



Highlights

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From Generation to Generation

Stewardship of God's Gifts through Highland's Ministry for 2025

Highland's Stewardship Theme for 2024-25 is *From Generation to Generation*. This theme aligns with our celebration of Highland's 75th anniversary and underscores the importance of the work of the church historically as well as how we can prepare to sustain and grow in the future.



We look forward to sharing a series of Moments for Mission in the weeks ahead that will highlight the ways that our generous stewardship supports worship, care of the congregation, community and global service endeavors, as well as education across all of our church population.

As a parent, the generational inclusivity of Highland is a key component of why we love our church home as well as why I want to ensure the church's solvency for the future. As you consider your commitments for 2025, your Stewardship Committee asks that you and your family prayerfully reflect upon how the intergenerational components of church life impact your life positively, how you can honor the saints of the past and ensure the future from generation to generation. ~ Kyle Hansen, Stewardship Committee

Highland's Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary Patio

"How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." *Psalms 104:24*



Please join us for a Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, October 6, at 4:00 p.m. on the Patio in front of the Sanctuary. Bring your beloved companion, or a photo. This is also a great time to invite friends and neighbors to join you. We ask that you keep animals on a leash or in a carrier for their safety. If you have questions, contact [Heather Ferguson](#) or [Barbara Bowman](#).

**Worship
11:00 a.m.**

October 6

World Communion Sunday
Isaiah 58:6–12
Mark 8:1–10
Sermon: Debbie Layman

October 13

Genesis 12:1–4
Romans 12:1–21
Sermon: Steve McCutchan

October 20

Deuteronomy 26:1–11
Hebrews 11:29–12:2
Sermon: Randy Harris

October 27

Romans 8:18–30
Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15
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.”

Hunger Offering

On **October 6**, 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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Highland's 75th Anniversary



Highland in the 2000's, did you know...?

- In 2001, we began conversations with the Muslim community in Winston-Salem, culminating in the first Habitat for Humanity "Unity Build," an Interracial, Interfaith home build that was the first of its kind in the world.
- In 2003, we renovated the Sanctuary, and in 2013 renovated and expanded the Activity Building
- In 2010, we began Highland Helping Hands Day, and then in 2011 held our first Stop Hunger Now meal packing event (now called Rise Against Hunger).
- In 2013, we founded the Moore School Food Pantry with Temple Emanuel.
- In 2020, in response to the multiple challenges of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we created (and have sustained) online platforms for ministry, including live-streaming worship, and utilizing Zoom for classes and meetings.
- Throughout this period, we called our current staff members!



CROP Walk, October 20

Every night, people in almost 630,000 North Carolina households don't have enough to eat. North Carolina has the 8th highest rate of food insecurity in the nation. Homes that have low food security often must make tough choices about the amount and quality of food they are able to provide their families. Homes that are considered to have "very low" food security often miss meals.

Every October, our church has the opportunity to support the Crop Hunger Walk to raise funds to combat hunger in our state and beyond. You can sign up to walk and fundraise or support another member of Highland's Team through the link to the Crop website on our church website [here](#). Our goal is 75 walkers and supporters! We hope you will join us on Sunday afternoon, October 20 at 2:00 p.m., as we walk to share the earth's abundance with the hungry. ~ The Global Service Committee

Fall Mid-Week Fling Meals

Wednesdays, November 6 and December 4, 6:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us for our mid-week fellowship meals this fall! This is a great 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 Layman](#) if you would like to sign up for a prep or clean-up Fling Team!). Sign up on our website or by calling the church office, 336-724-6303.

Peace & Global Witness Offering, October 6

Our annual PCUSA Peace and Global Witness Offering provides a concrete way to contribute to the work of peacemaking in our communities, region, and world. Within the denomination, this offering funds the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Twenty-five percent of the offering given will stay in Winston-Salem.



FLOURISH
A SHALOM PROJECT INITIATIVE

Our Global Service Committee has decided to use our twenty-five percent to support a program of The Shalom Project, Flourish. Flourish is a one-year financial education and holistic wellness program designed to help women with low income achieve financial self-sufficiency. This program recognizes that stress and trauma accompany life with low income and takes an innovative approach to empowerment: linking program participants to practical financial, career development, and healthcare resources; cultivating community across socio-economic differences; and providing access to mental health resources.

Please support this offering and this local way of bringing more peace to our community and world!

