



Highlights

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Fall Mid-Week Monthly Fellowship Meals

This spring a task force, led by our Fellowship and Communications Committee, has been discussing a return to our mid-week fellowship meal (historically known as Fling) and assessing interest from our officers. We are excited to report there is much interest in a monthly Wednesday evening meal and will be reaching out to the congregation soon to assess willingness to serve on our necessary teams which will help that happen – set-up/hospitality team, cook team, and clean-up team. Please prayerfully consider support for this wonderful fellowship and be ready to volunteer when a survey comes out!

Period Packs Menstrual Hygiene Kits

Our Global Service Committee is collecting items for Church World Service Menstrual Hygiene Kits, aka Period Packs. On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, we will have a Period Pack Packing Party following an all-church fellowship meal. We hope you will take part in the donating and the packing!



Our donations will provide the essentials our neighbors need to feel clean, be healthy, and live with dignity during their menstrual cycle. Check your weekly email for a Sign-Up Genius for the supply list. We can help end period poverty.

Desserts for Elementary School Teachers



During Teacher Appreciation Week in May, Highland is once again providing desserts for elementary school teachers at Moore and Ashley as a way of showing our support for their ongoing creativity and compassion. We will email the sign up link. We will need 160 servings of sturdy, non-refrigerated desserts. You may drop your desserts off on Sunday, May 5 if they can be frozen, or on Wednesday, May 8 between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. if they should be delivered fresh. Thanks for signing up and sharing in this fun and delicious way!

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalms 22:25–31

1 John 4:7–12; 19–21

Sermon: Debbie Layman

May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalms 98

Acts 10:44–48

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 [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."

Monthly Midweek Morning Prayer

Our May Monthly Morning Prayer will be on Wednesday, May 1, 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 **May**, we are asking for donations of **rice**.



Hunger Offering

On **May 5**, 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.



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Highland through the Years—the 1950s

Did you know ...?

- On October 20, 1949, Winston-Salem Presbytery organized a committee to explore the formation of a church in Ardmore. Our first worship services took place at 5:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, beginning in November 1949.
- The Reverend George Staples was called to be the organizing pastor, and worship was held at First Presbyterian (and other locations) while our new building was under construction.
- In January 1950, the name Highland Presbyterian was chosen for the new church in Ardmore.
- On April 2, 1950, the first communion service was celebrated.
- On November 23, 1950, our first service was held in the new building; the Sanctuary was in the basement where adult classes are now held.
- By December 1950, membership had grown to 186.
- In November 1954, construction of our new Sanctuary was begun.
- By the Fall of 1955, membership increased to 520 (180% increase in 5 years!).
- In December 1956, Gene Kirkman was called as new pastor (Pat Kirkman's father).



There is lots more to learn about our church history! We invite you to the very first Highland Archive Open House on Sunday, June 9. After morning worship, venture downstairs to the Gathering Place to explore a historical exhibit on the Church Building and Construction through the years. Refreshments will be served.

Annual Diaper Drive for Neighbors in Need

Diapers are expensive and unfortunately are not covered by the WIC program. We invite you to support local moms and dads in need through our annual Diaper Drive. We will share our collected diapers with The Shalom Project and Clemmons Food Pantry.



Please bring diapers and baby wipes by the church any time we are open between Mother's Day and Father's Day, May 12–June 16. We will have a collection bin in the Gallery Hall. Our goal this year is 7,500 diapers, so we need your help! Thank you for supporting caregivers in need in our community!

News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *Sharon Smith*, hip replacement; *Carol Eickmeyer*, Home; *Trinette Kirkman*, Home; *Heather Greene*, Brookdale on Reynolda; *Carol Healy*, Home; *Leslie Sizemore*, Forsyth; *Jim Frazier*, Hospice Care; *Emelda Lawing*, Home with Hospice; *Ednamae Fisher*, Home; *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).

In Memoriam: *Mintha Beane*, April 20

Please wish a special Happy Birthday to Nancy Wolfe as she turns 91 on May 20; Parks Berryhill as he turns 98 on May 26; Sara Taylor as she turns 92 on May 28.



