

## Joy to the World, The Lord Has Come!!



**The “Wise Men”  
traveled long  
distances at much  
effort to be near the  
Christ Child.**

**In 2012, what will you  
do to be closer to  
Jesus?**

Adoration of the Magi, Andrea Mategna,  
Italian; c/a 1500  
Getty Museum

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**And here at Highland, we have enjoyed many wonderful, fun and inspiring activities leading up to Christmas last month! In this issue we will share some memories as well as look ahead to the New Year!**



**Bethlehem or Bust – Children’s Musical – December 11  
(More December Children’s Photos on Page 15)**

Highland Families can see and download more photos from December events at [www.picasaweb.google.com/JohnRobinsonRaleigh](http://www.picasaweb.google.com/JohnRobinsonRaleigh)

**From Pastor  
David Goehring**

**We Pray for a Joyous New Year**

2012 is before us, and we really don't know what this year will bring. Yet, we are in personal relationships with the One Almighty God who does know. For me, right now, that is all I need to know.

In a few days, at a special planning retreat for the Church Council, the leadership here at Highland will be focusing on our vision, mission, and values. Of course, this is only the first step in this new year of leadership planning and analysis. All of us will be a part of the process. As a church, we know that we are all about the work of making disciples.

In John's Gospel we are reminded that anyone who wants to be a disciple of Jesus must deny self, take up the cross and follow him. Jesus' friends asked him "how would people know...(if they were followers of Him)? Jesus responded "By your love."

In this New Year it remains my prayer that we will discover anew what it means to follow Jesus and we will help others to follow him. I believe we will do this by getting closer to God and to one another, by going deeper in our faith through prayer and Bible study; and, we will grow wider in our increasing love and care of others.

There is always a challenge to "grow wider in love and care of others", because we like to *select* who are the "others". In this year, let us be open to *God's* choosing of the "others" in our life. You might be surprised to discover who God will bring into your life. Chances are very good that they will not be persons who look and act like you. From my point of view that would be a "good thing".

May God bless you and keep you.  
May He make His face to shine upon you and give you peace.



Love always,

*David G*

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**General Church News &  
Information**

**New Year's Day, January 1  
No 8:30 am Worship Service – But all other  
Services and Sunday School as normal.**

**Warmth for Wake – Highland Day  
Saturday, January 28 – 8:00 am**

Warmth for Wake is a seasonal energy assistance outreach program. The goal of the program is to provide fuel to low-income residents of Wake County during the coldest winter months. With the commitment of a strong volunteer base, Warmth for Wake is able to provide free deliveries of firewood to homes that can use it to supplement their gas or electric heat consumption.

Each winter Highland UMC provides a group of volunteers for this program. This season, on Saturday Jan. 28 2012, we need men, women and teenage volunteers to help chop, split, load and deliver firewood.

Bring axes, chainsaws, and pickup trucks if you can. You also will want to bring work gloves, closed-toe shoes, water, safety goggles and earplugs (those chainsaws can be very noisy). We will work at Jimmy Everett's tree service at 7044 Wildlife Trail off Leesville Road in North Raleigh (a new location this year).

We will meet at the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. to carpool or at the work site at 8:30 am. Work is usually through by 12:00 noon. Each volunteer will need to sign a waiver form before starting work. If you have any questions, contact Ken Shorter at 851-1281 or [ken\\_shorter@hotmail.com](mailto:ken_shorter@hotmail.com).

In the case of inclement weather, please call 212-7083 for details about a potential cancellation. If a last-minute change is necessary, it would be reflected on their voicemail message late on Friday or Saturday if weather conditions deteriorate.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT WITH SQUARE DANCING  
Wednesday Night, January 4 6:30 pm**

The Star Twirlers square dance group is offering a fun, family night following the Wednesday evening family dinner on January 4. This will be a fun way to start the new, post-Christmas season. Square dancing is a fun activity for all ages – 9 to 90 (+). If you haven't done this before, don't be shy! Beginners are welcome and there will be lessons as well by the professional square-dance "caller," Greg Jones.

Alternate fun activities are planned for children under 9 years of age. While the fun will begin following the Cross-Training family dinner, you also are welcome to come without participating in the dinner.

**Ongoing Response to  
2012 Abide in Christ campaign**

We have received 257 promise cards totaling \$975,451 for the General Operating Fund. In addition, we received 22 promises totaling \$15,645 for the Highland UMC Endowment Fund.

Please help us close out our budgeting process for 2012. If you haven't made a commitment, we need to hear from you. Just \$25,000 more in promises will allow us to move ahead with the 2012 Preliminary Budget.

- ✦ Please let us know how we can help you make your pledge:
  - ✓ You may call the church office,
  - ✓ You may come by and complete a pledge card,
  - ✓ You may email Lisa ([lisa@highlandumc.org](mailto:lisa@highlandumc.org)),
  - ✓ You can find pledge cards in the pew pads
  - ✓ We can call you.

Thank you for your commitments, your support and your prayers!

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## CHURCH COUNCIL RETREAT

### For All Church Council Members

Saturday, January 21, 2012  
8:50AM (coffee time) until 2:30PM  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
Lunch will be provided

#### WHERE IS GOD LEADING HUMC IN 2012?

Please contact Pam Brothers (781-6288) or email [mamab3309@aol.com](mailto:mamab3309@aol.com) as soon as possible if baby-sitting is needed.

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## Ongoing Adult Studies

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### Women's Friday Morning Bible Study

Starting New Study, January 6, 9:30 am  
Conference Room  
How can I share my faith in everyday language?

The Women's Bible Study begins a new study on January 6th entitled *Holy Conversation: Talking about God in Everyday Life*, written by Richard Peace and facilitated by Janet Baucom. We know we're called to share our faith, but we don't want to feel like salespeople or confrontational evangelists. Here's a 12-week study to help us figure out how to engage is easy and comfortable conversation about Jesus, how to share our faith with friends neighbors and colleagues. Join us Friday mornings 9:30 - 11:30 am in the Conference room as we practice putting faith into our own words this new year. Contact Joanie Loftin ([joanieloftin@theloftins.net](mailto:joanieloftin@theloftins.net)) for more information or to express interest in joining us.



### Pastor David Goehring Leading Christian Believers Study

Wednesday Evenings @ 6:45 pm

Although the sessions have been running all Fall, if you are interested, you can "catch-up" with the balance of the sessions. Just call David Goering to indicate your interest and get on-track for the rest of the times.

## Pastor David Stark

### "Living a Spiritual Life" Class Continues

Wednesday Evenings and/or Thursday Mornings

This too has been going all Fall, but please consider joining in for the remaining sessions. Call pastor David Stark for information.

### Following The Connection – an Adult Sunday School Class -- for a very informal conversation to bring the scripture lesson from church into your everyday life.

Each week this class will meet to discuss The Connection sermon from 10:00-10:45 am. This small and informal discussion group meets in the Youth Assembly Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Bradley Center.

