



Highlights

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Rally Day and Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 8, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Celebrate a New Year in Education and Ministry, 9:30 a.m.



Highland's Rally Day is a time for celebrating the end of summer and the beginning of a season of growing together through learning, serving, and more. We celebrate community and friendships, old and new, and welcome others into this amazing thing we call "church." Folks of all ages are invited to this perfect opportunity to learn more about what's coming this fall and beyond. We will hear from the Christian Education, Youth and Young Adults, and Service

Committees, as well as from the Worship Committee. All will share their plans of opportunities to learn, serve and grow together.

*No RSVP is needed for this fun and informative gathering.
This is a great time to invite friends to come along!*

Church School Begins September 15

Throughout Highland's 75 year history we have consistently been engaged in learning and forming the faith of members of all ages. This year, as we celebrate that rich history, we will gather on Sunday mornings, beginning September 15, at 9:30 a.m., when children will experience God's love through stories and action, youth will dive deeper into the scripture that continues to guide us and connect us to the world around us, and adults from all stages of life will study, sing, pray and have their hearts and minds opened wide. Read further in the issue for all of the amazing opportunities ahead on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

Sunday, September 8
Worship Returns to 11:00 a.m.

Worship

September 1, 10:00 a.m.

Psalms 86:11–17

Matthew 13:24–30

The Shawshank Redemption

Sermon: Randy Harris

September 8, 11:00 a.m.

Psalms 146

Mark 7:24–30

Sermon: Randy Harris

September 15, 11:00 a.m.

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Mark 8:27–38

Sermon: Debbie Layman

September 22, 11:00 a.m.

James 3:13–18

Mark 9:30–37

Sermon: Randy Harris

September 29, 11:00 a.m.

Isaiah 49:5–7

Mark 9:38–50

Sermon: Randy Harris

Highland Worship Online

There are several ways to access worship:

- Click the link in the Sunday morning email;
- Go to [Highland's website](#) and click on the "[Highland Worship Online](#)" page;
- Subscribe to Highland's YouTube channel where the worship videos are posted (Highland PCWS).

On our Worship Online page, there are links for the Bulletin, a virtual "Friendship Pad," as well as a virtual "offering plate."

A Note about Highlights

Going forward, we will publish our *Highlights* newsletter monthly. In this age of "information overload," we recognize that members and friends of the church are less likely to read a full newsletter that is published every two weeks.

We have recently revised the format for our weekly emails and plan to share more information that way, in hope that this format will increase readership and participation in this life we share together.

Hunger Offering

On **September 1**, don't forget to bring your gifts for our monthly Hunger Offering — pasta sauce for Crisis Control and your 5 Cents a Meal for our Presbytery! Thank you for your generous donations supporting neighbors who hunger in our community and around the world.



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Return of Wednesday Night Fling Meals

September 11, October 2, November 6, and December 4, 6:00 p.m.

We are delighted to announce that our mid-week fellowship meals will return this fall! We hope you will join us for this meaningful time to check in with your Highland family – and to have a much needed break from the routine. The cost will be \$10 per person with a maximum of \$30 per household. Meals will mostly be prepared by volunteer Fling Teams (contact [Debbie](#) if you would like to sign up for a prep or clean-up Fling Team!). Our kick-off meal of September 11 will be catered by Olive Tree. Watch for a sign-up!

Another special treat on September 11 is that we will have a program following our meal. We have the joy of hearing from Maggie Collins who spent the past year as a Young Adult Volunteer in Mission with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and worked in the Presbyterian Office at the United Nations in New York City. Maggie will share her experiences and help us all learn more about our church's witness in the United Nations and around the world. We will gather in the Ardmore Room of the Activity Building at 7:00 p.m. following the 6:00 p.m. Fling meal in the Fellowship Hall.



Party Celebrating All Highlanders 80+

All are invited on Sunday, September 15, as we celebrate our members who are 80 years old and above! Following our 11:00 a.m. worship service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a fun intergenerational party to honor these special saints among us. We will share stories, laughter, refreshment, and much joy and gratitude! Please plan to share cake and celebrate them with us.



~ Congregational Care Committee

Meal and Mission Fair, September 22

We hope you will join us for a fellowship meal, catered by InDemand Burger Bar, following worship on Sunday, September 22. As part of our 75th anniversary celebrations, we will share in a Mission Fair concurrent with our meal. Highland has partnered with many community agencies over the decades, and we offer this opportunity to get to know the agencies we currently support in hopes that you will find additional ways to be part of their ministry in this community. Representatives from 20+ agencies will be here and will look forward to meeting you!

