

## 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) WHY Youth

TUESDAY Newsletter Information due to Pat Webb

WEDNESDAY (Noon) Community Lunch at Bethany COB *3rd Wed*  
(6:30 pm) Wesley Covenant Group at Parsonage

February 26 (7 pm) Choir *Every Monday, except 3rd*  
February 27 Pray for Kelly Moran having surgery  
March 2 Live Auction and Bowling's Hotdogs: Callaway Elementary  
March 4 (After Worship) Youth Meeting  
(5:30 pm) Community Celtic Worship at St. Peter's *1st of month*  
March 10 Youth Group Trip to Snow Plex and Dinner at CB  
March 11 (9 am) Devotions and Doughnuts in FH *Every 2nd Sunday*  
(After Worship) Highland Council Meeting  
March 12 Egg Making Begins!  
March 17 UMW Prayer Breakfast  
March 18 (After Worship) WHY Youth  
March 19 (7 pm) UMW *Every 3rd Monday (No meetings Jan. or Feb)*  
March 24 (10 am) Easter Egg Hunt at Highland  
March 25 Daylight Savings Time  
March 28 Garden Club at Highland  
March 29 (6:30 pm) Love Feast at Bethany Church of the Brethren  
March 30 (7pm) Good Friday Service at Piedmont  
March 31 (6 am) Walk to the Cross  
April 1 (6:30am) 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  
April 7 Dinner Served and Offered by the Youth  
May 20 (After Worship) WHY Youth  
June 3-7 Vacation Bible School  
June 27 Garden Club at Highland  
July 13-15 Highland Church Camping Trip at Smith Mountain Lake  
October 24 Garden Club at Highland



## Getting Dusty with God: A Journey from Help to Hallelujah

*February 18, 2018*

We start the journey of Lent hearing God's words from *Genesis 3:19*: "You are dust and to dust you shall return." In Jesus' time people prayed: "May you be covered in the dust of your Rabbi.

If a student was out and about, on the road, following and learning from their teacher (rabbi) it meant they were getting dusty! For six weeks, we will sweep through scriptures about dust and we will hear "you are dust" is good news! Let's follow Jesus all the way to the cross and empty grave so our prayer of "help" will lead to a "hallelujah." Let's get dusty!

*1st Sunday of Lent: Genesis 2:7, 3:19, Psalm 103, Luke 4:1-13*

*Prayer: "Help!" Good News: I am dust; I need God's help.*

Look around—where do you see dust? Where do you find dust? The sunlight helps us see dust. We have to look in corners and under furniture. Take a few moments to consider—where is the dust in your relationship with God? What has been kept in the dark that needs light? What is underneath pain, hurt, and sins?

Read *Genesis 3:19*. Pray these words. What does God say to you about what they mean?

Read *Luke 4:1-13*. What are your temptations? How does God help?

Pray *Psalm 103*.

Use the prayer word "help" this week in your relationship with God. What happens?

## LIVING GOD'S WORDS

### Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak, but thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk close to thee.  
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee dear Lord, none but thee.  
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.  
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

### Prayer Wall

We keep the Commission on the Way Forward, our Bishops, and denomination in our prayers. If you would like to know more about the work they are doing and how you can pray, please see the prayer wall (by the Pastor's Office). There are hand outs and prayers. Also, there are sticky notes so you can post a prayer for God's people for such a time as this. Thank you.

### Save the Date

March 2, 2018: Live Auction and Bowlings Hotdogs! Kid Zone available for adults to enjoy the auction. Come and support the PTO and Callaway Elementary School!

### Former Pastor of Highland—Wife's Life is Celebrated

Graveside services for Verla B. Green were Monday, Feb. 5, at Marshfield Cemetery, under the direction of Fraker Funeral Home, Inc., Marshfield, Missouri. She was the widow of the Rev. Howard C. Green of the Virginia Conference who died in 2008. Verla B. Green, 92, Marshfield, was born Sept. 4, 1925, in Quincy, Wash., to Charles and Minnie (McCutchen) Brangan. She died Friday, Feb. 2, in Cox South Hospital, Springfield, Missouri. Her family moved to Elkland when she was pre-teen and she graduated high school there. Verla was the former owner of Clippers and Dippers Dog Grooming. She was a member of Hood United Methodist Church, Republic. Preceding her in death were her parents, Charles and Minnie Brangan; her husband, Howard; two sons, Charles William Lee and Robert Lee; her brothers, Bob and Slim Brangan; and one sister, Vera Brangan. She is survived by her son, Michael Lee, Elkland; her daughter, DeLane Lee-Engle and husband Tim, Billings; a foster son, Bill Gedye, Marion, Ohio; her grandson, Hombre Lee and wife, Marye-Auna, Springfield; great-grandchildren, Jessica Lee, Charles Lee, Sharaiah Lee, all of Springfield; one great-great-grandson, Roxas Lee, Springfield; and several nieces and nephews.

## PRAYING FOR OTHERS

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

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