

Highlights

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March 31, 2024

Good Friday and Easter

The **GOOD FRIDAY** Tenebrae ("shadows") service takes place on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will incorporate elements of



our Maundy Thursday gathering into our worship on Friday through the celebration of Communion as we remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. This service follows the Seven Last Words of Christ through scripture and the slow darkening of the worship area. The service concludes with the removal of the Christ candle from the Sanctuary.

Our **EASTER** festival worship service on Sunday, March 31, will be at 11:00 a.m. The Christ candle will return to the Sanctuary to signify the resurrection of Jesus Christ as the light of the world. We look forward to joyful music led by Highland's Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, Percussion, and Handbells. All are invited, prior to worship, to our Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Potluck Breakfast

March 31, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

On Easter Sunday everyone is invited to gather for a special celebration and potluck breakfast in the Fellowship Hall during the education hour. Please bring your favorite breakfast dish to share. What are breakfast potluck dishes? Well, how about fresh fruit, breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, quiche, yogurt? The list can go on and on. Please bring enough servings to feed your family and a guest or two. Juice, water, coffee, and tea will be provided.

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

March 31

Easter Sunday Isaiah 25:6–9 John 20:1–18

Sermon: Randy Harris

April 7

Second Sunday of Easter Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19 Luke 24:13–35

Sermon: Randy Harris Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Highland Worship Online

There are several ways to access worship:

- Click the link in the Sunday morning email;
- Go to <u>Highland's website</u> and click on the "<u>Highland Worship Online</u>" 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 **April 7**, 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 April Monthly Morning Prayer will be on Wednesday, April 3, 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 **April**, we are asking for donations of **canned fruit** in natural juice or light syrup. Thank you!



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One Great Hour of Sharing

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Eastertide our church supports the One

Great Hour of Sharing Offering collected

by the PCUSA. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need around the world providing sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. These programs offer God's children in need safety, sustenance, and hope.

You can contribute through cash or check (please mark OGHS in the memo), or through an online donation on our website here. Thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of neighbors around our world.

Pasta Sauce March Madness

March Madness is going strong as you have been enthusiastically voting for your favorite teams through your pasta sauce donations! The school boxes are in the Gallery Hall. Bring your pasta sauce in before April 7 to vote. Crisis Control appreciates your generosity!



The teams you can vote for are: Appalachian State University, Davidson College, Duke University, North Carolina

State University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wake Forest University, and "Change the Channel" (aka Kentucky, Purdue, Clemson, UNC Asheville, etc!). Our goal this year is a whopping 750 jars, so we definitely look forward to your votes and your donations!

Farewell to Chris Heckman

In February 2023 we welcomed Chris Heckman as organist here at Highland, and just over a year later, we must bid him farewell this Easter Sunday. Chris has accepted a director of music position at a congregation in our area that



makes more full use of his diverse musical gifts and provides him the flexibility he needs to manage his academic career at UNCSA. Chris has been a wonderful addition to the Highland staff, and we are grateful to have enjoyed the time we've been able to benefit from his talents and warm spirit. Aside from his gifts on organ, we've heard Chris play sensitive offertories on the piano, jam out on the bass guitar, provide beautiful obbligatos to accompany the choir on the clarinet, and we've gotten to pat our feet to his creative arrangements for jazz combo.

Please plan to join us at our Easter Breakfast as we celebrate Chris's ministry with us.

News and Notes

In Our Prayers: Carol Eickmeyer, Home; Heather Greene, Brookdale on Reynolda; Carol Healy, Home; Lola Culler, Home; Susan Corey, Home; Emelda Lawing, Home with Hospice; Curtis Patterson, Home; Parks Berryhill, Salemtowne Healthcare; Esther and Les Preston, Home; 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).

Special Happy Birthday wishes to Ruth Banbury as she turns 102 on April 4.

