



Highlights

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Youth Sunday, March 10

We look forward to being led in worship by many of our high school youth as they continue our tradition of an annual Youth Sunday worship service. The service will focus on the theme of stewardship: caring for creation, using our time well, and giving of ourselves in service to others. With great creativity they have worked to compose liturgy, select hymns, and write sermons and prayers. We are grateful for the promise of this time of worship together, celebrating their gifts, and sharing in the offerings of leadership from our youth. How wonderful are for the many, many gifts that these young people bring to Highland's life and ministry!



Pasta Sauce March Madness

The brackets have been set, and the boxes will be in the Gallery Hall starting March 17! Bring your pasta sauce in between March 17 and April 7 to vote for your favorite teams. You will vote for your team by placing pasta sauce in the respective bin. Families supported by Crisis Control will be the clear winners!



The teams you can vote for are: Appalachian State, Davidson, Duke University, North Carolina State University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wake Forest University, and "Change the Channel" (aka , Kentucky, Purdue, UNC Asheville, etc!). We look forward to your donations!



Worship at 11:00 a.m.

March 3

Third Sunday in Lent

Romans 12:9–21

Matthew 5:43–48

Sermon: Randy Harris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Youth Sunday

Jeremiah 29:11–14

Ephesians 5:8–17

Sermon: Josie Scott, Christopher Layman

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 **March 3**, 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.



Monthly Midweek Morning Prayer

Our March Monthly Morning Prayer will be on Wednesday, March 6, at 8:00 a.m. We will gather on Zoom for this worshipful pause as we begin the day together.

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 **March**, we are asking for donations of **canned beans**. Thank you!



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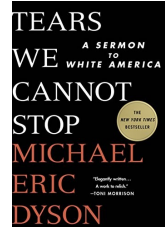
New Member Class, March 24



We will be holding an in-person class for those interested in membership at Highland on March 24 at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested, contact [Debbie Layman](#) for more information. This is a great way to learn more about Highland and to connect more deeply with God and this church family.

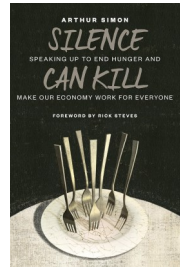
Listening to Black Voices Book Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on March 19, as we continue reading and reflecting on the experience of our African American neighbors, and consider what our faithful responses might entail. In March we will discuss *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*, by Michael Eric Dyson. If you are interested, please contact [Randy Harris](#).



Spring Poverty Book Group

This spring our Poverty Book Group will discuss *Silence Can Kill: Speaking Up to End Hunger and Make Our Economy Work for Everyone* by Art Simon with a forward by Rick Steves. We will meet in-person at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays March 25, April 22, and May 20. Senator Bob Dole said of the book, "Simon makes a credible case that ending hunger is a surprisingly attainable goal — one that can be achieved through determination and a unified voice. More than just informative, this book is a call to action." We hope you will consider reading and discussing this book with us! Contact [Debbie Layman](#) if you have interest in joining the discussions.



...is Just around the Corner!

Mark your calendar today for the 2024 ArtRageous event, June 16-19! If you are interested in being part of the planning team this year or if you have a suggestion for a class, please contact [Heather Ferguson](#).

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to Spring Forward on March 10th!



News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *Bill Lambert*, MD Anderson; *Gilmour Lake*, Strickland Place at Arbor Acres; *Bill Kay*, Home; *Edmond Pendrich*, Home; *Betsy Sell*, Home; *Emelda Lawing*, Home with Hospice; *Joe Mitchener*, Home; *Curtis Patterson*, Home; *Parks Berryhill*, Salemtowne Healthcare; *Esther and Les Preston*, Home; *Heather Greene*, Homestead Hills Assisted Living; *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).

In Memoriam: Sue Duncan, February 25

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 be-

cause we care about each other.

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3, please pray for John, Katina, Ellis, Finn and Cate Marler Barksdale; John and Ellen Doyle; Hannah Duane; Joe Holbrook; Kelly, Ben and Nicholas Parish; Katrina Pope; Mark Queen and Harry Hall; Gary and Carol Simes; Henry and Cynthia Tysinger; Bud Verner.

