

The Highland Messenger

April 2011

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

First, I join with you in sharing my gratitude to the Rev. Mike Shirley for his three weeks of mediation at Highland Church. Mike offered great gifts of listening, attentiveness, fairness, and counsel. He led worship with faithful attention to scripture and much-needed clarity and directness. We have been blessed by his wisdom and leadership, and now seek to build upon the positive momentum and encouragement that arises from Mike's time with us.

Mike spoke clearly to issues of worship, and as the one who takes the lead in shaping sanctuary worship, I hear the call to be attentive to the concerns of the faith community regarding our shared time of worship. So I am working to involve more laity in the shaping of worship, believing that this worship conversation will attend more faithfully to concerns voiced during Mike's time at Highland.

I share with you as well that I and other leadership understand the concerns raised regarding Highland's Compass service, and will visit faithfully the timing of this service.

While these issues of worship received great conversation, it was evident to all who shared in the Saturday retreat and the services of worship that these identified issues are secondary to the way in which we behave with one another. Mike reminded us all of the call to speak to one another and not about one another, to show no tolerance for gossip and rumors, not to tear down but to build up, to be inspiring and positive. Anything less than this is unacceptable and unworthy of the body of Christ.

So I look forward to working with you in living as the church that God calls us to be; to remember how Jesus prayed unto God that we may be one; to offer a vital and strong witness to the living Christ who has brought into being and daily renews us with his presence.

Grace and Peace in Jesus Christ,

Keith



LENT

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11 am The Compass

(in the Fellowship Hall
Casual dress)

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

2011 FLOWER CALENDAR has been posted on the bulletin board by the Pastor's Study. Take an opportunity to reserve a Sunday for placing the flowers on the altar. The cost is \$30.00 for two arrangements, and \$25.00 for one arrangement. On the **first Sunday of each month the Worship Committee request two arrangements are placed on the altar.** *(Those of you who take the flowers – PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE FLOWER LINERS!! :) THANK YOU!)*



Events of Jesus' Final Days

Palm Sundae

Highland will again be offering "Palm Sundae" for all children this year! On April 17 at 2 pm, children are invited to participate in an interactive event that remembers the events of Jesus' final days. The concluding experience of this event, offered by Highland's Education Committee is enjoying ice cream sundaes with one another! Plan to attend and share the Word!



Easter Lilies

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Those wishing to place a lily in honor or memory of loved one may place your order by completing the form below. The lilies are \$12.00 each and the **deadline for ordering is Monday, April 11.** Please make check payable to *Highland United Methodist Church* and mail/or give to *Louise Frenier, 502 Chestnut Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834.* The worship Team requests that you leave your lily until after the 11 am worship service.

Yes, I would to order an Easter Lily which will be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. I have enclosed a check for \$12.00 (per lily order), payable to Highland United Methodist Church.

In Honor: _____ In Memory _____

Name: _____

Given by: _____

From the Associate Pastor

Grace to you in the name of Jesus Christ,
the light of the world.

With the beginning of Lent and the mediation process with Mike Shirley, March was quite a month here at Highland. This truly is a season of repentance for us all, yet the fruit of repentance and promises of resurrection gleam ever more brightly as Easter nears. May the Holy Spirit bless this church with peace, and may we be vigilant, seeking the ways we can promote the reign of Christ among us.

This month, our Holy Week services are fast approaching. On **April 21**, we will have a "Last Supper" at 6pm followed by a **Maundy Thursday service** at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be recalling Jesus' commandment to wash one another's feet (Jn 13:14-15), and we'll have opportunities to participate in footwashing. If you're uncertain of whether you're comfortable showing off your feet this year, don't worry! We'll also have opportunities for handwashing and similar symbolic rituals apart from footwashing. What's most important is that you feel welcome to join your faith community in worship on this holy evening.

As I noted in the last newsletter, our high school youth group is actively putting together the sanctuary service of Tenebrae for 7:30 pm on **Good Friday, April 22**. This promises to be a starkly captivating service of worship and remembrance of Jesus' final hours on that fateful day. We hope you'll join us for this service and all the worship opportunities of Holy Week, 2011.

In the **Compass**, our 11 am Sunday alternative worship service at Highland, here's the rundown of themes and texts for each week in April.

