



# Highlights

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## Spring Forum, May 4, *Join or Die*

**Sunday, May 4, 4:00–6:15 p.m., Ardmore Room**

The documentary film *Join or Die* explores the decline of civic engagement in the United States, drawing heavily on the work of social scientist Robert Putnam, whose book *Bowling Alone* examines the decline in community connections.

We will discuss the film and hear from Reverend Dr. Jan Edmiston, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Charlotte, who will lead us in a thought-provoking discussion. All are encouraged to watch the film, available on Netflix, before the Forum. Mark your calendars, and plan to bring a friend to this engaging reflection on community!



## Celebrating Mrs. Sally & Highland Graduates

**Join Us for Our Fellowship Lunch, May 18**

Our final Fellowship Meal until the fall will be on Sunday, May 18, and what a joy-filled one it will be! Our meal will be catered that day by Providence Catering, which is a program of Second Harvest Food Bank. Sign up through the Signup Genius, through the QR code in the bulletin on Sunday, or by calling the church office, 336-724-6303. We need to have reservations in by May 7.

As we gather, we will have many reasons to celebrate. In addition to celebrating our graduates, we will be celebrating Sally “Mrs. Sally” Brown as she retires from more than 50 years of teaching Highland’s young children. Watch and see the full circle of ministry that Highland creates for children, youth, and young adults. Join us!

## Summer Worship Schedule

**10:00 a.m., Sundays, May 25–September 7**

Beginning on June 1, Sunday worship will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Our Present Word Sunday School will continue throughout the summer, meeting at 9:00 a.m. All other Christian Education classes will resume on September 14.



## Worship at 11:00 a.m.

### May 4

Third Sunday of Easter

Psalms 150

Revelation 1:4–8

Sermon: Randy Harris

### May 11

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 49:8–13

Revelation 7:9–17

Sermon: Debbie Layman

### May 18

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalms 13

Revelation 16:1–21

Sermon: Randy Harris

### May 25, 10:00 a.m. Worship Begins

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Zechariah 8:1–8

Revelation 21–22 (selected verses)

Sermon: Randy Harris

## Highland Worship Online

There are several ways to access worship:

- Click the link in the Sunday morning email;
- Go to [Highland's website](#) and find 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."

## Wheelchair Assistance on Sundays

If you or a loved one need assistance on Sunday mornings to church school and/or worship via wheelchair, please contact Mike Culler, 336-413-8414, [remember-church@gmail.com](mailto:remember-church@gmail.com), no later than noon on Saturdays to make arrangements for the next day. The morning of, you would park in the Activity Building parking lot, and someone would meet you with a wheel chair.



## Hunger Offering

On **May 4**, 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.



Office hours are Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

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## New Member Class, May 4

We will hold a class for those interested in membership at Highland on Sunday afternoon, May 4, at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in being part of a class, contact Debbie Layman, [dlayman@highlandpres.org](mailto:dlayman@highlandpres.org). This is a great way to learn more about Highland and to connect more deeply with God and this church family.

## Diaper Drive Combines with Toy Drive

This year as we care for our neighbors in need by donating diapers and baby wipes for The Shalom Project and Clemmons Food Pantry, we also hope you will help care for kids in need through a toy drive for CareNet Counseling. These toys and children's activities will help stock the children's play therapy room at CareNet. Watch for a Signup Genius for the items they need. Our collection of diapers and toys will go between Mother's Day and Father's Day, May 11–June 15. You may drop them off any time the church is open. On Sundays May 18, June 1 and June 8, volunteers from the Community Service Committee will meet you after worship and carry them in from your car.



Thank you for supporting caregivers and kids in need in our community!



## ArtRageous! June 15–19

We believe in a creating, creative God and that we who are made in God's image share in God's creative work. ArtRageous! is a celebration of this creativity. Classes in cooking, music, sewing, growing, and so much more will be part of the line up. We will offer tours of creativity too. Some of the classes offered will be "stand-alone," while others will be sequential, over 2 or 3 days, building on your skills each day. We are building our lineup for the 2025 Artrageous. Contact [Heather Ferguson](#) if you would like to teach a class or have an idea for a class or tour. This summer art program is open to children, youth, and adults. On-line registration will begin soon. 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.

## Joy for Our May Birthdays!

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



**Special Happy Birthday Wishes** to Nancy Wolfe, as she turns 92 on May 20; Parks Berryhill, as he turns 99 on May 21; Sara Taylor, as she turns 93 on May 28.

## Coffee & Conversation Tuesdays

On Tuesdays, Randy, Debbie, Courtney, or Heather will be hanging out at Camel City Coffee, 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. We hope you will stop by to check-in with your staff and meet other Highlanders.