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10, please pray for John and Cissie Anderson; Dave, Katherine, Anna Jane, Wilson and Henry Campbell; Neil, Amanda, Jesse and Mary Kate Gargis; John Halverson and Heidi Hart; Gordon and Annie Jenkins; Bill and Lottie Kay; Perrin Kelly; Jim and Ann Middleton; Bill Oliver.
The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24



Faith & Film: *Oppenheimer*

March 11, 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 March is *Oppenheimer* which is available to watch on Peacock or can be rented from Prime Video. Email Randy Harris, rharris@highlandpres.org, to learn more.



Men's and Women's Montreat Retreats

Men's Retreat, March 15-17

It's not too late to sign up! To reserve your spot for the Men's Retreat, call the church office, 336-724-6303, or contact [Jim Swing](#).

Women's Retreat, April 12-14

The Women's Retreat is FULL. If you would like to be put on the waiting list, please contact [Gidget Payne](#) in the church office.



Easter Lily Order Form



If you wish to order one or more for Easter Sunday, they are \$16 each. Please fill out this form and return with check to the box outside Gidget's office or mail the order and your check to Highland, 2380 Cloverdale Ave., 27103. **Payment must accompany the order and must be received by Sunday, March 17.** Please make checks payable to **HPC**. Thank you!

I / We would like to order _____ plant(s). Amount of check _____

_____ to be given in memory of: _____

Relationship: _____

By: _____

_____ to be given in honor of: _____

Relationship: _____

By: _____

Deliver to Homebound? Yes or No

Your name: _____

Save the Date, Spring Walk, April 14

Be prepared to see flowers starting to bloom as a symbol that spring has arrived. A Spring Walk will take place on Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. in Bethania. The 1.4-mile Walnut Bottoms Loop Trail begins at the Bethania Visitor Center. This trail goes along the base of Walnut Bluffs, then travels along fields that were part of the original agricultural parcels farmed by the residents of 18th-century Bethania. Afterwards, we'll gather at Starbucks, 2898 Reynolda Rd (beside Dioli's) for coffee and conversation.



Men's Breakfast



March 20, 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.

Climate Corner

They paved paradise
And put up a parking lot
With a pink hotel, a boutique
And a swinging hot spot

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've got
Till it's gone
They paved paradise
and put up a parking lot

They took all the trees
Put 'em in a tree museum
And they charged people
A dollar and a half just to see 'em

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've got
Till it's gone
They pave paradise
And put up a parking lot

Hey farmer farmer
Put away that DDT now
Give me spots on my apples
But leave me the birds and bees
Please!

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you've got
Till it's gone
They pave paradise
And put up a parking lot

~ Excerpt from "Big Yellow Taxi"
by Joni Mitchell

There is no plant in the ground
But is full of God's virtue.
There is not form in the strand
But is full of His Blessing
There is no life in the sea,
There is no creature in the
river,
There is no bird on the wing,
There is no star in the sky,
There is nothing beneath the sun,
But proclaims His goodness.



~ From *Carmina Gadelica Collection*
referenced in *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*,
by John Phillip Newell

~The Global Service Committee

One Great Hour of Sharing—Disaster Relief

At the end of 2023 the Global Service Committee allocated funds to help with disaster relief in Ukraine, Sudan and Malawi. Highland will continue its support of Disaster Relief through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) on Easter. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is one of three programs supported by OGHS and will receive one third of the funds. PDA works alongside communities as they recover and find hope following natural or human-caused disasters. In 2022, PDA granted \$3.1 million in grants to 27 U.S. states and 35 countries. PDA also works with churches supporting resettled refugees. In partnership with Church World Service, 228,318 Gift of the Heart Kits and blankets were distributed that year. Gift of the Heart Kits include clean-up buckets, hygiene kits, school kits, welcome backpacks and period packs. ~ Global Service Committee

Highland's 75th Anniversary

Ages Past and Years to Come!