Highland Family, Lottie and I are grateful to our church family for all the support we have received during my hospitalization for cardiac bypass surgery and recovery at home. Your prayers, meals, cards and visits have provided the emotional support needed during these past weeks. We feel blessed to be a part of Highland's community. Highland's support will help provide the strength to continue the journey to full recovery. ~ Many thanks, Bill Kay

Heather Greene would like everyone to have her new address; Brookdale Reynolda #11, 2980 Reynolda Road, 27106. She would love to have visitors!

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 MARCH 31, please pray for Stephen, Kara, Stephen III, William and Charles Doughton; Grady, Kristine and Sophie Elliott; Marc, Laura, Heidi, Claire and Morgan Gillis; Mary Jane Jackson; Janice McBride; Margaret Pike, David Werle, Katie and Gracen Pike-Werle; Forrest and Virginia Truitt; Wendy, Maddie, Charlie and Caroline Wagoner.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7, please pray for John and Evan Bain; Annie Cahoon; Linda, Davis and Addison Collins; Henry and Debbie Lafferty; Andy, Laura, Josie and Ellie Rose Scott; Katie and Frank Vasquez; Glenn and Becki Wright. The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24

Community Service Corner

City with Dwellings cultivates a community of care so that people can move with dignity from trauma and homelessness to healing and housing stability. They accomplish this through person-centered street outreach, day services, and next-step resources, as well as peer based supportive housing services.



City with Dwellings is grateful for Highland's help over the years and invite all to their birthday party and fundraiser on Saturday, April 13, 2:00–3:30 p.m. at 502 North Broad Street. To purchase tickets, visit their website, www.citywithdwellings.org.

Sharing Joy with April Birthdays!

1 Ben Dupont 9 Fred Conrad 19 Luke Archambault 26 Patrick Simpson 1 Walt Laws 9 Jay Cutchin 26 Carol West 19 Jesse Gargis 9 Jeremiah Kamtman Matt Minford 19 Jackson Link 27 Kristen Brown 2 Miles Abernethy 9 Sam Kirkman 21 Charles Doughton 27 Elizabeth Henderson 2 Richard Andrus 9 Peter Minford 22 Frank Sink 27 Anika Nghiem 9 Bruce Patterson 23 Kim Fontenot 27 Nancy Payne 3 Evie Byers 9 Jim Xu 23 Allen Pickett Ruth Banbury 28 Amy Archambault Riley Hoge 10 Kylie Lambert 23 Rosalie Richey 28 Reece Nelson 4 Alex Pitcher 10 Sarah Pittman 23 Forrest Truitt 29 Blake Cannino 5 Cindy Byrd 29 Brittany Cannino 11 Dillon Robertson 23 Becki West 29 Morgan Parker Margaret Sehon 13 Anna Blair Izzard 24 Richard Howerton 13 Kathy Morgan 24 Annie Jenkins 29 Henry Thompson James Bowman 14 Connor Andrus 30 Bailey Boring 6 Anna Hayek 24 Sarah Plaisted 6 Theo McKinney 14 Susan Toner 25 Sarah Beane 30 Judy Noll 30 David White Margaret Pendrich 15 Grayson Morgan 25 Liz Greene J Don Smith 16 Megan Bryant 26 Jean Donnan 7 Barbara Kunkle 16 Becky Davis 26 Rose Fischer 7 Mike Riley 17 Corinne Bass 26 Rob Greene Birthdays! 17 Hannah Duane 26 Forrest Plaisted 8 Aspen Layman

Climate Corner

Earth-Friendly Cleaners

We continue to offer tips for planet-friendly alternatives for home-use cleaners.

