

Highland United Methodist Church
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THE HIGHLANDER

March 2018

There is a famous monk, Brother Lawrence, who said we can find God's presence in life's daily activities like doing laundry or washing dishes. Cleaning the parsonage—the home you graciously allow me to live in—brings me God's presence. One way I have experienced God in cleaning is an opportunity to ponder dust! All the places I have lived before coming to Callaway have had carpet. The beautiful wooden floors of the Highland parsonage have been a joy. Cleaning them, I have taken notice and been in awe of dust!

I can clean and in just a few weeks there are the biggest dust bunnies swept by my broom! How does dust form so quickly!? Of course, with my pastor's heart, the dust made me think of the words we hear at Ash Wednesday "You are dust and to dust you shall return." Sweeping, cleaning dust birthed the Worship Series we are experiencing this Lent: "Getting Dusty with God: A Journey from Help to Hallelujah."

When I begin an adventure, planning for a worship series, I love doing a search of the Bible. Different scriptures about dust led me to hear God's good news of what it means to hear "You are dust and to dust you shall return." I am grateful for Jesus' help in this season of Lent. Each Sunday we hear what it means to be God's dust, we receive a prayer word, and a little tidbit about the science of dust. God comes out of the ordinary to woo us back—to repent, live in new ways, sing new songs to God. What will God say to you?

Getting Dusty with God: A Journey from Help to Hallelujah
Ash Wednesday (February 14): *Genesis 2:7, 3:19* and *Psalms 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* and *Psalms 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* and *Psalms 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* and *Psalms 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* and *Genesis 13:16* and *Psalms 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* and *Psalms 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 *Psalms 22* and
Matthew 27:32-56
"Cry" I am dust; I suffer with Jesus.

Easter (April 1): *Isaiah 26:19* and *Psalms 30* and *Luke 24:1-12*
"Hallelujah" I am dust; I rise with Jesus

Opportunities for Experiencing God!

Easter Egg Hunt: March 24, 2017 (10:00 am) Highland United Methodist Church

Easter Egg Hunt: March 24, 2017 (1-3 pm) Bethany Church of the Brethren

Maundy Thursday: March 29, 2017

(6:30 pm) Bethany Church of the Brethren: Love Feast and Communion with Foot Washing. "Maundy" is Latin for "New Commandment." We remember Jesus gathered with his disciples, broke bread, and washed feet, giving a new commandment saying, "Love other as I have loved you." Seated at tables in the fellowship hall, we will hear readings about Jesus' sacrificial love, share in food, foot washing and communion. Sign up so Bethany can prepare.

Good Friday: March 30, 2017

(7 pm) Good Friday Service at Piedmont Presbyterian Church. This is a special worship service with moments of prayerful silence and experiencing the last words of Jesus upon the cross.

Walk to the Cross: March 31, 2017 (6 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 in the cemetery. If you wish to know more or help, please contact Terry Jamison [540-420-9782](tel:540-420-9782) or terry@agjamison.net

Easter Sunday: April 1, 2017

(6:30 am) Callaway Community Cemetery for Community Sunrise Service.

Come hear the Rev. John Heck preach and Piedmont offer music.

In case of rain, we will worship at Highland. Highland will also offer breakfast snacks and fellowship in the fellowship hall after the worship service rain or shine!

(8:30 am) New Hope UMC

(10:00 am) Highland UMC

Schedules

Acolytes

March 4 Logan Custer
March 11 Graham Weaver
March 18 Jared Jamison
March 25 Abby Krauss

Greeter

Pat Webb

Nursery

March 4 Sherri Krauss
March 11 Cindy Jamison
March 18 Donna Guilliams
March 25 Sarah Haskins

UMW

The UMW will meet on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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

The youth would like to extend a huge THANK YOU for all those who purchased Super Bowl Subs, almost 200 subs were ordered!! Fun fact: 77% of orders asked for lettuce- that was 14 heads! Ham won out as the meat of choice, with 128 orders or 15lbs! We are also a mayo loving group as 131 orders asked for mayo! If anyone was missing a pickle we are very sorry, the icy weather had us a bit frazzled at pickup. We were amazed at the number of people who showed up to assemble and to purchase desserts. We are a blessed group!

The youth would also like to thank those who have been participating in the WHY sessions. This has been a wonderful time for the children to get to know some of the longstanding members of the church on a deeper level. What a great idea Amy had!! Our next youth group meeting will be March 4th following service, come join!! **Also- **save the date**- church wide youth sponsored dinner will be held Saturday, April 14th at 5:30 p. m.

Church Women United (CWU)

CWU in Virginia will hold its **2018 Assembly/Leaders' Council April 23-25, 2018** at Chanco on the James, an outdoor ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. Chanco is a spiritual place for rest, relaxation and rejuvenation.

"Telling the Untold Story," is this year's theme. We will look at our lives as a subplot to God's story – the grand story of God - by looking at Joseph's life story.

Conversations will include CWU's story, each other's story, and social media technology. There will be leadership training in citizen action and ecumenical action. Spiritual growth opportunities include daily devotions and Bible study.

Methodist Women have been strong supporters of CWU since our beginning in 1941. There are active local CWU units in Danville and Roanoke.

Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive ecumenical women's movement. We celebrate unity in diversity and work for a world of peace and justice.

In today's cultural climate, CWU may be one positive example of how women of faith can join hands and build bridges for a better tomorrow.

Check out our website at churchwomen.org and our mission statement under the "about us" tab. Please contact me if you would like further information.

Audrey Daniels, Vice President, CWU in Virginia
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OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

HELP!! For you Walk to the Cross, we want to include you. Please tell us in a paragraph or less what the following scripture means or means to you. We will use the responses on our signs. If you do not wish for your name to be used, do not sign your name but please submit something: Matthew 16:24 "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." A box will be at the mailboxes for your responses. Thanks for your help.

Terry Jamison (terry@agjamison.net)

Prayer List

Sylvia Hutto
Joyce Sledd
Jim Holt
Family of Audrey Matherly
Family of Walter Shortt
Thelma Hardy
Shirley Taylor
Family of Marlin Davis
Cheryl Hodges
Andrew Snead
Teachers and First Responders of FL High School
Ronnie Bernard
Pat Velarde
Eloise Stanfield
Mary Amos
Richard Myers and Family
Jim's Family
Kelly Moran
Gordon Guilliams
Rob (Kathy Stanley's husband)
Unspoken request

Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 6 A – Mitch and Pat Webb
B – Dale Stanley
March 7 A – Carrie Moran
March 8 B – Alton Hall
March 9 B – Davis Moran
March 10 B – Jason Hall
March 11 B – Robin Morris
March 12 B – Ben Rhodes
March 13 B – Andy Daniels
B – Terry Jamison
March 14 A – Andy and Audrey Daniels
B – Perry Moran
March 23 A – Alton and Peggy Hall
March 26 B – Wayne Stanley
March 27 B – Amanda Rude

CAN YOU FIND 16 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a copy of tea, so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now for there are really sixteen names of books of the Bible in this story.

(One minister found fifteen books in twenty minutes, but it took him three weeks to fine the sixteenth one.) Good luck!