

The Highland Messenger

SEPTEMBER

2011

FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Dear friends,

As Summer draws to an end, I look forward to upcoming Fall ministries at Highland.

Later in September, three small group opportunities will be offered. I will be leading one of these small groups, Chris and Delilah Caldwell will lead a group, and Tricia Cox and Linda Coleman will be leading a third group. Details about the topics, times, and places will be issued shortly. I am also excited about Youth Group beginning on Sunday evenings under the leadership of Mike Tolbert, Highland's Associate pastor. Finally, Highland will again offer a confirmation class during the Sunday School hour. This will start on September 18, and Mike Tolbert will also provide leadership for this Confirmation experience.

You may remember that during the past couple of months, an Ad Hoc committee has been meeting for the purpose of discussing the Sunday Morning Worship schedule at Highland. The group has been thoughtful and prayerful and thorough in its conversation. We now feel we have come to a resolution of this conversation and will present our recommendation to the Administrative Council during our September 13 meeting.

Please know that I am grateful for Highland growing involvement in mission ministries. We are working consistently with Elderhomes in the building and ramps for the needy, and the "table" grows in prominence at Highland, as we reach out by way of our work with The Colonial Heights Food Pantry, the Downtown Ministries Feeding Program, Backpack Blessings, and Wednesday Night Suppers.

Allow me to invite you to remember again the call to support the ministries of Highland by way of your financial giving. Bryan Carper and Joey Marshall have recently spoken to the issue of church finances during worship; I lift up the issue again, knowing that we basically "missed" a Sunday (though we did have worship services) due to Hurricane Irene.

The FEAR of the
LORD is the
beginning of
WISDOM.

Proverbs 9:10

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

Finally, I am grateful to live into the Core values we adopted at our most recent Administrative Council meeting these values are:

- **Worship and follow Jesus**
(Highland is a congregation that places Jesus Christ at the center of all we do.)
- **Mission**
(Highland is a mission-minded church, attending to the needs of others in the name of Jesus Christ.)
- **Faith Development**
(Highland recognizes the need to constantly be growing in the faith, through Christian education (i.e. Sunday School, Bible Studies, Small group studies). The adult Sunday School Classes are the backbone of Highland UMC.)
- **Hospitable**
(Highland is an open and welcoming congregation.)
- **Effective Communication**
(Highland strives for effective and direct communication when sharing information as well as when speaking with one another.)
- **Compassionate and connected Congregation.**
(Highland is a congregation that is connected with and attentive to the needs of one another).

If you have not posted these in a place of prominence in your home and/or workplace, please do so. These values remain before us, as we seek to love God and neighbor, and be the people God calls us to be for the good of this community.

Grace and Peace in Christ
Keith



Work Project

Our church is planning on building a wheelchair ramp for a very needy lady on Hamilton Avenue, Colonial Heights, October 1. **We need 12 volunteer helpers** for this project. Prospective helpers please check your calendars. I will be calling for help.

In Missions We serve,
Jerry Skaggs
Mission Committee

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.

Community Appreciation Sunday, September 11

On September 11th, Highland wishes to show appreciation to emergency personnel in this community. The personnel include: members of the fire department, police department, as well as emergency room workers at SRMC.

We will show such appreciation by asking youth and adult Sunday School Classes to receive and deliver to the fire department, police department, and Southside Regional Medical Center emergency room items such as: coffee, bottle juice/water, fresh fruit, microwavable foods, as well as notes and cards of appreciation.

Please bring items to church before September 11th, items will be delivered that morning. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

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.

**Sisters-in-Faith & Agape Circles
Highland United Methodist Church**

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**Community Yard Sale/Craft Sale
Table Rental Agreement**

Even Date: Saturday, September 17, 2011
7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Set Up: Church will be open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, September 16, 2011 and at 6:00 a.m. Saturday, September 17, 2011 for set up.
Tables are either rectangle (8 foot) or round (72 inches)

Number of Tables: _____
(\$15 per table)

Total: \$ _____ Date Paid: _____
Cash or Check (made payable to Sisters-in-Faith Circle)

↑ Vendor Copy ↑

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↓ Circle Copy ↓

Vendor Name: _____
Yard Sale / Crafter

Contact Number/Email: _____

Number of Tables: _____

Total: \$ _____ Date Paid: _____

Table(s) # _____

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



July 24 – August 21, 2011

2010 Budget	\$388,385.00
Amount needed each month	32,365.42
Amount received (7/24 – 8/21)	32,506.21
Amount needed Year-to-date	
34 weeks @ \$7,468.95 per week budgeted	253,944.30
Amount collected year-to-date	241,473.46
Amount needed each Month for Building/Capital Improvement	
Loan Payment	3,997.41
Amount received Building/Capital Improvement (7/24 – 8/21)	2,793.00
Memorials received 7/24 – 8/21	360.00

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Hill Bedford 8/21/11



SEPTEMBER

- 02. Gary Treaster
- 03. Jackie Breidenbach
Julie H. Pond
- 04. Jeanne Cadieux
Louise Frenier
Austin Hall
Jim Love
- 05. Katherine Fenderson
Helen Moore
- 06. Davis Henderson-Merrell
- 07. Tiffany Courtney
Angelica Primmer
- 08. Liddie Durham
- 09. Marie Dowgiello
Johathan Hartson
Elizabeth Will
- 10. Jeanette Hurley
Kil Ja Klein
Marie Rowan
Jennifer Donovan
Judy Williams
- 11. Rachel Harrison
- 12. Mandy Vaughan
- 13. Julianne E. Sponsler
- 14. Gary Rose
- 15. Margaret Greybill
Julia Harrison
Barbara Wetherington
- 16. William Britton
Clyde Long
Norman Spell
- 18. Nancy Aldridge
- 19. Charles Townes
Martha Woolfolk
- 20. Vela Gay Shinault
Doris Short
- 21. Rebecca George
Lee Johnson
- 22. Donald Hauser
Kathy Holladay
Edith Wilkinson
- 25. Cliff Sullivan
- 27. Tabitha Andrews
- 28. Onita Johnson
Diane Yates

Mary Gottshall
Nancy McNeer
Derward Rollison
- 29. John Britton
Dorothy Drumheller
Jackie Fenderson
Charles "Chuck" Richards

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	7
Mary Ferguson	6
Onita Johnson	4*
Barbara Kellam	*
Clyde Long	1*
Bea Mann	*
Edythe Martin	2
Peggy Picardat	*
Nancy Price	*
Lillian Ross	*
Betty Story	6
Marty Thorne	2
Clarence Wells	*
Ann Webb	*
Martha Woolfolk	*
Joyce Westfall	5
Alex Westmoreland	*

Out of State

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
 7 Golden Living Center - 287 South Blvd., Petersburg 23803