

Highland United Methodist Church
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THE HIGHLANDER

June 2018

My responsibility as a pastor is to help God help you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. In the process I grow and work on my following Jesus, too! I have been thinking and praying a lot about this sacred role I have: keep connecting, reaching, befriending, holding, walking, talking, sharing, receiving, living, loving with Jesus.

One of the ways we can grow in our learning and living in Jesus is by reading the Bible. I am encouraging all of us to bring our Bibles when we come to worship. If you don't have a Bible of your own, please see me or one of our leaders. We have FREE extra Bibles for you!

When we gather for worship, hearing from this Book of Books is one of the acts we get to do. We hear a story and then after we pray and ponder what God might be saying to us. The WORD forms us, shapes us, makes us into God's child who goes out into the world to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "love our neighbor as ourselves" (*Matthew 22:37-38*). The stories of God's people in all their ups and down's, challenges and struggles, joys and triumphs are for us, so we can have songs, prayers, people, promises, wisdom, faith, hope, and love wherever we find ourselves.

I pray by bringing your Bible to worship, as we read together, it will be a place, people, grace to go back to and nibble on. It will be a place you can go to when you are sick or searching, anxious or wandering. I pray it will help you grow in your own confidence in a relationship with Jesus Christ.

It's okay if you are just not a reading kind of person or reading has never been your thing. God still has stories to tell you! I think about all the people of God who for thousands and thousands of years heard God's stories, songs, prayers, wisdom, and love by listening, looking—they told each other stories, painted them, sang them. It's a really recent invention to have a personal Bible.

My great Uncle Phil once told me his grandma Henderson used to read the Bible to her husband, his grandfather by the fire at nights. Now before you respond with "Aww—isn't that sweet," I suspect from other stories I have heard this was grandma Henderson's way of having her "say" at the end of the day. But, her little grandson was listening. He would grow up to imagine the stories—live with them—ponder and question them—they became alive for him. They lived inside his mind and heart to have this on-going, eternal, conversation with God.

That's a prayer I have; it's a prayer for all of us God has, I believe. Wherever we find ourselves worshipping (not just on Sunday mornings for an hour in a building), God's WORD can come alive, helping us and befriending us. Thanks be to God.

Schedules

Acolytes

June 1 Graham Weaver
June 8 Jared Jamison
June 15 Hannah McPherson
June 22 Bailey Grace Haskins
June 29 Emma McPherson

Greeter

Donna Guilliams

UMW

The UMW will meet on **Monday, June 18, 2018** at 7:00 p. m. Pat Webb will have the program title "A Sacred Space of Prayer". Refreshments will be served by Betsy Guilliams and Laura Weaver.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

Vacation Bible School – Sunday, June 3 through Thursday, June 7 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

This year we will be helping children experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children will discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything.

AltaMons Camping and Paintball Trip for youth – **June 8-10, 2018**

Annual Conference June 15-17, 2018

Soon Virginia United Methodists will be gathering at Hampton, Virginia for singing, worship, business, and service. This year's theme is "Servant Leaders Making a Difference" from *1 Peter* 4:10. You can "live stream" morning and evening sessions by going to the Conference website www.vaumc.org Check out worship on Sunday worship on **June 17** at 11 am.

Sunday, **June 17** – Cooperative Parish Pulpit Switch. Terry Jamison preaches at New Hope at 8:30 and Carolyn Saul preaches at Highland at 11:00.

Wednesday, **June 20** – Community Lunch at Bethany (every third Wednesday of the month)

June 22 – Relay for Life

June 24 – Highland Council Meeting gathers after morning worship

July 13-15 – Highland Church Camping Trip

New Address for Eva Woolridge: 3102 Cedarmeade Drive Roanoke, VA 24014. She is now living with her granddaughter April.

Congratulations to those graduating from High School: Lexy Bailey, Jared Jamison, and Kelsey Pendleton. Those graduating from college: Brandon Custer (VA Western), Meredith Brubaker (Radford), Ben Rhodes (JMU), Kara Agee (Ferrum) and Morgan McPherson (Ferrum). Also, congratulations to Jordon Yopp.

Prayer List

Steve Clingenpeel
Rob Goodwin
Angela Lilly
James Guilliams
Nelson Spicer
Colton Wray
Linda Higgins
Jerry Mattox
Joyce Sledd
Kenny and Jean Bernard
Betsy Guilliams
Charles Hunt
Shelby Nemeth
Alton Simmons
Danny Wade
Robin Morris
Dean Blankenship and Family
Family of Ronnie Bernard
Bob Gaubatz
Mary Amos
Newton Guilliams
Nova and Skye McPherson
Cassidy Moran and Family
Eva Woolridge
Family of Judy Prettyman's cousin's passing (Ann)
Melissa Shonkweiler
Jackie Ray Guilliams

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 2 B – Alan Guilliams
June 5 B – Pam McPherson
June 11 B – Brittany Janney
B – Colton Whittaker
June 13 A – Colbey and Amanda Rude
June 16 B – Gordon Guilliams
June 18 B – Vicki Hodges
A – Dale and Betsy Stanley
B – Harrison Brubaker
June 19 A – Newton and Norma Jean Guilliams
A – Ken and Linda Handy
June 20 B – Colbey Rude
June 22 B – Dakota Krauss
A – Glenn and Laura Weaver
June 23 B – Tex McPherson
June 24 B – Brandon Custer
June 25 A – Tex and Becky McPherson
June 30 A – Tim and Charlotte Jordan

Sweet Encouragement

You Say	God Says	Bible Verses
You say, "It's Impossible"	God says, All things are possible	Luke 18:27
You say, "I'm too tired"	God says, I will give you rest	Matthew 11: 28-30
You say, "Nobody really loves me"	God says, I love you	John 3:16 & John 3:34
You say, "I can't go on"	God says, My grace is sufficient	II Corinthians 12:9
You say, "I can't figure things out"	God says, I will direct your steps	Proverbs 3: 5-6
You say, "I can't do it"	God says, You can do all things	Philippians 4:13
You say, "I'm not able"	God says, I am able	II Corinthians 9:8
You say, "It's not worth it"	God says, It will be worth it	Roman 8:28
You say, "I can't forgive myself"	God says, I Forgive you	I John 1:9 & Roman 8:1
You say, "I can't manage"	God says, I will supply all your needs	Philippians 4:19
You say, "I'm afraid"	God says, I have not given you a Spirit of fear	II Timothy 1:78
You say, "I'm always worried and Frustrated"	God says, Cast all your cares on ME	I Peter 5:7
You say, "I'm not smart enough"	God says, I give you wisdom	I Corinthians 1:30
You say, "I feel all alone"	God says, I will never leave you or Forsake you	Hebrews 13:5