Ages Past

In 1949, Winston-Salem Presbytery began the process of forming what would become Highland Presbyterian Church. Working with First Presbyterian Church and its pastor, Julian Lake (father of our own Gilmour Lake), they identified a dedicated group to establish a new church in Ardmore. As Ardmore was rapidly developing in the post-World War 2 years, the Presbytery saw this neighborhood as a great place to establish a congregation where people could worship, serve their community, and grow in faith. Gradually the new church was built and at the end of the first year, membership was 186 people strong.

Years to Come

That was 75 years ago! Now it's time to celebrate Highland's positive impact on our lives, our community and the world. As we look ahead, it's important that we pass forward our traditions to children, youth, young adults, families and new members. Let's find ways to strengthen and support our growing multi-generational congregation as we interact with, learn from, and uplift each other!

In the near future

Throughout 2024, HPC committees will host a variety of activities and gatherings celebrating our 75th year. The number 75 (or a derivative) will set the goal for number of participants or items collected. Highland's annual March Madness Pasta Sauce Challenge kicks off soon. Our aim will be delivery of 750 jars or cans of pasta sauce to Crisis Control. Every unit you contribute not only equals a vote for your favorite collegiate hoops team, it will feed neighbors in our community who live with hunger.

"Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness of people." *75 Acts of Kindness*, a Fellowship Committee activity, will encourage those small, caring acts of love that play such a large role in our lives, and in the lives of others.

Our year-long celebration culminates Sunday, November 17, with a Celebratory 11:00 Service followed by an all-church luncheon in the Activity Building. Living into our theme, *Ages Past and Years to Come*, let's strengthen existing relationships and build new ones!

Sunday Morning Christian Education for Adults

We have various classes for you to engage in study, conversation, and deeper understanding through Highland's Adult Christian Education offerings. Classes are available in person and on Zoom. Zoom links are included in Highland's Sunday morning email.

The Lectionary Café, Salem Room and Zoom

The *Lectionary Café* is a 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. *Facilitator: Mike Culler*



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-year period and focusing on a specific theme each quarter. The winter quarter explores faith that pleases God, and explores faith in action. The units are: Unit I, "Profiles in Faith"; Unit II, "Learning about Faith"; Unit III, "The Righteous Live by Faith."

Parents' Conversation and Coffee, Room 126

Parents are invited to gather in Room 126 for coffee and conversation. This is a time to get to know one other and compare notes on the joys and challenges of parenthood. The first Sunday each month we will have a speaker, video, or other resource for deeper conversations on faith formation in the family and other topics. Other Sundays, we will have free time to connect and share stories of "Parenthood."

The Meaning of Belonging and Our Lives in Christian Community, Ardmore Room and Zoom

Belonging is the question of this generation. Highland Elders and Deacons have been considering "belonging" since this year's Officer Retreat earlier in February. Like the air we breathe, belonging is also a matter of life and death. Over the next six weeks, we will explore various themes of belonging and what such belonging means for us as a faith community. Join us as we connect belonging to our lives as followers of Jesus today.

Week 3: The Church as a Place of Belonging

Week 4: The Challenges of Belonging

Week 5: Creating a Sense of Belonging

Week 6: The Consequences of Belonging



Facilitators: *Amy Archambault and Katina Barksdale*

Lenten Study and Small Groups

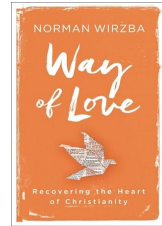
Norman Wirzba contends that Christianity can only be explained and justified if it is seen as a “way of love.” The primary purpose of the church, he argues, is to train, equip, and grow its members in the ways of love.

We have three options for gathering with others to discuss and share:

Mondays 5:30–6:30 p.m., Zoom only – Courtney Stevens

Thursdays 12:00–1:00 p.m., Ardmore Room – Randy Harris

Sundays 9:30–10:30 a.m., Zoom and Room 127 Room – Heather Ferguson



Dessert & Movie Nights, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 7, 6:00–8:30 p.m., *Babette's Feast*

In *Babette's Feast*, two devout and elderly sisters allow their cook, a French refugee, to prepare a feast in honor of their late father's 100th birthday despite their spiritual concerns over the sensuality and decadence of French cuisine.

