

The Highland Messenger

February 2011

From the Pastor

From the beginning of scripture in the earliest pages of Genesis, to its end of Revelation, the people of God are a people formed by the worship of God. In the worship, community is formed, relationship with God and one another established, priorities ordered. Without this worship life is quite different indeed.

According to Highland's Vision Document,

"The goal of worship is to cultivate the fullest possible meaning in the cooperate worship celebrations of the Church to the glory of God, including liturgy, preaching, the sacraments, music, related arts, and the observance of the liturgical seasons of the Christian year.

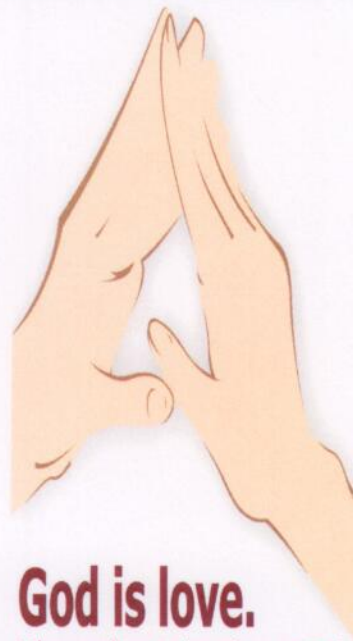
(The 2008 Book of Discipline, 1114.1)

I hope that the information now being sent about upcoming worship helps us in our anticipation and preparation for worship. I also hope that we are reminded anew of this worshipping community to which we belong, and the holy community that God calls us to be.

I look forward to worshipping this life-giving and renewing God with you soon.

Grace and Peace to you in Christ,

Keith



God is love.

Whoever lives in love lives in God,
and God in him.

1 John 4:16

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

From the Senior Pastor – Continued

Worship at Highland in February:

Sanctuary:

February 6 – Isaiah 58:1-12 *That Which pleases God is helping those in need.*

February 13 – Deuteronomy 30:15-20 *God gives us the choice to obey or disobey the words and commands of God. The choice we make has significant consequences.*

February 20 - Matthew 5:38-48 *It's not easy being Christian, In fact, the choice we make, the lives we live, witness to a very unworldly kingdom.*

February 27 – Isaiah 49:8-16a; Matthew 6:24-34 *God has remembered God's people; God will continue to provide; God invites our trust.*

As this schedule of worship is offered, it reflects a complementary relationship between worship at Highland in Compass and Sanctuary.

Longstanding practices of worship in sanctuary are practices which have certainly influenced and been carried into the life of Compass worship. At the same time, there is interaction between those of great skills and gifts who worship in Compass; Interaction that enriches the experience of worship for those in Sanctuary. Though this preview of worship is something new for the

sanctuary, it honors a practice long enjoyed by the Compass community.

Keith

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 be placed on the altar.** *(Those of you who take the flowers – PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE FLOWER LINERS!! :) THANK YOU!)*

AUDIT TIME

All Sunday School Classes, UMW, UMM, UMYF, Circles and other organizations please turn your journals, ledgers along with Bank Statements and Bank Registers for December 2009; January – December 2010; and January 2011, to Louise Frenier or Marie Rowan, 2010 Audit Committee.

Lenten Services will begin on March 9.

Grace to you in the name of Jesus Christ,
in whom we have peace that passes understanding.

Our **youth group** is excited about returning to the Petersburg District Youth Retreat in Blackstone, VA this February 11-13. We have five youth and two adults attending, and we look forward to representing our church at this annual event. Keep our youth in your prayers!

In the **Compass**, our alternative worship service at Highland, we have a four big weeks planned for the shortest month of the year! Here's the rundown of themes and texts for each week. We hope you'll join us.

Feb. 6 – **Are You Spiritual?** Perhaps you've heard someone outside church say, "I'm spiritual, but not religious." Perhaps you've wondered how the two could be separate! Join us this week as we ask Paul and the psalmist just who is spiritual... and who isn't. (Psalm 112; 1 Cor. 2:1-12)

Feb. 13 – **Red Pill, Blue Pill.** Alice in Wonderland, Neo in *The Matrix*... at some point, each character has a choice between maintaining old illusions and pursuing new reality. Is faith a similar choice that we make? And which is faith: an old illusion maintained or a new reality revealed? Come share your thoughts with us! (Deut. 30:15-20; Sir. 15:15-20)

Feb. 20 – **The Bible Tells Me So.** Ever heard people make points about what's right and wrong saying, "The Bible says _____." Ever wondered if they're telling the truth? In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus repeatedly debunks and reinterprets popular ethical sayings of his time. This week, we'll bring back our PowerPoint quiz to see if some popular quotes *attributed* to the Bible are really *in* there. You may be surprised! (Matthew 5:38-48)

Feb. 27 – **Ready, Set, Pray?** Prayer is like exercise: we've heard it's good for us, but starting is always the hardest part. In our crazy, distracted lives, how can we settle down for some honest time with God? This week, the psalmist offers a systems check for preparing to pray. Come get the green light for a "go" on prayer! (Psalm 131)

Peace to you all,

Drew

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

Sympathy

We express our heartfelt condolences to the Bland family upon the tragic death of Joe and Evelyn Bland on January 21, 2011.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lee Johnson and Rebecca Barrett who was united in marriage on January 8, 2011.

We wish for many happy years and blessings.

