

Highland United Methodist Church
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THE HIGHLANDER

February 2018

Getting Dusty with God: A Journey from Help to Hallelujah

This Lent, you are invited to experience a worship series called “Getting Dusty with God: A Journey from Help to Hallelujah.” We start the journey of Lent hearing the words from Genesis 3:19 “You are dust and to dust you shall return.” Dust is sprinkled throughout the Bible! For six weeks, we will sweep through scriptures about dust and how hearing “you are dust” is good news!

In Jesus’ time people prayed: “May you be covered in the dust of your Rabbi.” A rabbi was a teacher, someone who helped people love God with all they are and their neighbor as self. Jesus is a rabbi. Disciples or students who followed their rabbi down the road would get dusty! Getting dusty with God means we have spent time being with Jesus. Getting dusty with God is a journey that begins with the prayer of “help” and leading to “hallelujah.” Each Sunday this dusty experience will offer one-word prayers or guttural emotional prayers. May you be covered in the dust of God this Lent!

Ash Wednesday (February 14): Genesis 2:7, 3:19, Psalm 51 and Luke 5:1-11
“Help!” I am dust; I am ready for God’s help.

1st Sunday of Lent (February 18): Genesis 2:7, 3:19, Psalm 103 and Luke 4:1-13
“Help!” I am dust; I need God’s help.

2nd Sunday of Lent (February 25): 1 Samuel 2:8, Psalm 102 and Luke 14:12-14, 25-33
“No!” I am dust; I care about people’s suffering.

3rd Sunday of Lent (March 4): Deuteronomy 9:12-21, Psalm 90 and Mark 8:31-37
“Goodbye” I am dust; I let go to follow.

4th Sunday of Lent (March 11): Ecclesiastes 1:12-14, Genesis 13:16, Psalm 65 and
John 13:1-7, 12-17, 34-55
“Sigh, Gasp” I am dust; I am wonder in God’s purpose.

5th Sunday of Lent (March 18): Isaiah 52:1a-2, 7-10, Psalm 96 and Luke 9:1-6
“Go” I am dust; I focus forward.

Palm Sunday of Lent (March 25): Job 30:19-20, 17:11-16 and Psalm 22, Matthew 27:32-56
“Cry” I am dust; I suffer with Jesus.

Easter (April 1): Isaiah 26:19, Psalm 30 and Luke 24:1-12
“Hallelujah” I am dust; I rise with Jesus.

Amy

Ash Wednesday Services

“I heart God” this Valentine’s Day! Come for a very special, traditional worship service February 14. We will gather to sing, pray, and hear scripture as we confess our need for God’s help and celebrate how God does help us. A special part of this worship is to receive an ashy mark of the cross on our foreheads. For thousands of years God’s people have used ashes as an S.O.S or “911” to God—ashes are a way of saying, “I need your help God and I am ready for your help.” The ashes in the sign of the cross is God’s promise and response—God is helping us and will help us. There are two opportunities to worship: Noon at New Hope UMC and 7:00 p.m. at Highland UMC. The 7 pm service is a joint service of Bethany Church of the Brethren and Piedmont Presbyterian Service. If you have questions, see Pastor Amy.

Other Opportunities You Won’t Want to Miss

Maundy Thursday: March 29, 2017

Bethany Church of the Brethren will be offering their Love Feast and we are invited. This very special time will allow you to experience God’s grace like never before! Seated around tables, we will share in foods with special readings about Jesus’ sacrificial love for us. We will have a time of washing one another’s feet. (If you do not feel comfortable having your feet washed you can “pass.” Do not let this one part of the service make you miss this blessed opportunity.)

Easter Egg Hunt: March 24, 2017 (10:00 am) Highland United Methodist Church. Smaller children can hunt for eggs in the playground area. Older children hunt for eggs on the hill and around the parsonage. A craft and game are offered.

Walk to the Cross: March 31, 2017 (6:00 am) Meet in the fellowship of Highland UMC for a journey. Walking from Highland to the Callaway Community Cemetery, there will be opportunities to stop and pray. Communion will be offered at the cross at the cemetery. If you wish to know more or help, please contact Terry Jamison 540-420-9782 or terry@agjamison.net

Easter Sunday: April 1, 2017 (TBA) Callaway Community Cemetery for Community Sunrise Service. Join area congregations as we celebrate the good news that Jesus Christ is Risen! Rev. John Heck will be preaching. Piedmont Presbyterian will be offering music. Rain place is Highland UMC. Snacks and fellowship after worship is at Highland UMC.

(8:30 a.m.) New Hope UMC and (10:00 a.m.) Highland UMC. Celebrate together—our Lenten journey is over—YES—following this Jesus will make us fools for him!