Watch your email for a sign-up for the meal, and mark your calendar for this gathering!

Volunteers Needed for Ashley Elementary



For the last several school years a dozen or so Highland folks have volunteered at Ashley Academy, an elementary school in East Winston, working with the students and supporting the staff. Ashley is a Title 1 school and one of the lowest performing elementary school in our district. We would love to have you join us this year. Please let me know if you are interested. We can arrange opportunities for weekly volunteers for those who

like a regular schedule as well as stand alone opportunities throughout the year. Those who prefer a regular schedule will be assigned to and work with that student with reading or math on a weekly basis, or more than once weekly if you prefer. We also have opportunities such as helping out at curriculum nights, fall festival, book fair, and more.

Volunteers will be officially trained on Monday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m. at Ashley. Returning volunteers who would like a refresher are welcome to attend the orientation, as well as anyone who is not sure if they want to volunteer and may want some additional information. The process to be a volunteer in the school system is simple, but you do need to be approved prior to volunteering in the schools. To apply to be a volunteer go to wsfcsvolunteers.com and fill out the volunteer registration form. All new and returning volunteers need to apply annually. If you have any questions please reach out to [Debbie Layman](mailto:DebbieLayman) or me, ecuervocollins@hotmail.com or 336-408-3170. I look forward to seeing some new and returning faces at Ashley this fall!

~Emily Collins

Annual Offering for El Buen Pastor Sunday, September 22



One Sunday a year we set aside a special time to celebrate and to give thanks for our family in Christ at El Buen Pastor. At Highland, we partner in ministry with El Buen Pastor throughout the year. Economic times are hard, especially in this segment of our community, and this church family will be dependent upon our financial and prayer support for a long time. They do so much with so little. As we do annually, a special offering will be taken on Sunday, September 22, to support the ministry of El Buen Pastor. Thank you for your generous support of this outreach in our community.

EL BUEN PASTOR

Moore School Food Pantry

Highland, alongside Temple Emmanuel, supports Moore Elementary School by providing a food pantry for students of Moore School and their families. For the month of **September**, we are asking for donations of **canned pinto, kidney, or black beans**.

News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *Nash Lindsey*, Home; *Jerry Cole*, Home, Arbor Acres; *Carol Healy*, Home; *Heather Greene*, Home; *Leslie Sizemore*, Home; *Carol Eickmeyer*, Home; *Emelda Lawing*, Home with Hospice; *Curtis Patterson*, Home; *Parks Berryhill*, Salemtowne Healthcare; *Esther and Les Preston*, Home; *Jean Loftis*, Salemtowne Assisted Living; *Jim Womble*, Heritage Woods; *Mary Pace*, Brookdale on Peace Haven; *Wes McGraw*, Homestead Hills; *John Anderson*, Salemtowne Memory Care; *Ruth Banbury*, Carriage Club Assisted Living (Charlotte).

Special Birthday Wishes to:

- ◆ Pat Hege, 90 on September 13
- ◆ Pierce Johnson, 91 on September 14
- ◆ Fran Rankin, 98 on September 18
- ◆ Margot Wharton, 94 on September 29
- ◆ Jean Loftis, 95 on October 4

In Memoriam:

- ☞ Suzanne Otterbacher, mother of *Glenn Otterbacher*, July 31
- ☞ Hank Clay, father of *Laura Clay*, August 8

Bless You! ~ Our prayers for one another. Each week we invite you to pray for members of our Highland family. We will pray not because anything is wrong, but because we care about each other.

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, please pray for Steve and Lyn Hux; Jesse, Danielle, Claire and Bram Keever; Colin Kent; Scott, Daniella, Lizzy and Lila Miller; Bruce and Lara Patterson; Alex, Laura and Caroline Thorup.

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, please pray for Liza, Ray, Preston and Ansley Ward; Alex and Holly Barrett; Heather Ferguson; Bill and Dotty Hill; Wes McGraw.

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, please pray for Ralph and Susan Burroughs; Vince Cannino; Peter Harrington; Gilmour and Nancy Lake; Jan Penick.

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22 please pray for Peter, Melissa, Drew and Garrett Fisch; Susan Hammond; Cameron and Sue Kent; Nash and Penny Lindsey; Ann McInnes; Frank Neely.

