

Highland United Methodist Church  
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## THE HIGHLANDER

September 2017

At this time of this writing, I am thinking of back packs. On August 27, we will have a blessing of the back packs as children continue in their new year of school. School staff and teachers are encouraged to bring a symbol of their work for blessing—Jennifer Guilliams suggested: teachers (a lesson plan book), bus drivers (keys or a toy bus), secretaries (a notepad or computer bag), maintenance workers (hammer or lightbulb), cafeteria workers (fruit), custodians (broom). In expectation of blessing, I have seen people's book packs in new ways.

My second cousin sent me a picture of her daughters first day of school. One, beginning kindergarten wore a colorful purple and pink dotted back pack. Pink fringes dangled down. Her other daughter, beginning her junior year of high school, a plain black bag strapped upon her shoulders— extended, stretched out, as if a hump of a camel. I wondered, "What is she carrying on the first day of school?" Though very different, all the stuff of learning will make its way from school to home, home to school.

Another family member told me about taking their grandchild shopping. This little one's only parent is not contributing to raise or provide for their child, so other family have stepped in, offering a safe and loving home. After waiting and broken promises, the grandchild joyously shopped. The grandparent described how they became like a child while watching this child carefully deliberate about what back pack to choose. This was not a decision to take lightly!

Yet another family member, who is also raising their grandchild, shared a picture of the first day of school. This little one has had a really tough year. Someone dear, a loving, caring and constant presence died last year. And learning and seeing does not come easily for them. But, as the picture snapped—this child proudly held their book bag beside them. Instead of having it on their back, they held it out—like a friend journeying with them, a symbol of someone loving them. Colorful cartoon characters brightened the bag. I wondered if they had a sense of being super and special. They are and I hope his bag helps them remember that when they might be made fun of or picked on.

Last Sunday, at New Hope United Methodist Church, during our sharing of joys and concerns, we realized how the headlines about North and South Korea came close to Callaway. One member's son is newly stationed at the military base. Another has a sister in law who comes from South Korea and still has family there. Another has a nephew stationed at the military base. This nephew is not alone; his whole wife and two children are there, with him. This Aunt shared: "The children have a book bag that is packed with essentials. It is kept by the door so that when an alarm goes off and they must flee, they grab the book bag." This image has stayed with me.

By the time you read this, August 28 will have gone. But, we can still bless and be blessed by back packs. What back packs do you see? How do they prompt your heart to grow, your mind to ponder, and spirit to pray?

Amy

## Schedules

### Acolytes

September 3 - Logan Custer  
September 10 - Jared Jamison  
September 17 - Abby Krauss  
September 24 - Graham Weaver

### Greeter

Mitch Webb

### Nursery

September 3 - Crystal Weaver  
September 10 - Sarah Haskins  
September 17 - Sherri Krauss  
September 24 - Cindy Jamison

### UMW

The UMW will meet on Monday, **September 18, 2017** at 7:00 p. m. Refreshments will be served by Carol Jane Moran and Amy Pannell.

## OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

### **Callaway Fire Department**

Tuesday, **September 5** we will deliver the devotions to the Fire Department. Please meet at the church at 7:30 p.m. We will load the boxes of bags into our car and go down to the Firehouse. Their meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. We will present the bags at the beginning of the meeting. You can leave after or stay for the meeting. For questions or to say YES let Amy know!

### **Highland UMC Fundraiser at the Callaway Yard Sale Day**

**September 9, 2017**--The finance committee has decided to do a fundraiser during Callaway days. We are doing a hot dog plate sale. We are asking for the following items to help supplement the fundraiser if you have any questions you may reach out to anyone of the financial members. We need help with the supplies as listed, help on that day for cooking preparing and serving, anything that you offer or are willing to do is greatly appreciated. There are lists on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes. Our goal is a total # (example: 300 hot dogs.) People can sign up to contribute 10, 20 etc. hotdogs to add up to the total goal. Thank you for your time and consideration. Contact Dawn Hall, 420-4396 and ladylost79@gmail.com or another finance member, Tricia Custer or Pat Webb.

Total Needed:

300 hot dogs, 300 buns, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Onions, Chili, Slaw

200 potato chips, 200 drinks, water, soda and baked goods

Doughnuts and Devotions Sunday, **September 10** during our regular Sunday School time (9am). All are invited for a group Devotion along with Doughnuts, fruit and coffee and fellowship!! Even if you don't normally attend Sunday School, please come and join us!! (Meet in the Fellowship Hall).

Questions: See Katherine McPherson!

### **Moovooove with Moses!**

The Young Adult Class (Terry Jamison's class) is beginning a new study next week. It is titled Moses- In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet. (Meet in the Fellowship Hall) "It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join award-winning author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, you'll gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you'll discover how you, too, can turn your own reluctance into boldness."

## **A Charge to Keep**

Charge Conference is an event that takes place once a year. This year's ours will be held at Gogginsville UMC on Sunday afternoon, **November 19**, (notice change of date) at 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The name shows our purpose. We gather to talk and listen or as John Wesley (the starter of a revival that led to the United Methodist Church) called "holy conferencing." We "conference" for a "charge"—a purpose. We are "charged" with our existence—for Jesus to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

Bishop Sharma Lewis' Vision: "The Virginia Annual Conference is 'to be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.'"