- Window and mirror cleaner: mix 1T lemon juice with 2 cups of water in a new spray bottle. Spray and wipe the window or mirror with newspaper or similar material to clean and dry. Wear gloves to keep your hands free of newsprint. Avoid cleaning windows when in direct sunlight as spray dries quickly.
- Room deodorizer: 2T baking soda, 2 cups hot water, ¼ cup lemon juice. Dissolve baking soda in hot water and add lemon juice. Put into a new spray bottle. Use a few squirts periodically.
- Pet bed cleaner: Add ½ cup salt to the laundry when cleaning a pet bed to boost the cleaning. It is best if you can air dry it in the sun.
- Shower curtain cleaner: wash the curtain on a gentle cycle with a couple of towels adding 1 cup of vinegar in addition to the laundry detergent. Remove the curtain after the spin cycle and hang back in the shower. To prevent further build up, wipe the curtain with a cloth that has been dipped in vinegar, and let it air dry.
- Baby toy disinfectant: soak a clean cloth in ¼ cup vinegar and use it to wipe down all non-plush toys. Air dry; the scent fades as it dries.
- Deodorizing plush toys: place the toy in a bag with ½ cup baking soda. Shake and let sit overnight. Brush off baking soda in the sink, a trash bag, or outside.

Sunday Morning Christian Education for Adults Sundays, April 7-May 19; 9:30 a.m.

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. In the Spring quarter, we explore the fullness of faith as a response to God's desire to be in relationship with us. Unit I, "Faith-FULL Versus Faith-LESS," Unit II, "The Measure of Faith," Unit III, "The Standing in the Faith."



Parents' Conversation and Coffee, Room 126

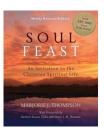
Parents are invited to gather in Room 126 for coffee and conversation. This is a time to get to know one other and compare notes on the joys and challenges of parenthood. The first Sunday each month we will have a speaker,



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."

Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life, Room 127 and Zoom

Marjorie Thompson defines spirituality as "the universal capacity to receive, reflect, and respond to the Spirit of God. . . . It points to the choices of belief, value, commitments, patterns of life, and practice of faith that allow Christ to be formed in us." This class, a part of Highland's Faith Formation Academy, focuses on spiritual reading, prayer, common worship, self-examination, spiritual direction, hospitality, and developing a rule for life. Books are available in the Gallery Hall (\$10). Facilitator: *Highland Staff and others*



ReThinking Earth Day: Faithful Creation Care for Life, Ardmore Room and Zoom

Earth Day is a worldwide celebration and action day that began as a teach-in in 1970. This year's April 22 theme is "Planet vs. Plastics." In this class, we will expand the idea of Earth Day to *everyday* practices to help protect our environment, God's creation. Topics will include ecojustice, household recycling, sustainable yard care, reducing food waste, protecting local waterways, environmentally friendly transportation, and plant



-rich diets. Guest speakers will help us become more active in protecting our sacred Earth every day, from the plants and pollinators in our own backyards to the roads and rivers in our larger community.

Facilitators: Members of the Adult Christian Education and Global Service Committees

Highland's Spring Forum

Sunday, April 21, 4:00–5:30 p.m.
Highland Fellowship Hall
"AI, Ethics, and Theology"
Professor Kevin Jung,
Wake Forest University Divinity School,
Theological Ethics and Moral Philosophy



The rapid development of AI has taken the world by surprise, including AI experts, and it is raising many unprecedented questions (e.g., legal, ethical, and theological). In this talk, Professor Jung will reflect upon some of the ethical, metaphysical, and theological questions that are emerging in the new age of AI. Using the AI alignment problem as an example, Professor Jung will highlight both the challenges AI poses to contemporary moral life and the possible theological responses to these challenges.



Highland Forums are a great time to invite friends and neighbors to join us at Highland.

Registration requested but not required. https://bit.ly/3IKh356

Sunday Mornings for Highland's Children

April 7-May 19, Kindergarten-Fifth Grade

This unit will focus on the **Jesus' Appearances to the Disciples**.

Through Godly Play, drama, cinema, art, cooking, and movement, the children and their leaders draw closer to the stories of the Risen Christ.



9:30–10:15 a.m. Godly Play & Workshops (3rd floor, Education Building)

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 (Kindergarten1st Grade) (3rd floor, Room 307)

4th Friday Family Fun Nights

We had another fantastic night of fun and friendship-building at our latest 4th Friday Family Fun Night. Friendships are growing among children, volunteers, and staff!















