



**From Pastor
 David Goehring
 March Madness?? Are You "Mad"
 About the Right Things?**

Greetings,

Whether you are a basketball enthusiast or not, this month of March is referred to as "MARCH MADNESS" Why? Why do people go crazy over college basketball during this month? Is it because pro football is over and baseball has not yet started? Could it be that the game of basketball on the college level is really all that great to watch?

For whatever the reason the media will be calling this month "March Madness". I must admit that I get excited this time of year as I let my emotions flow with the victories and defeats of my teams.

Upon personal reflection, it is more important for me to ask myself, "Can I get excited about what God is wanting to do through me and through Highland UMC?" March here at Highland is our preparation time to celebrate the Risen Lord. Lent is our time to get refocused on the vision and mission of the Church.

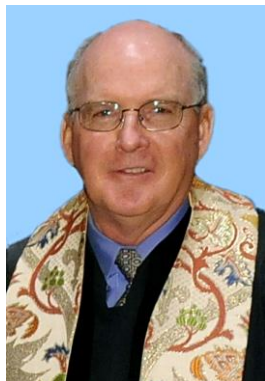
We are here to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Here at Highland we wish to do this as an inviting family of faith seeking to love, serve and share Jesus Christ in our community and the world.

Back to "March Madness". Are we so madly in love with Jesus and others that we are willing to put aside all personal preferences to help people get excited about following Jesus? When this happens, basketball play-offs won't be the only thing referred to as "March Madness"!

I hope to see you at church or on the mission field soon.

Love in Christ,

David G



**Pastor David Stark
 Preparing for
 Ordination &
 Asking for Your
 Prayers**



By the time you read this essay, we will be squarely in the season of Lent, which runs from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (the day before Easter). Lent is traditionally a time of preparation. It is a time of fasting and prayer, a time of service and Bible study. In the early church, candidates for Baptism were examined and prepared during Lent to be true followers of Jesus. In ways similar to what our Confirmands are going through, young believers were brought into close contact with their creator, redeemer, and sustainer. They were familiarized with the story of God's saving work and instructed the way of Christ.

Preparation was--and is--a big deal. In the scriptures, Jesus is regularly saying, "Be ready." Christ comes like a thief in the night, like a master's unexpected visit, like a groom's midnight proposal. Are you ready? Are you preparing?

This year my own experience of Lent involves preparation and examination for ordination. Over the next two months, pastors and lay leaders will be visiting Highland, talking with some of you, asking, "Is David prepared?" "Does he show signs of being ready?" This same group of people will examine me in an interview, and they will study my written responses to questions like:

- Who is Jesus?
- To what is God calling you?
- What has your experience of Church taught you about humanity and the need for God's grace?
- What disciplines are you practicing to foster a life of faith?

So, keep me in your prayers and, as we walk together through this season of Lent, consider not just praying for me, but praying and discerning along with me. How would you respond to the above questions? What practices and disciplines can help you come into closer contact with your creator, redeemer, and sustainer? How are you showing signs of being ready?

Grace and Peace,
David Stark

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Important Events at Highland!

Lent – Through April 3 Weekly, Tuesday Noon Communion Services & Luncheons



Continuing the practice started several years ago, each Tuesday during Lent, Highland will provide a light soup, salad, and sandwich lunch at 12:30 pm immediately following the 12:00 noon Communion Worship service. Both the worship service and lunch will be in Bradley Hall. There is no charge for these lunches, but free-will donations are accepted to cover the cost. For those on a tight time schedule, packed lunches will be available.

Schedule for Lenten Communion Worship Services

Feb. 28	Bruce Taylor
March 6	Glenda Johnson
March 13	David Stark
March 18	Jim Lee
March 27	David Goehring
April 3	Carol Goehring

Other Lenten & Easter Events & Services

Sunday, April 1 - Palm Sunday Services & Events

- 11:00 am Service: Requiem Mass,
presented by the Chancel Choir
- 12:00 pm Congregation Luncheon
- 1:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday, April 5 - Holy Thursday Service

- 7:00 pm, Last Supper Drama
Portions of the Tapestry of Darkness,
presented by the Celebration Singers

Sunday, April 8 - Easter Sunday

- 6:30 am, Sunrise Service
- Regular Services
8:30 am, 8:45 am, and 11:00 am
and Flowering of the Cross



A Dollar a Day Keeps Hunger Away ...Lenten giving for Stop Hunger Now

Highland's annual meal-packing event for Stop Hunger Now is nearly upon us. Each meal costs 25 cents, a real bargain. But we hope to pack thousands of them, which Stop Hunger Now will send to children around the world who are hungry.

We have set aside some money in the Missions budget to pay for meals; however, more money will allow us to pack even more meals. Prayerfully consider setting aside \$1 each day during lent for Stop Hunger Now. That's 4 meals every day for hungry children!

This is a wonderful family opportunity to teach about sharing. Your offerings can come to church on Easter.

Great Service Opportunity!

Help Us Prepare Tuesday Lenten Lunches



We are in need of people to help prepare sandwiches, set out food, and clean up at the 12:30 pm, Lenten Lunches in Bradley Hall following the Lenten Communion Services each Tuesday from February 28 – April 3.

Help is needed from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. If you're available to help, please contact Linda Gardner at 781-0121. Please be a part of this wonderful Highland tradition. Thank you for your willingness to serve!



Annual St. Patrick's (~~Valentine~~) Dinner & Musical



Friday, March 16; 6:30 pm

This year's "Valentine's Day Banquet" will be celebrated on the eve of St. Patrick's Day. Other than changing the tablecloths from red to green, it will be the same evening of food and fun that the congregation has grown to expect. This year's menu is catered by Elizabeth Newlin and will feature baked manicotti (either as a vegetarian dish or with Italian sausage on the side), salad, bread, and a special surprise dessert! As usual, our wonderful youth will act as your hosts and hostesses.

As always, some of Highland's most talented musicians will be performing, with a special emphasis on love songs, as well as a few surprises. SingforJoy will sing a tender "Where is Love," from OLIVER, as well as Burt Bacharach's "I Say a Little Prayer," popularized in the movie MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING. Their male counterparts, GuysWhoSing will perform another Bacharach number, "A House is Not a Home," as well as "Old Time Rock and Roll." The song was performed by a very young Tom Cruise in the movie RISKY BUSINESS, but our gentlemen have declined to repeat his choreography (or his costuming).

This year we are excited to have our own David Goering's daughter, Kendra, performing a few musical theatre showstoppers. Kendra graduated from Elon University with a degree in musical theatre and you don't want to miss hearing her sing!

As always, the evening will feature fine food and fellowship and our youth will again serve as wait-staff. ("Tips" will benefit Youth Programs). So come join us on March 16, relax and be served fine food and fine music!

Please make your reservations (REQUIRED) by Monday, March 12. Call the church office or register at the reception Desk.