Please mark your calendars! It will be a full day as I expect this will also be the date of our community Thanksgiving Service and Youth making pies. So, I trust people will be where they need to be, but if you are able, tighten your shoe laces and journey with me! Amy

## **HENRY FORK CENTER**

Henry Fork Center ASKS Would you be willing to share in one of the following tasks? 1. Volunteer receptionist – one day each week from 2:00-5:30. Primary responsibilities include answering the telephones and greeting parents and students. 2. Read with or help students with homework from 3:30-4:40 one day each week. Our students thrive with one-to-one relationships, and your hour could make a world of difference in the lives of elementary students. 3. Providing food for the birthday party on the last Thursday of each month. Food could include cupcakes, Little Debbie cakes, or ice cream treats for 60 students and staff members. 4. Sharing one afternoon with our Middle School students during the semester. We hope to encourage that class to explore different vocations, and your sharing could encourage them to use their gifts and talents. Thank you for considering these opportunities to serve. Your support and your presence can help Henry Fork Center continue to "Make God's love visible in our community. Please call us at 540-483-2819 or e-mail at henryforkcenter@cs.com with any questions or concerns. We look forward to hearing from you.

Lisa Nichols, Deaconess, Executive Director

An exciting opportunity awaits **September 17!** Our United Methodist Women's **District Mission Encounter** will be held at Pleasant Hill UMC on Sunday afternoon, September 17 from 2:30-5:30 p. m. Pleasant Hill UMC is located at 2717 Ruritan Rd, Rocky Mount. Please arrive for registration (and goodies) at 2:30 p. m. Two classes will be offered: "Missionary Conferences of the UMW (US) led by Lisa Nichols, and "Living as a Covenant Community". Please RSVP to: Donna Guthrie by phone at 276-632-3088 or by mail: P.O. Box 566 Collinsville, VA 24078. Women, men and clergy are all welcome!!

## **Thank You!**

Thank you to Barbara Guilliams for providing white communion clothes! (Amy ruined some of them by thoughtlessly cleaning up spilled oil, filling up the candles.) Thank you to Keith Brubaker and Ronnie Guilliams for clearing a fallen tree from the parking lot.

## **Hartie Price Educational Fund News**

We congratulate our scholarship recipients: Meredith Brubaker, Brandon Custer, Levi Haskins, Logan Krauss and Cassidy Moran who each received an award of \$225.00.

I would like to share some thoughts and prayers written by my Mom, Anne Snead, many years ago, which my sister came across while sorting through Mom's papers.

Mom writes: "Because someone loved young people even though she never had children of her own, the Hartie Price Scholarship Fund was formed."

Then she had written this prayer: "Dear Graduate, Your church family is very proud of you and your achievements. We feel honored to be able to present to you an award from the Hartie Price Scholarship Fund. Wherever you go, whatever you do, remember who you are, a child of God. With Him all things are possible; the impossible dream can come true with God in your life to guide and direct you. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. We wish you God's very best in all you do."

I think this prayer says it all and the Scholarship Committee is pleased to be able to continue to administer this worthy cause. We wish all the best and God's speed to our young people.

Judy Prettyman, Chairman

In July, Amy was off to spend time with family. The guest preacher Rev. Eric Anspaugh preached on sin. He shared that the word sin means "missing the mark." Highland's Sheldon and Barbara Manke listened and a week later, Barbara saw a "Prayer for Shabbat" at the Temple Emmanuel Shabbat Service.

### **PRAYER FOR SHABBAT**

by Rabbi Kathy Cohen

To have missed the mark often is so painful in retrospect.  
With good intention, I readied my bow only to watch the arrows fall short of the mark.  
The arrow of justice transformed so quickly to an arrow of self-righteousness.  
The arrow of mercy transformed so quickly to an arrow of pity.  
The arrow of lovingkindness fell short and became an arrow of uncaring.  
The arrow of hospitality fell short and became an arrow of distance.  
The arrow of study and curiosity bent into an arrow of laziness.  
The arrow of caring of God's creation bent into an arrow of carelessness.  
The arrow of humility became an arrow of arrogance.  
The arrow of generosity became an arrow of miserliness.  
Arrows unfettered, bows readied again and again I shoot.  
Closer and closer but never quite right.

### **Prayer List**

Family of Adam Wright  
B L Furrow  
Victims of Houston Flooding  
Ronnie and Sue Bernard  
Kenny and Jean Bernard  
Mildred Jamison  
Joyce and Benny Johnson  
Audrey Dudley (passing of her mother)  
Tim Holt  
Fred Ramsey  
Family of Dee Jamison  
Kelsey Pendleton  
Victims of Spain  
Annette Saul  
Melanie and Chuck Hurley  
Jimmy Hall  
Family of Eva Ashworth  
Mary Mills  
Mary Wade Akers  
Family of John Bates  
Fred and Cecile Bussey  
Carrie Fisher  
Johnny Guilliams  
Karen Haskins  
Andrew Snead  
Deborah Webster  
Family of Danielle McPherson (anniversary of her passing)  
Lois and Sharon  
Pat Whitlock  
Karen Shivar  
Teachers and Students  
Felicia Poindexter  
Wayne Angell  
Iva Guilliams  
Phyllis Hicks  
Betty Hodges  
Christian Yopp  
Family of Elmore Snead  
Family of Keith Shively  
Pam Messenger

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Sept 1 B – Sarah Haskins  
Sept 2 A – Bobby and Tammy Sloan  
Sept 5 B – Darryl Haskins  
Sept 7 B – Garrett Weaver  
Sept 13 B – Timmy Dudley  
Sept 14 B – Meredith Brubaker  
B – Judy Prettyman  
Sept 22 B – Sam Krauss  
Sept 24 B – Mabel Webb  
Sept 25 B – Dempsey Brown  
Sept 29 B – Katherine McPherson  
B – Jacob Dudley  
Sept 30 B – Donna Janney  
B – Lynn Bayly