### Are You Not Yet Participating in an Adult Sunday School Class??

There are a large number of adult classes meeting each Sunday morning at 9:45 am, following the close of the 8:30 am and Connection services. If you are not participating in one, you are missing-out on one of the great benefits of church! These classes provide both an opportunity to learn more about the Bible and our body of beliefs (and to discuss your ideas about these too). They also provide an opportunity for "small-group" fellowship and support – giving you a circle of close friends that can be so important in times of special need.

If you are interested in exploring participation in a class and want suggestions about which might fit your needs, please talk to one of the pastors. Also remember that ALL classes welcome visitors on a totally "non-obligatory" – "non-commitment" basis. Feel free to try out several classes until you find the one that "feels right!"



### Mary Smith Memorial Library

Room 208

Strengthening the faith journey of book lovers in our congregation

### Stuck inside on a wintery day?

Have plenty of good books and hot cocoa on hand! Listed below are a few new books from which to choose. See others located on the New Books Cart inside the library that you might have missed during the Christmas rush.



**New Adult Fiction:** *Eyes on the Prize* by Sunni Jeffers; *Home for the Holidays* by Rebecca Kelly; and *Three Day Town* by Margaret Maron

**New Adult Nonfiction:** *Believe: The Words and Inspiration of Desmond Tutu* by Desmond Tutu

Lots of new board books for children also are now available!  
(more Library next page)

## Library Staff Picks for January



### Adult Fiction:

*Three Day Town* by Margaret Maron – Bestseller Maron's 17<sup>th</sup> Deborah Knott Mystery set in New York City.

### Adult Nonfiction:

*Billy Graham in Quotes* by Franklin Graham – a stunning collection of quotes from a longtime warrior for Christ.

### Children:

*Stella, Queen of the Snow* by Marie-Louise Gay – a marvelous little story about Stella introducing her brother Sam to the magical world of snow.

Check our special displays for winter-themed books for children and adults.

**Our Annual Used Book Sale** is being planned for mid-springtime. If you get a head start on spring cleaning during the next couple of months, box up any books you may no longer want and consider donating them to our book sale. Please store large quantities of books at home until we have a sale date set. All proceeds go towards new book purchases for the library.

**See you in the Library!** The door is always open and is staffed each Sunday between 9:30 and 10:00 am.

## Children's Ministry & Activities

From Amy Takahashi,  
Director of Children's  
Ministries



## Spring Cross Training Wednesday Evenings – Restarts January 4

It is time to sign-up for the Spring semester of our weekly fellowship meals. The meals will resume on Wednesday, January 4 and continue through May 9 (excluding Holy Week). You can purchase a meal pass for all 18 weeks or pay-as-you-go. Reservations for the first meal must be made by noon on Tuesday, January 2. You can sign up online at [www.highlandumc.org](http://www.highlandumc.org), by calling the church office, or by making a note on the pew pad on Sunday morning.

Meal-pass forms will be in the Sunday morning bulletin or available from the church office.

### Meal Costs for "Spring Semester"

- Family (3 or more) \$218.
- Couple \$160
- Single Youth \$75 (6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Single Child \$60 (4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Regular weekly meal prices:
- \$6/adult - - \$3/child -- \$20 max/family

## Sunday School News

During the month of December our elementary classes made a "Jesse Tree" as part of their weekly lessons. The Jesse Tree is a symbolic family tree for Jesus. Through the use of symbols and/or drawings we are reminded of the people and stories of the Old Testament that preceded Jesus' birth.

On Sunday morning, January 1, our elementary classes will learn about and work on a project for the mission team going to Guyana in late January. During the month of January the theme for our preschool and elementary classes will be: **Jesus, Son of God**. We will be learning the stories of Jesus' baptism and the call of the disciples.

## Safe Sanctuaries –

*Safe Sanctuaries* is our church's effort to make sure that children and youth are safe while at the church or participating in church events. Highland first implemented its Safe Sanctuary policy in 2006; and, as required by the NC Conference of UMC (and a conscientious Children's Ministry Team here at Highland), we recently reviewed and updated the policy.

### Adult Helper Requirements for "SAFE":

According to our policy:

- a.) All adults working with children and youth must complete Safe Sanctuary training on an annual basis.
- b.) All adults working with children and youth must successfully complete a background check before they can teach/lead children and youth.

## "Safe" Review & Training Sessions Offered January 7-10 (You Pick the Date)

We will be offering Safe Sanctuary training on **Saturday, Jan. 7 at 9:00 am**, on **Sunday, January 8 at 9:45 am**, and on **Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm**. We encourage everyone in the congregation to attend one of these sessions. All teachers and youth leaders must attend a training session. If none of the times listed is convenient for you, please contact Amy Takahashi (787-4240 or [amy@highlandumc.org](mailto:amy@highlandumc.org)).

## Children's Teacher/Leader Sign-up for Jan.-June! **We Need YOU!**

The teaching and volunteer schedules for January through June is now posted online at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/humc2>.

We need all of our current teachers sign-up for the dates you will teach this spring. We also need persons who are willing to provide loving oversight in our childcare room during the worship hours to sign-up! It takes at least 14 volunteers every Sunday morning to fully staff our nurseries and classrooms. Your help is needed! **Please contact me, Amy Takahashi and Sign-Up Today.**

## Family Retreat – April 27-29 Save the date!

A small group of folks is working on planning a church-wide family retreat. The tentative date for the event is April 27-29, 2012. We hope to find a site that will accommodate tent-camping and folks who would prefer to stay in a lodge or cabin. Please watch the weekly eNews for more information!

**Vacation Bible School June 18-22**  
**Mark your calendar and plan on**  
**attending this year.**

**“Shake It Up  
Café”  
Where Kids  
Carry Out  
God's Recipe**



In this kid-friendly cafe full of chefs' hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, you kids will explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's Word. Through interactive lessons boys and girls will celebrate biblical festivals that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God.

To volunteer to help with VBS please contact Amy Takahashi .

## Children's Choirs & Schedules

### Something Old, Something New: Hymns to Explore, Things to Do

Highland UMC Children's Choirs had an awesome Fall/Winter! I am excited about the new adventure we will begin as we resume children's choirs on Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

This semester, all three choirs will be exploring hymns both old and new. The children will be working toward leading a hymn-sing this spring. Each set of hymns (one old and one new) will help us to understand an aspect of "Who Jesus Is". The children will learn classic hymns such as,

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”,**  
**“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”,** and ,  
**“Sweet Hour of Prayer.”**

The children also will be introduced to new hymns and songs of praise and worship for each characteristic we study. Please join us for this fun adventure!

### Weekly Children's Choirs Schedule on Wednesday Afternoons-Evenings

If your child is just reaching an age to participate in a wonderful music education program – or if you simply have not yet enrolled your pre-school or elementary grade child in our program for music and Bible study, here is the schedule to restart in January for any new or additional children.