Mary Smith Memorial Library
Room 208
*Strengthening the faith journey of
 book lovers in our congregation*

March Staff Picks

Adult Fiction: *My Name is Mary Sutter* by Robin Oliveira – A dramatic novel about love, medicine, and the Civil War cameo appearance by Dorothea Dix

Adult Nonfiction: *3:16 – The Numbers of Hope* by Max Lucado – a word-by-word study of John 3:16 which Lucado calls the “Hope Diamond” of Scripture

Children: *The Wonderful Wizard of Ha’s* – A Veggie Tales DVD - This colorful Veggie-Tales twist on “*The Wizard of Oz*” reworks the Biblical parable of the Prodigal Son



Used Book Sale

**Sunday, April 22nd – 8:15 am until 12:15 pm
 Church Narthex**

As you start your early spring cleaning and you find books you’d like to purge, please consider donating them to the church library book sale. If you have books that are in good condition, we would be glad to add them to our sale. The following are types of books we hope to have available: fiction, non-fiction, religious and non-religious, hardbacks and paperbacks, adult, and especially, children’s books and DVD’s. Just drop off your books in the library, Room 208, in the specially marked boxes.

No encyclopedias, textbooks, or manuals, please! We need all donations by Thursday, April 19th. A Charitable Contribution Deduction may be allowed for your gift of books that are in “good used condition or better”. Please complete the forms provided on the library desk and place in Lisa Anthony’s or Kathy’s mailbox in the Administrative Offices for an acknowledgement letter.

All proceeds from this sale will be used for new book purchases. Books not sold will be given to Christian Library International and Goodwill. Additionally, books on ethnic history and culture, and westerns may go to local prisons. Thanks for your support.

Missing Books



The library committee took its annual inventory of books during the month of January. Please be sure to check your homes, cars, etc. for any overdue Highland UMC books and return them promptly. Some of these apparently were taken out of the library with the cards still in the book pockets; therefore, we have no idea who to contact about the return of these books. Please remember to always sign the book card and leave it in the card file on the library desk. Thanks so much for your help in locating the following books:

Children’s Books:

Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin
Morning Has Broken by Eleanor Farjeon
Jeremy: The Tale of an Honest Bunny by Jan Karon
Wayside School is Falling Down by Louis Sachar

Adult Books:

The Everything World’s Religions by Robert Pollack
The Letter to the Romans by William Barclay
Chicken Soup for the Christian by Jack Canfield
Email from God for Teens by Claire Cloninger
Celebrating the Rest of Your Life by David Yount
The Money Answer Book by Dave Ramsey
The Gifts of the Jews by Thomas Cahill
The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner
The Yada Yada Prayer Group by Neta Jackson
Death’s Half Acre by Margaret Maron
Hard Row by Margaret Maron
High Country Fall by Margaret Maron
Rituals of the Season by Margaret Maron
Sand Sharks by Margaret Maron
Slow Dollar by Margaret Maron
Winter’s Child by Margaret Maron
The Choice by Nicholas Sparks
The Lucky One by Nicholas Sparks
Safe Haven by Nicholas Sparks
The Wedding by Nicholas Sparks

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

Children’s Ministry & Activities
 From Amy Takahashi,
 Director of Children’s Ministries

Safe Sanctuary Training

– Sunday March 4, 9:50 am in Parlor

Safe Sanctuary training will be offered on Sunday, March 4 at 9:50 am in the parlor. All persons who serve as a volunteer with children and youth must update their Safe Sanctuary training and paperwork by attending a training session. If Sunday, March 4 is not convenient for you please contact Amy to arrange an alternate time.

Vacation Bible School June 18-22

Shake It Up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God’s Recipe

Children ages 3 through 5th grade (completed) are invited to get cookin’ at Shake It Up Café. This year’s VBS promises to be an awesome week of fun, friends, and faith. We will spend the week exploring Biblical feasts and festivals—from the celebration of Passover as described in Exodus to Jesus celebrating Passover with his disciples to the Feast of Weeks/Pentecost. Registration for VBS will be done on-line through the church’s web-site.

Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is a church wide ministry requiring everyone’s involvement. VBS is an opportunity for us to share the Biblical story of God’s love with not just the children of our

congregation, but also with children in our community who might not hear the good news otherwise. We need adults and youth willing to make a commitment to spending five mornings in VBS. We also need folks who can help before VBS to decorate, assist with registration and planning, prep craft materials and supplies, etc. We need folks to come at the end of VBS to help with clean-up and follow-up. Please don't wait until someone calls you! Let us know how you would like to be involved in this year's VBS. To volunteer please contact Amy Takahashi (amy@highlandumc.org or 787-4240 ext. 109) or Mary Katherine Brewer (mkbrewer123@yahoo.com).

Worship Readiness This Month for Children ages 4-7

Sunday Mornings 8:45 -9:40 am -- Room 101

We are never too young (nor too old) to worship our Creator. Young children naturally worship God through their sense of wonder, discovery and play; however participating in our corporate worship experience can be a bit of a stretch for the very young. Our Worship Readiness class will be a combination of learning about worship and actually worshipping. The class will run for the six Sundays of Lent, beginning on Feb. 26 and concluding on April 1. Faithful participation in the class sessions will make the experience much more beneficial. Parents will need to attend one or two of the sessions with their child. Advance registration is not necessary, but if you have questions about the class please contact Amy Takahashi (amy@highlandumc.org).

Observing Lent at Home

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until midnight on Easter morning. It is a time for repentance and preparation. During Lent we remember the biblical story of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness facing temptation before he began his ministry. We also remember Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the sad events of Holy Week. Perhaps Lent with it's introspection and emphasis on self-denial is not a season we would normally observe with children. However, if we think of Lent as a time of "engagement with God" it is easier to see how Lent can have meaning and significance for our families.

During this season of Lent, rather than giving up something, we can commit ourselves and our children to one or more Lenten disciplines. What can we do that will remind us of what God values? What will make us more the people God created us to be?

As a family you could try:

- **Prayer**—add something new to your prayer life. If you don't normally pray before meals commit to doing so at least once a day. Or learn the Lord's Prayer together by praying it together often. Adding a prayer to your bedtime routine can be a good way to build a habit of prayer.
- **Bible Reading**—commit to reading a particular book (Matthew and Luke are a good place to start) together as a family.

- **Service**—Lent can be a great time to become better servants. Go shopping for a hungry family, invite someone who is lonely to join your family on an outing, share what you have—there are many opportunities for us to serve, no matter our age.

The goal of Lenten disciplines is growth---not guilt. Observing Lent in your family can enable us to grow into the Easter People we are called to be.

"Easter Lunch" and Egg Hunt – Palm Sunday

The Children's Ministry Team is making plans for the annual luncheon and egg hunt that is held on Palm Sunday (April 1). Please watch your enews and bulletins for details about this year's event.