We Welcome Steve McCutchan to Highland

With joy and gratitude, and as part of our 75th Anniversary celebrations, we welcome the Rev. Steve McCutchan back to Highland on **Sunday, October 13**, where he will be our guest preacher. We will also share time with Steve at a reception in his honor following Worship in the Gathering Place.

Steve served as the pastor of Highland from 1983 until his retirement in 2006. He was actively involved in the community and co-founded PIRD (the Presbyterian Inter-Racial Dialogue) with his colleagues Carlton Eversley and Sam Stevenson. Highland elected Steve to the office of Pastor Emeritus in 2013. We look forward to welcoming him warmly back to Highland!



Contemplative Worship

Sunday, October 27, 5:00 p.m., Chapel

All are invited to join us for this time of quiet reflection in the midst of the stresses of these days. Through song and silence, spoken prayers and times of reflection, we will seek God's still, small hopeful voice in the midst of the cacophony of our time.

75th Anniversary and Baptism Banners

The banners added for this season in our sanctuary draw inspiration from the cherished hymn *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* by Isaac Watts. The theme for our anniversary, *Ages Past and Years to Come*, comes from the hymn’s opening stanza. A later verse compares the passage of time to an ever-rolling stream, which inspired the central motif of the banners—flowing rivers. While we are certainly aware these days of the destructive power of water, we also remember that water is life-giving. These rivers symbolize the water that carries us from the past, through the present, and into our shared future. Interwoven into the design are ribbons signed by members, representing our connection to the living water that is the community of Christ at Highland. After our anniversary celebration, the banners will be slightly modified for use at baptisms, with the signed ribbons symbolizing the love and support the Highland family promises to offer the newly baptized. *The design of the banners was inspired by the artwork River by John August Swanson (1938–2021), an American visual artist.* Highland’s Arts in Worship Committee: Amy Archambault, Jamie Blankinship, Clara Bryant-Prosterman, Carla Romere, Patrick Simpson, Carol Tash, Wendy Guerry and Lola Culler co-chairs



Welcome Highland’s New Members!

Please join us in wishing our newest members a warm welcome. Adam, Lauren, Claire and Cora Eberle; Bill and Libby Graves; Jane Sobie; Nicole, Jeff and Ben (not pictured) Sodko; Phil and Anne Wilson; Powell and Trudy Winstead (pictured left to right).



News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *Carol Healy*, Baptist; *Nash Lindsey*, Home; *Bill Lambert*, MD Anderson (treatment to being on October 7); *Nicole Gottfried*, Home; *Carla Romere*, Home; *Gil-mour Lake*, Memory Care, Arbor Acres; *Heather Greene*, Home; *Leslie Sizemore*, Home; *Emelda Lawing*, Home with Hospice; *Curtis Patterson*, Salemtowne Rehab; *Parks Berryhill*, Salemtowne Healthcare; *Esther and Les Preston*, Home; *Jim Womble*, Heritage Woods; *Wes McGraw*, Homestead Hills; *John Anderson*, Salemtowne Memory Care; *Ruth Banbury*, Carriage Club Assisted Living (Charlotte).

A special Happy Birthday to *Wes McGraw*, as he turns 93 on October 28.

In Memoriam:

† *Carolyn Johnson*, September 15, wife of *Jon Johnson* and mother of *Joyce Griner*

Wow, Highlanders! You are the best! You have overwhelmed us with all of the support you have sent our way during this difficult journey. Thank you so much for all the meals, cards, emails, bouquets of flowers, and phone calls. We are so grateful to be part of such a loving and caring group of fellow worshipers.
~With gratitude, Bruce and Carol Healy

Thank you Highland Family, for all of the texts, calls, cards, flowers, thoughts, and prayers as my family grieved the recent loss of a loved one. You always show so much kindness and thoughtfulness towards others and it is appreciated tremendously. ~ Joy Hohmann

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 OCTOBER 6, 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.

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, please pray for Elaine Minton, Alex, Ashley and Worth Byers; Fred and Marilena Conrad; Kristin, Thomas and John Eckart; Anna Blair, Josh and Collins Izzard; Trinette Kirkman.

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20, please pray for Anna Hux; Sam and Susan Kirkman; Debbie Layman, Glenn Otterbacher, Aspen and Christopher Layman; Susan and Murray Linker; David Neely; Anna West and Cameron Messick; John Woodmansee.