Financial Up-Date

January 2 – 16, 2011

2010 Budget	\$388,385.00
Amount needed each month	32,365.42
Amount received (1/2 – 1/16)	26,543.76
Amount needed Year-to-date	
3 weeks @ \$7,468.95 per week budgeted	22,406.85
Amount collected year-to-date	26,543.76
Amount needed each Month for Building/Capital Improvement	
Loan Payment	3,997.41
Amount received Building/Capital Improvement (1/2 – 1/16)	3,397.50
Memorials received (1/2 – 1/16)	215.00
Special Projects amount received (1/2 – 1/16)	733.00

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.

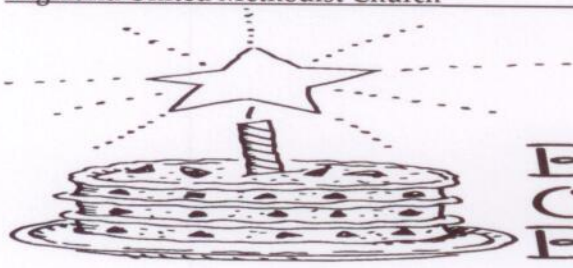
PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANYTHING GLASS

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.



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

February

- 01 – Dawn Karns
- 02 – Lee Ann Shackelford
- 03 – Steve Goodyear
 - Jana Henderson
 - Jonathan Sau Klein
 - Lisa Richards
 - Tyler C. Richards
- 04 – Fara Love
- 05 – Bobby Pulley, Sr
 - Elizabeth "Liz" Ritchie
- 06 – Angela Purdie
- 07 – Scott Kimbriel
- 08 – Whitney Yarchin
- 09 – Kelly Armstrong
 - Ruth Brockwell
 - Jeremy Maitland
 - Nell Sowder
 - Jean M. Williams
- 11 – Jesse Avery
 - Laura James
- 12 – Kathryn Gulledege
- 13 – Rachel Jose
 - David Tukiendorf

- 14 – Sarah Curtis
- 15 – Kimberly Thompson
- 16 – Brandon Pond
 - Jessica Lorentz
 - Margaret Roark
 - Wayne Tuck
- 17 – Cindy Lorentz
 - Leigh Bradshaw Thompson
- 18 – John W. Andrews, Jr.
- 19 – Lelia Lukomski
 - Katie Potts
- 20 – Margaret Carper
 - Hoke Garrett (Dutch)
 - George Pierson
- 22 – Carlen L. B. McAlister, Jr.
- 23 – Angela Harrison Corrigan
- 24 – Jason Henderson
 - Grayson M. Shinault
- 28 – Sarah E. Carper
 - Bill Humphreys
 - John David Lester
 - Helen Ricks
 - Scarlett Seay
 - Kathryn Varnell

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	*
Nancy Robertson	1
Lillian Ross	*
Betty Story	6
Marty Thorne	2
Clarence Wells	*
Ann Webb	*
Martha Woolfolk	*
Joyce Westfall	*
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

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 8:30 & 11 am Worship Services Sanctuary 11 am Alternative Service—Fellow- Ship Hall	Every Sunday 9:30 am Sunday School For all ages and Nursery.	1 6-8:30 pm Faithfinders Exercise & Karate classes 7 pm Hospital- ity Team Mtg.	2 5:30 pm Community/ Church Supper 6:15 Jr. High Mtg 7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal	3 6-8:30 pm Faithfinders Exercise & Karate classes 7 pm VBS Meeting	4	5
6 12 pm Umm Luncheon 4-4:30 pm Young Children's Choir. 4-5 pm Children & Youth Choirs 5-6 pm Adult Handbells	7 6 pm Staff Parish Relations Comm. Meeting. 7:30 pm Bykota Circle Meeting	8 12:30 Geri Andrews Circle 6-8:30 pm Faithfinders Exercise & Karate Classes	9 11:00 am Joy Club -Bag lunch 5:30 pm Community/ Church dinner 6:15 Jr. High Mtg 7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal 7:30 Agape Circle	10 12 pm Feeding Ministry at Gilfield. 6-8:30 pm Faithfinders Exercise & Karate Classes	11 Youth Retreat - VUMAC	12 Fellowship Hall reserved For private Party.
13 Youth return! 4 pm Young Children's Choir 5 pm Adult Handbells	14	15 6-8:30 pm Faithfinders Exercise & Karate Classes 7 pm Sisters In Faith Circle	16 5:30 pm Community/ Church Supper 6:15 pm Jr. High 7:pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.	17 11 am Ann Douglas Guild 6-8:30 pm Faithfinders Exercise & Karate Classes	18	19 9 am—5 Talent Event In Wms'burg
20 4-4:30 pm Young Children's Choir 4-5 pm Children & Youth Choirs 5-6 pm Ad. H'bells 5-6 pm Sr. High Youth	21 President's Day Office Closed 10:30 am Eunice Rey- nolds Circle.	22 8 am Domestic Violence Task Force Group 6-8:30 pm Faithfinders Exercise & Karate Classes	23 5:30 pm Community/ Church supper 6 pm Liaison Mtg. 6:15 pm Jr. High 7 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal	24 6-8:30 pm Faithfinders Exercise & Karate Classes	25 District Annual Lay Speaking Training @ VUMAC	26 District Annual Lay Speaking Training @ VUMAC
27 4-4:30 pm Young Children's Choir. 4-5 pm Children & Youth Choirs 5-6 pm Adult Handbells 5-6 pm Sr. High Meeting	28	Ann Douglas Guild remove Altar flowers this month. <u>Please do not take flower Liners.</u> Thanks!! :)	Lenten Services & Lunch will Begin on March 9th.			