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, please pray for Bob and Pam Collette; Sandi and Greg Hall, Will and Lila Rankin; Marshall Harris and Caitlin Carr; Lindsay Hunt; Lauren Kent; Jay Mikush; Richard and Connie Smith; Robin Taylor and Sallie West. *The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24*



Joy for September & Early October Birthdays!

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|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Hank Bamum | 8 Claire Mouyious | 16 James Thomas | 29 Joyce Griner |
| 2 John Bain | 8 Ed Sehon | 18 Russell Byrd | 29 Margot Wharton |
| 2 Will Gardner | 9 Steve Barton | 18 Kelly Laws | 30 Lucy Davis |
| 3 Whit Andrus | 9 Pam Carter | 18 Fran Rankin | 30 Jesse Keever |
| 3 Katie Fogleman | 10 Wendy Eppley | 18 Dori Senior | |
| 3 Don Leonard | 10 Maddy Griner | 20 Henry Chandler | October |
| 3 Alice Milam | 11 David Christenbury | 20 Henrietta Parker | 1 David Alley |
| 3 Ty Senior | 11 Bo Gore | 20 Kelly von Euw | 1 Emily Parker |
| 5 Max Reynolds | 11 John Thomas | 21 Maxwell Archer | 2 Blake Renegar |
| 5 Connor Riley | 11 Jim Wilson | 21 Alison Gardner | 3 Alison Eppley |
| 5 Hannah Riley | 13 Lauren Bain | 23 Emily Bowers | 4 Liz Bragg |
| 6 Milo Archambault | 13 Pat Hege | 23 Sharon Smith | 4 Thomas Bullock |
| 6 Elizabeth Eppley | 13 John Loftis | 24 Katie Paterson | 4 Betty Burgess |
| 6 Colin Kent | 14 Evan Bain | 24 Jake Patton | 4 Jean Loftis |
| 6 Lizzy Miller | 14 Micah Carroll | 25 Ladema Gore | 4 Rachel Riley |
| 6 Steve Moore | 14 Pierce Johnson | 25 Lara Patterson | 4 Madeline Ronsheim |
| 6 Gidget Payne | 14 Josie Scott | 25 Jared Sink | 5 Banks Pickett |
| 7 Lauren Corbett | 14 Luke Whittler | 27 Lew Nelson | 5 Jack Smith |
| 7 Kara Doughton | 15 Shelly Cobb | 27 Lila Rankin | |
| 7 Merrick Semans | 16 Dave Norman | 27 Sandy Simmons | |
| 7 Sue Womble | 16 Vance Pepper | 29 Tory Gentry Daniel | |



Caring for Others as We Park on Sundays

Our Congregational Care Committee would like to invite all able-bodied Highlanders to park further away from the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Our property is not very easy to navigate for those who have mobility issues, and the street parking along Cloverdale Avenue is coveted space. If you are not experiencing mobility issues, please take advantage of the health benefits of a few hundred steps and park in the parking lot (towards the back if possible!), leaving Cloverdale open for those who really need it. Thank you for this easy but important way we can care for one another!

Coffee & Conversation Tuesdays

On Tuesdays, Randy, Debbie, Courtney, or Heather will be hanging out at Camel City Coffee from 10:00–11:00 a.m. for conversation with whomever shows up. We hope this will be a fun and varied group and invite all to consider stopping by. Maybe you are newly retired and wondering what to do with all your time? Or you haven't gotten out much and need an excuse? Or have a question about a recent sermon? Or just want to spend time with your favorite Presbyterian pastors? Or want an easy way to introduce a friend to Highland? Whatever might draw you in, we hope you will stop by to support a local business, check-in with your pastors, and meet other Highlanders.



Drinks for Four

Informal Gatherings for Men of Highland

Highland men are invited to join us for a new small group gathering, “Drinks for Four.” This is an informal opportunity to gather occasionally with a small group of men at Highland. Participants can choose when to gather, where, and how often. Coffee in the morning? Tea at lunch? An adult beverage at the end of the day? Any and all of these are possible – but getting together is the point!



Check your weekly emails for a sign up link or contact [Gidget Payne](#) to sign up. If you have questions, please contact [John Loftis](#).

Men’s Breakfast

September 18, 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join with the Men of the Church for a time of fellowship and study. Look for an email with details, and email [Randy Harris](#) if you have questions.



Women’s Fellowship Gatherings

Research continues to point to the healing power of human connection in what often is a lonely world. This fall we have additional ways which we hope can help Highland women experience this healing power of connection. We hope you will considering joining in one of these two new ways of sharing together.



