

## Loving, Learning and Serving Together

TODAY (8:30 am) Worship at New Hope UMC  
(10 am) Worship at Highland UMC  
MONDAY (7 pm) Choir *Every Monday night but 3rd Mondays*  
WEDNESDAY Garden Club meets at Highland UMC  
October 28 (In Worship) United Methodist Women (UMW) lead  
Blessing Andy and Audrey Daniels  
(After Worship) Youth Parents and Youth Meeting  
October 30 Amy attending Worship Workshop in Martinsville  
November 2 (7 pm) Franklin County HS Football Game  
November 4 (10) All Saint's Celebration  
(5 pm) Community Celtic Worship at St. Peter's Episcopal  
November 10 (9:45 am) Visitation and Meals  
November 11 (9 am) Donuts and Devotions in Fellowship Hall  
*2nd Sun.*  
November 18 (4 pm) Community Thanksgiving Service at Antioch  
PotLuck Dinner following  
November 19 (7 pm) UMW Meeting *Every 3rd Monday*  
*(No meetings Jan, Feb or July)*  
November 20 Newsletter Due to Pat Webb  
December 9 (3:30 pm) Blue Christmas Service at Bethany COB  
December 19 (Noon) (Noon) Community Lunch at Bethany  
*Every 3rd Wed. of month*  
January 13, 2019 (After Worship) Council Meeting  
February 23-26, 2019 Called General Conference of the UMC

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### Adopt a Garden

Highland's grounds has some "mini" gardens—spots where some flowers or brushes grow. If you would like to adopt one of these spaces to keep weeded, please see the sign up sheet. Questions? Contact Head Trustee Keith Brubaker at [keith.brubaker@frco.k12.va.us](mailto:keith.brubaker@frco.k12.va.us)

## Scripture Lesson Today: Romans 12

“So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

In speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what God does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelous functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourselves get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face. Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it...

## **Other Scriptures about Spiritual Gifts:**

*Ephesians 4*  
*1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

### **Discover Your Spiritual Gifts!**

In this fall season, you are invited to discover what spiritual gifts God has given you to help the church and go out into the world to serve. Talk with a friend, spend time in prayer. There are several resources to also help.

One is on the computer. Go to <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts>

This is an on-line “survey” to help you.

Or you can fill out a paper “Spiritual Gifts” Help. (Pick one up on the altar table). Directions are on the sheet. This is a list of statements about what you might like to do and not do. Turn this in and Amy will use a guide to tally up your statements to see what gifts God might have given you! Come on—its fun!

### **New Hand Out**

A New Hand Out explaining the Commission on the Way Forward is available on the table/prayer wall by the Pastor’s Office. We pray for the United Methodist Judicial Council that meets this week (October 23-26). They are reviewing the possible plans that could be voted on the Called General Conference. Questions? Ask Pastor Amy.

### **Trunk or Treat Opportunities**

October 31, Halloween, stop by and say hello at the Callaway Fire House where members of the Rescue Squad and Fire Department have decorated just for you! Come get sweet treats of their smiles and a goodie to take home.

New Hope UMC (5:30 pm) will be having a Truck or Treat. If you would like to come join them—bring your car a little before 5:30—and greet neighbors. Home made potato soup will be served for all the owners of trunks, too. If you are trick or treating, come by, say hello and get plenty of treats in one place!

## **Visiting and Taking a Meal**

November 10, Saturday at 9:45 a.m.—all are welcome to the Fellowship Hall. Meals will be packaged and we will be sent out to visit with people in the community. Questions? Contact Jennifer Brubaker at [jennifer.brubaker@frco.k12.va.us](mailto:jennifer.brubaker@frco.k12.va.us) or 483-5579.

### **All Saints Sunday**

*Hebrews 12:1* proclaims: “Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...” The first Sunday of November (4th) we will remember that a “saint” is anyone who is letting God’s grace work in and through their lives. The early Christians called each other saints. We take the time to ask how is God’s grace helping us be who God is calling us to be and we celebrate those now in heaven who surround us and lead us.

We will celebrate with scripture, singing, prayer, and communion. We will also celebrate with a slide show of all those who are part of the “great cloud of witnesses.” If you have a loved one who has died and you wish to have included in this slide show, please give or send a picture to Keith Brubaker at [keith.brubaker@frco.k12.va.us](mailto:keith.brubaker@frco.k12.va.us)  
Thank you to Keith for doing the slide show.

### **Good Samaritan Fund**

Did you know that one of the Sunday School classes is named the Good Samaritan Sunday School Class? (After the story Jesus tells about a Good Samaritan helping someone in need—*Luke 10:25-37*). They meet in the room across from the sanctuary (they have couches!). Currently they are studying the Old Testament. They welcome you to join them anytime. Did you also know they have a special fund that helps people in need. They want to be a Good Samaritan to others. If you would like to know more you can ask any of the members: Shelby Bernard, Tricia Custer, Barbara Guilliams, Norma Jean Guilliams, Billy and Shelby Moran, Perry and Carol Jane Moran, and others. If you wish to donate to this fund you can make you check out to “Good Samaritan Fund” and place in the offering plate. All donations will show up on your year end giving statment for tax purposes.