## Caring for Others as We Park on Sundays



Our Congregational Care Committee would like to invite all able-bodied Highlanders to park further away from the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. Our property is not very easy to navigate for those who have mobility issues, and the street parking along Cloverdale Avenue is coveted space. If you are not experiencing mobility issues, please take advantage of the health benefits of a few hundred steps and park in the parking lot (towards the back if possible!), leaving Cloverdale open for those who really need it. Thank you for this easy but important way we can care for one another!

## News and Notes

**In Our Prayers:** *Emelda Lawing*, Home with Hospice; *Curtis Patterson*, Salemtowne Rehab; *Bill Lambert*, Home; *Parks Berryhill*, Salemtowne Healthcare; *Esther and Les Preston*, Home; *Jim Womble*, Heritage Woods; *John Anderson*, Salemtowne Memory Care; *Ruth Banbury*, Carriage Club Assisted Living.

**Thank you** to our Highland Family for all of the love, cards, texts, meals and flowers we received while I was recovering from a broken wrist and Bob from his left knee replacement. We are so thankful and blessed to be a part of Highland! ~ Thanks, Pam and Bob Collette

**There are not** enough words to express our gratitude for the overwhelming care we've received since the death of our granddaughter, Emily. Your prayers, calls, texts, cards, and expressions of love during this sad time for our family have lifted us up. You continue to wrap your arms around us and hold us close. We will never forget your kindness.  
~ Trudy and Powell Winstead

**In Memoriam:** *Fran Rankin*, April 24, 2025

**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.

## Note of Gratitude

Dear Highland, thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000 for our PTA's Crisis Fund. We truly value and appreciate the support and outpouring of love from our community. These funds will be put to help with families' needs. ~ Moore Elementary School

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4, please pray for Tom Arcury and Sara Quandt; ; Richard and Janice Howerton; Peter, Kim and Matthew Minford; Peggy and Andy Tyson; John Vladyka and Carolyn Sellars; Molly Williams and Carla Romere.

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 11, please pray for Jim, Lydia and Allison Bass; Rachel Corbett; Ellen Law; Will, Rebecca, Hudson and Lexie Maddux; Bob Musso; Betsy Spencer; Scott, Carol, Sarah and Kelly Templeton; Elizabeth Walker.

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18, please pray for Kevin and Miriam Davie; Rick Grogan; Katie and Nathan Harris; Terry Leach Hauser; Will, Robyn, Ani, Katie and William McElwee and Evie and Tucker Holland; Edmond and Margaret Pendrich; Bill Seamans; Elizabeth, Charlie, Caroline and Katherine Skinner; Rick Weavil.

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25, please pray for Lauren Bain and David Harris; Kyle, Daphne, Cecilia and Lucy Davis; Ethie Edwards; Bruce and Carol Healy; Dawn, Kenneth, Audrey and Reece Nelson; Mark and Barbara Whitley.  
*The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24*



## 💖 Service Opportunities

### 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**.



### Desserts for Elementary School Staff



Highland is once again providing desserts for elementary school teachers and staff at Ashley as a way of showing our support for their ongoing creativity and compassion. We will email the sign up link. We will need 80 servings of sturdy, non-refrigerated desserts. You may drop your desserts off on Tuesday, May 27 between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. or earlier if they can be frozen. Thanks for signing up and sharing in this fun and delicious way!

## 😊 Children



### God's Good Neighborhood

On Sunday mornings, Highland's Preschoolers gather for stories from the "God Loves Me" series, including arts, activities and creative play. This is a wonderful time of learning about God's love and how the church is a safe and loving place to be.

Elementary aged children are welcomed into *God's Good Neighborhood*, located on the third floor. Every other Sunday, children will experience a biblical story beginning in Godly Play. Each week the children will move to a different workshop to experience the same story from a different perspective through Art, Drama, Cooking, or even Cinema.

At 10:15 a.m., all children will go to the Worship Center (third floor, White Door) for Children's Choir. Parents can pick up children there at 10:45 a.m.

### Nursery Volunteers Needed

If you would love to share time with and care for some of God's most precious creations, then you should become a nursery volunteer! Serve on a team only four times a year, Sunday mornings, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (summer hours are 9:45-11:15 a.m.), along with Highland's professional childcare provider, Judy Parro. Contact [Heather Ferguson](#) if you would like to serve in this special way.





# Friday Fun Night

**May 16, 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

Mark you calendar today for our last Friday Fun Night of the program year. Highland parents can drop children off and enjoy the evening with Highland friends or running errands.



In Highland style we will have tasty food, fun games and activities, surprises around each corner, and friends are always welcome! Reach out to [Heather Ferguson](#) for more information or if you would like to volunteer for a Friday event.