Schedules

Acolytes

February 4 Bailey Grace Haskins
February 11 Davis Moran
February 18 Jared Jamison
February 25 Sam Krauss

Greeter

Lynn Bayly

Nursery

February 4 Cindy Jamison
February 11 Donna Guilliams
February 18 Sarah Haskins
February 26 Crystal Weaver

UMW

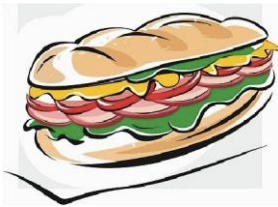
NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY

The Franklin County Family Resource Center has been helping victims of domestic violence since 1983. The facility in Rocky Mount, their mission statement is "to promote safe and healthy living environment for Franklin County families in crisis who are victims of domestic violence. A wonderful website shares information, resources and ways to volunteer: fcfamilyresourcecenter.com. A free, confidential, 24/7 hotline: 1-540-483-1234. But if immediate danger always call 9-1-1. The United Methodist Women are collecting items that people in the shelter can use: shampoo, toothpaste, paper towels, hygiene products for men, body wash, toilet tissue, laundry detergent. They can also you towels and wash clothes (clean and no stains). Collection box by the entry way of the sanctuary. United Methodist Women will take the items each month. Questions, contact Barbara Guilliams at 483-1723.

Youth

Super Bowl Subs

Grab a delicious sub and support the youth all at the same time! The Super Bowl is February 4. Please fill out a form by January 31. Get a sub made just as you want it. Only \$5.00.



Highland UMC Youth Super Bowl Sub Order Form

Name _____ Phone: _____

Bread

White ____
Wheat ____

Meat(s)

Bologna ____
Ham ____
Turkey ____
Pepperoni ____

Cheese(s)

American ____
Swiss ____
Provolone ____

Condiments

Mayo ____
Mustard ____
Honey Mustard ____
Green Peppers ____

Vegetables

Lettuce ____
Tomato ____
Onions ____
Black Olives ____
Hot Peppers ____

\$5.00 each. Also included: one bag of chips and a pickle wedge.
Desserts available for additional purchase at time of pick up.
Pick up Feb 4th 9:30-12:30pm unless other arrangements have been made.
Questions or call in orders: Contact fundraiser coordinator: Cindy Jamison
540-420-9781

Special Request _____

November and December were busy, fun months for the youth group. In November we held our annual pie sale. Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, family and friends we baked close to 90 pies, donating several to local families in need and the Stepping Stones food ministry in Rocky Mount. In December we had a Day of Service where we rotated service projects throughout the day. These included shopping and wrapping presents for 4 area kids in need, helping Highland's CREW with replacing some flooring in a home in Callaway, and a full day of bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Throughout the end of the year we have also had several WHY meetings led by Pastor Amy in which she connects adult members of the congregation to the youth by having them share their "story". We look forward to continuing to learn more about other church member's journeys in the months ahead. We invite all to attend our next youth meeting Feb 3rd at 6pm for some game night fun and fellowship. We are forever grateful for the support and prayers of the Highland community.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

As we begin a new year, we give thanks for those who have said "YES" to share their faith, gifts, time, and energy with Jesus' church in leadership. Please keep these individuals in your prayers. Please pray how you may partner with them:

Highland United Methodist Church Leadership, 2018

Administrative Council

Chair: Mike Whittaker, 556-1561, dsimike04@yahoo.com

Council Secretary: Kelly Moran, 352-2020, kelly.moran@frco.k12.va.us

Pastor: Amy Pannell, 804-694-9759, AmyPannell@vaumc.org

Co-Lay Leaders: Mitch Webb, 483-5677, mitwebb51@gmail.com and Jennifer Brubaker, 483-5579, jennifer.brubaker@frco.k12.va.us

District Conference Delegate: 798-4001, Sherri Krauss, sherri@fcch.com

Education Chair: Katherine McPherson, 484-1392, katmac@centurylink.net

Finance Chair: Dawn Hall, 420-4065, ladylost79@gmail.com

Financial Secretary: Pat Webb, 483-5677, pswebb08@centurylink.net

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Eric Krauss, 798-4000, eric@fcch.com

Missions Chair: 798-4001, Sherri Krauss, sherri@fcch.com

PPR Chair: Eric Krauss, 798-4000, eric@fcch.com

Treasurer: Tricia Custer, 483-5035, PatriciaCuster3@gmail.com

Trustees Chair: Keith Brubaker, 483-5579, keith.brubaker@frco.k12.va.us

UMW President: Barbara Guilliams, 483-1723, bgpurple@b2xonline.com

Worship: Lynn Bayly, 489-4693

Finance Committee

Dawn Hall (Chair), Tricia Custer (Treasurer), Pat Webb (Financial Secretary), Cindy Jamison (Audit), Peggy Hall (Audit), Terry Jamison, Lay Leaders, Mike Whitaker (Council Chair), Eric Krauss (PPR representative and Delegate to Annual Conference), Tricia Custer (Trustees Representative), Judy Prettyman (Scholarship Representative), Vicki Hodges, Pastor