Bless You! ~ Our prayers for one another. Each week we invite you to pray for mem-

bers of our Highland family. We will pray not because anything is wrong, but because we care about each other.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, please pray for John and Susan Corey; John and Katie Paterson; Jeff, Sharon and Lucas Payne; Phil and Nancy Payne; Mike, Summer, Connor, Hannah, Andrew and Rachel Riley; Sue and Philippe Sevin; Randy, Debbie and William Shields; Alex and Emily Taylor.

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5, please pray for Tom Arcury and Sara Quandt; Andy, Lindsey, Claire and Anna Hayek; Richard and Janice Howerton; Peter, Kim and Matthew Minford; John Vladyka and Carolyn Sellars; Molly Williams and Carla Romere. *The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24*



Coffee Conversation / Tea Talk on Tuesdays

Drop-In at Camel City Coffee Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. for Conversation

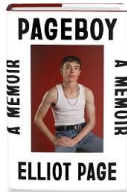
Beginning Tuesday, April 30 Randy, Debbie, or Courtney will be hanging out weekly at Camel City Coffee (near Highland) from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for conversation with whomever shows up. We hope this will be a fun and varied group and invite all to consider stopping by. Maybe you are newly retired and wondering what to do with all your time? Or you have not gotten out much and need an excuse? Or have a question about the recent sermon? Or just want to spend time with your favorite Presbyterian pastors? Or want an easy way to introduce a friend to Highland? Whatever might draw you in, we hope you will stop by to support a local business, check-in with your pastors, and maybe meet some new-to-you Highland friends.

Sharing Joy with May Birthdays!

1 Anna Jane Campbell	8 Lyn Hux	17 Rick Grogan	26 Sandi Hall
1 Grace Gottfried	8 Catie McElwee	17 Lindsay Hunt	26 Scott Tuttle
1 Alexa Lane	9 Janice Howerton	17 Wendell Schollander	27 Cate Marler Barksdale
1 Rebecca Schwartz	10 Jean Swanson	18 Bob Hannah	27 David Havens
1 Scott Templeton	11 Nya Armstrong	18 Bob Laws	27 Henry Heidtmann, IV
1 Randall Tuttle	11 Spencer Ayscue	19 Doug Turner	27 Henry Tysinger
2 Miriam Preston Davie	11 Elaine Minton	20 Nancy Wolfe	28 Sara Taylor
2 Caroline Skinner	11 Haley Rippey	21 Parks Berryhill	30 Scott Walker
3 Ethie Edwards	12 Ann Dixon-Coppage	21 Kathleen Hansen	31 Joe Holbrook
4 Hannah Ruth Bethel	12 Susan Linker	21 Jess Kirkman	31 Alex Patton
5 Evie Holland	12 Laurie McKinley	22 Pat Kirkman	31 Margo Searls-Begy
6 Kathy Black	12 Carter Richey	22 Carson Tuttle	31 Cathy Shaffner
6 Jamie Blankinship	14 Sean Halstead	23 Sophie Simpson	
6 Rebecca Maddux	15 Lindsey Hayek	24 Melissa Fisch	
6 Mary Pace	15 Lewyn McKinley	24 Jean Fortner	
6 John Paterson	16 Nina Beck	24 Elizabeth Morgan	
6 Sara Smith	16 David Neely	24 Andrew Murray	
6 Benton Williams	16 Katie Vasquez	25 Margie Smith	



LGBTQ Book Group Spring Discussion



All are welcome on Sunday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m. as we discuss the next book in our LGBTQ Book Group. The book is *Pageboy: A Memoir* by Academy Award-nominated actor, as well as producer, and director Elliot Page. We will read the entire book and discuss it in its entirety. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) if you would like to participate or if you have questions.

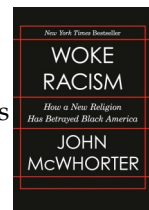
Faith & Film: *The Descendants* May 13, 7:00 p.m., The Sherwood Restaurant

Join us for this monthly gathering as we reflect on the visual parables of movies. Our movie for May is *The Descendants* (2011) which is available to borrow from the church or can be rented from Prime Video. Email [Randy Harris](#) to learn more.



Listening to Black Voices Group

Join us at 7:00 p.m. on May 21, as we continue reflecting on the experience of our African American neighbors, and consider what our faithful responses might entail. In May we will discuss John McWhorter's book *Woke Racism*. If you are interested, please contact [Randy Harris](#).