One way of women sharing together is through new small groups for unwinding and fellowship. These group will commit to meeting together at a time and place of their choice.

We also will begin a book group for Highland women. The initial book will be *The Oak Island Book Club* by our own Cameron Kent; the book is available locally at Bookmarks and The Book Ferret.

Contact [Debbie Layman](#) for more information or to sign up!

College and Transitional Parent Gathering

Wednesday, September 4, 7:00 p.m., Location TBA

During this season of transition for many of Highland’s families as their youth become young adults and they are off to school or work, the Youth & Young Adults Committee invites all parents to gather for an evening of support for one another and to learn from other parents who have walked this road before. Check weekly emails for the location.

Lamentations and Laughter

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m., Activity Building, Room AB 5

Lamentations and Laughter is a men's weekly gathering to focus on the positives in life, even during challenging and difficult periods. The idea behind Lamentations and Laughter is to encourage paying attention to one another, to share and be heard, and to listen. All are invited and encouraged to attend! If you have questions, contact [John Woodmansee](#).

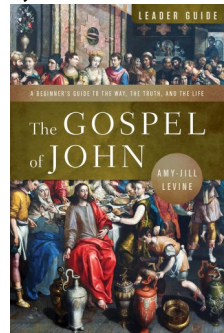


Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

Beginning September 12, 10:00–11:30 a.m., Ardmore Room

The Gospel of John: A Beginners Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life

John's Gospel offers readers a new language—of being born anew, of living water, of wind and spirit, of the "I am"—that enhances how we understand the divine, how we experience the world, and how we participate in the mystery of faith. With her characteristic wit and charm, Amy-Jill Levine introduces readers to the world of the Gospel of John by unpacking the stories in their original context, along with examining how the text is read today.



If you are looking for a fun, engaging group of women to study alongside while building lifelong friendships, please join us. Books are available in the church office for \$15. For more information contact [Heather Ferguson](#).

Highland Ukuleles Fun for All Ages

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Room 126

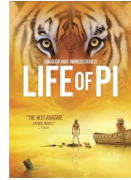
Life is definitely more enjoyable with a ukulele! Come and join us for some fun, regardless of your age or skill level. If you don't have a ukulele, let Heather Ferguson know and we can arrange for you to borrow one. We're all learning and having a great time together. We are currently meeting on Wednesdays in Room 126 (1st floor), 5:30–6:30 p.m. For further details, please contact [Heather Ferguson](#).



Faith & Film: *Life of Pi*

September 9, 7:00 p.m., The Sherwood Restaurant

Join us for this monthly gathering as we reflect on the visual parables of movies. Our movie for August is *Life of Pi*, which is available to stream on Hulu; a copy of the DVD will be available at the church. Contact [Randy Harris](#) for more information.



Fall Poverty Book Group

Somewhere We Are Human

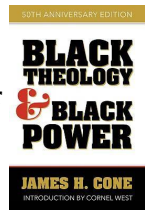
This fall, our Poverty Book Group will discuss *Somewhere We Are Human*, edited by Reyna Grande and Sonia Guinansaca. We meet generally on fourth Mondays at 7:00 p.m. This book is an anthology of essays, poetry, and art from authors and artists who have been migrants. The editors write, "this anthology is a declaration that even if we are not seen as human beings in the city, the county, the state, wherever we live, we *are* human everywhere, and no one can take our humanity away."



We look forward to reflecting on these works which touch on themes of class, race, gender, nationality, sexuality, politics, parenthood, and more. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) if you have an interest in joining the discussions.

Listening to Black Voices Book Group

Join us via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. September 17, as we continue reading and reflecting on the experience of our African American neighbors, and consider what our faithful responses might entail. In September we will discuss the first three chapters of *Black Theology & Black Power*, by James Cone. If you are interested, please contact [Randy Harris](#).



Young Adult Ministry Thursday Nights are Back!

Our ministry meets each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in a variety of locations. We gather for fellowship, study, and faithful conversation.

September 21, 9:00a.m.–Noon, Mission Project

Our mission partner, World Relief, has shared their huge need in helping hands to prepare homes for the great number of refugees resettling in our area. Share a Saturday morning together setting up homes with furniture and supplies that will make for a hospitable arrival for our new neighbors. Children ages 10 and up may also volunteer! Reach out to [Courtney Stevens](#) to sign up.

Climate Corner—Help Highland Compost



Please, ONLY place Cups, Plates, Dessert Plates and Napkins Here.