Parsonage Committee

Helen Akers (Chair), Keith Brubaker (Trustees Chair), Norma Jean Guilliams, Eric Krauss (PPR Chair), Perry Moran

Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPR)

Earl Akers (2019), Caroline Guilliams (2019), Alton Hall (2018), Chuck Hall (2018), Sarah Haskins (2018), Vicky Hodges (2019), Eric Krauss (Chair-2019, Delegate to Annual Conference) Betsy Stanley (2020), Co-Lay Leaders, Pastor

Trustees (Board of Trustees)

Earl Akers, Kenny Bernard, Harrison Brubaker, Keith Brubaker (Chair), Tricia Custer (Secretary), Daryl Haskins, Pastor

United Methodist Women

Barbara Guilliams (President), Caroline Guilliams (Secretary), Vicki Hodges (Speaker Coordinator) Carol Moran (Treasurer)

Worship and Music Committee

Lynn Bayly (Chair), Jennifer Brubaker (Choir Director and Special Worship Events Coordinator), Lay Leader, Pam Messenger (Organist and Bulletins), Pastor

Missions Committee

Sherri Krauss (Chair), Jennifer Brubaker, Sarah Haskins, Cindy Jamison, Betsy Stanley (UMW representative) and anyone else welcome

CREW

Are you looking for ways to use your gifts, to serve, and to spread the Good News of our Savior?

One year ago, Highland initiated an outreach service ministry called Highland C.R.E.W. (Christians Ready, Equipped, and Willing). While CREW is a "subcommittee" of Highland's Mission committee, our focus is geared more toward repair and hands on projects. We have thus far completed 3 service projects and are eager to do more! What can you do?

1. We are looking for small project requests: cleaning, yard-work, small home repair jobs, etc. If you think your neighbor is in need, they probably are. Submit confidential information to Betsy Stanley or via the CREW slips located in the side of the CREW bright red metal mailbox in the narthex.
2. No professional skills necessary to help...we will alert the congregation when a need arises...just show up and we will put your hands to work! Also, we may occasionally seek job supplies, monetary donations and trade skills from the community; if you have a "connection" please let the committee know.
3. ALL are invited to serve on the C.R.E.W. committee. Look for information on upcoming meetings.
4. Pray for those helping, as well as those receiving.

Current committee members: Betsy and Dale Stanley, Pat and Mitch Webb, Cindy and Terry Jamison, Amy Pannell, Mike Whitaker, Mike Neal, Sherri and Eric Krauss, Crystal Weaver, Sarah Haskins, Lynn Bayley

GREETER

We need greeters for **April through December**. If you are willing to be a greeter before worship. please see the sign up on the bulletin board across from the mail boxes. If there is a Sunday that you can do it in the month you sign up for you can contact either Mitch or Pat Webb and we can get someone to fill in for that Sunday. Thanks to all.

Hartie Price Educational Fund News

2017

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank you to individuals for their contributions to the Scholarship Fund during 2017. Thanks to: Carl and Mary Wade Akers in honor and memory of friends and family members, Joyce Johnson and Benny Fisher in memory of Anne Snead and Terry and Cindy Jamison.

Total contributions for 2017 were \$650.00. The committee greatly appreciates all the contributions that have been made.

We awarded scholarships in the amount of \$225.00 each to Meredith Brubaker, Brandon Custer, Levi Haskins, Logan Krauss and Cassidy Moran.

Thank you for your continued support in the education of our young people.

Trustees: Judy Prettyman, Chairman
Bob Prettyman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer
Katherine McPherson, Chairman of Education
Vicki Hodges, Member at Large
Amy Pannell, Pastor

Prayer List

Ronnie and Sue Bernard
B. L. Furrow
Julie Darden
Dawn Hall
Haskins Family
Fred Guilliams
Larry Harvey
Mike Adkins
Lee Meador
Dean Blankenship
Sam (Sandra) Carter
Jimmy Guilliams and family
Marie and Mike Sigmon
Shirley Fowler
Mike Fowler
Denver Hall
Jessica Hall and family
Fred Holt
Nelson Spicer
Joyce Johnson and Benny Fisher
All those dealing with sickness this winter
Family of Goldie Agee

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb 2	B – Shelby Nemeth
Feb 3	B – Joyce Sledd
Feb 6	B – Peggy Hall B – Ruth Handy
Feb 8	B – Josh Guilliams
Feb 10	B – Caroline Guilliams B – Jeremy Weaver
Feb 11	B – Barbara Guilliams
Feb 12	B – Stoney McPherson
Feb 13	B – Emma McPherson
Feb 16	B – Glenn Weaver
Feb 22	B – Hannah Jamison
Feb 24	A – Travis and Katherine McPherson
Feb 25	B – Danny Guilliams

If you see that we have missed a family/church members birthday or anniversary and you would like to share it with our congregation, just give it to Pat Webb so that she can add it to her list.