

Highland United Methodist Church

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April 28, 2018

5th Sunday of Easter

Prelude

The Ministry of the Acolytes

Welcoming our Guests, Sharing Ministry Opportunities and Celebrating Special Days

Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ

Prepare For Worship: Ringing of the church bell

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus is with us, saying:

People: "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

Leader: Jesus stood with the grieving and heartsick, promising:

People: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." *(Luke 6:21—the Message Translation, John 11:25-26)*

*Opening Hymn: *Standing on the Promises*

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Opening Prayer

**Good Shepherd, lead us through this valley of the shadow of death;
with your rod and staff comfort us; you are with us.**

Risen Jesus, bring your healing peace to our grieving bodies and spirits.

Cook us breakfast and have little talks with us.

Holy Spirit, hug us together with a love and calling that glorifies you and helps others know you. Amen.

Special Music

Scripture Lesson: *Genesis 21:6*

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) and the Message Translation

Sermon

Rev. Amy Pannell

A Prayer

Giver of Laughter and Life,

For all that Ronnie Bernard has given us to make us what we are,

for that of him that in your love will never end, we give you thanks.

As we offer him back into your arms, comfort us in our loneliness,

strengthen us in our weakness,

and give us courage to face the future unafraid.

Draw those of us who remain in this life closer to one another,

make us faithful to serve one another, and give us to know that peace

and joy which is eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(adapted prayer from the United Methodist Book of Worship)

*Responsive Hymn: *I Love to the Story*

UMH # 156

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering and Offertory

*The Doxology (Praise God from whom all blessings flow...)

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*Closing Hymn: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

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*Benediction

*** indicates congregation standing, if able

GREETERS

April—Shelby Nemeth

May—Fred Williams

ACOLYTES

April 29—Davis Moran

May 6—Garrett Weaver

USHERS

April 29—Men

May 6—Women

*Today at 2 p.m. we will gather here at the church to celebrate the life and resurrection of Ronnie Bernard.
There will be a meal in the fellowship hall, following the burial in the Callaway Community Cemetery.*

MONDAY (7 pm) **Choir** All are welcome!

Prayer Requests

April 22 and April 15—Ronnie and Sue Bernard, Joyce Sledd, Family of Butch Wilcox and all first responders, Family of Mrs. Cline, Linda Higgins (friend of Kelly Moran), Annette Saul, Kenny and Jean Benard, Susan Crosen's mom died, Teresa Bynum's mother-in-law died, Henry Messenger, Debra Sapcariu and daughter Anna (friends of Eric Krauss' mom)

Mother's Day Breakfast (8 am) May 13 All women are welcome to enjoy a wonderful breakfast and fellowship in the fellowship hall. For more information see Terry Jamison.

Graduate Sunday Jennifer Brubaker wants to hear from you if there is a graduate in your life. We look forward to celebrating one Sunday in May—stay tuned!

Vacation Bible School June 3-7 (6 pm to 8:30 pm) Pre-K to 8th grade. Rolling River Rampage: Experience the Ride of a lifetime with God! Contact Katherine McPherson.

Thank you for all those who labored and purchased Easter Eggs. These Egg-cellent servants raised \$6,122.

Loving, Learning and Serving Together

TODAY (2 pm) Celebration of Life for Ronnie Bernard

MONDAY Pray for Henry Messenger having surgery
(7 pm) Choir

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

THURSDAY (3 pm) Senior Safety Workshop at Phoebe Needles
540-483-1518 or PNCenter@gmail.com

May 6 (5:30 pm) Community Celtic Worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church

May 11 Bingo Fundraiser for Pack A Sack Program! @ Firehouse

May 13 (8 am) Mother's Day Breakfast

May 16 (Noon) Community Lunch at Bethany COB *3rd Wed*

May 17 (7 pm) PPR Meeting (Pastor Parish Relations Committee)

May 19 Firehouse Ham Supper

May 20 (After Worship) WHY Youth to visit Benny and Joyce
Newsletter Information to Pat Webb

May 21 (7 pm) UMW *Every 3rd Monday (No meetings Jan. or Feb)*

June 3-7 Vacation Bible School

June 8-10 Altamons Camping and Paintball Trip

June 15-17 Annual Conference in Hampton Roads, VA

June 22 Relay for Life
June 24 Highland Council Meeting

Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meeting on Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m. The purpose of this annual spring meeting is for the Annual Evaluation of the Pastor. This process is not related to appointment (placement) with the church, but the strengths and growing areas of the pastor. A process provided by the Conference is followed. Tools used to help for evaluation are the “Characteristics of Effective Clergy” and “Responsibilities and Duties of Pastors” from the *Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2016*. Thank you to the members of the PPRC: Earl Akers, Caroline Guilliams, Alton Hall, Chuck Hall Sarah Haskins, Vicky Hodges, Eric Krauss (chair), Betsy Stanley, Jennifer Brubaker and Mitchell Webb (Lay Leaders), and Pastor Amy. Please see Amy or any of these members if you have suggestions for the pastors’ areas of growth or any other concerns, suggestions, and prayers, the committee should discuss. Thank you very much.

As members of this congregation, we will faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers (see the prayer list), our presence, our gifts, our service (see announcements) and our witness (all you do and who you are.)” We are thankful that you have blessed Highland United Methodist Church with your presence and your gifts:

4/8/18 92 Present for Worship and \$ 1674 received in gifts

4/15/18 42 Present for Worship and \$ 784 received in gifts