April 3 – **Recovery**. The Rev. Mike Watts of Pathways Ministries in Petersburg will be guest preaching on the subject of recovery. With a special extended band for the singing of old favorites from the Beatles and the Eagles, we'll acknowledge that we all are in need of recovery from some form of brokenness. Jesus calls us, claims us, and loves us anyway. Come celebrate the good news. With holy communion. (Is 40:1-5; Jn 21:1-19)

April 10 – **Dry Bones Revolt**. Ezekiel finds himself in a weary valley of devastation and dry bones. We find ourselves weary and torn by division and dismemberment in the Body of Christ. Can these bones live? (Ez 37:1-14)

April 17 – **There Were Two Processions**. Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. During his procession, members of the crowd cut branches from trees and threw their dirty cloaks on the ground like a poor man's welcome mat. But there was another, much larger procession that day in Jerusalem, and by the end of the week, this difference would make all the difference.... (Matt 21:1-11)

April 24 – **Your Head Will Explode!** That's the Easter revelation in John's gospel, at any rate: Easter will blow our minds. Sacramentally speaking, we'll celebrate holy communion and the baptism of Morgan Mark. Easter people, come raise your voices, support your new sister in Christ, and live resurrection! (Jn 20:1-18)

Peace to you all,

Drew

APRIL WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY:

- April 3** John 9:1-41 *Whose fault is it?* This is essentially a question asked of Jesus by the disciples when they see a man blind from birth. It is a question that does not interest Jesus as much as it interest the disciples, as he states that even this occasion of suffering can reveal the presence of God. This is a challenging text for those of us more interested in blame than in finding the hand of God.
- April 10** John 11:1-45 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. *"Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"* Jesus asked Martha, Lazarus' sister. It is a question set before us anew. Are we able to have faith, to believe, so that we may see? Are we able to see God at work in one who is crucified as a common criminal?
- April 17** Palm Sunday. Matthew 21:1-11. Jesus enters Jerusalem; his final week; holy week. Questions still persist about who this man is, even as he fulfills the Word of God spoken through God's prophets. These questions shall be answered in the days to come.
- April 24** Easter Matthew 28:1-11. Jesus is raised from the dead – he lives! How interesting that the resurrection of Jesus evokes a mixed response; both faith and fear. Given that the one who died on Friday lives again, how do we respond? Where do we go now?

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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| April 6 | Dalton/McNeer Class | Delano Douglas, Director of United Campus Ministries at Virginia State University |
| April 13 | Covered Dish | Rich Georghagan , Pastor, Ivey Memorial UMC |

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS

And

YARD SELLERS

The Sisters In Faith and Agape Circles will be co-sponsoring a Community Yard Sale/Craft Sale on Saturday, September 17th in the Fellowship Hall. Tables may be rented for \$15. Please see any member of the circles to reserve your table. All proceeds will be used to further the missions and ministries of the circles.

MISSION TRIP

In an ongoing effort to learn about the Methodist Church in Hungary and increase our relationship with those churches, there will be Mission trip to Hungary in September 2011. This will be under *"In Mission Together"* a program through the General Board of Global Ministries. This trip will be led by The Rev. Michael Browder of First Church Hopewell. **Please see Jerry Skaggs, Mission Chairman for details.**

Financial Up-Date February 20 – March 20, 2011

2010 Budget	\$388,385.00
Amount needed each month	32,365.42
Amount received (2/27 – 3/20)	32,227.61
Amount needed Year-to-date	
12 weeks @ \$7,468.95 per week budgeted	89,627.40
Amount collected year-to-date	89,796.80
Amount needed each Month for Building/Capital Improvement	
Loan Payment	3,997.41
Amount received Building/Capital Improvement (2/27 – 3/20)	2,682.70

Upper Room Devotional Books are available in the Sunday School area located in the Upper Room Rack. Cost: .70c Regular print \$1.00 Large print

HIGHLAND'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE



APRIL 07 – 6:30 & 7:25 PM Highland VS CH Baptist #1 @ Lakeview #2
 APRIL 14 – 6:30 & 7:25 pm Highland vs Western Heights Baptist AAA @ Lakeview #1
 APRIL 21 – 6:30 & 7:25 Highland vs Mt. Pleasant Baptist @ Lakeview #1
 APRIL 28 - 6:30 & 7:25 PM Highland vs Community Christian Fellowship @ Lakeview #1

MAY 5 - 8:20 & 9:15 PM Highland vs Western Heights Bapt. @ Lakeview #1.
 May 12- 6:30 & 7:25 pm Highland vs Colonial Heights Bapt. #2 @ Lakeview #1
 MAY 19 - 6:30 & 7:25 pm Highland vs Mt. Pleasant Bapt. @ Lakeview #2
 MAY 26 – 6:30 & 7:25 pm Highland vs Calvary Bapt. @ Lakeveiw #1

GOLF OUTING

April 30, 2011
 1:00 P. M.
 Jordan Point
 Cost \$28.00 per person
 Those interested contact Gary Rose
 520-1635 by April 24.

FEEDING MINISTRY DCU

The Downtown Churches United feeding program will be on Monday, April 11, 2011, 12 N at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 228 Halifax Street, Petersburg. The new location is due to the recent fire at Quinn Hall.

