

Highland United Methodist Church
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THE HIGHLANDER

May 2017

In May, the Disciple Bible class will complete their journey! Thirty-five lessons, Sunday nights, we have read and discussed most of the books of the Bible. What an honor to hear people's thoughts and experiences with God's word. What a grace for me—to remember and learn anew how God helps us live out God's mission: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:36-38).

This time together has also challenged me to listen for God in books of the Bible that I have never understood or liked. Hebrews is one of those books! Wow! I was missing out! Hebrews has some great verses that I have picked out of the book over the years:

11:1-3 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

12:1-3 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

But, I have never listened for the overall message of the book. Hebrews, originally a sermon, was an encouragement for discouraged and despairing Christians in the first century. It was hard being a follower of Jesus' ways in the world. The unknown preacher of Hebrews focuses on Jesus and how much Jesus has and is doing for us. The teacher of the Disciple video sums up Hebrews this way: "Jesus' generosity and gifts renews our hearts. Deep gratitude has the power to renew a faithful response to each new challenge of" following Jesus. With this "deep gratitude" we can be encouragers to each other.

Some things do not change. Like those first Christians, we face challenges, difficulties, and temptations to our trusting relationship with God and each other. And like those first Christians we have the power of thankfulness and encouragement. Since "hearing" this word I have been thinking of ways I can look to Jesus for being filled with gratitude: reading scripture in the morning, singing a hymn, centering prayer, listening to others' stories, and listening to the birds and watching the river. What about you? What connects and reconnects you to Jesus Christ so gratitude and encouragement renews you and your relationships. I would love to hear.

See you on Sunday morning,

Amy

Schedules

Acolytes

May 7 - Bailey Grace Haskins
May 14 - Garrett Weaver
May 21 - Davis Moran
May 28 - Sam Krauss

Greeters

Lynn Bayly

Nursery

May 7 - Donna Guilliams
May 14 - Crystal Weaver
May 21 - Cindy Jamison
May 28 - Sherri Krauss

Piano

Hannah McPherson

UMW

The UMW will meet on Monday, **May 15** at 7:00 p. m. Refreshments will be served by Lynn Bayly, Dawn Hall and Sherri Krauss.

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

YOU Can Bless Callaway's Fire and Rescue Volunteers

Please take the time to personally support and pray for one of Callaway's first responders!

Here is how it works:

1. Pick out a devotional book (on the altar rail by the piano).
2. Write a message of support or encouragement in the book.
3. Take one bookmark. (Each devotional book has two book marks with a volunteer's name: One bookmark is for you to keep so you can keep praying for that person. The other bookmark is for the person receiving the devotional book.)
4. Return the devotion book with one bookmark to the church. Lay it on the altar table (where the offering plates sit). Remember to keep your bookmark so you can pray for the volunteer!
5. If you can, contribute to the cost of the devotional book (each one costs \$7). You DO NOT have to pay for a devotional book to participate! If you can, we thank you. If you cannot, simply place your devotional book on the altar table with prayers in your heart and know God has provided the means! If you are making a contribution, place it in the basket on the altar table. You can write a check to Highland UMC and put in the memo "Devotional Book." Or place the cash in the envelope marked "Devotional Book."
6. Please continue to pray for the volunteer. Thank you!!! When all the devotional books are on the altar, we will have a special blessing. They will be "gift bagged" and given. If you would like to help, let Pastor Amy know! A special thank you to Julie Bollings and Source 4 for the bookmarks.

Disciple I will be meeting on Sunday **May 7** at 4:00 p. m. (Lesson 32): Sunday, **May 21** at 4:00 p. m. (Lesson 33) and Sunday, **May 28** at 4:00 p. m. (Lesson 34) with party at the Parsonage.

Saturday, **May 13** -- New Hope UMC will be having a Yard Sale and Food Sale.

We will have a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, **May 14** beginning at 8:00 a. m. Please bring your Moms and families for this great meal! Men, if you can help cook, please see Terry Jamison. Thank you!!

Come out and support the Callaway Volunteer Fire Department's annual Ham Supper on Saturday, **May 20**. The meal consists of sliced ham, potato salad, green beans, pinto beans, baked apples and roll. Dinner will be served from **4:30 p. m. to 7:30 p. m.** at Callaway Elementary School cafeteria along with music by the Dry Hill Draggers which follows across the street at the fire department. Cost is \$10.00 donation which includes food and music/dance.

Council Meeting will be held Sunday, **May 21** following the morning worship service.

