook page (messenger).
- * Once a referral has come in, an assessor from the Faith Network will respond within 8-24 hours depending on urgency. The assessor will meet with client to determine need, get background information and develop a service plan. The client will be given an Informed Consent, explaining the procedure and a confidentiality waiver to community agencies. * If client accepts conditions of program, a trained volunteer mentor will be assigned who will provide one weekly face to face contact for three months and regular phone "check ins." The mentor will help the client access community resources, help with budgeting and help implement the service plan that has been developed.
- * We will be raising funds for emergency expenses such as food, shelter, housing, electricity, etc.
- * We will be utilizing Charity Tracker, to keep up with donations given in the community, compliance with the program, etc.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, you can contact the organizers through the Faith Network Facebook Page or see Amy who has the contact information for the organizers.

Annual Conference

This year's gathering of all Virginia United Methodists will take place in Hampton Roads, Virginia on June 16-18, 2017. The theme this year is "A New Thing from *Isaiah 43:19*:

("See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.") Eric Krauss is Highland's Annual Conference representative. Thank you for your prayers for the Conference.

Did You Know?

*The Playground is better than ever! One Saturday youth got up layers of the old mulch and another evening servants spread new mulch. Thank You! (Amy is afraid to name the folks for fear of leaving someone out—servants are like little elves who show up and without notice get things done.)

*A group of folks have met 34 weeks to journey through the Bible in a study called *Disciple*.

*Members of the Trustees and Parsonage Committee will soon complete the Annual Parsonage Review! This annual responsibility includes a walk through to make sure this wonderful resource is being cared for. Amy thanks you for such a wonderful house to live in.

*Mitch Webb's brother donated tools for the shed, replacing ones recently stolen.

*A family of rabbits lives in the parsonage front yard. Amy is watching to see if they will find the two plastic Easter eggs left from the Easter Egg Hunt.

Highland United Methodist Church is putting together 10 Picnic Baskets for Callaway Elementary School Families. Often families receive help during the winter/holiday times of the year, but not during the summer. Highland United Methodist Church would like to help provide needed food items, as well as some family fun, to families who are having to provide more during the summer due to lack of school meals for children and limited pack a snack opportunities.

If you would like to make a donation for purchasing food, you can put your donation in the offering plate by **June 25**. (Make your check out to *Highland UMC* and put in the memo "picnic basket." If you would like to make a purchase, please take a look at the need for items in the hallway. Please have the items back at the church on June 25. Thank you so much! You are providing smiles and love this summer! For questions, contact Highland UMC at highlandumchurch@gmail.com or 540-483-4421.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Easter egg project such a success. Whether it was making the eggs, selling or buying them. We made \$4,959.00 from the sale of the Easter Eggs. Again, thanks to all.

**Remember if you would like your copy of the newsletter emailed to you please let Pat know by sending her an email at pswebb08@centurylink.net.

Prayer List

Family of Serena Matthews
Crystal Weaver
Cheryl Bailey
Barbara Guilliams
Velma Beckner
Mike Fowler
B. L. Furrow
Thelma Hardy
Carolyn Jefferson
Jackson Norton
Eddie Peters
Bevelyne Prillaman
Kenneth Peters
Family of Hattie Sanders
Dot Webb
Deborah Wray

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 2 B - Alan Guilliams
June 5 B - Pam McPherson
June 11 B - Colton Whittaker
June 13 A - Colbey and Amanda Rude
June 16 A - Gordon Guilliams
June 17 A - Wes and Tiffany Moran
B - Vicki Hodges
June 18 B - Harrison Brubaker
A - Dale and Betsy Stanley
June 19 A - Ken and Linda Handy
A - Newton and Norma Jean Guilliams
June 20 B - Colbey Rude
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