- **Cherub Choir (3 & 4 year olds)**  
4:25-4:55 pm
- **Hosanna Choir (K & 1st Grade)**  
5:00-5:45 pm
- **Chorister Choir (2nd-5th Grade)**  
5:00-5:45 pm

## Playful Praise A Growth Program for Infants!

**Playful Praise**, a new family music experience for infants, toddlers, and their families continues. Please contact Emily Delikat for more information: [emily.delikat@gmail.com](mailto:emily.delikat@gmail.com).

**Two Times are offered for Playful Praise:**

### Thursday Mornings

9:30-10:15 am Children ages birth-12 months  
10:30-11:15 am Children ages 12 months-2 years

### Sunday Evenings (Pajama sessions)

5:30-6:15 Children ages birth- 12 months  
6:30-7:15 Children ages 12 months-2 years



## Highland Youth & Family Ministries Activities & Schedules

### Sundays for Highland Youth

Highland Youth Ministries has two regular ongoing events: Sunday School and Highland Youth Fellowship. The Sunday School hour is from 9:45-10:45am every Sunday in the refurbished Youth Room located across from the Library, with similar separate lessons for the middle school and high school groups.

The Highland Youth Fellowship takes place every Sunday night from 5:00-7:00 pm. The youth and their leaders begin meeting with a meal together, then spend time worshiping with the leadership of our youth praise band, then in the final hour we have a message and a message-related activity.

### Confirmation Journey Begins January 4, 2012

Highland UMC offers Confirmation opportunities for youth in the 8th grade and older. It is a journey where youth are paired with adult mentors to learn what it means to be a United Methodist Christian. We believe that our commitment to follow Christ is more important than all other commitments, so Confirmation requires youth to not only participate in classes but also be fully engaged in the life of the church through worship, service, and other ministries.

Classes will be held each Wednesday evenings from 5:30 - 7:00 pm, beginning January 4 and continuing to March 28, 2012. For more information on how you can participate as a youth or an adult mentor, email [charliebaber@gmail.com](mailto:charliebaber@gmail.com).

## Wednesday Evening Youth Gatherings

On Wednesdays, youth can participate in the following exciting events:

- 4:15-5:15 pm **Girl's Fitness Group** with Myra Cafaree meets in the Game Room. Middle & High School girls can work out together and learn fitness techniques.
- 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **Confirmation Class** for those Youth who have now progressed to “that ripe old age” where they are ready to personally profess the faith of their earlier baptism (or to be baptized as appropriate for the individual)!

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## More Great Youth Activities & Plans:

**Leadership Training Day for Parents & Adult Volunteers on January 7, 2012.** We will offer **Safe Sanctuary** training at 9:00 am, followed by workshops on communicating effectively with teenagers, and workshops for Sunday School teachers, Confirmation Mentors, and UMYF leaders. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Also, you may want to mark your calendars with these dates -- More information to come later:**

- **Suitcase Safari; April 27-29, 2012** (current middle school youth only)
- **Highland Service Project; July 1-7, 2012** (Participants must have completed 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)
- **Fun in the Sun; Jekyll Island, GA; July 16-20, 2012** (must have completed 8th-12th grades)
- **City Servants; HUMC day camp; August 13-17, 2012** (rising 6th-9th graders)

## Summer Camp Registration Begins (YES! It is time to think about this!)

Although Summer Camp might seem a long way away for parents still trying to organize Christmas celebrations, the choice time slots at our United Methodist affiliated camps fill up early. Each Camp's website has information about online registration. Below are the email addresses for each camp.

Camp Don Lee [www.donleecenter.org](http://www.donleecenter.org)

Camp Chestnut Ridge [www.campchestnutridge.org](http://www.campchestnutridge.org)

Camp Rockfish [www.camprockfish.org](http://www.camprockfish.org)

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## Adult Ministries & Events

**Knit A Prayer Shawl Enjoy the Company!**  
**For This Month: Thursday, January 19 10:00 am**

Normally, the Prayer Shawl Ministry group meets regularly on the first and third Thursday mornings in the church Parlor (adjacent to the Sanctuary entrance). Seven women have met this fall and produced some beautiful shawls.



For this month only, we will **not** meet the first Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, as many are still involved with the holidays during the week following New Year's day.

If you have questions, please contact Nancy Klein [nancyannklein@gmail.com](mailto:nancyannklein@gmail.com) or phone: 747-9418

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## United Methodist Women

**A UMW Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9th, at 11:00 am, in Room 210.** All board members are encouraged to attend.

**Circle 1** will meet Monday, January 9th, in the Conference Room at 9:30 am, to make Valentine's cards for Veterans. All are welcome to attend. Please bring whatever items you might have suitable for making valentines (card stock paper, construction paper, stamps, and markers, etc.).

**Circle 2/3** will meet Monday, January 9th, at 10:30 am in the Parlor to begin a study of Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World*.

**Circle 7** will meet Monday, January 9, at 6:00 pm, for dinner at Bear Rock Cafe at Lake Boone Shopping Center and will meet at 7:00 pm, in the Conference Room at Highland. A program on Israel will be presented by Janelle Haseman.

**Circle 8** will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 2:00 pm in Room 209. Our study for the day will be from the book "Parables from the Back Side."

### Women: Reserve the date!

Please mark your calendars for  
**The Mother -Daughter Banquet**  
which will be held May 8th!

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## Methodist Men's Ministries

### UMM Monthly Meeting Saturday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am

Men! Come and enjoy the monthly UMM meeting on Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am in the Bradley Center. Join us for fellowship and a great breakfast (only \$1.00 !!).

### Men's Tuesday Morning Fellowship Join us for Coffee, Fellowship, and Study 6:30 am

The "Fellowship and Prayer Group" meets every Tuesday morning in the Conference Room at 6:30am sharp for coffee, study and prayer. The meeting ends promptly at 7:30am.

## Senior Men's Coffee Assembly and Social Tuesday Mornings 10:00 AM

Also meeting for informal fellowship, discussion, and some coffee, a group of Highland friends gather each Tuesday morning at 10:00 am – most probably in the Conference Room. If you don't immediately see them, just use your ear to the wall or floor and you probably will hear them!



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## Highlanders -- Senior Adults' Meetings & Plans

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### The Highlanders: Continuing a Full Schedule of Great Fun and Fellowship!

If you are a "mature adult" (oh, say 50 or so – kids of 40 also welcome!) and new to Highland or the Highlanders, we encourage you to come and participate in this group with its interesting activities, food, and fellowship!

In addition to our monthly meetings with speakers and lunches, a number of day trips are scheduled each year. Also, normally, two times each year the Highlanders offer an extended, overnight, 3 or 4 day trip for those who wish to participate.

Actually, there is no "minimum age specification" for Highlanders; and any and all mature adults are welcome to participate. There are no "dues" and the only requirement is to pay for your own lunches or trip costs when you elect to attend and participate.

**Look at the activities described below as we continue with many winter activities. Make your plans to join in with this wonderful fellowship group!**

### Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 11:30 am Luncheon and Presentation by Robin Zook - Pharmacist -- Medications for Older Adults

Robin Zook, Certified Geriatric Pharmacist, MTM Pharmacy Associates in Cary, will present a very informative program in which she will discuss "Medications Used by Older Adults." It is important to be aware of the interactions that can occur among various medications. Her program will be followed by a catered luncheon. Please sign up for this event at the reception desk no later than January 13, 2012.