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, please pray for Lora and Todd Buchwalter; Ross Broadway and Zac Campbell; Ken and Kay Chalk; Bob Eberle and Marty Lambeth; Molly Henning; Emma Link; Jean Loftis; Olivier Sevin; Courtney Stevens; John Thomas. *The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24*



Joy for October Birthdays!

6 Heather Renegar	11 Sarah Pitcher	18 Robyn McElwee	27 Kyle Davis
6 Corey Sink	11 Becky Reynolds	18 Audrey Nelson	27 Laura Gillis
7 Clara Bryant - Prosterman	11 Barbara Whitley	19 Anna Catherine Carter	27 Justin Halstead
7 Michael Eberle	12 Melanie Adams	19 Nancy Nelson	27 Lauren Kent
7 Tom Jones	12 Kyndall Brown	20 Christopher Layman	27 Sarah Mixon
7 Scott Miller	12 Lola Culler	20 Stephan Reavis	28 Wes McGraw
7 Laura Rush	12 Erin Doyle	20 Betsy Spencer	29 Jim Cesta
7 Lucas Payne	13 Matt Hux	21 Drew Fisch	29 Paul Fischer
8 Katie Goldmeier	13 Courtney Plaisted	21 Mary Mendenhall	30 Hayes Henderson
8 Andy Hayek	15 Aidyn Burke	21 Wil Pitcher	31 Molly Henning
9 Dotty Hill	15 Scott Thornton	22 Leslie Kamtman	31 Will McElwee
9 London Pickett	16 Bob Eberle	23 Kristine Elliott	
9 Will Shields	17 Grover Gore	24 Ken Chalk	
10 Tom Arcury	17 Carrie Scott	24 Betty Sink	
10 Laura Collins	17 Alex Taylor	25 Rose Lynne Bowman	
10 William Heidtmann	17 Wendy Wagoner	25 Kate Elliott	
11 Susie Andrus	17 Rachel Young	25 Cathy Richardson	
	18 Ralph Burroughs	26 Jim Lancaster	



Wheelchair Assistance on Sundays

If you or a loved one need assistance on Sunday mornings to church school and/or worship via wheelchair, please contact Mike Culler, 336-413-8414, rememberchurch@gmail.com, no later than noon on Saturdays to make arrangements for the next day. The morning of, you would park in the activity building parking lot, and someone would meet you with a wheel chair.



We are looking for two newer wheelchairs, 1 regular adult size and 1 extra large adult size. Must have foot rests and large rear wheels. Contact Mike if you have one you wish to donate. Please, only used chairs in **very good** condition. Please do not drop chairs off at church, as we do not have storage space for surplus.

Save the Date, November 2 Highland's Fall Clean Up Day

We hope many of you will join us on November 2 for our annual Fall Clean Up/Refresh Day. We have jobs of all types that do not require any special skills, just the desire to make things look clean and fresh, especially as we prepare for our 75th Anniversary celebration on November 17. Please remember, this is not just a "work" morning, but a time of fellowship and bonding with other Highland Family members.



Join Our Music Ministry

Now is a great time to step into a new ministry! Highland's Chancel Choir and handbell choir are open to members of the congregation with some experience making music in these ways. Reach out to [Chris Gilliam](#), Director of Music to express interest in Chancel Choir, or [Haley Chapman](#) to express interest in the handbell choir.



Highland Ukuleles

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. For further details, please contact [Heather Ferguson](#).



Faith & Film: *E.T.: The Extraterrestrial*

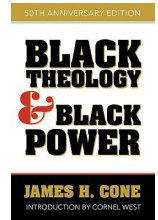
October 14, 7:00 p.m., The Sherwood Restaurant

Join us for this monthly gathering as we reflect on the visual parables of movies. Our movie for October is *E.T.: The Extraterrestrial*. A copy of the DVD will be available at the church. Contact [Randy Harris](#) for more information.



Listening to Black Voices Book Group

Join us via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. October 15, as we continue reading and reflecting on the experience of our African American neighbors, and consider what our faithful responses might entail. In October we will discuss the final half (chapter four through the end) of *Black Theology & Black Power*, by James Cone. If you are interested, please contact [Randy Harris](#).



Men's Breakfast

October 16, 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.



Fellowship Luncheon, October 20, Noon

Our third Sunday Fellowship Luncheon in October will be catered by Prissy Polly's BBQ, with a vegetarian option. We hope you will join us Sunday, October 20, following worship for this time of great fellowship and good food. Watch for the Signup Genius to make your reservation or contact [Gidget Payne](#) in the church to reserve your spot (336-724-6303). This will be an easy way to introduce a friend to Highland or to bring your family!

