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THE HIGHLANDER

October 2018

I am excited to see an “old” friend in October. I want you to meet her too—because she is your friend, also. Her name is Martha Stokes. Martha will be one of the presenters at our District’s Charge Conference on October 20 (9:30 am to Noon at Fairview UMC in Danville).

Martha was raised down the road at Fieldale UMC near Bassett. She felt a call to become a pastor when a youth but was discouraged because she was a woman. She did not stop listening to God’s call...she kept finding ways to serve. Her journey has taken her to Richmond, VA where she met her husband Steve in the frozen foods section of the grocery store! She has served Jesus in her local church and in our Conference in countless ways. Currently, she helps with ministries that help our precious aging population.

In all my conversations, meals, meetings, worship, and learning opportunities with Martha, she is a gracious, sweet, thoughtful, and kind presence. She loves Christ and Christ’s church. She has a way of sharing things that you can understand (you just can’t take the country out of a girl even if she lives in the city)!

Martha’s life is busy and she is helping so many people, I don’t get to talk to her much. But, thanks to social media, I get to read her reflections and prayers, I see pictures of her life out and about. The other day she took time to write about some thoughts as she sat at the bedside of her mother who is really sick. Martha was looking over her life and giving thanks for all the ways the United Methodist Church has connected her to people who pray for her, care for her, nurture her, help her know the saving love of Jesus Christ. She would not be who she is today if it were not for the United Methodist Church. The United Methodist Church connects us to each other and those around the world in sharing this saving, changing love of Jesus Christ.

I connect to Martha’s story. I know I would not be who I am today without the United Methodist Church. I am grateful. It is amazing what God’s love and power can do through people. Yesterday someone shared with me some wisdom from their many years of being part of the church: When there is suffering, the church can together be stronger, and be closer. Amen.

(If you would like to go with me to District Conference and Charge Conference on October 20—I have three seats—free! See me to reserve your spot today!)

Shalom,
Amy

(Say A Little Prayer for Me)

Schedules
Greeter for September

Mitch Webb

UMW

The UMW will meet on **Monday, October 15, 2018** at 7:00 p. m.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

October 7, 2018 – Council meeting after the morning worship service.

October 14, 2018 – Donuts and Devotions in the Fellowship Hall (every second Sunday)

October 17, 2018 – Community Lunch at Bethany Church of the Brethren (every third Wednesday)

October 20, 2018 – Danville District Charge Conference on Saturday 9:30 a. m. to Noon at Fairview UMC in Danville. This year our District will gather to worship, learn and bless a new year of ministry in our congregations. We will be moving around will three areas of experience. 1. Charge Conference: We take care of the “business” of a new year—bless 2019 leaders, vote on 2019 Pastor’s Compensation. 2. Discipleship Resources: Our purpose as a congregation is to be the place Jesus is making disciples. Rev. Bob Parks from the Farmville District, a rural, country area just like our ministry setting will share resources and ideas and grace. 3. General Conference: The United Methodists will gather in February 2019 to discern how we can be United in our Differences. Martha Stokes (born, baptized and raised in Henry County) will share. She is AWESOME! Please sign up if you would like to go. Sign up sheet is on the Pastor’s Office Door. We will leave at 7:45 a. m. (It takes an hour and a half to get to Fairview.)

Bethany Church of the Brethren Bible Study

“Glory Days” by Max Lucado is a six-week study and Bethany will begin on Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 p. m. and finish up on Thursday, November 1, 2018. “Remember the story of Joshua and the battle of Jericho? Joshua is in the Bible to remind us of one thing: God fights for us! We can overcome because He has already overcome. We win because God’s already won. Need a new battle plan for life? Keep walking, keep believing. These may be our Glory Days.”

LEADERSHIP NEEDS FOR 2019

Pastor Parish Relations Committee Vice Chair (PPRC)

In 2020 a new Chair of PPRC will be needed. To help with a transition of leadership, a vice chair can learn in 2019, before becoming chair in 2020. Responsibilities: 1. Help lead 4 meetings a year. Pastor Amy helps you. A specific guide purpose and focus for each meeting is provided by the Conference. 2. Help the relationship between pastor and congregation be one of listening and honest sharing, accountability and good for God and God’s church. 3. Sign and fill our paperwork that is submitted to the District or Conference.

Trustees

A trustee helps ensure the safety and upkeep of God’s house. The church as a building is a place of prayer, ministry, gathering, worship and so much more. Keith Brubaker is the chair. Responsibilities: 1. Possible called meeting if an urgent matter arises. 2. Be on a “call list” to help with a project. If it does not suit, you can say no but willingness to be called and help. 3. Help with Church Work Days (sometimes there is a Fall and/or Spring Work Day).

Highlanders, many of us, or our kiddos, are into many sports and/or clubs...participating and playing, both are important. I'd like to jazz up our Electronic Bulletin Board (TV announcements)! Let's fill our EBB with some fun pictures of our families doing those activities! Email or text some pix to me and I'll be happy to share them!

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NEWSLETTER information due to Pat Webb **by 20th** of each month.

Heavenly Manna Food Bank – located in Rocky Mount, helping the hungry. They sent Highland a letter more about their ministry and an invitation to volunteer in various ways: sorting donations (Mondays), boxing food for recipients (Mondays), computer registration of recipients (Mondays), afternoon helper (Mondays), pick up donations (various days in Rocky Mount at Kroger, Pizza Hut, Bojangles, Dairy Queen, Daylight Donuts, and Empire Cakes). See the letter on the bulletin board or call Heavenly Manna if you would like to help them help others.

Updated Call Chain – One of the ways we share urgent needs for prayer (with permission) and for help is through a call chain. Please pick up a copy by the mailboxes. If you would like to be added or changes suggested, please contact Pastor Amy. Thank you!

A pastor of St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Richmond, VA, The Rev. Gary Jones wrote a reflection when he heard about Aretha Franklin's death. He talked in his article about how he likes the song, "Say a little prayer for me." He shared...

"As an Episcopal priest, I'm never really sure how much good we do in premarital counseling. It's not so much about giving couples advice, but I have always given one piece— pray for each other. Every day. Pray for your spouse, pray for yourself as a husband or wife, and pray for your marriage. Just take a minute or two, close your eyes, and lift your spouse to God. Try to remember what your spouse is dealing with right now, what's going on in his or her life, at work or at home, or in the community. That way, when your spouse comes home from work, you'll have more to say than, "What do you want to do for dinner?" Instead, you might say, "I remembered you had a tough meeting today, when I was praying for you. How did everything go?" or something as simple as, "When I was praying for you today, I was just struck all over again by how much you mean to me.""

—Rev. Gary Jones

Prayer List

Joyce Guilliams and Ronnie
Fred Guilliams
Pam and Allan Messenger
Wayne and Marie Stanley
Sheldon Mankes
Family of Mason Legan
Brenda Underwood
Family of Patsy Smith
Family of Joyce Sledd
Rosalee Gibson
Bailey Grace Haskins
Dean Blankenship
Hurricane Families and Victims
Andrew Snead
Amanda Rude
Kenny and Jean Bernard
Shelby Nemeth
Sadie Willis
Jo Jo Griffith
Family of Kenneth Wade
Family of Lane Largen
Family of Bobby Kesler

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Oct 1 B – Jeff Guilliams
Oct 6 A – Perry and Carol Moran
Oct 7 B – Carol Moran
Oct 10 A – Terry and Cindy Jamison
B – Jesse Pendleton
Oct 13 B – C. J. Rhodes
Oct 20 B – Julie Bollings
Oct 26 B – Crystal Weaver