### Tuesday, February 21, 11:30 am Luncheon and Presentation by Bill McCrea, Museum of History -- New Chronological Exhibit - "The Story of North Carolina"

Bill McCrea, Design Section Chief at the N.C. Museum of History, will discuss the new chronological historical exhibit - "The Story of North Carolina." He will focus on one of the MOH's prized artifacts, the house that carpenter Solomon Robson built in 1742 in Pitt County. This house was dismantled and reconstructed in the museum. His program will be followed by a catered luncheon. Please sign up for this event at the reception desk no later than February 17, 2012. Please note: We

will be planning a day trip in the church bus to the museum to view the new exhibit at a later time.

### Tuesday, March 20, 11:30 am Program by Holocaust Survivor

The Highlander program on March 20 will follow the 12:00 noon Lenten service and 12:30 pm soup and sandwich luncheon in the Bradley Center. The speaker will be Morris Glass, a Polish Jew who will tell his story as a "holocaust survivor." A quote from the book describing his experiences:

"I was born in Pabianice, Poland, on April 3, 1928. Eleven years later on September 1, 1939, the German army with all of its armor and motorized vehicles marched into Poland and changed my life forever. The next six years were absolute hell for me and the Jews of Poland....."

You will leave with tears in your eyes after hearing about Mr. Glass's experiences.

Please note that his presentation will begin at **1:00 pm**. You are welcome to attend the Lenten service and luncheon, or you may attend only the presentation by Mr. Glass.

### May Travel Planned for NY Hudson Valley Region

Nancy Cabe, with Nancy Cabe Tours, is planning a spring 4-5 day trip in early May for the Highlanders, probably to the Hudson Valley and nearby regions of New York. Details should be available in the February Ridge Rider.

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## Member Concerns and News Please Remember in Prayer

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Bill Babcock, Mike Williams, Vung Cing, Violet Poole, Jeff Whicker; Helen Cheek (Kay Burgess's mother), Bill Wilkinson, Jim Sineath, Daisy Smith, Irene Alford (Vance Alford's mother), Ann & Bob Boyette, Jane Bowen (Linda Cooksey's sister), Tommy Bullock, Brenda Bergevin (Billie Poole's sister), Mary Cherry, Dot Correll, Dwight Crumpton, Larry and Sandra Davis (Kyle Rudd's sister and brother-in-law), Bill Dickinson (Cori Stocum's father), Brooks Epley (Sue Sink's grandson), Stuart Ferguson, Roseanne Finch, Harold Fuller, Lorraine Gergen, Brent Gibbs, Nancy Goodson (Brenda Hudson's mother), Laurie Hedrick (George Hedrick's daughter), Frank Highley (Carol Blue's friend), Eric Hitchcock, Jim Hudson, Bill Howard (Sherry Delaplain's brother-in-law), Betsy Huber, Gloria Jean Jackson (Patrick O'Carroll's mother), Shannon Johnson (Jim & Betty Johnson's daughter-in-law), Doris Kruger, Van Lee (Jennifer Alford's father), Bob Lowder (Linda McLain's brother), Sally Lowe, Charles Lowe, Carl Mims (Chip Mims' father), Ed Morrill, Betty Naylor, Elenestine Niyonkuru, Cheri Nystrom (David Dix's sister), Patrick O'Carroll, Andrew Palmer, Cil Phe, Lee Price (Inez Price's son), Susan Puerta (friend of Sherry Delaplain), Buddy Redding, Phil Redwine, Dot Sanders, Kathy Scholl, Bill Schneider (Peggy Reaugh's son-in-law), Don & Pat Scott, Graye Shaw, Scott Simonson (Steve & Lorraine Gergen's son-in-law),  
**(more next page)**

## More Prayer Concerns:

Doug Stocker (Dee Maronpot's brother), Adam Swiskey, Sharon Taylor, Wayne Thomas (Rex Thomas's brother), Alice Wallace, Mary Russell Ward (Susan Ward's mother), Paul West, Lu White, Dora Wilkerson

**Please also remember in prayer those serving in our military:** Michael Casey, Scott Hudson, Robert Boone, Erich Dix, John Hudson, Matthew Bawden, Justin Rose and Josh Shannon

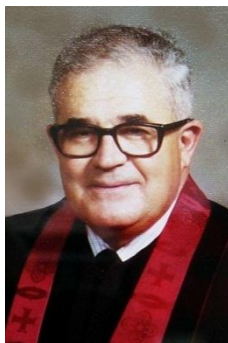
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## Sympathy: We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to ...

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... **Virginia Nash Patten** upon the death of her husband **Rev. Brooks Patten**.

**Rev. Patton** was, the founding minister of Highland UMC. Reverend Patten died on November 23, 2011.



**Sympathy to Linda and Lanny Piper** on the death of Linda's mother, **Maxine Holden**, November 30, 2011.

**Sympathy to Kaitlin, Mike and Haley Joy Forsyth** on the death of Kaitlin's mother, **Linda Ray**.



**Linda**, (pictured to the right) died on December 11, 2011

A large crowd of friends and family met in our Highland Sanctuary on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to celebrate her life

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## Memorials and Honorariums November - December

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Here is a summary of all such specified gifts received by the church office during the months of November and early December that were not reported last month.

### Given in Honor of: Evelyn Ward

<b>Given By:</b> _____	<b>Given for:</b> _____
Mike and Mark Ward	The General Fund

### In Memory of: David Timothy

<b>Given By:</b> _____	<b>Given for:</b> _____
Jean Shelly	General Memorial Fund

### In Memory of: Phil Miller

<b>Given By:</b> _____	<b>Given for:</b> _____
Jean Shelly	Philip Miller Memorial

### In Memory of: Larry McGee

<b>Given By:</b> _____	<b>Given for:</b> _____
Jean Shelly	Larry McGee Memorial

### In Memory of: Bryce Younts

<b>Given By:</b> _____	<b>Given for:</b> _____
Jerry & Fran Sherrill	Bryce Younts Memorial
Ray & Linda Cooksey	Bryce Younts Memorial
Jean Shelly	Bryce Younts Memorial
Ellen Burke & Diane Davis	Bryce Younts Memorial
William Ledford	Bryce Younts Memorial
Ann & Irv Pearce	Bryce Younts Memorial
ML. Merritt Jones	Bryce Younts Memorial
Louis & Julie Driggers	Bryce Younts Memorial
Floyd & Ann Morgan	Bryce Younts Memorial
Hal & Earleen Barnes	Bryce Younts Memorial
Jack & Diane Penny	Bryce Younts Memorial
Robert & Doris Kruger	Bryce Younts Memorial
John & Virginia Shutt	Bryce Younts Memorial
Davis Townsend High School Class of 1943	Bryce Younts Memorial

### In Memory of: Bryce Younts (continued)

<b>Given By:</b> _____	<b>Given for:</b> _____
Malinda Stallings and Family	Bryce Younts Memorial
Deborah & Donald Carroll	Bryce Younts Memorial
Jack Boddie	Bryce Younts Memorial
Lynn & Ellen Tucker	Bryce Younts Memorial
Dale & Camilla Matzinger	Bryce Younts Memorial

### In Memory of Inez Price

<b>Given By:</b> _____	<b>Given for:</b> _____
Circle 2/3	Community Garden

### In Memory of Marry Curren

<b>Given By:</b> _____	<b>Given for:</b> _____
Circle 2/3	Community Garden

### Memorials - Note of Correction:

The **Ridge Rider** extends sincere apologies to the members of Circle 2/3, the family of Inez Price and the family of Mary Curren. Last month the RR incorrectly noted a memorial gift for "Inez Price's Son" (who happily, is still very much alive!).