MENU

- Chicken Rotel Casserole
- Tossed Salad
- Yellow Cake with Chocolate frosting
- Bread
- Orange Drink and Tea

Those of you who would like to make a contribution for this program make check Payable to **Highland United Methodist Church** and earmark "*Downtown Feeding Program*" For more information you may contact:

- Betty Skaggs – 530-2116
- Maxine Pollock – 526-2848
- Johnnie Davis -796-6958

Thank you for generous contribution.



We are planning to build a Wheel Chair Ramp for a disabled lady at 126 Verbov Street, Colonial Heights, Saturday, April 30 in the morning. This will be in cooperation with Elder Homes as we have done before. So volunteers put that date on your calendar and I will contact you.

Thanks,
Jerry Skaggs



**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, April 17 – Palm Sunday, worship
Services at 8:30 & 11**

**Palm Sundae at 2 pm
for all children.**

**Thursday, April 21 – Maundy Thursday
Last Supper
(Dinner) at 6 pm in
the Fellowship Hall
Service at 7 pm in
the Sanctuary.**

**Friday, April 22 – Good Friday Service
At 7:30 pm in the
Sanctuary.**

**Saturday, April 23 – Easter Vigil at
8 pm in the
Sanctuary.**

**Sunday, April 24 – Easter Sunrise Service
at 6:30 am in
Shepherd Stadium –
B Field**

**8:30 & 11 am Services
in the Sanctuary, and
11 am Service in the
Compass area.**

BACKPACK BLESSINGS APPROVED FOOD LIST

It is most helpful to provide foods in individual serving sizes and those which are easy for kids to open and prepare. The backpacks can become heavy for young children so we are asking for smaller sizes of some items.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANYTHING GLASS

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING CANS THAT REQUIRE A CAN OPENER OR BOILING WATER AS MANY KIDS WILL BE PREPARING FOODS ON THEIR OWN.

Whole grain cereals – no larger than 9 oz. box (Cheerios, Chex, Raisin Bran, etc.)

Pop Tarts

Cereal Bars/Granola Bars/NutriGrain Bars

Shelf Stable Milk – Individual serving size or quart size chocolate or regular

Peanut Butter – Not larger than 28 oz.

Jelly – Plastic squeeze bottles

100 % Juice – Individual serving size juice boxes or bottles (Plastic or Paper Packaging)

Snack Pack Pudding Cups

Individual serving size apple sauce

Fruit Cups – Individual serving size

Fruit snacks

Individual packages of raisins

Nuts/trail mix – individual serving size

Small Packs of beef jerky, pepperoni or meat sticks

Individual packages of peanut butter or cheese crackers

Handi-Snacks

Microwave popcorn

Pull top cans of soup (think kid)

Chef Boyardee pull top microwavable individual meals

Chef Boyardee pull top cans of spaghetti and meatballs

Kraft Easy Mac or Velveeta shells and cheese individual microwavable meals

Minute Rice ready to serve individual cups (microwavable)

Donations may be dropped off at the Backpack Blessings Table in the Hospitality area.

Many thanks to you for your support of the "Backpack Blessings" program! Because of your gracious support, fifteen elementary school children and their families are receiving backpacks full of food each weekend. Plans are being made to expand this program to reach more children.



APRIL

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| 01 – Mason Morton
Diane Christopher Paige
Allyson Smith
Stephen Valenta | 18 – Doug Pond
May Schultz
Shea Sakiewicz
Patricia Tukiendorf |
| 02 – Jennifer Gibbs
Jimmy Schutt
Preston Walker | 19 – J. D. Skaggs
Angela Vaughan |
| 03 – Shelby Meade | 20 – Elizabeth Corrigan
Sherri Brockwell-Dymon |
| 04 – Lillian Ross | Michael Friel
Wayne Mishoe |
| 06 – Scott Harrington | 21 – Vickie Brewer
Kim Pulley |
| 07 – Audrey Classe
Carole Everts
Caroline Pond | 23 – Stacey Daniel
Robert Davis
Rhonda Mishoe |
| 08 – Sandra Hammond
Sandy Holmes
Cameron Moulton | 24 – Kay Bigley
Ben Shaw |
| 09 – John Lukomski, IV
Carolyn Spell
Jean Whitmore | 25 – Arlick Brockwell
Eric Clarke
Betty Crostic
Mikel Hunter
Lu Knarr
Miriam Williams |
| 10 – Juanita Hundley | 26 – Mary Lou Anderson
Frances Elko
James Yates |
| 11 – Jayson Maitland
Bernard Wilkinson | 29 – Betty Leighton
Leigh Primmer |
| 13 – Joshua Cox | 30 – Anne Burgess
Faye Schutt |
| 14 – Ricky Harris
Jacqueline Henry | |
| 15 – Lindsay Ellen Rowland
Les Thompson
Alex Westmoreland | |
| 16 – Alan Delano
Ronald Leighton | |

Listed are our Shut-in's –Give them a call, send a note let them know you care and they are in your prayers (Those with asterisk would enjoy visits).