Help The Highland Children's Center With VIC Purchases at Harris-Teeter

As many of you are aware, if your Harris-Teeter "VIC" card number is registered to assist a particular school, that school receives a small percent contribution of total purchases you make at any and all H-T food markets.

This benefit also can apply to our Highland Children's Center Pre-School. To help HCC benefit from this, simply stop by the Customer Service Counter of your H-T food market the next time you are there and register your H-T account for School ID # 6342. There is absolutely no cost to you and it provides a nice, automatic supplemental benefit for our Children's Center.

You may have registered for this benefit in the past, but it must be renewed each year. Thanks for your consideration!

North Carolina Conference Summer Camps

The North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church offers summer camping opportunities for children, youth and families at three campsites. "Church camp" offers children and youth a unique opportunity to grow in their faith while enjoying a variety of camp activities. We have a few camp brochures in the church office or you can follow the links on the conference website (www.nccumc.org) to learn more.

Highland Youth & Family Ministries Activities & Schedules

MYF Reunion March 24

Save the date: March 24, for a reunion of those who were in MYF from about 1983 to 1996 and anyone else who would like to attend! Umstead Park, Reedy Creek Shelter, 10:00 am

Parents, please make sure your children know about this. Contact Diane Racey (nanabells@nc.rr.com) or by telephone: 919-740-0477 for more details. Come at 10:00 am & Lunch will be about 1:00 pm. **Please let Dianne know if you are coming!**

Youth Sunday School Now Offering THREE Classes

As the youth program grows, we are now able to offer THREE age-level classes for youth Sunday School.

Upperclassmen The High School Juniors & Senior class will focus on key issues that students face in holding onto their faith into college and beyond. College freshmen and sophomores may also enjoy this class. Teachers – Barry Rodgers & Rick Richards. Meets in Room 213 (the youth room with all the windows).

J.V. – 8th Grade through 10th Grade classes is a Bible Study with videos, drama, activities, and a focus on Community. Using the Book of Acts as its backbone, *Community* covers many moments in the life of the New Testament Church, its miraculous inception at Pentecost, and its spread throughout the world. Not only will confirmands and recently confirmed students learn the history of the New Testament church, they will also learn their roles as members of the modern day Church. Teachers – Magara Boisvert & Ryan Lockett. The class meets in Room 211 (the large youth room).

The Wild Side –6th and 7th Graders class is a Bible Study with videos, drama, activities, and a focus on Christ. Jesus is the central focus and figure of the Bible. Knowing Jesus is the beginning and the end of the Christian faith. This class is meant to prepare students to engage in a lifelong relationship with Christ that impacts their everyday life in Middle School now. Teachers – Andrew & Hilary Wilkinson, Amanda Nunn. Meets in the Youth Game Room (under the Breezeway, across from Bradley Hall).

Highland Youth Fellowship

Highland Youth Fellowship (HYF) has a busy Spring planned with many opportunities for fun, growth, and service! Read on to find out more – note that many activities have deadlines/deposits. Don't miss out on the fun!

Youth Going to Christian Concert: Mar. 9

Casting Crowns, one of the most popular contemporary Christian groups will be in concert on March 9 at the RBC Center. Tickets are \$18—make checks payable to Highland and write “Christian Concert” in the memo line. Charlie has purchased a limited number of tickets, so sign up ASAP – they are available on a first-come, first-served basis. We will be leaving from Highland at 5:45 pm on the 9th.

Confirmation Retreat March 9-11

The 2012 Highland Confirmands, their teachers, and mentors will be at the Trinity Center in Salter Path for the Confirmation Retreat March 9-11. This retreat will focus on the vows we make joining the Church. The cost of the retreat is \$125. Make checks out to Highland and put Confirmation Retreat in the memo line. Payment should be turned in by the day of the trip.

More Great Youth Activities & Plans:

WHAT TO DO ON SPRING BREAK!

Spring break is almost here, and you don't want to be bored, so here are two fun activities to put on your calendar!

HIGH SCHOOLERS are invited for a weekend of fun at the Baber farm in Virginia March 30-April 1.

Details will be coming soon – but put the date on your calendar NOW! Charlie's parents have graciously opened their home and farm to Highland Sr. Highs for a time of fun and fellowship.

ALL HIGHLAND YOUTH will want to come on Friday, April 6 for a day of outreach ministry followed by a Durham Bulls Game –

It's opening weekend for the Bulls, and you will want to be there! We will spend the day at Camp Chestnut Ridge helping them get their gardens ready for summer camp. Then, we will head to Durham to cheer on the Bulls. Details/cost coming soon.

SUITCASE SAFARI April 27 for Middle Schoolers

– It has been a few years since the middle schoolers have done a suitcase safari, but this trip is back for spring 2012! On Friday, April 27, 6-8th graders will leave Highland with a suitcase full of things for a weekend of fun – only they won't know where the fun will be until they arrive! **To join in the mystery fun, sign up and pay the \$50 deposit by April 16.** Total cost will be available soon. April 16 - Deadline for Suitcase Safari & HSP Deposits (\$50)

Looking Ahead to Summer More Great Youth Future Plans:

- **Fun in the Sun is a retreat in Jekyll Island, GA July 16 – 20 for current 8th through 12th graders.** Youth learn about worship while enjoying the beach and outdoor sports activities. **Deposits are past due. If you want to go on this awesome retreat, sign up immediately by getting your \$90 deposit to Charlie.**
- **City Servants, our middle school give and receive week, is August 13-17.** This week is for rising 6th through rising 9th graders. It's the perfect introduction to local missions, and to our youth group for first-timers. Students spend the mornings doing service projects around the Raleigh area, and the afternoons are reserved for FUN together. The week ends with a lock-in on Thursday and an awesome all-day trip on Friday. Look for more information soon, but **SAVE THE DATE NOW!**
- **Highland Service Project; July 1-7, 2012**
HSP is for current 9th through 12th graders. As we have in recent years, we will stay at Umstead Park all week, going out to work on local homes of people who cannot afford to make necessary home improvements

\$50 deposits for Youth participants are due APRIL 16.

Visit www.highlandserviceproject.org or www.highlandumc.org/hsp for online forms and details

**WE NEED ADULT LEADERS for HSP
SPEND A WEEK OF YOUR VACATION MAKING A
POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!
(HSP is free of charge to Highland adults)**

Each summer since 1985, youth and adults have gathered from churches across North Carolina and other states to spend a week in service to others by day while engaging in an organized program of spiritual growth by night. Partnering with Resources for Seniors of Wake County, we are able to do an incredible amount of significant home repair work.

Throughout the past several years our HSP home base has been at Camp Laphio in William B. Umstead State Park in Raleigh, NC. Each day our youth and adult volunteers go out to do home repairs throughout Wake County. In the evening after our day's work we are able to escape the busy world and focus on God as we are surrounded by His creation and wilderness. We believe living, worshiping, and playing in this environment is God's way of centering our lives back in line with the way he created us to live.