Note from Jennifer:

We have had a GREAT response with people picking up tags to purchase items for the conference kits. We are fixing health kits and bedding kits this year. The first two Sundays that we started announcing this, we completely ran out of tags (and I replenished them). At this point, there are only enough tags to do complete kits, so as people bring these materials in...kits will have all the materials. The deadline will be **May 21**. At that point, I will divide out the items to see what else needs to be bought. Sometimes people forget or have other obligations, so we will get enough items to complete all kits based on the items received. THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS WORTHWHILE MISSION PROJECT sponsored by Highland's United Methodist Women and our conference. It will help people all over the world. If you have further questions, feel free to ask Jennifer. A date will be set after May 21 for a group to get together to package these kits.

Congratulations to the young teens that were inducted into the National Honor Society. They include Hannah McPherson, Abby Krauss, Kelsey Pendleton, Jacob Dudley, Nickey and Tristen Bryant. This is a great accomplishment for you all. You make learning look easy. Keep up the good work. So proud of you all.

Hartie Price Scholarship Fund

Now is the time to apply. Applicants should submit in their own handwriting, a dated and signed request by **June 1, 2017**. To be eligible, applicants must be in attending Highland at least two years prior to application. Also, previous recipients must have submitted their receipts. Applications can be submitted to any of the scholarship Trustees which are Vicki Hodges, Katherine McPherson, Bob Prettyman, Judy Prettyman and Pastor Amy.

Spring Charge Conference at Henry Folk Center will be on Sunday, **June 4** beginning at 3:00 p. m.

Finance Committee Meeting will be on Sunday, **June 11** following the worship service.

Nash Family Cemetery--- Sherri Krauss shares: "I received this very nice message from Bill Howard via Facebook:" Ms. Krauss, just discovered your message today and we are stunned by the beauty and clarity of the photos that you sent; as well as the beautiful job of clearing performed by your youth group. Please express our heartfelt thanks to all who participated. Yes, we would be pleased to hear from anyone concerning our family members or any events related to Highland UMC. Our email is wehoward1@msn.com. God has been gracious in situating the Nash cemetery in such close proximity to the Church that guided so much of their lives. Bill

Did you Know?

*Easter is more than just one day, but a season—50 days!

*A “typical” week for Amy:

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon: Highland Office
1:00 p.m. Visitation

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon: New Hope Office
1:00 p.m. Visitation

If you want to “catch” Amy on one of these mornings you can call the Highland Office or her cell phone at 804-694-9759. Sometimes, Amy will not check the parsonage phone messages until when she comes home.

*United Methodist Women of Highland meet on the third Mondays of the month. This group of women do a lot for people in the area to all around the world! Come learn, fellowship, and eat amazing food.

*Centurylink’s Mike came to work on the phone lines for both the church and parsonage the other day. He climbed up high to reach one of the places the lines meet. His wisdom on dealing with people: do not have expectations about how people need to act and be. Then, you can then accept people as they are.

Helen Akers would like to thank everyone that came out to help with the making of our Easter Eggs and making the sale a success. Over 1100 eggs were made and we took in \$4,959.00.

EMAILING the newsletter: Some folks have requested that the newsletter be emailed to them since it would be saved and they don’t have to worry about picking up the copy on Sundays before they leave worship as well as having it on hand when they need to refer to it and saving paper. So, if you would like your copy of the newsletter emailed to you as opposed to picking it up on Sunday, please email Pat and let her know. Send your request to her at pswebb08@centurylink.net

Prayer List

Susan Mitchell
Carolyn Jefferson
Jonathan and Alicia Haskins
Cheryl Guilliams Bailey
Carrie Fisher
Benny Fisher and Joyce Johnson’s Aunt
Adelle
Franklin County High School
Josh Guilliams
Barbara and Fred Guilliams
T. J. Jackson
Family of George Lefeaver
Baby Kora
Mike Neal
Bob Prettyman
Family of Chris Rogers
Family of Willie Scott
Dot Webb
Jim and Dave Dickerson
Mary Mills
Shelby Nemeth
Junior Brown
Baby Ethan and family
Keith Goad
Family of Bill Hockenberry
W. K. Webster

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 2 B – Lindsay Jordan
B – Randy McPherson
May 3 B – Keith Brubaker
B – Michelle Dudley
May 6 B – Audrey Daniels
May 8 B – Tammy Sloan
May 9 B – Tyler McPherson
May 12 B – Charlotte Jordan
May 14 A – James and Dot Webb
B – Tiffany McPherson
May 19 B – Graham Weaver
May 20 B – Missy Pendleton
May 21 B – Tim Jordan
B – Tyler Layman
May 23 B – Dawn Akers
May 25 B – Jean Bernard
May 28 B – Earl Akers