The error occurred because of a misreading of the handwritten note the church office received from Circle 2/3. Our sincere apologies to all concerned. The two memorial notations are properly presented above.

### About Specifying a Memorial or Honorarium Gift:

When it is desired to make a memorial gift or a gift to honor some living person, the church welcomes such gifts. These can be submitted at any time for any occasion.

When making such a gift, the donor can specify that it is to be used in some specific manner or can simply make a general gift.

In the case of memorial gifts, when there is no specified use by the donor, the family of the person being memorialized is given the option of specifying how the gift is to be used. After 12 months, if there is no such designation by the family, the funds are transferred to the HUMC Permanent Endowment Fund.

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**Note: Remembrance Tree Gifts, benefitting WHIN are listed on pages 13-15.**

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**Congratulations -- Births/Baptisms:**

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**Congratulations to Joe and Janelle Haseman** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Channing Charlton Walker**, born on November 16, 2011.

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**Baptism: December 11**

**Helen Morrill** daughter of Ed and Johanna Morrill was baptized at the 11:00 am worship service.



long-time Highland family (and family of Ellen)! Our apologies to all – including the Blaylock family (with their name not even spelled the same! Tsk, tsk, Mr.,Editor!!)

**Make note of the larger Blalock family photo below – this time including some very familiar Baird family faces too!**



**The Blalock Baptismal family as it appeared in last month's Ridge Rider**

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**Welcome to New Members:**

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On Sunday, December 18, at the Connection Service, we were delighted to welcome into membership **Mark, and Vickie Adamson and their son, Gabriel**. The Adamson family is pictured below. Please look for them and make them feel a warm Highland welcome!



**The Adamson Family – New Members, December 18**

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**AND ..another:**



**Correction on Announcement of Baptism of Clark Alan Blalock on November 6.**

Little Alan, son of Joseph and Ellen Blalock, was baptized at the 11:00 am worship service on November 6.

Your Ridge Rider Editor in a lapse of mental acuity stated that “Clark is the grandson of Highland members, Ted and Rebecca Blaylock.”. Clearly, the Blaylock family must have been startled to learn of this totally unknown, mysterious “grandchild” – with a different family name!

Whoops! We should have noted that the **Baird family** is the

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## Thanks

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### To My Highland Church Family

Since last December, 2010, I have been both comforted and inspired by your prayers, thoughts, and concerns after my surgery at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham. Your calls, visits, and beautiful cards kept the sun shining brightly as I felt the love and friendship around me. I am blessed to be part of this beautiful church family.

Please keep me in your prayers as I enter another step in my journey. You will always be remembered with love.

**Daisy B. Smith**

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### HUMRingers - Ringing for others!

The HUMRingers enjoyed sharing the joy of Christmas handbell music with two very different groups during early December. December 4th found them at Fletcher Chapel UMC in Durham, where Heather Lear is Senior Pastor. They had the privilege of providing five selections during the 11am worship service and then stayed for a delicious covered dish lunch provided by church members.



Then on December 6th, the HUMRingers presented a Christmas concert for the inmates at the North Carolina Correctional Institute for Women, their 13th occasion in that venue. As usual, they finished out the evening by ringing several carols for a sing-along session with the women.

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## Highland UMC in Mission And Outreach

In Our Community & the World

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### Help (and Clothes!) Needed for Highland's Charitable "Clothes Closet"

**Clothes Closet for Recent ESL Immigrants Needing Appropriate Raleigh Clothing - Collections First Week of January**

Due to an overwhelming demand from our ESL community (most participants living at "poverty levels" as they struggle to learn English and gain adequate employment), we will open the **Highland Clothing Closet** again on Saturday, January 7th.

We will collect clothing from Wed. January 4 through Fri. 6<sup>th</sup>. Look for the new "Clothing Closet Collection Bin" at

Bradley Hall to drop off your clean, gently used items. This is a great opportunity to clean out your closets over the holidays.

We are in greatest need of infant, toddler, ladies, and men's items, especially coats. If possible, please place adult clothing on hangers and children's clothing neatly folded in bags. This will help us when sorting and getting ready for distribution. We are also asking for volunteers on Jan. 7th, our distribution day. Any amount of time you can help between 8:30 am-12:00 pm would be appreciated. Email Debbie Davis at zld14@nc.rr.com or Jeanie Ford at jpford@wcpss.net with questions. Thank you so much for helping us provide much needed items for less fortunate but very appreciative families in our community.

### WIHN Needs Our Help - Highland To Furnish "Transition Apartment"

For many years Highland has supported the Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network by providing lodging, meals, and transportation to homeless families enrolled in its emergency housing program. Now WIHN needs our help with its newest initiative, the Transitional Housing Program.

WIHN recently acquired an apartment building adjacent to its existing center on Method Road. Families participating in the transitional housing program will rent an apartment for a period of twelve months. They will also take part in classes on budgeting and parenting and other skills they will need as they move toward self-sufficiency. When they complete the program and are ready to seek permanent housing, a portion of their rent payments will be returned to them to provide them with a "nest egg."

Like several other local churches, Highland has agreed to support WIHN's transitional housing program by furnishing one of the apartments. There is a need for monetary contributions and also for new or gently used household items such as bed linens, towels, pillows, and kitchenware. **A family may need our apartment as soon as February 1, so we will be accepting contributions and donations during the month of January.** Please watch the weekly bulletins and e-news for details on how you can help or call Marilyn Mudge at 782-3357 for more information.

### Party For A Great Cause! Methodist Home for Children Dinner Party and Benefit; Saturday, February 4, 2012

Again this year, the **Methodist Home for Children** will have its annual "Winter Tale" benefit dinner and party in a large ballroom of the Raleigh Convention Center. This is a delightful evening with many fun activities, music, dancing, a great dinner, entertaining and inspirational speakers - and a chance to "dress-up" as elegantly as you wish. It is promoted as "Black-Tie Optional" but the tuxedo is strictly optional and regular suits are also most appropriate. For the ladies of course, it is an opportunity to shine in your party finest!

**The cost is nominal as almost all of the \$150 per person is considered to be a tax-deductible charitable contribution;**



so each admission ticket actually provides a \$115 contribution – to one of our most beneficial and important NC Methodist ministries.