Through our work and the time we spend together, we seek to be true servants who share the restoring power of God in all we do.

Adult Ministries & Events

Ladies: New Bible Study Fridays – Starting April 13, 9:30 am

Looking Ahead: The Ladies Bible Study starts a new study on Friday, April 13th. We'll spend six weeks exploring *Christianity and World Religions*, a study by Adam Hamilton. We meet 9:30 - 11:30 am on Friday mornings and childcare is provided. If you're interested in joining us or have any questions, contact Joanie Loftin (joanieloftin@theloftins.net) or Janet Baucom (jkbaucom@gmail.com).

Knit A Prayer Shawl This Month: We Meet Thursday, March 1st and 15th 10:00 am –

We will meet from 10 a.m. to noon in the church parlor next to the sanctuary. We welcome anyone who would like to make prayer shawls either with us at our meetings or from home. You may contact Nancy Klein for further information or for instructions and/or patterns (919-747-9418) ornancyannklein@gmail.com .



United Methodist Women

Mission Study – Saturday March 10 Highland will be Host Church

The UMW Board and our UMQ Circles have planned a Mission Study at our church to be held in Bradley Hall. We are the host church and the North Raleigh UMW and the Trinity UMW will be joining us and will be cohosts. The Mission

Study will be on "Haiti: Challenges and Hopes". Our speaker will be Jin Lee who is very knowledgeable about what is going on in Haiti. (Please note our speaker is Jin Lee, NOT our Jim Lee!)

We will have registration and serve breakfast from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and will conclude at 1:00 pm.

Please plan on joining us in Bradley Hall. We want to have a good crowd and great fellowship. Call Jane Webb at 787-7666 or Pam Hood at 782-2146 if you have any questions.

UMW Circle Meetings in March

Circle #1 will meet Monday, March 12th at 9:30 am, in the Conference Room. All women of the church are very welcome to attend.

Circle #2/3 will meet Monday, March 5th at 10:00 am in the Parlor. The program will be a continuation of the study of Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World*.

Circle #7 will meet Monday, March 5th at 6:00 pm for dinner at Panera Bread, Crabtree, and at 7:00 pm at the home of Toni Downey, 1623 Dixie Trail. Associate Pastor, David Stark will present the program. The mission for the month is the HUMC Victory Garden.

Circle #8 will meet Tuesday, March 13th at 2:00 pm in the Parlor. A continuation of our study of J. Ellsworth Kalas' book *Parables From the Backside* is planned.

Women: Reserve the date!

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

Methodist Men's Ministries

UMM Monthly Meeting Saturday, March 10th , 7:30 am

The United Methodist Men will hold their March breakfast and program on Saturday March 10 at 7:30am in the Bradley Center. The featured speaker will be from the NC United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministries. They run camps Don Lee, Chestnut Ridge, and Rockfish.

Come join us for a fantastic breakfast and program on Saturday March 10th.

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 press your ear to the wall or floor and you probably will hear them!

Highland Service Project Scheduled for July 1-7

All UM Men Encouraged to Participate

As noted in the Youth Ministry news and schedules, HSP is coming again this July. Scott Loftin, Chair of UMM, says he knows that several of our UMM usually participate in HSP in one way or another, but he extends an offer to any others who haven't done this in the past. Scott continues to report on his personal experiences stating: "HSP is one of the most rewarding and enjoyable experiences I believe Highland sponsors. Helping those less fortunate than us, sharing the gifts God blessed us with, developing relationships with familiar and unfamiliar youth, and worshipping together with some of the best people on the planet are just a few of the perks of HSP."

Efforts are already beginning to identify and organize adult volunteers, specifically to be work team leaders or co-leaders. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Scott. His email address is: [Scott Loftin <hummm@theloftins.net>](mailto:Scott.Loftin@theloftins.net).

You don't have to be a handyman – you just need the desire...we can help you with the rest. If you have not already been contacted by Scott as a past HSP participant, please prayerfully consider getting involved. You'll be happy you did.

Thanks!
Scott Loftin

Highlanders -- Senior Adults' Meetings & Plans

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 description of the following activities we continue to schedule through the winter and early spring. Make your plans to join in with this wonderful fellowship group!

Tuesday, March 20, 1:00 pm

Program by Holocaust Survivor

Following Lenten Communion & Luncheon @ Noon

The Highlander program at 12:30 pm on March 20, will follow the 12:00 noon Lenten service and the normal, Lenten season 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." Following is 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....."

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.

Tuesday, April 10 -Day Trip To NC Museum of History

As a follow up to the February 21 presentation by Bill McCrea, we have planned a day trip in the church bus on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 for a guided tour of the new chronological historical exhibit at the NC Museum of History.

The bus will load at 8:45 am and depart promptly at 9:00 am. The tour will begin at 9:30 am and end at about 11:00 am. From 11:00 am until 1:00 pm, there will be time for lunch on your own in the museum restaurant, (the Pharaoh) and time to tour other parts of the museum. The bus will load at 1:00 pm to return to the church.

Please sign up at the reception desk by April 5.

NY Bus Trip-Tour May 7-11, 2012

Spring Getaway Trip to Hudson River Valley

Nancy Cabe Tours has planned another exciting trip for the Highlanders, leaving Raleigh on Monday, May 7, traveling in Nancy's Butterfly Motorcoach to Poughkeepsie, NY, and returning on Friday, May 11, 2012. Activities and tours Tuesday through Thursday include:

1. Visit Franklin D. Roosevelt Estate in Hyde Park
2. Cruise on Hudson River
3. Visit Locust Grove, Samuel B. Morse home
4. Visit quaint Village of Rhinebeck
5. Visit world famous Culinary Institute of America including dinner
6. Walk over Hudson River on world's longest, elevated pedestrian bridge
7. Tour Benmarl, prestigious local winery
8. Visit West Point Military Academy and Museum

Included in the package are 4 nights at Hampton Inn and Suites, 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, professional tour guide for 3 days, and admissions for all attractions.

