

Mother's Day Offering May 14, 2017

Mother's Day has become important to the United Methodist family of the North Carolina Conference as caring persons in all 8 districts combine efforts to assist retirement community residents whose financial resources have been depleted. The Mother's Day Offering provided an opportunity for each of us to have a part in providing a 'more abundant life' for residents who need financial support.

Please Note:

There will be a Charge Conference Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 7pm in the Conference room for the sole purpose of setting a compensation package for a Deacon position.

Attendance May 7, 2017

8:30am: 69 8:45am: 93 11:00am: 131 Pinehurst: 20 **Total: 313**

ACOLYTE: Sean Richards

CROSS BEARER: Leiko Takahashi

AUDIO: Ken Schuster

STREAMING MINISTRY: Bill Babcock, Seth Troxler, HUMC Youth

LAY READERS: 8:30: Earleen Barnes 11:00: Emily Keough

PRAYER ROOM: 8:30: Aaron Brothers

11:00: Charles & Ola Mae Cimerro

COMMUNION SERVERS: 8:30: Janine Wood

PASTOR: The Reverend Dr. Alan Swartz

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PASTOR: The Reverend Charlie Baber

MINISTER TO YOUTH AND FAMILIES: The Reverend Sarah Fletcher

MINISTER OF VISITATION: The Reverend Harold Salmon

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Amy Takahashi

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR: Jo Anne Swartz

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Jeff Whicker

ORGANIST: Marcia Nance

This Week At Highland



Sunday, May 14

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
8:45am The Connection (Bradley Hall)
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
4:15pm Highland Winds
5:00pm UMYF
5:00pm Highland Choir

Monday, May 15

7:00pm Toastmasters/NAMI/Pick Up Basketball
The Gospel of John Bible Study

Tuesday, May 16

7:00am Men's Bible Study
7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
Micah 6:8/Stephen Ministry
8:00pm AA

Wednesday, May 17 Highlanders to Lancaster

4:30pm Cherub Choir
5:00pm Bells Alive
6:30pm Holy Conversations Discussion
HUMRingers Handbells
7:30pm Connection Band Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18 Highlanders to Lancaster

9:15am Tai Chi
10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30pm Star Twirlers
7:30pm OA

Friday, May 19 Highlanders to Lancaster

12:15pm Kiwanis Club
2:30pm FCA Martin Middle School
5:00pm Clothing Closet

Saturday, May 20

9:00am Clothing Closet
2:00pm Eagle Scout Ceremony
7:00pm USA Ballroom Dance
8:00pm AA

Mark your calendars as we celebrate and honor the ministries of Ann Chapman and The Rev. Harold Salmon with receptions in the Conference Room during the Sunday School Hour (9:45am) Ann's reception will be June 11th Harold's reception will be June 25th



Highland United Methodist Church

1901 Ridge Road, Raleigh NC 27607

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May 14, 2017 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Traditional Worship

11:00am Traditional Worship 8:45am Contemporary Worship

9:45am Classes for All

We are an inviting family of faith seeking to love, serve and share Christ in our community

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

We welcome our guests today. You honor us with your presence. We appreciate you turning all electronic devices to silent mode. All present are asked to sign the fellowship pad on each pew.

**If you are able, please stand for this part of the service.*

PRELUDE

Hymnus

Fielitz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN "The God of Abraham Praise" Hymnal #116

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amy Takahashi

*THE PEACE

Following ancient Christian practice, we greet one another, offering reminders of Christ's peace. Please greet those around you saying: "The peace of Christ be with you." And responding: "And also with you."

**Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:1-5, 15-22

Pew Bible, New Testament, page 19

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*SUNG RESPONSE “Seek Ye First” Hymnal #405
**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!**

SERMON Don't Be A Jerk
The Rev. Dr. Alan Swartz

———— **RESPONSE** ————

*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love” Hymnal # 422

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
**Almighty God,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to the calls of peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

(Please offer silent confession.)

WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the good news: God loves and forgives us, sending the Spirit to guide and sustain us with never-ending love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *This is My Father's World* Sheppard/Simpson
Ann Pearce, flute

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal pg.15

*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.**

HOLY COMMUNION *Since we believe that Communion offers the chance for an encounter with God, all persons, including children, are invited to participate and receive the sacrament. When the bread is placed in your hand the server will say: “The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.” When the cup is offered to you the server will say: “The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.” Each time you may respond by saying “Amen” or “Thanks be to God.” If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer for communion rather than bread, please let one of the servers know.*

———— **SENDING FORTH** ————

*CLOSING HYMN “Trust and Obey” Hymnal # 467

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Toccata on the Doxology* Young

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Malinda, Les & Catie Stallings in loving memory of
Cathy Younts Hilker*

*Please welcome Jean and Banner Smith who will be joining
our Highland family at the 11:00am service this morning.*

Holy Conversation: How to Handle Difficult Discussions

Politics. Homosexuality. Immigrants. Worship Times. Sometimes we can't even agree to disagree. As it becomes more challenging to talk to one another over difficult issues, can the gospel provide a way forward? This three-week sermon series and Wednesday night conversation will teach a practical, biblical approach to civil discourse. Wednesday classes, 6:30-7:45pm, Conference Room. May 17 - Practicing Holy Conversation - *Highland's Worship*

Vacation Bible School!

July 10-14, 2017 9:00 AM-Noon daily

All children ages 3 (as of 7/10/17 through 5th grade completed) are welcome!

Please help us spread the word about this summer's Vacation Bible School. VBS is a great opportunity for us to share God's love with the children in our neighborhood. Please encourage your children, grandchildren and the kids down the street to be part of this super-fun week at Highland.

Registration links can be found at: www.highlandumc.org.

VBS Volunteers!

We are in need of loving hearts and kind hands to help lead, guide and teach our children during Vacation Bible School. If you would be willing to give of your time to help our children and guests experience God's love please contact Amy Takahashi (amy@highlandumc.org).

There will be a meeting for all VBS volunteers on **Sunday, May 21 at 12:15 and again at 5:30---please pick the time that works**

best for you! This will be an opportunity for us to go over the curriculum, craft projects, missions, schedules, etc. We will have plenty of time to share ideas and ask questions! All VBS volunteers (including youth) are encouraged to attend one of these sessions.

VBS Prep-Fest! June 27, 28, 29. Our annual prep-fest will be held two weeks before VBS this year (so we can all relax on July 4).

We will work from 9-12 on Tuesday, and 9-3 on Wednesday and Thursday. Lunch will be provided on Wednesday---but please bring a sack-lunch for Thursday. At Prep-Fest we will be preparing the craft materials and decorations of VBS. It is always a lot of fun---for the adult and youth helpers. We sometimes have child-care for younger children---but please check to see before bringing the little ones with you to Prep Fest.

Summer Sunday School! Sundays June 4-August 20 9:45am

During the summer months, we combine our elementary Sunday School classes into one great big experience. We gather in the Assembly Room to work on individual and group projects. We have a Bible story each week and sometime we have skits and drama---other times we have art projects or games---lots of different way to hear, experience, and learn the Bible stories.

During the summer months we try to give the folks who have been teaching Sunday School from September through May a break. ---This means we need volunteers! If you have a child who participates in Sunday school---please sign up to help on one or two or three Sundays. If you have don't have a child in Sunday School---don't let that stop you! You can still sign-up for help. Follow this link for the sign-up page: <http://tinyurl.com/kmbume8>