Larry & Mary Amiss	*
Betty Bands	2
Virginia & Fred Barker	*
John Brockwell	*
Anne Burgess	5
Bruce Branton	*
Evelyn Dail	5
Jackie Fenderson	*
Mary Ferguson	6
Beverley Hill	1*
Barbara Kellam	*
Clyde Long	1*
Bea Mann	*
Edythe Martin	2
Nancy Price	*
Lillian Ross	*
Betty Story	6
Marty Thorne	2
Clarence Wells	*
Ann Webb	*
Martha Woolfolk	*
Joyce Westfall	5
Alex Westmoreland	*

Out of State

Elizabeth Bedford	-	2521 Don Juan Loop NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104
Helen Moore	-	332 Buna Vista Avenue, Arnold, MD 21012
Marguerite Widdop	-	Wingate at Brighton, Room 204 B, 100 North Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02134

Legend - 1 Colonial Heights Health Care Center -831 E. Ellerslie Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834
 2 Dunlop House – 235 Dunlop Farms Boulevard, Colonial Heights, VA 23834
 4 Brighter Living – 5301 Plaza Drive, Hopewell, VA 23860
 5 Dinwiddie Nursing and Rehabilitation Home – 46 Diamond Drive, Petersburg, VA 23860
 6 Tyler's Retreat at Ironbridge – (New Nursing Home – Rt. 10) 12001 Ironbridge Road, Chester,
 VA 23831

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 8:30 & 11 am Worship Services Sanctuary 11 am Alternative Service Fellowship Hall	Every Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages and Nursery	Bykota Circle responsible for removing altar flowers this month.			1	2 10 am—2 pm District Event Fellowship Hall
3 4 pm Young Children's Choir 4 pm Children & Youth Choir 5 pm Adult H'bells 5 pm Sr. High Youth Meeting 6:15 pm Lenten Study	4 7:30 pm Bykota Circle Meeting	5 6—8:30 pm Exercise & Karate Classes 7 pm Hospitality Meeting	6 12 pm Lenten Service. 5:30 pm Community/Church Supper 6:15 pm Jr. High 7 pm Sanct. Choir	7 6—8:30 pm Exercise & Karate Classes 7-8:15 pm Bible Study Hitchhiker's Guide to the Bible 6:30 & 7:25 pm Softball Highland vs CH Bapt. @ Lakeview # 2	8	9 6 am -12 pm UMM Pancake Breakfast 9:15 am Colonial Heights Food Pantry
10 4 pm Young Children's Choir 4 pm Children & Youth Choirs 5 pm Adult H'bells 5 pm Senior High 6:15 pm Lenten Study	11 12 pm Feeding Ministry at St. Stephens Episcopal Ch., Petersburg	12 12:30 pm Geri Andrews Circle 6 pm Staff- Parrish Meeting 6—8:30 pm Exercise & Karate Classes	13 12 pm Lenten Service 5:30 pm Community/ Church Supper 6:15 pm Jr. High 7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal	14 6-8:30 pm Exercise & Karate Classes 7-8:15 pm Hitchhiker's Guide to the Bible 6:30 & 7:25 pm Softball: Highland Vs Western Hghts. @ Lakeview # 1	15	16
17 4 pm Young Children's Choir 4 pm Children & Youth Choirs 5 pm Ad. 'bells 5 pm Sr. High	18 10:30 am Eunice Reynolds Circle	19 6-8:30 pm Exercise & Karate 7 pm Sisters In Faith Circle 7-8:15 pm Hitchhiker's Guide to the Bible	20 5:30 pm Community/Church Supper 6:15 pm Jr. High 7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal	21 11 am Ann Douglas 6 pm Maundy Thursday Supper 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 & 7:25 pm Softball: Highland vs Mt. Pleasant @ Lakeview #1	22 7:30 pm Good Friday (Tenebrae) Service.	23 8 pm Easter Vigil
24 6:30 pm Easter Sunrise Service @ B Field— Shepherd Stadium No Choirs or Youth Meeting	25 7:30 pm Bykota Circle. 7 pm Mission Committee Mtg Church Office Closed	26 8 am Domestic Violence Task Force Gr. 6-8:30 pm Exercise & Karate Classes	27 5:30 pm Community/Church Supper No Jr. High 7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal	28 8:30 am Crater Caregiver Coalition 6-8:30 pm Exercise & Karate Classes 6:30 & 7:25 pm Softball: Highland vs Community Christian @ Lakeview # 1	29	30 AM Community Ramp Project 126 Verbov St 1 pm Golf Tournament @ Jordan Point