Flyers with more details and sign up sheet are located at the reception desk. **Deposit of \$50.00 required by first week of March to reserve a seat. Balance due by April 1, 2012. Checks payable to Nancy Cabe Tours.** Total cost per person for double occupancy is \$890.00. Please contact Charles Stuber (787-0313) for more details. **Nancy Cabe's motorcoach is filling up fast, so sign up soon to reserve a seat.**

Member Concerns and News Please Remember in Prayer

Ed Morrill, Hal Earp, William and Marge Walker, Violet Poole, Helen Cheek (Kay Burgess's mother), Bill Wilkinson, Jim Sineath, Irene Alford (Vance Alford's mother), Anne Anderson (Peggy Kearn'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, Sandra Davis (Kyle Rudd's sister), Bill Dickinson (Cori Stocum's father), Brooks Epley (Sue Sink's grandson), Stuart Ferguson, Roseanne Finch, Harold Fuller, Lorraine Gergen, Nancy Goodson (Brenda Hudson's mother), Laurie Hedrick (George Hedrick's daughter), 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, Linda McLain, Carl Mims (Chip Mims' father), Betty Naylor, Elenestine Niyonkuru, Cheri Nystrom (David Dix's sister), Andrew Palmer, Cil Phe, Lee Price (Inez Price's son), Susan Puerta (friend of Sherry Delaplain), Phil Redwine, Dot Sanders, Kathy Scholl, Dennis Alford Schoonmaker (Tommy and Evonne Hubbard's grandson) Don & Pat Scott, Graye Shaw, Scott Simonson (Steve & Lorraine Gergen's son-in-law), 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

Births... Congratulations

Congratulations to David and Elizabeth Beam on the birth of their granddaughter, Adele Catherine Beam, born to David and Carolyn Beam February 1, 2012.

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

- ... **Kyle Rudd** on the death of his brother-in-law, Larry Davis
- ... **Pam Brown and friends** on the death of Daisy Smith, February 4, 2012
- ... **Donna Parker**, on the death of her father, Charles Parker, Feb. 13.2012

... **Hiom Ro and H'Jok** on the death of their son Wen Siu who died in Viet Nam, February 14, 2012.

Welcome New Members & Baptisms

January 22 – We welcomed Jason, Cecily and Clara Timmons. Regretfully, we do not yet have a photo of this family.

February 12, at the 11:00 am service, we welcomed Chad and Mitzi Gassaway, with children Devin and Caylor. Son Devin also was baptized in that service. The Gassaway family is pictured below.



February 19, at the 11:00 am Worship Service we were delighted to welcome 2 new members, pictured below.:

Marietta Gray



Nancy Simonsen



MEMORIALS

January - February

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



Given in Memory of: Linda Ray

Gifts for the Linda Ray Memorial Fund Given By:
A.H. Deleon; Bud & Julie Driggers; Charles and Barbara Smith; John & Janet Mahoney; Floyd & Ann Morgan

Given In Memory of Scott Shorter

Gift for the Mission Fund – Given by:
Joe & Leslie Pate

Given In Memory of Daisy Smith

Gifts for the Daisy Smith Memorial Fund – Given By:
Bob & Doris Kruger; Sara Raynor; Jerry & Fran Sherrill

Given In Memory of Joe Byrd, the Brother of Daisy Smith

Gifts for the General Memorial Fund – Given By:
Ellen Dale Burke; Fisher, Thompson, Jennings Sunday School Class

Given In Memory of Godfrey Stallings

Gifts for the Godfrey Stallings Memorial Fund -- Given By: Ellen Dale Burke; Hal & Earleen Barnes; James and Joan Baker; Grover & Martha Dobbins; Fisher, Thompson, Jennings Sunday School Class; Glenn & Mary Lancaster; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Luther; Floyd & Ann Morgan; Frank & Norma Noble; Pat and Christine Shehan; Bob & Barbara Smith; Charles and Barbara Smith

Gifts for the General Fund – Given By:
Allen & Carol Blue; Ray & Linda Cooksey

Gift for the Handchime Fund – Given By:
Irv & Ann Pearce

Given In Memory of Mike Williams

Gifts for the Music Fund -- Given By:
Allen & Carol Blue; Hal & Earleen Barnes; Patricia Cotrone; Ray & Linda Cooksey; Bud & Julie Driggers; Nicoll & Sandra Durrie; Leonard & Marlene

Hodakowski; William & Kathleen Hammock; Lauer Illingworth; Jeff & Donna Kilpatrick; Fred Lester; B.C. McGinnis; Joe & Leslie Pate; Bob & Barbara Smith; Paul & Christine Simson; Leon & Linda Tyler; Jane Webb; John & Mary Kay Wenhart; Lynn Wiggs

Gifts for the Mike Williams Memorial Fund --

Given By: Laura Batchelor; Donna Denning; Grover & Martha Dobbins; Thomas & Paula Dille; Bill & Glenda Johnson; Doug & Peggy Kearns; Marsha Moses; Reed & Jacqueline O'Donovan; Charles and Barbara Smith; Faye Senter; Richard & Jackie Saleeby

Gifts for the Streaming Media Fund -- Given By:

Bill & Marty Babcock; Wayne & Gail Cannady; Richard & Nancy Cavallaro; George & Mary Deaton; Robin & Linda Gardner; Christopher & Elizabeth Jordan; Tom & Laura Pace; Robert & Pamela Via

Gift for the Handchime Fund – Given By:

Irv & Ann Pearce

Given In Memory of: Bryce Younts

Gifts Given for the Bryce Younts Memorial Fund -
- Given By: Grover & Martha Dobbins

Facility Manager Tom's Trivia

KEYS to the Church ARE Available to Members on Request

About 10 years ago the Trustees rekeyed the entire building so that any church member wanting a key to the building would only need 1 key. The key that we call the General Congregation Key opens every door into the building, every classroom, and every multi use space. It will not open staff offices or utility closets, but otherwise it opens up pretty much everything else.

As your building manager my philosophy is "no one should be locked out of their church". If you do not already have a key to the church and you would like one, we have plenty of keys available. They are numbered and we do keep track of who they are issued to. **We do expect that if you are at the church during times when others are not around that you will lock the doors that you have opened.**

It should be noted that all exterior doors can be locked without a key by turning the thumb turn on the crash bar until the bar is released. If you are here at night and believe that you will be one of the last ones out please lock the exterior doors behind you. If the exterior doors are locked anyone remaining in the building can still exit, but anyone coming up to the building from the outside will find the door locked. While we are very fortunate to be in a safe area it is still important for you to lock the building as you depart in the evening.

If you want a key to the church please leave a message for Tom Lamb at 787-4240 x 107 or sent an e-mail to:

tom@highlandumc.org .

Blessings, Tom Lamb

Highland UMC in Mission And Outreach In Our Community & the World

Community Garden – Planting Again!



The work on the Community Garden has started. On Saturday, Feb. 12 garden volunteers and members performed the spring clean-up and initial preparation and planting of the cold-weather crops (carrots and peas). Garden “master” Cullen Whitley reports that as a result of the publicity from our garden, there now are 50 gardens under way.