Climate Corner

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

What can we do to reduce the amount of waste that winds up in the landfill or the environment? Let's talk about product packaging. Did you know? Only 9% of plastic is actually recycled and 19% is incinerated.



Avoid plastic packaging by:

- Purchasing drinks in aluminum cans or glass bottles
- Using reusable shopping bags
- Wrapping leftover food in aluminum foil; it preserves food in the fridge and freezer and is recycled at a high rate, or try reusable silicone food storage bags (available locally at Trader Joe's)
- Consider purchasing meat from butchers who wrap the fresh product in paper
- Purchasing fresh produce from farmers' markets or at the grocery store that is not packaged, using your own reusable bags
- Buying bread from a bakery or baking your own
- Using bar soap rather than liquid soap in plastic pump bottles
- Buying laundry and dishwasher detergent in cardboard boxes rather than plastic bottles or use laundry sheets

We have choices! Let's create demand for non-plastics!

Community Service Corner

**Betty and Jim Holmes Food Bank Garden,
Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m.**



Come garden with us on Saturday, May 18 at the Betty and Jim Holmes Food Bank Garden. The garden's mission is to grow fresh, local produce and to serve those less fortunate in Winston-Salem and surrounding counties.

Volunteers are needed and much appreciated to help with spring tasks. On Saturday, May 18, join other Highlanders in planting, tilling, or weeding at the garden. Contact Carolyn Birk, Carolyn_birk@yahoo.com, or you can sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080949AEA628A7F49-49185832-betty>. We hope for 15!

Shepherd Center Annual Used Book Sale

The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem will hold its 36th Annual Used Book Sale on Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6. All proceeds of the sale benefit the agency's programs and services for older adults in our community. The event will be held in the Education Building at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds. Entrance for parking is through Gate 5 from Deacon Boulevard. There is no admission or parking fee.

Vacation Church School—Save the Dates

Sundays, June 23, July 14, July 28, 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

The Children’s Ministry Committee is thinking about Vacation Church School for this summer and is planning for three Sunday after-worship gatherings. We know that summer is sprinkled with vacations and last minute get-aways for families, so we hope that three Sundays will allow families to gather for one, two, or all three events. This summer’s gatherings will be intergenerational, so we invite all to join in these fun and spiritually uplifting gatherings. Mark your calendar today, and watch for more details.

Mark Your Calendar Today!

Sunday–Tuesday Evenings, June 16–19

The time for ArtRageous is fast approaching. Plans have been made for classes and special events June 16–19, covering a variety of arts and crafts. Some of the past events include: shape note singing, garden art, quilting, biscuit making, card making, photography, how to fix your toilet, body butter and a tour of MIXXER (a creative makers space), to name just a few. We are now building our lineup for the 2024 Artrageous so contact [Heather Ferguson](#) if you would like to teach a class.



The sky is the limit, so be creative!

This summer art program is open to children, youth, and adults, Highland members, as well as people from the community. Most classes will be free. The schedule will include classes that last only one session while others will have several sessions. On-line registration will begin soon at www.highlandpres.org. Plan to look over the classes and sessions offered, and register early. Please invite friends, family, and neighbors to join us for a celebration of God’s gifts in the arts.

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.



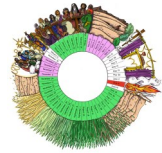
Sunday Morning Christian Education for Adults

Sundays through 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. When applicable, Zoom links are included in Highland's Sunday morning email.

The Lectionary Café, Salem Room

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

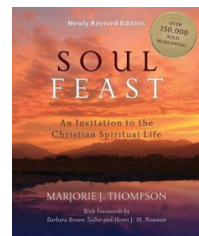
Parents are invited to gather in Room 126 for coffee and conversation. This is a time to get to know one other and compare notes on the joys and challenges of parenthood. The first Sunday each month we will have a speaker, video, or other resource for deeper conversations on faith formation in the family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

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).

Sunday, April 28, Chapter 6, The Practice of Self-Emptying
Sunday, May 5, Chapter 7, Of Conscience and Consciousness
Sunday, May 12, Chapter 9, Entertaining Angels Unawares
Sunday, May 19, Chapter 10, Developing a Rule of Life



Facilitator: *Highland Staff and others*

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

Earth Day is a worldwide celebration and action day that began as a teach-in in 1970. This year's April 22 Earth Day theme is "Planet vs. Plastics." During 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.