Thursday, March 21, 6:00–8:45 p.m., *As It Is In Heaven*

As It Is In Heaven is a Swedish film that follows the journey of a famous, international conductor as he returns to his small childhood town in Sweden for early retirement. He is soon asked to help with the church choir and all of their lives begin to change.

Young Adult Ministry

New Look for Thursday Gatherings

Following a strategic meeting, our group has decided to try out a rotational model for Thursday gatherings:

1st Thursday: Music Bingo at Fiddlin' Fish, 7:00 p.m.

2nd Thursday: Winston Salem Public House, 7:30 p.m.

3rd Thursday: Home and Backyard Fellowship, 7:30 p.m.

4th Thursday: Little Richards on Stratford Rd, 7:30 p.m.

We continue to value the drop in and continual nature of our time together to fellowship, study, and support one another. Anyone in a transitional place in life is welcome to join!

Serving with the Shalom Project

We continue to support the Flourish Program through serving a meal to program participants. Sign up for one of the cook or serve teams through the GroupMe for March 25.



Sunday Mornings for Highland's Children

Now–March 24, The Good Samaritan, Kindergarten–Fifth Grade

The Good Samaritan, the parable that draws children and adults into the mystery of Jesus' unique teaching and invites us into the story of a lone traveler, robbers, Temple officials, and a despised Samaritan. Through Godly Play, drama, cinema, art, cooking and movement, the children and their leaders will get closer to what it means to be a neighbor.



- 9:30–10:15 a.m. The Good Samaritan (3rd floor, Education Building, various rooms)
- 10:15–10:45 a.m. Children's Choir (3rd floor, Education Building, Worship Room)
- 11:00–12:00 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
Nursery (Infants–4 year olds) (1st floor, Education Building)
- 11:15–12:00 p.m. Children & Worship (Kindergarten–1st Grade) (3rd floor, Room 307)

Reflections on Friday Family Fun Night

February's gathering was fantastic and March could be even better! The Children's Ministry Committee welcomed 11 families, including 19 children and 13 volunteers for storytime, pizza and fun! Mark your calendar for March 22!



Youth News...

Sunday Mornings

Youth Breakfast begins in the AB 9:30 a.m.

Middle School Class in AB3 9:45–10:30 a.m.

Senior High Class in AB4 10:00–10:45 a.m.

Youth Sunday is March 10

Worship Planning March 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Senior Highs: All hands needed for our final planning session. Pizza will be ordered and we need everyone to make this ambitious Youth Sunday a reality!

Middle School to Urban Air

March 10, 12:30–4:00 p.m.

We are excited to extend Youth Sunday with some time for fellowship. We'll leave from worship on the bus, grab lunch together, and head to play. Bring a change of clothes if you wish and \$20 to cover lunch and the activities.

Join Us For 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.

Contact [John Woodmansee](#) for more information.

Church Calendar

Please be sure to check whether events are meeting online or in person. If a meeting will happen in person, a location is specified.

Sunday March 3

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults Policy Training
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Planning, AB 4

Monday March 4

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle, Ardmore Room
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Group
- 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee, Salem Room

Tuesday March 5

- 10:30 a.m. Morning Circle, Salem Room
- 5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Property Committee, First Floor

Wednesday March 6

- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday March 7

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Group, Ardmore Room
- 5:00 p.m. Global Service Committee, Salem Room
- 6:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee, Salem Room
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Movie & Dessert Night, Ardmore Room
- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Ramkat

Sunday March 10

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Breakfast, Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. Middle School Youth, Air Bound

Monday March 11

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Group
- 5:45 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Faith & Film, The Sherwood

Tuesday March 12

- 1:30 p.m. Moore Food Pantry, Curbside
- 6:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting, AB 4
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Ardmore Room

Wednesday March 13

- 10:30 a.m. Salemtowne Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday March 14

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room
- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Group, Ardmore Room
- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Winston Salem Public House