Summer Youth Ministry Mission by Hailey Tynes – Kenya Orphanage

I am going to Kenya this summer to volunteer with Servant Life and will be working with the children of an orphanage set up by 2 American missionaries. I will be leaving on June 14th and be there for 9 days. We will be running a day camp similar to VBS for the children of the orphanage and the village children. I am very excited about the opportunity God has presented me. Highland has set up a fund that will be given out to help defer the cost of youth international missions. If you would like to financially support my trip please make your check out to Highland UMC and on the memo line write “Servant Life”. I would also appreciate your thoughts and prayers as I prepare for my trip, for safe travels and a successful mission. Thank you. Hailey



Report on Guyana Mission Trip – 2012 Mocha Methodist Church

WOW! The Guyana work team couldn’t believe many of the changes in Guyana since our last visit in 2010! There are MANY privately-owned cars now! Traffic in the capital of Georgetown is assisted by real traffic lights and policemen. There has been much construction. Heavy equipment (like CAT graders and backhoes) is commonly seen. Of course, interspersed with the traffic were the horse-drawn carts of

lumber, bicycles, and motorcycles, as well as a few cows and sheep. Travel was exciting, especially for the 20 minutes it took to get down the road to Mocha Methodist Church from the highway. The once-paved road has huge holes the size of craters. Cars, trucks, buses, bicycles, and folks on foot dodged the worst of these. Sometimes we appeared to meet other vehicles head-on, as we weaved in and out, up and down, in a weird dance that carried us from the main highway to the church. Each day we strained to see the large backhoe that had sunk in the mud alongside the road, buried so deep that the cab was barely visible. We chuckled at the thought of someone trying to remove it! The almost daily rain did not help!

So, the nine members of the work team (David and Elizabeth Beam, Rev. David Goehring, Rev. Jim Lee, Lanny Piper, Aileen Tarver, Nancy Zweigart, and Aaron and Pam Brothers) settled into life in Guyana. The hotel (though missing the hot water) was air-conditioned. Having a rather peaceful night’s rest (no sounds of barking dogs, crowing roosters, and bugs hitting our mosquito nets) meant that we were more ready for work each day. The food at the hotel as well as at the worksite was wonderful this year! We were definitely well-fortified for work!

Work was quite productive. One great help was that the weather was cooler (mid-80’s, rather than mid-90’s!) Although we had rain on most days, it only slowed work on one day. The Mocha congregation had hired 3 men to paint the church rafters and the fascia, so scaffolding was already in place when we arrived. The perforated concrete block windows had also been installed prior to our arrival. With several volunteers from Mocha and other churches in the Georgetown circuit, most of the painting was completed in 4 days. In the remainder of our work time, the glass jalousie (or louver) windows at the front were installed, doors were installed, pews were cleaned of termite damage and treated to prevent future damage, and sand was packed around the perimeter of the church to direct water run-off away from the building.

One major change that was made to the church (which has been under construction since 2008) was to change the front from a rectangular “store-front” type appearance to a “peaked-roof” that looks more like a church. David Beam and a local carpenter/ mason did this with a saw & hammer and lots of prayers from all of us!

We had a final day of mixing concrete and laying a 3-foot wide path at the rear of the church. We had NOT anticipated any concrete work this trip, but then God always seems to have plans for us that are different from our own! We thanked God that one younger man had appeared to help us mix the concrete!



Just imagine Rev. David G, Aaron, Rev. Jim Lee, Elizabeth Beam, Nancy Zweigart, and myself mixing concrete with shovels. Lanny and David Beam along with one other gentleman spread all that was mixed! We are so blessed to have David Beam head our construction crew. He has so many skills and really tries to focus the congregation on doing things in an orderly fashion. There are still projects to be done at the church and we hope that they will be finished in the next few months.

Our community outreach effort was quite fun. We had planned a visit to a local primary school (the Mocha Arcadia Primary School). Elizabeth Beam had asked a few of us to share some thoughts about the seasons in North Carolina (since Guyana has only 2 seasons- wet & dry!). However, the hit of the show was Rev. Jim (alias PaPa!) charming the 300 youngsters with his rendition of the twist! After school, we heard cries of "PaPa" as children came down the street trying to dance like Jim!

Since the old Mocha Church was rather small and the floor less than sturdy, it was decided to hold our Bible School at the Primary school also. On the first day, it was rather chaotic with about 120 students (from 3rd to 5th grades) attending. All managed to sign the banner that we left at Mocha Church. On the second day, we had about 90 children attend. Elizabeth skillfully engaged the children in hearing the story of "The Centurion and his Sick Servant" and all of the children seemed to enjoy making cross necklaces. We also distributed toothbrushes and toothpaste to each of the children at the second day of Bible School. Elizabeth Beam's dentist had donated these!

The team also was able to spend an evening at the Methodist Outreach Center with the Georgetown Circuit youth group. The youth had planned an evening of information about the culture of Guyana. There were tables with clothing, food, crafts, and other items representing the 6 ethnic groups in Guyana (African, East Indian, Chinese, Portuguese, European, and Amerindian). We were given an opportunity to visit each of these tables and take samples of the food. Then the youth presented a skit (a TV show) interviewing someone representing each of the 6 groups. It was hilarious- complete with commercials!

We left most of the school supplies that were donated by GCF with the youth. The remaining school supplies were given to the children who attend Mocha Methodist's Sunday School class.

Sunday worship was (and is) quite an event! Church at Trinity Methodist in Georgetown started at 8AM-ish (Guyana time!). After many songs and announcements, we were privileged to hear the message given by Rev. Mark Lawrence, an English (from Lincolnshire, UK) Methodist preacher who, along with his wife, Carolyn, will be appointed to Guyana in September. We were also treated to the performance of 2 songs on the steel drum set (called steel pans in the Caribbean) that Highland had purchased last year for the youth in the Georgetown circuit. This was absolutely wonderful! The drums were actually hand-made in Guyana (by Bro. Oliver Pross) and 4 youth are being taught to play them (also by Bro. Pross). The church is very excited to be able to involve the youth in worship in this manner.

We left this worship service at 10:30AM (prior to Communion!) and rode to Mocha Methodist to attend their worship service, which was held in the new church where we

had been working. Again, songs were lifted in praise! A luncheon followed at the church and we had an opportunity to visit more with some of the members of the congregation, before returning to our hotel.

It is always so interesting to compare the churches we visit in Guyana to Highland. The music may be different, the services are definitely LONGER, but the messages always seem to be relevant wherever we are. At the worship service at Trinity, Pastor Mark gave us a list of things that "the church" needs to be doing:

- 1) Wake up!- The church should not be a sleeping beauty; but a warrior bride battling injustice and sin.
- 2) Listen up!- God speaks to us. We need to listen for His message, then DO what He says!
- 3) Grow up and be built up!- We need to prepare people for worship & works of service & to become ONE BODY in Christ.
- 4) Make up! - If we have differences/ divisions, they need to be resolved with prayer and forgiveness.
- 5) Give up!- We need to fix our eyes upon Jesus and give up those things (sins) that separate us from God.
- 6) Rise up!- We need to move! God will give us power and strength.

All we could say was "Amen, Brother!"