If you were at the all-church picnic in August, you noticed our focus on reducing our waste. We collected our food waste which Natalie Sevin took to her farm, and we composted our plates, cups, napkins, and bowls. The only things that ended up that day in the landfill trashcans were our silverware, nametags, and some disposable food containers.

This is helpful considering the average American consumer produces just shy of five pounds of trash each day, while a family creates about 18 pounds. That comes out to 1,642 pounds per person annually. In Europe the figure weighs in at just over one thousand pounds. Paper accounts for 13.1 percent of landfill material, plastics for 19.2 percent, and food is 21.9 percent.

At Highland, we are trying to do better. We all can be part of the solution especially as we gather for our fellowship meals this fall. Please look for the receptacles for food waste and compost and take the extra minute to separate your items. We can all take an active role in reducing the amount of trash we throw away. We will be surprised at the end of the meal when we see how little we have in the trash bins. Thank you for your help!

Cub Scouts Returning to Highland For Boys and Girls, 1st–5th Grade

Cub Scouts is all about encouraging kids to make friends, to be helpful to others, and to do their very best no matter the outcome. With the help of powerful learning projects and exciting outdoor activities, the aim of Scouts is to teach children that doing their best can be a fun and rewarding experience, no matter the difficulty of the challenge.



If you are interested in learning more about Cub Scouts returning to Highland, join us on Monday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for an informational meeting or email [Heather Ferguson](mailto:Heather.Ferguson).

Girl Scouts at Highland

Girl Scout Troop 02665 is preparing to start a new scout year. If you have girls Kindergarten–12th grade who are interested in exploring girl scouts, please let us know. Girl Scouts help to build courage, confidence, and character. For more information, please contact [Andrea Kurtz](mailto:Andrea.Kurtz).



Opportunities in Christian Education for Adults

Beginning Sunday, September 15, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

The Adult Christian Education Committee has been working on a wide array of opportunities for adults for this new season. Please check out the class descriptions below and make your plans to participate in these engaging opportunities!

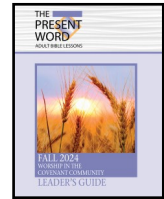
The Present Word Class Room 124 and Zoom

The Present Word is an in-depth Bible study for adults that dives deep into God’s Word, studying the Bible over a six-week period and focusing on a specific theme each quarter. The lessons of this quarter are a study of worship practices offered as a grateful response to the covenantal relationship God initiates, first with Abraham, and later with the people of Israel. The patterns of worship reflect the gamut of community life, from praising God’s goodness and mercy to calling on God for help in times of crisis.

Unit I, “Leaders Set Worship Example”

Unit II, “Songs of the Old Testament”

Unit III, “Psalms of Thanksgiving and Praise”



The Lectionary Café Salem Room

The *Lectionary Café* is a warm, welcoming gathering of folks seeking to engage more deeply into the Lectionary text (scripture focus) for each Sunday. The group shares an informal and lively discussion which seeks to draw deep connections between God’s intentions for our daily lives and our practices for a more faithful life together.



Parents’ Conversation and Coffee Room 126

After getting children settled into their Sunday school classes, parents are invited to gather in Room 126 on the first floor for coffee and conversation. This is a great time to get to know other parents and compare notes on the joys and challenges of parenthood. On the first Sunday of the month we will have a special speaker, video, or other resource for deeper conversation on faith formation in the family and related topics. Other Sundays will offer free time to connect and maybe even share “best practices” in this amazing thing called Parenthood!



The Power of Music

Ardmore Room

Music is a powerful presence in our bodies and spirits. It can energize us, revive memories, comfort us in sorrow, meet us in joy, teach us how to listen to the world around us, attune us to others and to God, and even relieve our physical suffering. Anyone can love and participate in music! This class will show how the nuts and bolts of musical sounds work on us, how the natural world makes music, and how musical practice and listening can aid us in coming closer to God. The class will culminate in a special visit from music thanatologist Catharine DeLong, whose special training helps her to bring healing music to hospice patients and their loved ones. No musical background is needed to enjoy this class – just bring your ears, your presence, and your curiosity!



September 15 – Heidi Hart
September 22 – Chris Gilliam
September 29 – Susan Bates
October 2 – Heidi Hart
October 13 – Catharine DeLong (Fall Forum speaker)

Big Questions of Faith and Life

Room 127

Who is God? How does God find us? What are we doing here? Why doesn't God do something about it? Who is Jesus? Who's in charge here? What's going to happen to us?