John and Martha Robinson will again be table sponsors for Highland attendees. If you have an interest or have any questions about this event, please give John a call (919.872.2014) or email: [jrobinson@nc.rr.com](mailto:jrobinson@nc.rr.com). We hope that this year we can have several tables (of 8) Highland couples and singles as appropriate.

## Helen Wright Center Meals for 2012

The Helen Wright Center is a shelter for women. Several groups in our church have volunteered to provide dinners for the ladies staying at the Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve God by "serving" these women. Below you will find a list of dates and groups who have agreed to serve a dinner at the Center in 2012. Note, only those months assigned to Highland are listed. Highland is NOT responsible for serving meals in March, July, September, or December. Please call or email me if you have questions. Ann Jacobson (919) 848-8228 [annkjacobson@yahoo.com](mailto:annkjacobson@yahoo.com)

### Highland Groups Schedule to Serve:

January 16 - Outreach Ministry Team (Linda Edwards)  
February 20 - Genesis Class (Elaine Capriglione)  
April 16 - Lifelines Class (Barbara Knight)  
May 21 - Faith Quest Sunday School Class (Ruth Moore)  
June 18 - Upper Room Sunday School Class  
(Martha Robinson)  
August 20 - Seekers Sunday School Class (Norm Childs)  
October 15 - Circle 7 UMW (Debbie Carroll)  
November 19 - Epiphany Class (Janet Baucom)

## Remembrance Tree Provides \$3,200 Total Gift to Benefit WHIN

On pages 14-15, see the report of the Remembrance Tree gifts as well as a complete listing of the "lights" purchased in memory-of or in honor-of beloved family and friends.

## Live Donor Kidney Transplant Needed For Dear Friend of Kay Driggers

Today, thousands of people with failed kidneys wait and pray for an organ donor to come to their rescue and relieve them from the Hell of dialysis, further failing health and certain early death. Unfortunately, there are far too few kidneys available from those who are willing to make a live donation, nor are there sufficient willing, suitable donors at the time of death. As a result, many stricken persons pray for a healthy, generous, and loving person to be moved to provide one of their two healthy kidneys to rescue them from this terrible condition.

Kay Driggers dear friend "Wilma" is a person waiting desperately for such a donor. Might you be one to consider this gift of life to Wilma (or one of many others like her in our area)? A few of the facts are as follows:

**A Living Kidney Donor Bears No Expense.** All cost of surgery and any required pain medication for recovery of the donor is fully covered by insurance of the recipient. The donor simply needs to be prepared to take-off 3 or 4 days from work or other activities to recover.

**A Donor Can Leave Hospital One or Two Days Following Surgery.** Full recovery for normal strenuous activities may require 4 to 6 weeks – with all follow-up medical attention provided at no cost.

**For a Healthy Person, There Are No Risks.** A healthy donor can live very safely and comfortably with only one kidney – however, persons with diabetes or high blood pressure requiring medication, may not be suitable donors.

**More information** on Live Kidney Donation? Please visit [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org) for more information and details.

If you would like to consider being a donor for Wilma (or any other person needing a kidney) you can contact:

Wilma's Kidney Transplant Coordinator  
Amy Woodard  
c/o UNC Hospital  
919.843.0861 email [awoodard@unch.unc.edu](mailto:awoodard@unch.unc.edu)

Contact Wilma and her friends on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/wilmaskidneydonorsearch](http://www.facebook.com/wilmaskidneydonorsearch) Thank you for considering a live kidney donation! You will be a life saver!

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## GUYANA MISSION TRIP January 29, 2012- February 8, 2012

The nine Guyana Mission work team members have begun preparations for our trip in late January. We are all excited to get back to this beautiful developing country located on the northeast (Atlantic Ocean) coast of South America. Guyana was a British colony, so English is their official language (though most also speak a Creole slang that we cannot figure out!). Language and culture binds Guyana to the Caribbean rather than the Spanish-speaking countries in South America. In fact, The Methodist Church of Guyana is actually part of The Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas. Methodism has a long tradition there, with missionaries coming from England to set up churches and schools on the plantations in the early 1800's.

To update you on our plans, the team has had one general meeting to complete all of the necessary travel forms for UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) and make preliminary plans for travel. We have also had one preparatory meeting about the various Christian Education experiences that we will provide with God's help:

- 1) **VBS-** We have been told to prepare for 100 children at each of the two VBS sessions we will hold. We have decided to focus on 2 of the Bible stories about Jesus' healing miracles- Jesus healing the Roman soldier's servant and Jesus healing the blind man (both from Highland's 2011 Summer VBS!). We have ordered craft supplies and Elizabeth Beam is working on appropriate songs and games. Circle 7 has offered to collect children's books to give to the children at one of the VBS sessions. We will give away the school supplies that GCF donated this fall at the second VBS session. We also like to have the children make a banner to hang in their church, so we have been thinking about what might be most appropriate.

- 2) Sunday School teachers- Seekers Sunday School class has donated 12 Children's Bibles that will be given to each of the churches in the area where we will be working. In addition, we will take school supplies for their use.
- 3) Visit to a primary (elementary) school- We are trying to determine how to best serve 20 teachers at a local primary school that we will visit. The plan is for any extra books to be donated to the school.
- 4) Evening with the Georgetown Circuit (12 churches) youth- This is a cultural evening and we are gathering pictures of sites in North Carolina to share. We are still trying to come up with a fun activity to do with them.

As far as our work project, we have not yet seen any pictures of the work site at Mocha Chapel. We hope that those will come in the next week or two so that we have a better perspective of where we will be working and also where we will be holding the VBS sessions. As plans progress, we may be asking for additional support from the HUMC congregation. One difficulty that we have is that we are limited by the size and weight of what we are able to take with us. With airline changes, we are now limited to one checked bag each (previously this had been 2). The supplies for our activities (which are carried in Rubbermaid tubs) will all involve additional transport cost. The team would also like to be able to help financially with the electrical work that needs to be done at the church.

Please continue to pray for those of us on the team and also for the work that we will be doing with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at Mocha Chapel. May our work serve God's purpose!