The work team would again like to thank so many of you that helped with this trip. In addition to those mentioned previously, we thank the children and youth of HUMC for their contributions; Charlie Baber, Don Templeton and Paul Blomquist for helping lead and record some music for us to take; and Candi Mitchell for helping make bookmarks for the children to color. We did bring home several things to share with the congregation besides pictures. We received a plaque in appreciation of Highland's continuing service to the Methodist churches in Guyana. We also received a plaque in appreciation of the steel drum set that was given to the youth at Trinity Church.

In addition, we were given a DVD called "Wild Guyana" (about the wildlife - not us!) which we will share. As we as a church anticipate serving there again, please note that we are an aging group. We would love to have some younger members (perhaps a parent and an HSP-experienced youth) serve with us. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and speak to one of us about this if you feel called to serve the Lord in this way. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts!

Report by

Pam Brothers

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

(Schedule on next page)

The Outreach Ministry Team provided a meal at the center, January 16, 2012. Food was prepared by the members of the team and served by Linda Edwards, Judy Allen, Donna Walcott, Mary Bugger and her daughter. On February 20th, the Genesis Class provided and served dinner to the women at the shelter.

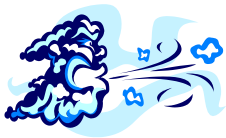
Highland Groups Schedule to Serve at Helen Wright Center:

- 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)

Take Note: HUMC WIHN Teamates- For 2012, our dates to host WIHN families are the weeks starting on Sunday nights:

May 20; Sep 30; Dec 9

For those HUMC groups and individuals who normally help host these families with meals, transportation, over-night hosting, etc., please mark your calendars, and any and all appropriate group calendars for these dates (Sunday-Sunday of each week).



MARCH Birthdays!



- Mar. 1 Catherine Hillman; Cullen Whitley;
- Mar. 2 Doris Kruger; Robby Marchi; Wendy Stocum;
- Mar. 3 Marty Babcock; Marvin Beute;
- Mar. 4 Frances Tapscott;
- Mar. 5 Mark Cimerro; Connor Horton; Luke Turner;
- Mar. 6 Emma Dilley;
- Mar. 7 John Day;
- Mar. 8 Ann Hall; Les Stallings;
- Mar. 9 Bev Beck;
- Mar. 11 Pat Cronin;
- Mar. 13 Logan Earp;
- Mar. 15 Jennifer Alford; Lauren Brothers;
- Mar. 16 Dennis McLain;
- Mar. 17 Irv Pearce;
- Mar. 18 Jean Jones; Tom Lemay;
- Mar. 19 Jackson Kerr;
- Mar. 20 Carly Black;
- Mar. 21 Gardner Jones; Jason Pate;
Brett Yarborough;
- Mar. 22 Jenna Shlaymoon; Anita Taylor;
Susan Taylor;

- Mar. 23 Hugh Liner; Chuck Stuber Jr.;
- Mar. 24 Cameron Coker; Amy Massey;
- Mar. 25 Pam Brothers; Dick Kreisel;
- Mar. 26 Nic Hogan; Garrett Loftin; Dot McGee;
Holland McPeake;
- Mar. 27 Karen Davis; Mabel Groditski;
Bob Page; David Reaugh;
Wendy Stocum;
- Mar. 28 Alden Hearn;
- Mar. 29 Steve Broome; Bill Correll Jr.;
- Fay Crouch; Noah Earp; John Hearn;
Martha Wilkinson;
- Mar. 30 Nicole Royster;
- Mar. 31 Van Brubaker; Doug Phelps;

Regular Weekly Schedules

Sundays

- 8:25 am Infant/Toddler Sunday School
- 8:30 am Traditional Worship
- 8:45 am The Connection-Contemp. Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School – All Groups
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship
- 4.30 pm Celebration Singers Rehearsal
- 5.00 pm UMYF
- 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
- 7:00pm Pick Up Basketball

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 & Luncheon
- 6:45 pm Connection Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm AA
- 7:30pm Open Computer Lessons
(*) Only by Appointment

Wednesdays

- 4:25 -4:55 pm Cherub Choir (3 & 4 year olds)
- 5:00 pm Bells Alive
- 5:00 – 5:45 pm Hosanna Choir (K-1st grade)
- 5:00 – 5:45 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

9:00 am Ladies Bible Study
12:15 pm Kiwanis Club

Saturdays

7:00 pm AA

Free Computer Use Lessons By Appointment

As noted in regular monthly schedules. Adult coaching on computer use can be arranged.

Call John Robinson (919-872-2014) to arrange an appointment time – for: basic use, Internet, email, or MS Office programs

Worship Helpers – March

	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Audio</u>
March 4	Andrew Wood	David Reaugh
March 11	Sarah Louise Johnson	Ken Schuster
March 18	Sydney Shaffer	Duane Reaugh
March 25	Sean Richards	Byron Baird

Assisting with Communion on March 4

<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Debbie Sykes	Beverley Hall Jane Gray

Prayer Room

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
March 4	George Hedrick	Charles and Ola Mae Cimerro
March 11	Rex Thomas	Neal Coker
March 18	Rebecca Turner	Paul Yeager
March 25	Aaron Brothers	Roz Thompson

Lay Readers

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
March 4	Ken Shorter	Youth
March 11	Pam Brothers	Ruth Moore
March 18	Marilyn Mudge	Bob Kruger
March 25	Aaron Brothers	Caroline Bruneau

March Special Events Calendar

March 1, Thursday

10:00 am Prayer Shaw Ministry

March 4, Sunday

8:45 am Children's Worship Readiness
9:50 am Safe Sanctuary Training

March 5, Monday

10:00 am UMW Circle 2/3
6:00 pm UMW Circle 7
7:00 pm Boy Scout Leaders Meeting
7:00 pm CSJ Immigration Task Force

March 6, Tuesday

7:00 pm Stephen Ministry

March 8, Thursday

7:00 pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting

March 9, Friday Confirmation Retreat

5:45 pm Youth Going to Christian Concert

March 10, Saturday Confirmation Retreat

7:30 am Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting
8:00 am UMW Mission Fair