If you have ever asked questions such as these – or are asking them now – then you are encouraged to join us on Sunday mornings to explore these foundational questions of our faith. Using Shirley Guthrie's *Christian Doctrine* as our guide, we will explore these questions and others as we reflect on the faith we share. How might our faith equip us and sustain us as we engage issues and challenges in our lives and in our world?

Leaders will be Randy Harris and Joe Blankinship. Books are available in the church office for \$15. Contact [Randy](#) for further details.



Youth News...

Highland's Youth is open to 5th–12th graders

Youth and Their Families Kickoff: Kickball and Cookout

September 8, 5:30–7:00 p.m. Miller Park

It's time for an exciting start to the new year of youth ministry!

Parents, youth, and siblings are welcome to come for a big night of fun. We'll have a youth vs adult game of kickball and then share in a potluck cookout. While we're together, we will meet our leaders, share plans for the year ahead for Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, serving, and hear about big experiences. We hope to see you all there!



Faith in Practice

We're excited to share that our Youth Council has chosen "Faith in Practice" as the guiding theme for the upcoming year. This theme invites us to explore and live out our faith in dynamic and meaningful ways, seeking to encounter God in every aspect of our lives. As we plan for the year ahead, our focus will be on three key goals:

- **Enriching Community:** Strengthening our bonds with one another and building a supportive, loving community
- **Spiritual Growth:** Deepening our relationship with God through prayer, worship, and study
- **Rest and Renewal:** Prioritizing rest, reflection, and self-care to nurture our souls and sustain our journey of faith

We look forward to a year filled with opportunities to grow together and to see our faith in action. Let's embrace this theme as we walk in faith, support one another, and grow closer to God.

Sunday Church School begins on September 15!

Youth Breakfast begins in the Activity Building 9:30 a.m.

Middle School Class in Activity Building Room 3 9:45–10:30 a.m.

Senior High Class in Activity Building Room 4 10:00–10:45 a.m.

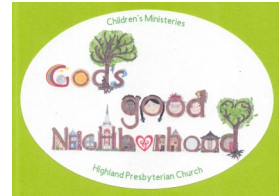
Youth Fellowship

September 15: Youth Game Night

September 29: Nailed it Challenge

God's Good Neighborhood

Begins Sunday, September 15, 9:30–10:45 a.m.



We are excited to kick off this year's children's programs! Beginning on Sunday, September 15, children ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to the third floor of the education building for exciting new faith formation experiences called *God's Good Neighborhood*.

Preschoolers will join Mrs. Sally and Mrs. Joyce for stories from the "God Loves Me" series, as well as arts, activities and creative play. This is a wonderful time of learning about God's love and how the church is a safe and loving place to be.

Elementary aged children are welcomed into *God's Good Neighborhood*, also located on the third floor. We are excited about a new form of the workshop rotation model, to which we have added an anchoring element of Godly Play, a Montessori-based story-telling experience. Every other Sunday, children will experience the a biblical story beginning in Godly Play. The following week the children will move to a different workshop to experience the same story from a different perspective through things like Art, Drama, Cooking, or even a Cinema. *God's Good Neighborhood* is the place where children and leaders grow in faith and understanding of what it means to be the people of God. We are thrilled to add that some of our Sunday morning gatherings will be held in the Gathering Garden & Playground when it is complete. Remember, friends are always welcome!

At 10:15, teachers will take all of the children to the Worship Center (third floor, White Door) for Children's Choir. Parents can pickup children there at 10:45 a.m.

God's Good Neighborhood

Sunday School for Preschoolers and Elementary Children, 9:30–10:15 a.m.

Children's Choir for Preschoolers and Elementary Children, 10:15–10:45 a.m.

4th Friday Fun Night, September 27

Sunday, September 27, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Mark you calendar today for the next 4th Friday Family Fun Night at Highland when parents can drop children off and enjoy the evening with Highland friends or running errands. In Highland style we will have tasty food, fun games and activities, surprises around each corner, and friends are always welcome!



Highland's Gathering Garden & Playground

Update on the Progress of Renovations

Long awaited renovations have begun on Highland's playground, and the excitement is building as the first phase of replacing old broken down spouts and laying new drain pipes is completed. Leveling the ground and preparing for walking paths and a new patio will soon follow. Please stop by on Sunday or visit Highland's website for updates.

We look forward to seeing significant changes in this space which will include full accessibility of the space from the Cloverdale sidewalk, numerous play structures, quiet gathering spaces, picnic tables, a new patio and pergola, and several retaining walls/sitting areas.