Fall Poverty Book Group

***Somewhere We Are Human*, October 28, 7:00 p.m.**

This fall, our Poverty Book Group is discussing *Somewhere We Are Human*, edited by Reyna Grande and Sonia Guinansaca. This book is an anthology of essays, poetry, and art from authors and artists who have been documented or undocumented migrants. Join us as we reflect on this work which touches on themes of class, race, gender, nationality, sexuality, politics, parenthood, and more. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) if you have an interest in joining the discussions.



Fall LGBTQ Conversation, November 10

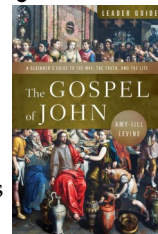
We hope you will save the date and plan to watch *Will & Harper* with us on Sunday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m. This new film documents a cross-country road trip of Will Ferrell and his close friend of 30 years, Harper Steele. Steele came out as a trans woman at 61. The two embarked on their trip to process this new stage of their relationship. The film is an intimate portrait of friendship and transition.



Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study

10:00–11:30 a.m., Ardmore Room

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. For more information contact [Heather Ferguson](#).

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 **October**, we are asking for donations of **cereal**.



75th Anniversary Pillow Challenge

During the month of October we are hoping to collect 75 new standard-size pillows which will be donated to GreeNest in honor of Highland's 75th anniversary. GreeNest helps homeless individuals or families furnish their homes when moving from crisis to housing. GreeNest's *Up Off the Floor* program provides new beds for children in Forsyth County, birth to 18 years. Partner agency case managers identify children sleeping on the floor or those who do not have a safe sleeping space. As funding allows, GreeNest supplies portable cribs and twin beds with new bed pillows and bedding at no cost to the family. We will have a box in the Gallery Hall for the collection of new pillows. Thank you very much for your generosity.



Women's Shelter Returning to St. Timothy's December 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025

Twelve years ago our community responded to the need for additional emergency housing in the winter months. Highland has supported the overflow shelters in our community since those early days. This year St. Timothy's Episcopal Church will fully take over the leadership for the women's overflow shelter from City with Dwellings as CwD is shifting their focus to creating long-term solutions to homelessness. St. Timothy's needs our partnership to help this happen!



On December 1 the women's overflow shelter will reopen in the Fellowship Hall at St. Timothy's and stay open through February 28. Highland has agreed to partner with St. Timothy's financially, through volunteer support, and through donations of meals and to-go bags. Please prayerfully consider how you can help and be prepared to sign up for a monthly or weekly meal team, a hospitality / check-in shift, or snack / to-go bags. They will have a paid monitor so we will not need to staff overnight shifts.

Thank you for your prayerful support and eventually your practical support as we work with our neighbors in need.

Climate Corner

All parts of our lives , even the clothes we wear, require our attention as we consider the care of this wonderful planet. The fashion industry is responsible for 8–10% of global emissions according to the United Nations. This is more than the aviation and shipping industries combined. Producing clothes uses a lot of natural resources and creates greenhouse gas emissions which are responsible for climate change. The current movement of fast fashion with the quick turnover of fashion trends, the move toward inexpensive, mass-produced clothing, and the constant release of new lines is accelerating the problem. The planet and some of its poorest inhabitants are footing the bill for fast fashion. While a few people become billionaires, fast fashion keeps a large portion of the world in poverty. So much waste has been created by fast fashion that the UN has recognized it as “an environmental and social emergency.”

Between 2000 and 2014 the production of clothing doubled and consumers began buying 60% more clothes and wearing those clothes half as long. Three-fifths of all clothing is estimated to wind up in landfills or incinerators within a year of production. Clothing that we give to charities often end up in massive dumps in West Africa and the Chilean desert. The United States ships out a billion pounds of used clothing each year making it our eighth largest export and another 12 million tons of textiles are sent to U.S. landfills.

While these are staggering figures, there are ways that each of us can make a difference. Here are just a few ideas: stop buying fast fashion; repair and repurpose clothing; support independent designers; read the tag before you buy (type of fabric and production location); re-wear items before washing; participate in clothing swaps; buy preloved items; shop local/shop small; develop a personal style; and look for certified products.

~ Highland’s Global Service Committee

Walking Tour with City with Dwellings

Sunday, November 3, 1:40 p.m.

