

Loving, Learning and Serving Together

TODAY (8:30 am) Worship at New Hope
 (9 am) Sunday School at Highland
 (10 am) Worship at Highland
 (After worship) Worship Committee
 (After worship) Youth Meeting in Fellowship Hall
 (5:30 pm) Community Celtic Worship at St. Peter's Episcopal

MONDAY (7 pm) Choir Starts Back! *Every Monday, except 3rd*

WEDNESDAY (6:30-8 pm) Wesley Covenant Group at Parsonage

January 14 (9 am) Devotions and Doughnuts in FH *Every Second Sunday*
 (After Worship) Highland Council meeting

January 15 (7 pm) United Methodist Women (UMW)

January 17 (Noon) Community Lunch at Bethany COB *3rd Wed*

January 20 Newsletter Information due to Pat Webb

January 21 (After worship) CREW
 (After worship) WHY Youth Meeting

January 23 Audit

February 14 (Noon) Ash Wednesday Service at New Hope
 (7:00 p.m.) Community Ash Wednesday Service at
 Highland. Piedmont and Bethany will join us.

April 1 (TBA) Sunrise Service at Callaway Cemetery
 Snacks and Fellowship at Highland
 (8:30 a.m.) Easter Worship at New Hope
 (10:00 a.m.) Easter Worship at Highland

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

Please write down these names shared in worship so that together we can pray for them this week.

LIVING GOD'S WORDS

Once a Month Callaway Community Celtic Worship Service

The first Sunday evening (5:30 p.m.) of each month at St. Peter's Episcopal Church a candlelight service using sacred music to provide a meditative worship experience. "Celtic" means this is from the Scots-Irish tradition. Communion is served and there are many moments of silence. Questions: Amy would love to tell you all about it!

Cards for "Sam" Carter

Cards of healing encouragement can be sent to Helen's sister in law:
 "Sam" (Sandra) Carter, 1966 Goose Dam Road
 Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Be Transformed by God's Word in 2018

Here are 10 ways to make daily reading a habit:

- 1) Pick a time and do your best to stick to it daily. Make the time non-negotiable.
- 2) Pick a place that's comfortable and quiet for reading and reflection.
- 3) Undergird this journey with prayer.
- 4) Ask someone to be your accountability partner. Don't simply ask one another if you've done the reading. Make sure to ask questions like, "How did God speak to you through today's Scripture?" or "What word or phrase stood out to you today?"
- 5) Be persistent. Some Bible books are more easily navigated than others.
- 6) Try hard not to skip a day. But, if that happens, don't beat yourself up over it and, whatever you do, don't give up!
- 7) Embrace technology. There are some terrific apps for your smart phone.
- 8) If you prefer to read from a print version of the Bible, allow God's living word to speak to you anew in this season of your life.
- 9) Listen up! Consider an audio Bible to supplement your reading.
- 10) Enjoy the journey! Don't look at it as something you have to do, but embrace it as something you want to do. and you're out.

Learn more about the 2018 Bible Challenge at www.vaumc.org.

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