

Highland United Methodist Church
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THE HIGHLANDER

September 2018

A big part of my story of experiencing the saving love of Jesus Christ is being part of a youth group. I would not be where I am today (or on this earth) if it had not been for the church, youth group, and youth leaders.

I was born and raised in the Free Methodist Church. When I was in middle school my family went through a really difficult time. I had many questions about God, faith, prayer, suffering. I was lonely, too. One day, during lunch at school, friends invited me to their youth group lock in—at Basic United Methodist Church. I went. And I kept going back. When my parents saw how much I was growing in faith and friendship, we began worshipping on Sunday mornings as a family. This church, which included a youth group, changed my life; changed my family's life. The youth group was one of many “pipelines” to connect me and my family to a faith community—the church. The youth group helped me experience Jesus in life giving ways.

With a mixture of emotions, the youth this week are receiving hand written notes from Highland's leaders Eric and Sherri Krauss. I share Sherri's words from her email she sent to the youth parents:

“Eric and I have truly enjoyed being a part of the youth group since joining the church. It was, in fact, the youth group that was the deciding factor in our choosing Highland as our home church. Our own children have unforgettable memories and bonds that will last a lifetime. Terry and Cindy served as wonderful examples to us as we served the last few years as youth group leaders, however it truly took the efforts of the entire group of parents for which we are most appreciative.

In truth, over the past year it has been increasingly difficult to commit the time required to be the leaders that this wonderful group of kids deserve. It is after months of discernment and prayer that we are stepping down as leaders. We will continue to offer support and be involved with events and mission projects. However, it is time for someone else who is feeling called to step up to the role of leader....”

I know you will join me in celebrating and thanking Eric and Sherri for their tremendous ministry and for personally connecting with the youth, leading with a passionate heart, sacrifices and so much more. Youth Ministry leadership is not for the faint of heart. Though we are sad, we bless them for what God has next for them. Hearing about their adventures as followers of Jesus grow our own discipleship. Through any change we grieve, celebrate, and hope.

I know you will join me in praying for our youth as well. How can we help them and their parents through this change? Remember, a youth group is not an end in and of itself—a youth group is meant to grow our faith as part of a church—everybody—this means you! You are a youth leader whether you know it or not! We don't “delegate” or “sell out” being in relationship with the youth to “other” people—we all need youth and the youth needs all of us. This is the church! The youth group is one of the ways that helps grow those bonds—we help each other experience the life-giving love of Jesus Christ.

I know you will join me in praying about where Jesus is leading you and his congregation to serve, help, share. I hope their parents and I will find time to meet in the next month to celebrate what God has been doing, ponder questions about the present and future. Until then, let us give thanks for the people who change our lives for the better.

In Christ—Amy

Schedules

Greeter for September

Fred Guilliams

UMW

The UMW will meet on **Monday, September 17, 2018** at 7:00 p. m.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

MOVIE NIGHT – Friday, September 7, 2018 at 7:00 p. m. Hotdogs, popcorn and drinks provided. Please bring a covered dish, chair and blanket (if needed). The movie will be “You can only Imagine.” Donations will go toward helping a family in the congregation. Questions? Contact Cindy Jamison at cindy@agjamison.net or (540)-420-9781.

MENS BREAKFAST AT ROANOKER – Sunday, September 16, 2018. Meet at the church at 7:30 a. m. for breakfast at the Roanoker. Text or call Terry Jamison at (540) 420-9782.

THE YOUTH INVITE YOU....to join them for a potluck meal and outdoor games following worship on September 23, 2018. Call Terry Jamison at (540) 420-9782.

VISITING AND MEALS....at our council meeting, we decided we would like to do a plate lunch/dinner for people in our church/community that are sick or shut ins. Plans are made to do this on September 15, 2018. If you are willing to help on this project, please let Jennifer know by contacting her at (540)483-5579 or jennifer.brubaker@frco.k12.va.us Our goal will be to do this during September. Thank you!

NEWADDRESS for Meredith Brubaker: 634 Riverbend Court #304 Newport News, VA 23602

NEW ADDRESS for Eva Woolridge: Brookdale in Salem Apartment 121A (for visits). Mail can be sent to her granddaughter's at: 3102 Cedarmeade Drive Roanoke, VA 24014.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS for Audrey Daniels: Audrey.m594@aol.com

NEW ADDRESS for Linda and Ken Handy: 916 MeChunk Creek Drive Troy, VA 22974

Prayer Invites:

God's Presence to suffuse our spirits,
God's will to prevail in our lives.
Prayer may not bring water to parched fields,
nor mend a broken bridge,
nor rebuild a ruined city.
But prayer can water an arid soul,
mend a broken heart,
rebuild a weakened will."

From Prayer Book "Shabbat Evening"

SING THE SONG of men and women
Joined in understanding and respect.
The song of God's miracles,
An earth protected and cherished;
A gift for our children
And the generations to come.
Now quiet and content;
Her soldiers home, to leave not more.
The song of a world redeemed:
The song of peace.

From the Mishkan T'Filah, a reform Jewish Prayer Book

(Both shared by Sheldon and Barbara Mankes)

Prayer List

Julie Bollings
Pam and Alan Messenger and Betsy
Kenny and Jean Bernard
Joyce Sledd and Family
Wayne and Marie Stanley
Sheldon and Barbara Mankes
Bevelyne Prillaman
Youth Group
Bailey Grace Haskins
Family of Annette Saul
Marie Bowling
Lynn McPaul
Sherri Krauss
Family of Wanda McGhee
Dawn Hall
Family of Danielle McPherson
Eva Wooldridge (now at Brookdale)
Dakota Krauss, Kayla, Starr, Aiden and Ethan
Meredith Brubaker (moving)
Family of Mike Broomhall
Family of Peggy Vance
General Conference of the UMC (Feb 23-26, 2019)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sept 1 B - Sarah Haskins
Sept 2 A - Bobby and Tammy Sloan
Sept 5 B - Darryl Haskins
Sept 7 B - Garrett Weaver
Sept 14 B - Meredith Brubaker
B - Judy Prettyman
Sept 22 B - Sam Krauss
Sept 24 B - Mabel Webb
Sept 29 B - Katherine McPherson
Sept 30 B - Lynn Bayly