Our Poverty Book Group, Community Service Committee members, and Youth will be heading into our community and learning more about the lives and challenges of our neighbors who live with housing insecurity. City with Dwellings is sponsoring a fund-raising *Walk with Us* walk on Sunday, November 3.

The 3.5-mile walk will take us through many of the spots regularly visited by unhoused individuals—emergency shelters, the bus station, the library, and more. Along the way, we will hear stories, highlights of the history of homelessness in our city, and learn some eye-opening facts. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) to learn more and to sign up.

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. We hope you will stop by to support a local business, check-in with your pastors, and meet other Highlanders.



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](#).

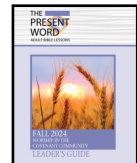


Opportunities in Christian Education

Sunday Mornings, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

The Present Word Class, Room 124 and Zoom

The Present Word is a six-week Bible study for adults that explores a different theme each quarter. This quarter focuses on worship as a grateful response to God's covenant with Abraham and Israel.



The Lectionary Café, Salem Room

The *Lectionary Café* is a welcoming group that engages in lively discussions on Sunday's Lectionary text, exploring connections between God's intentions and living faithfully together.



Parents' Conversation and Coffee, Room 126

After settling children into Sunday school, parents can gather in Room 126 for coffee and conversation. It's a chance to connect, share parenting experiences, and on the first Sunday of each month, enjoy a special speaker or resource on faith and family. Other Sundays offer relaxed time to chat and exchange tips on parenting.



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. Contact [Randy Harris](#) for further details.

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! October 6: Heidi Hart; October 13: Catharine DeLong (Fall Forum speaker)



The Complexity of Our Mental Health, Beginning October 20

Have you heard the mental health statistics about our nation, state, and community, our children, youth, young adults, adults and older adults? This series will shed light on the mental health complexities facing so many of us while offering suggestions on how we can break through the stigmas to a place of compassion and empathy to all.

- ◆ The Big Picture of Mental Health and Trends in NC & W-S
- ◆ The Mental Health of Our Children, Youth and Young Adults
- ◆ The Mental Health of Our Parents
- ◆ The Mental Health of Adults and Older Adults
- ◆ The Mental Health of W-S and B.E.A.R. Team

We will have expert speakers each of the 5 weeks. For more information watch for email updates or contact [Heather Ferguson](#).

Highland's Fall Forum

Music as Medicine at the End of Life, Catharine DeLong

Sunday, October 13, 4:00–5:30 p.m., Ardmore Room

Music at the bedside brings beauty, intimacy, and comfort to end-of-life patients and loved ones. We know the senses of hearing and touch are the last to fade as a person winds their way toward death. Music invites listeners to be present to what is going on both inside and around them. Catharine's sharing with us will demonstrate effective uses of live and recorded music for individuals in palliative care and their loved ones. She brings her experience as a hospice chaplain, end-of-life educator, certified music thanatologist, and contemplative musician to support patients and loved ones, and to help them encounter the dying process as a natural passage. With climate thanatology as an extension of music thanatology in a time of ecological crisis, Catharine will introduce us to her work at the edge of the Great Salt Lake, where she brings harp and song to an inland sea on hospice. To RSVP, look for the sign up link in your weekly email or contact [Gidget](#) in the church office, 336-724-6303.



Christmas Wreaths & Poinsettias

Remember your loved ones by dedicating an Advent door wreath or a poinsettia for the Christmas Eve service. **Orders for wreaths (\$20) must be received by November 22 and orders for poinsettias (\$18) must be received by November 29.** Please fill out the form below, make check payable to **HPC**, noting "Wreaths-poinsettias" in the memo and mail them to the church office or place in the box located in the Gallery Hall.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of wreaths _____ Number of poinsettias _____

Will you take poinsettia(s) with you after the Christmas Eve service or would you like to leave for delivery to Highland members in need? LEAVE / TAKE

Dedication: Given to the glory of God and in memory / honor (*Circle one*)

of _____

by _____

Your relationship _____

Pop Art—ArtRageous Tour

Tour the Home and Art of Miles Abernethy
Salisbury, North Carolina

Saturday, October 19, 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Miles' home in Salisbury, the Mattox-Crawford house, is one of the featured homes in the Historic Salisbury Foundation's signature Tour of Historic Homes this October.

We have an opportunity to tour this historic gem as well as see the art and pottery that Miles has collected for many years. The home boasts many original features, and is nestled in gardens adding to its classic charm. We will carpool from the church parking lot to Salisbury leaving at 9:30 and returning after lunch at 1:00 p.m.