**Jan. 15, Harriet Grand; Mary Yarborough**

**Jan. 16, Bob Payne**

**Jan. 17, Ann Lawson; Judy Tison; Kay Miller; Pam Blomquist; Christin Shlaymoon**

**Jan. 18, Don Carroll; Chip Mims**

**Jan. 19, Jack Boddie; Rosalind Thompson; Keith Horton; Jonathan Marchi; Benjamin Franklin; Will Prevatt**

**Jan. 20, Ann Caldwell; Martha Robinson; Susan Rawls; Ellen Tucker**

**Jan. 21, Joyce Walker**

**Jan. 22, Blanche Miller; Elaine Norris**

**Jan. 24, Tom Pace; Richard Poole; Sargon Shlaymoon**

**Jan. 25, Laurel Kreisel**

**Jan. 27, Felton Coley; Frank Rawls; Jack Penny; Amanda Blomquist**

**Jan. 28, Jackson Melton**

**Jan. 30, Beverley Hall; Margaret Glenn**

## Regular Weekly Schedules

**NOTE: Some regular schedules will be suspended the week of Jan. 1  
Check daily calendars & bulletins.**



## JANUARY Birthdays!



**Jan. 1, Anne Summerlin; Charles Noneman**

**Jan. 2, Fred Alphin**

**Jan. 3, Haywood Starling; Mike Pate; Elizabeth Rohweder**

**Jan. 4, Doug Chamblee; Sharon Johnson; Wilder Prevatt; Michael Ellsworth**

**Jan. 5, Peggy McCants; Kathryn Linthicum; Lina Lemons**

**Jan. 6, Ruth Coble**

**Jan. 8, Lou Davis**

**Jan. 9, Lisa Shaffer; Eleanor Kaplan**

**Jan. 11, Carneal Downey**

**Jan. 12, Elizabeth Sandling**

**Jan. 13, Carson Ray; Davis Ray**

**Jan. 14, Marcia Nance; Bill Casey; Mike Mizelle; Chris Coker; Sean Richards**

### Sundays (EXCEPT New Year's Day) –

One Service at 10:00 am; NO Sunday School

8:25 am Infant/Toddler Sunday School

8:30 am Traditional Worship

**NO 8:30 am Worship January 1**

9:00 am The Connection-Contemp. Worship

9:45 am Sunday School – All Groups

11:00 am Traditional Worship

4:30 pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal

7:00 pm Women's AA

### Mondays

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

12:00pm ESL Computer Lab Open

2:00pm Open Computer Lessons

(\*) Only by Appointment

7:00 pm NAMI

7:00 pm Toastmasters

### Tuesdays

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

9:30 am Staff Meeting

10:00 am Retired Men's Coffee Hour

12:00 Noon Holy Communion

6:45 pm Connection Band Rehearsal

7:00 pm AA

7:30pm Open Computer Lessons

(\*) Only by Appointment

## Wednesdays

4:25 pm	Cherub Choir (3 & 4 year olds)
5:00 pm	Bells Alive
5:00 pm	Hosanna Choir (K-1st grade)
5:00 pm	Chorister Choir (2-5 grades)
5:45 pm	Wednesday Evening Suppers
6:30 pm	HUMRingers
6:30 pm	Living a Spiritual Life (David Stark)
6:30 pm	Youth Praise Band
6:30 pm	Elementary Age Bible Study
6:45 pm	Christian Believer Bible Study Led by David Goehring
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Practice

## Thursdays

9:00 am	Living a Spiritual Life Study
7:30 pm	OA
7:30 pm	Star Twirlers Square Dance Group

## Fridays

12:15 pm	Kiwanis Club
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## Saturdays

7:00 pm	AA
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### (\* ) Computer Lessons For Beginners Still Available

Note in the schedules above, that on Monday afternoons or Tuesday evenings – **BY APPOINTMENT** – Computer lessons in our Highland Computer Lab (Room 204) are available to Highland people of all ages. If you are interested or would like to know more, call John Robinson (919-982-2014) to discuss your needs and to arrange appropriate appointments (or to simply ask a question about some computer issue of concern).

We can start with as simple as: “Here is the switch to turn it on ...” and can provide tutoring on the use of Microsoft Office programs for home use (WORD, EXCEL, PowerPoint: basic photo editing, etc.). There is no charge for this training.

## Worship Helpers – January

	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Audio Control</u>
January 1	<u>NO 8:30 Service</u>	
11:00 am	Caroline Webb	Ken Schuster
January 8	Hailey Loftin	David Reaugh
January 15	Abigail Bugger	Duane Reaugh
January 22	Junko Takahashi	Byron Baird
January 29	Sarah Moore	Richard Moore
<u>Prayer Room</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
January 1	<u>NO 8:30 Service</u> -	Paul Yeager
January 8	George Hedrick	Roz Thompson
January 15	Rex Thomas	Charles and Ola Mae Cimero
January 22	Rebecca Turner	Linda Cooksey
January 29	Aaron Brothers	Carol Blue
<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
January 1	<u>NO SERVICE</u>	Ruth Moore
January 8	Bob Jones	Bob Kruger
January 15	Ken Shorter	Caroline Bruneau
January 22	Teresa Burt	Jane Gray
January 29	Pam Brothers	Linda Cooksey

## January Special Events

January 1 NO 8:30AM SERVICE

January 2 Church Office Closed

January 4, Wednesday

Highland Clothes Closet Collections Start

5:30 pm Confirmation Class Begins

...5:30 pm Cross Training & Family Dinners

6:30 pm Family Fun Night Square Dancing

6:45 pm Christian Believers Study Resumes

Living A Spiritual Life Study Resumes

January 6, Friday

9:00 am Ladies Bible Study Resumes

January 7, Saturday

8:30 am – Noon Clothes Closet Open

9:00 am Safe Sanctuary Training

9:00 am Youth Leadership Training

January 8, Sunday

9:45 am Safe Sanctuary Training

January 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday

10:30 am Circle 2/3 Meeting

... 6:00 pm Circle 7 Dinner & 7:00 pm Meeting

January 10, Tuesday

2:00 pm UMW Circle 8 Meeting

6:30 pm Safe Sanctuary Training

January 11, Wednesday

9:30 am UMW Circle 1 Meeting

11:00 am UMW Executive Committee Meeting

January 14, Saturday

7:30 am UM Men Breakfast Meeting

January 17

11:30 am Highlanders Lunch Meeting

January 19, Thursday

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry Resumes

January 21, Saturday

8:50 am Church Council Planning Retreat

January 29 – Guyana Mission Team Leaves

### Remembrance Tree – For Christmas 2011

Contributions for the Remembrance Tree for 2011 resulted in a total of \$1,600 for WHIN -- which is being MATCHED by a special endowment. As a result, WHIN will receive a \$3,200 benefit from this fundraiser - WHIN sends a BIG “Thank You” to everyone who donated and made another feel special.

From Highland, our “THANKS” goes to Amy Massey who has developed this unique way to remember and honor people at this special season. She spends many hours preparing and sending the acknowledgement letters to those so remembered and honored. (Of course husband O’Dell also helps greatly, handling the special lighted tree and lights that are representing the persons named.