Faith & Film: City Slickers

April 8, 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 April is *City Slickers* which is available to borrow from the church or can be rented from Prime Video. Email <u>Randy Harris</u> to learn more.

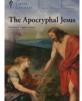


Spring Stroll, April 14

Flowers are blooming and remind us 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 which were part of the original agricultural parcels farmed by the residents of 18th century Bothania.



cultural parcels farmed by the residents of 18th-century Bethania. We hope you will join us for the walk, and afterwards, we'll gather at Starbucks, 2898 Reynolda Rd (beside Dioli's) for drinks and more conversation.



Thursday Morning Women's Study

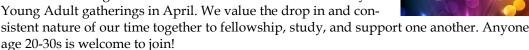
The Apocryphal Jesus, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Ardmore Room

The New Testament gives us 27 canonical texts—gospels, letters, and more, but these works are only a tiny fraction of the many volumes written about the life of Jesus, his family, and the apostles. This alternative body of literature falls under the category of "apocrypha," which means "hidden" or

"secret," and it offers fascinating insights into the early Christian world. But these early Christian apocryphal works are more than historical curiosities. For more information, on joining this study contact Heather Ferguson.

Young Adult Ministry New Look for Thursday Gatheri

New Look for Thursday GatheringsWe are continuing the new rotational model for our Thursday



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 Road, 7:30 p.m.



Period Packs Menstrual Hygiene Kits

In many parts of the world, people who menstruate live in period poverty and therefore lack access to necessary period care supplies. During the menstrual cycle, these hygiene materials are especially important to support general health and hygiene. Not having supplies like sanitary napkins, tampons, soap, and disposable plastic bags can create challenges that lead to unsafe and unsanitary conditions.



In April our Global Service Committee is challenging us to help people who live in poverty and menstruate. We will be collecting items for Church World Service Period Packs which will provide the essentials our neighbors need to feel clean, be healthy, and live with dignity during their menstrual cycle. Watch your email for a Sign-Up Genius with the needed supplies. We can help end period poverty.

Listening to Black Voices Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, as we continue reflecting on the experience of our African American neighbors, and consider what our faithful responses might entail. In April we will break from our pattern of reading to discuss a movie, The Hate U Give. A copy of the movie is available to borrow from the church, or you may stream it on Hulu. 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. We will meet in-person at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays April 29 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

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action." We hope you will consider reading and discussing this book with us! Contact <u>Debbie Layman</u> if you have interest in joining the study.

Youth News...

Youth Fellowship

Sunday, April 14

Middle School 4:00–5:15 p.m. Senior High 4:45–6:00 p.m.

Summer Trip Deadline Extended!

Space is still available for all of our summer opportunities for growth, faith exploration, and fellowship!

- Montreat Youth Conference, June 9–15
- North Georgia Service Week, June 22–28
- Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference, July 16–19

Palm Sunday, March 24













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 31

9:30 a.m. Easter Potluck Breakfast, Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary

Monday April 1

Office Closed, Holiday

2:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle, Ardmore Room 7:00 p.m. Fellowship & Communications,

Salem Room

Tuesday April 2

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

10:30 a.m. Morning Circle, Salem Room 5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

6:00 p.m. Property Committee

Wednesday April 3

8:00 a.m. Monthly Mid-Week Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5

Thursday April 4

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room

6:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee,

Salem Room

7:00 p.m. Global Service Committee, Salem Room

7:00 p.m. Young Adults, Fiddlin' Fish

Sunday April 7

9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. New Member Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

Monday April 8

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor 5:45 p.m. Stewardship Committee

7:00 p.m. Faith & Film, Sherwood Restaurant

Tuesday April 9

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 April 10

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 April 11

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Ardmore Room 7:30 p.m. Young Adults, W-S Public House

Friday April 12-April 14

Women's Retreat, Montreat