Only five spots remain at time of printing. Email [Heather Ferguson](#) if you would like to join us.

Pop Art—A Taste of ArtRageous

Making Costumes for “An Unexpected Christmas”

Calling All Knitters, Crocheters, and Seamstresses

Sunday, October 20, 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Of course it's early to be thinking about Christmas, but we have a special worship experience we are planning, and we need some handy folks to help us. If you sew, knit or crochet, we invite you to sign up for this unique “Pop Art” gathering. We will have a few experts present to show tips and tricks for yarn and fabric. There will be costume patterns available to take home and create on your own. Below are a few examples. To register for this Pop Art gathering, check your email for a link, contact [Gidget](#) in the church office 336-724-6303.



Young Adult Ministry

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

October 10: Carolina Classic Fair

October 17: Pumpkin Potluck at the home of Tory Daniel

October 24: West Salem Public House

The Shalom Project

We continue our partnership in providing meals for the Flourish program this fall and will gather on Saturday, October 19 from 10:00 a.m. to noon to prepare a meal. Sign up to come help cook. Contact [Courtney Stevens](#) for more information.

Highland Youth, 5th–12th graders

Sunday Church School, *Faith in Practice*

Youth Breakfast begins outside AB4 9:30 a.m.

Youth Choir 9:30 a.m. October 13 and 27 in AB5

Youth Church School in AB4 9:45–10:30 a.m.

Youth Fellowship

October 6: Lunch out at Cava 12:30–1:30 p.m.

October 13: Fall Treats and Pumpkin painting

Middle School 4:00–5:00 p.m., Senior High 5:00–6:00 p.m.

October 20: Join in the Crop Walk, 2:00 p.m.

October 27: Youth Sabbath: practicing prayer

Parenting the Teen Years

First Monday of the Month, 7:00 p.m. by Zoom

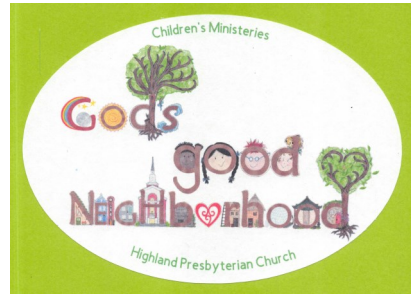
We'll begin with *Wise Minded Parenting: 7 Essentials for Raising Successful Tweens and Teens* by Laura S. Kastner. Don't read the book! (Or do!) Parents are busy so we have designed a book club to fit your needs. Show up for one of these gatherings throughout the year as we share our parenting wins and woes, practices for faith formation in the home, and raising resilient youth, and grab a book to mark up and look through on your own time. Reach out to [Courtney](#) for more information.

God's Good Neighborhood

Preschoolers will gather for stories from the "God Loves Me" series, including 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*, 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 storytelling 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.

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



4th Friday Fun Night, October 25

Friday, October 25, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Mark your 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! Reach out to [Heather Ferguson](#) for more information.





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PDA and Highland Helene Response

The devastation in our beloved mountains, in our beloved Montreat, in the lives of our beloved friends and family is beyond imagining. Countless communities, people, homes, loved ones, pets, vehicles, communication abilities, food, water, electricity and so much more has been lost. The images and videos coming out of Western North Carolina are heartbreaking to say the least. Highland wants to help, Highlanders want to help, and help *will* come in many shapes and forms over the coming weeks, months, and years. We all wish we could jump into action right away, but we need to wait for authorities to allow outsiders into these communities. As we wait, we will continue learning what the 'big picture' is and how we can help most effectively.

For now, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with all affected presbyteries and National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster) to share information and coordinate resources as damage is assessed. PDA has deployed a National Response Team to Tampa Bay Presbytery, Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. An immediate need is clean-up buckets, and Highland will begin collecting items to assemble buckets soon. Please watch future emails for sign up links and a list of collection items. We will also begin organizing volunteer teams so we can travel to Western North Carolina as soon as the way is clear for us to do so.

Highland has always risen to meet challenges head on, to show love for our community and beyond, to offer hope, help, hands, prayers, donations, and more. We will embrace our mountain community during this time of sorrow, loss, and challenge with open arms and hearts.

To make a monetary donation directly to PDA and to learn more about what they are do, visit <https://pda.pcusa.org/> or you can write PDA on the memo line of a check made out to Highland and drop it in the offering plate, or mail it to Highland.