**Light purchased in  
MEMORY OF:**

Crouch, Henry L., Jr.  
Daniels, Eric  
Daniels, Michael  
Davis, Edward  
Davis, Margaret  
Dunham, Jeanne  
Eads, Maxie  
Eads, Shannon  
Fries, Rubye and Chan  
Gardiner, Doris  
Garten, Katherine MacFarland  
  
Griffin, Nora Mae Smith  
Hodges, Luther C.  
Hontz, Sandra  
Hood, Malcolm Woodhams  
  
Huntsman, Rebecca  
Ingle, Clyde & Fannie  
  
Ingle, George  
Ingle, Uncle Fred  
  
Jernigan, Garrett "Jess"  
King, Jim  
Koger, Jenne  
Kraker, Patt  
Kruger Mason Willcox  
Kruger, Vivian Disher  
Lee, Amanda  
Lordley, Lil & Ed  
Lueke, Jordan & Ken  
Mansfield, Jessie  
Massey, Hubert & Ophelia  
  
McGaher, Stacey  
Mcpherson, Joe  
Metts, Tom  
Midgett, Jr., Linville  
Miller, Dorman & Wilma

**Light purchased by:**

Crouch, Fay  
Daniels, Betsye & Jerry  
Daniels, Betsye & Jerry  
Davis, Karen Thompson  
Davis, Karen Thompson  
Stocum, Kay & Tom  
Massey, Amy & O'Dell  
Massey, Amy & O'Dell  
Penny, Diane & Jack  
Cooksey, Ray & Linda  
  
McPeake, Darlene & Holland  
David & Elizabeth Beam  
Hodges, Shirley  
Hontz, Robert  
  
Hood, David & Pam  
Walker, Joyce & John  
Massey, Amy & O'Dell  
and James Cornell  
Massey, Amy & O'Dell  
Massey, Amy & O'Dell  
and James Cornell  
  
Jernigan, Evelyn  
Massey, Amy & O'Dell  
Rhew, Karen & Jim  
Cooksey, Ray & Linda  
Kruger, Bob  
Kruger, Bob  
Sharon Lee, Jim, and Charon  
Miller, Kay & Chris  
Lueke, Jeanine  
Correll, Bill, Jr., and Dorothy  
  
Massey, Amy & O'Dell  
Penny, Diane & Jack  
Massey, Amy & O'Dell  
David & Elizabeth Beam  
Cooksey, Ray & Linda  
Miller, Kay & Chris

**Light purchased in  
MEMORY OF:**

Mizelle, "Mo"  
Morgan Reubin (Floyd Morgan's Father)  
  
Morgan, Clara (FloydMorgan's Mother)  
  
Odom, Hattie  
Penny, Jack (Jack's Father)  
  
Price, Inez  
Price, Inez  
Price, Inez  
Rassiga, Vivian  
Ray, Linda  
Ray, Linda  
Reid, Rusty  
Reid, Steve  
Richardson, Hilda  
Runkle, Sue  
Shorter, Scott  
Simson, Jane F.  
Southerland, I. B. and Mary  
  
Stocker, Lunetta  
Swayze, Esther & Hardy  
Tally, Emma  
Tarricone, Charlie  
Thompson, Harry (Bud)  
Thompson, Maxine  
Thompson, Neil & Catherine  
  
Traver, Dorothy  
Tudor, Lee  
Uzzell, Russel and Mary  
Watson, Catherine  
Weidner, Mervin  
Wesche, Jim  
Wheless, Perry  
Younts, Bryce

**Light purchased by:**

Mizelle, Elsie  
Morgan, Floyd & Ann  
Morgan, Floyd & Ann  
Walker, Joyce & John  
  
Penny, Diane & Jack  
Faucette, Bill & Joyce  
Cook, Helen  
Simkus, Margaret & Tony  
Stocum, Kay & Tom  
David & Elizabeth Beam  
Stocum, Kay & Tom  
David & Elizabeth Beam  
David & Elizabeth Beam  
Schmidt, Paul & Judy  
David & Elizabeth Beam  
White, Lu  
David & Elizabeth Beam  
  
Pittard, Ron & Mary Catherine  
Maronpot, Dee  
Lueke, Jeanine  
Nunn, Amanda  
Stocum, Kay & Tom  
Davis, Karen Thompson  
Davis, Karen Thompson  
Cooksey, Ray & Linda  
Stocum, Kay & Tom  
Blue, Carol & Allen  
Correll, Dorothy  
David & Elizabeth Beam  
Pittard, Ron & Mary Catherine  
Childs, Virginia  
David & Elizabeth Beam  
David & Elizabeth Beam

**"Come-As-You-Are Nativity" Reenactment – Wednesday, December 14**



Left "Little Sheep" gather around the manger



Right: Shepherds "Abiding ... keeping watch over sheep"

Highland Families can see and download more photos from December events at [www.picasaweb.google.com/JohnRobinsonRaleigh](http://www.picasaweb.google.com/JohnRobinsonRaleigh)

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### To Contact The Church or Staff:

919-787-4240 -- Staff Extension as noted below

#### Highland Office Staff

Pastor ..... David Goehring, ext. 103  
 Associate Pastor ..... David Stark, ext. 101  
 Director of Children's Ministry ..... Amy Takahashi, ext 109  
 Director of Youth & Family Ministry..... Charlie Baber, ext. 106  
 Connection Worship Leader ..... Don Templeton (\*)  
 Business Administrator ..... Lisa Anthony, ext. 108  
 Finance Office Assistant ..... Kathy Rattie, ext. 122  
 Office Administrator ..... Candi Mitchell, ext. 104  
 Congregation Care Coordinator ..... Ann Chapman, ext. 100  
 Facilities Manager ..... Tom Lamb, ext. 107  
 Director of Music ..... Jeff Whicker, ext. 105  
 Director of Food Services: ..... Dani Nation, ext. 212  
 Organist ..... Marcia Nance (\*)  
 Children's Choirs Director...Emily Delikat, (ext. to be determined)  
 Handbells Director ..... Ann Pearce (\*)  
 Children's Center Director ..... Gretchen Shaffer, ext. 111  
 HCC Office Administrator ..... Judy Sprout, ext. 110  
 Director, HCC Food Services ..... Chris Hill, ext. 212  
 Custodian..... Hiom Ro  
 Custodian..... H'jok Siu  
 (\*) Contact these persons at their home as listed in the church directory.

#### Bishop of the NC Conference:

Bishop Alfred Wesley Gwinn, Jr.

Superintendent, Raleigh District: Rev. Jon Strother

### Contact and Visit us at:

#### Highland United Methodist Church

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Raleigh, NC 27607

#### Church Office Phone Numbers

(919) 787-4240; [FAX: (919)787-4251]

#### To contact ministers for emergencies and for urgent needs – weekends or any time:

Call the regular phone number for the church office and dial/enter extension 103 and leave your message. A minister will contact you as soon as possible.

#### Internet WEB Site: [www.highlandumc.org](http://www.highlandumc.org)

**eNews:** Send notices and announcements to Candi Mitchell at email address: [candi@highlandumc.org](mailto:candi@highlandumc.org)

#### To Schedule ANY Activity at the Church –

Contact Tom Lamb, Facilities Manager. Extension 107. You also may leave a written request in his mail slot in the main office of the church. (PLEASE! No Reservation, No Room!)

#### The deadline for the Febuary, 2012 Ridge Rider Issue is January 18<sup>th</sup>.—PLEASE! Send announcements and input early, but on time for certain!

Send WORD documents and digital photo files to **BOTH** John Robinson and to Candi Mitchell at email addresses: [candi@highlandumc.org](mailto:candi@highlandumc.org) And [johnrobinson-raleigh@msn.com](mailto:johnrobinson-raleigh@msn.com)