Sunday, April 28: Waterways and Microplastics

Sunday, May 5: Transportation – Electric Cars and Bikes

Sunday, May 12: Plant-Rich Diets and the Local Farmer

Sunday, May 19: Things to Consider Every Day

Facilitators: *Members of Highland's Adult Christian Education, Global Service Committee, and Special Guests*

4th Friday Fun Night, April 26, 5:30–7:30p.m.

Mark your family calendar today for our 4th Friday Fun Night, a monthly gathering of children, youth and adults. This is a grand opportunity for parents to have an evening out, knowing their children are safe, having a blast, and expending lots of great energy! We gather at 5:30 for a



brief story time before sharing a simple meal together. Then we enjoy a wide variety of activities and games including basketball, pickleball, and cornhole. We even have a quiet spot for those who like to do puzzles, create a sidewalk chalk mural, or color. Parents are encouraged to grab dinner together for a time of sharing and building relationships.

Contact [Heather Ferguson](#) for more information.

Dolorosa Gatherings

Fourth Sunday, April 28, 4:00–5:00 p.m., Highland Chapel

The word, *dolorosa*, in Latin means "sorrowful way." Jesus shows the way to hope, healing, and wholeness through journeys of sorrow and pain. If you would benefit from a time of sharing your experiences of grief and your hopes for healing and wholeness with Highland friends on similar paths, we invite you to gather in the Chapel on the fourth Sunday of the month.



Sunday Mornings for Highland's Children

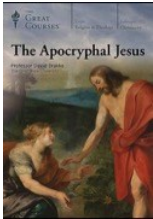
Now–May 19, Kindergarten–Fifth Grade

This unit will focus on **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 (Kindergarten–1st Grade) (3rd floor, Room 307)



Thursday Morning Women's Study

The Apocryphal Jesus, 10:00–11:30 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. These early Christian apocryphal works are more than historical curiosities. For more information, on joining this study contact [Heather Ferguson](#).

Young Adult Ministry

We are continuing the new rotational model for our Thursday Young Adult gatherings in May. We value the drop in and consistent nature of our time together to fellowship, study, and support one another.

Anyone age 20–30s is welcome to join!

- 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.



Youth News...

Youth Ministry Schedule

Sunday Mornings

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

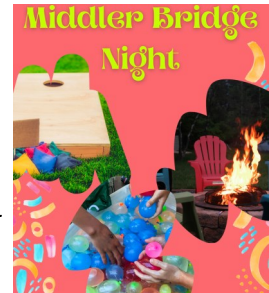
Middle School Class in AB3 9:45–10:30 a.m.

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

Middle School End of Year and Bridge Night Celebration

Sunday, April 28, 4:00–5:30 p.m.

Let's welcome in rising middle school youth with an afternoon of outdoor games. We'll reflect on the year and set goals for our summer as we are gathered and scattered. Wear play clothes, and gather at Parker Bragg's home.



Celebrating Our Graduates

Sunday, May 19

As we near graduation time, Highland is getting ready to celebrate the achievements of our high school graduates. In preparation for senior recognition on May 19, we ask families to please share with us some information about their accomplishments and next steps as well as a few favorite pictures. Please email or drop by pictures (which will be returned) to [Courtney Stevens](#). We will celebrate during the 11:00 a.m. worship service and after worship during the all-church fellowship lunch.

Senior High Progressive Dinner

It was a joy to be hosted by Highland members as we honored our graduating seniors and our last youth group gathering of the year.



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 April 28

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Lunch, Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Middle School Youth, Home of Parker Bragg
- 4:00 p.m. Dolorosa Gathering, Chapel

Monday April 29

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Poverty Book Group, Salem Room

Wednesday May 1

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

Thursday May 2

- 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, AB4
- 7:30 p.m. Young Adults, Fiddlin' Fish

Sunday May 5

- 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery provided), Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Worship Committee, Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. LGBTQ Book Group, Salem Room

Monday May 6

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. All-Circle Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle, Ardmore Room
- 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee, Salem Room

Tuesday May 7

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

Wednesday May 8

- 10:30 a.m. Salemtowne Bible Study, Salemtowne
- 11:00 a.m. Lamentations & Laughter, AB 5
- 4:30 p.m. Teacher Appreciation Dessert Drop Off, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Room 100

Thursday May 9

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