March 11, Sunday Confirmation Retreat

8:45 am Children's Worship Readiness

March 12, Monday

9:30 am UMW Circle 1
7:00 pm Boy Scout Leaders Meeting

March 13, Tuesday

2:00 pm UMW Circle 8
7:00 pm Missions Committee
7:00 pm Children's Ministry Team

March 15, Thursday

10:00 am Prayer Shawl

March 16, Friday

..9:00 am Capital Quilters
6:30 pm St. Patrick/Valentine Dinner

March 17, Saturday

..9:00 am Capital Quilters
6:30 pm USA Ballroom Dance

March 18, Sunday

8:45 am Children's Worship Readiness

March 19, Monday

7:00 pm Helen Wright Dinner

March 20, Tuesday

12:30 pm Highlanders Meeting
7:00 pm Library Committee
Stephen Ministry

March 23, Friday

2:30 pm FCA Martin Middle School

March 24, Saturday

10:00 am MYF Reunion Gathering

March 25, Sunday

8:45 am Children's Worship Readiness

March 26, Monday

7:00 pm Micah 6:8 Ministry Team

March 27, Tuesday

7:00 pm Circle 7 Book Club

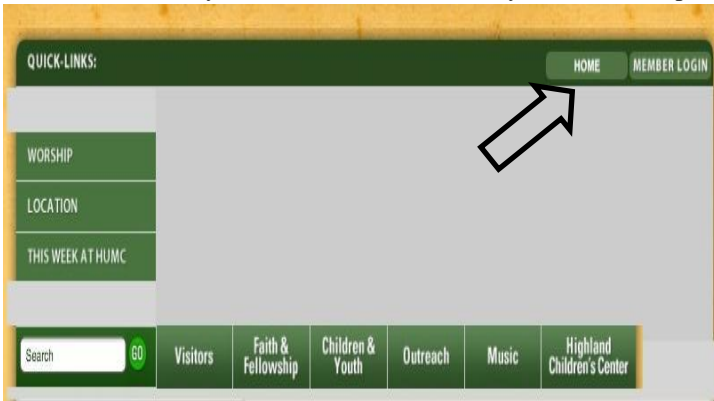
March 30 – April 1 (Friday-Sunday)

High-Schoolers Weekend at Baber Farm



A Finance Moment: Online Giving Available

There are two more convenient ways to fulfill your “Promise” to Highland’s ministry. You can take advantage of the convenience of automatic monthly drafting of your bank account in the amount you specify to be transferred the middle of each month, and now, you can transfer funds from your home computer at any time that is convenient to you.



Highland implemented online giving in July 2011 with a soft roll-out for testing. During the fall, we received eight online gifts totaling \$4,600. Two gifts occurred at the “11th” hour on December 31st. We were pleased to have given a few folks the opportunity to complete their commitment on time. A third party service maintains a secure connection between our donors, our website and the internet. We pay a nominal monthly fee for that protection. In addition, we are charged a monthly volume fee based on the number of gifts received and the dollar amount of each gift. If you haven’t checked out Highland’s website, maybe now would be a good time. Just follow these easy steps.

Go to our website: www.highlandumc.org and in the upper right hand corner, click on **Member Login**:

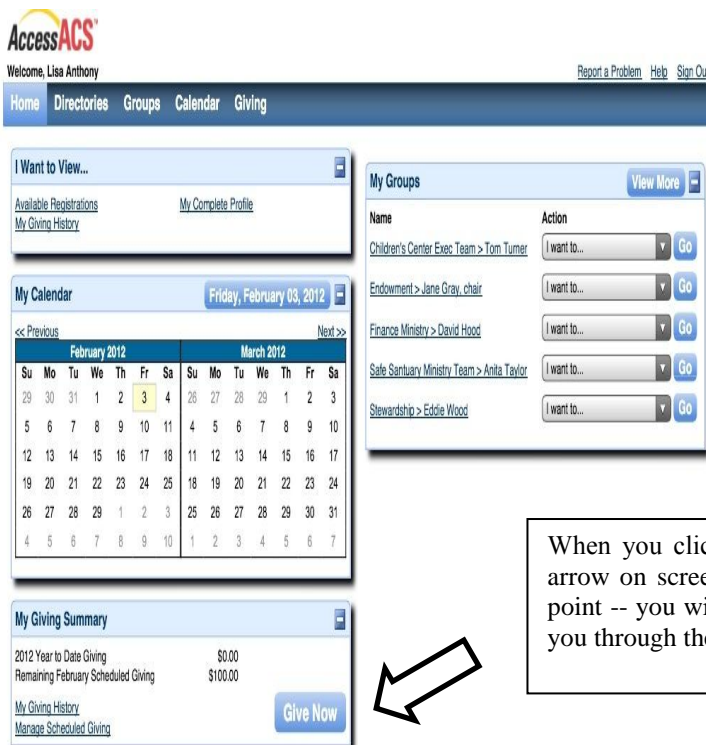
The next page that appears looks like this:



As you can see, whether this is your first visit to Online Giving or a return trip, this page can handle your login. If you need an initial login, just click on the link provided. For returning members, enter your email address or the User Name you established.

If you have forgotten either your username or password, there is a convenient link that will email the information to you. Remember, user names are CasE SeniTive!!!

Once you have enrolled or signed in, the following screen gives you access to your member record. Here, you can update addresses and contact information, view a church calendar, email within your small groups, see your giving record, or **make a gift**.



When you click on “Give Now” – noted with arrow on screen to left that you will see at this point -- you will see a series of screens that walk you through the process step by step.



Step 1-Gift You have the capability of splitting your gift into as many different funds as are available on the website. Additional descriptive designations are also possible.

Step 2-Funds Scroll down the list of funds available for Online Giving. The list is not in alphabetic order. Rather, it displays the most commonly used funds near the top, and cycles the seasonal favorites nearer the top as appropriate.

Step 3-Payment Method Enter your payment information. Debit cards, Credit cards and ACH (check) transactions are acceptable. If this is a return visit to Online Giving, your previous account information is securely stored and available for you to choose.

Step 4-Review & Process Here you review the information you entered before submitting it for processing. You will immediately receive an email confirmation that looks like this:

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Payment Type: Your Card
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PLEASE NOTE: ACS has informed us that the message "Thank you for setting up your recurring gift" is appearing for ALL gifts, even ONE TIME gifts. They are working to correct that issue. You can double check this gift by looking at the "Frequency:" If the frequency reads "One Time Gift", your account will only be charged One Time. Be assured you have not set up a recurring gift.

That is a brief overview of Online Giving. If you have any questions, please call the Finance Office or speak to a member of the Finance Ministry Team. **As always, if you prefer to have an automatic transfer from your bank account to the church to cover your pledge, with your instructions on amount, we are able to set-up automatic, mid-monthly Electronic Funds Transfers from your bank account.** If you are interested, in establishing an automatic transfer, give us a call, or send an email to lisa@highlandmc.org and we'll provide a letter with information and authorization forms.

Peace in Christ,
 Lisa A Anthony, CPA
 Business Administrator

Aren't Our Children Delightful?! Both while singing in worship or helping in our garden!



Chorsters & Hosannah Choirs – Feb. 12, 2012



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

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- 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
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- Facilities Manager Tom Lamb, ext. 107
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- 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

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Bishop Alfred Wesley Gwinn, Jr.

Superintendent, Raleigh District: Rev. Jon Strother

Contact and Visit us at:

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(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

eNews: Send notices and announcements to Candi Mitchell at email address: 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 April 2012 Ridge Rider Issue is March 18th.—PLEASE! Pre Easter Month Issue! Send 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 And johnrobinson-raleigh@msn.com