## Celebrating Our Graduates

**Sunday, May 18**

As we near graduation season, Highland is getting ready to celebrate the achievements of our high school graduates. In preparation for senior recognition on May 18, we ask families to please share with us some information about their accomplishments and next steps as well as a few favorite pictures. We will celebrate during the 11:00 a.m. worship service and after worship during the all-church fellowship lunch.

## Summer Youth Adventures

**We're bound for a big summer!**

**Montreat Youth Conference June 8–14**

**Youth Ice Cream Week and Big Chill July 7–10, 19**

**Massanetta Middle School Conference July 15–18**

## Quest for the Best: Fries

We're so close to summer we can almost taste it....and this summer we're tasting fries! Share today your picks for places we must try as we plan for our annual event of fellowship and flavor.



## **Young Adults**

Our ministry meets Thursdays weekly in a variety of locations at 7:30 p.m. We gather for fellowship, study, service and faithful conversation. Contact Courtney for more information ([cstevens@highlandpres.org](mailto:cstevens@highlandpres.org)).

May 8: Home of Liz Bragg, Chip and Dip Potluck

May 15: Footnote

May 22: Radar Brewing Game Night

May 29: Highland service project and vespers

## **Adults**

### **Men's Breakfast**

**May 21 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 contact Randy Harris, [rharris@highlandpres.org](mailto:rharris@highlandpres.org), if you have questions.



### **Matthew 25 Book Group**



Being a Matthew 25 congregation means intentional focus on *building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty*. One way we are addressing these issues is through our new Matthew 25 Book Group.

Our spring book read is *The Time is Now* by Joan Chittister. Our final gathering for our current book will be May 19, 7:00 p.m. We meet in-person with a Zoom option. Chittister is a Benedictine Sister and has received numerous awards for her work on behalf of peace as well as women in church and society. Shane Claiborne has said of her book, “she invites you to cling to Jesus, dive into the world’s pain, and do something daring and beautiful with your life.” Reach out to [Debbie Layman](#) if you would like to join.

### **Faith & Film: *Conclave***

**May 12, 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 *Conclave*. It is available to stream on Amazon Prime and to rent on Apple TV. Contact [Randy Harris](#) for more information.





## ***Listening to Black Voices Book Group***

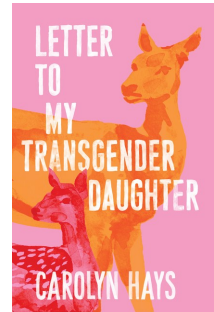
Join us via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. May 20, as we continue reading and reflecting on the experience of our African American neighbors and consider what our faithful responses might entail. In April we will discuss chapter 8 and the Afterword from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's book *Why We Can't Wait*. If you are interested, please contact [Randy Harris](#).



## **Summer LGBTQ Book Discussion**

***Letter to My Transgender Daughter*, by Carolyn Hays**

Our summer LGBTQ book discussion will happen at a date to be determined in August. You can start reading the book now! We will read and discuss *Letter to My Transgender Daughter* by Carolyn Hays. Contact Bookmarks or order your copy or click on the "book groups" section of their webpage and look for Highland's LGBTQ Book Group. You will receive 20 percent off if you order it through their Book Club program. Please let [Debbie Layman](#) know if you have questions or if you would like to join the group.



## **Highland Ukuleles**

**Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Room 126**

Life is definitely more enjoyable with a ukulele! Come and join us for some fun, regardless of your age or skill level. If you don't have a ukulele, let Heather Ferguson know and we can arrange for you to borrow one. We're all learning and having a great time together. For more details, please contact [Heather Ferguson](#).



## **Are You Experiencing Grief?**

**Join the Dolorosa Gathering**

**Sunday, May 25, 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 join us in the Chapel on 4th Sundays at 4:00 p.m.



# 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. All are invited and encouraged to attend! If you have questions, contact [John Woodmansee](#).



## Adult Christian Education

**Sunday Mornings, 9:30–10:30 a.m.**

### The Present Word Class, Room 124 and Zoom

The quarter, "A King Forever and Ever," explores the broad sweep of biblical teachings about God's reign and connects to Jesus as the earthly exhibition of the divine Kingdom. *Facilitators: A Variety of Class Members and Guests*



### The Lectionary Café, Salem Room, through May 18

The *Lectionary Café* is a welcoming group that engages in lively discussions on Sunday's Lectionary text, exploring connections between God's intentions and living faithfully together.



### Parents' Conversation and Coffee, Room 126, through May 18

After settling children into Sunday school, parents can gather for coffee and conversation. It's a chance to connect, share parenting experiences, and on the first Sunday of each month, enjoy a special speaker or resource on faith and family. Other Sundays offer relaxed time to chat and exchange tips on parenting.



### Created in Love: Exploring Gender and Sexuality in Faith

Through this four-week class we explore gender, sexuality, and faith through biblical reflection, theological discussion, and personal experiences. We seek to understand inclusive language, listen to the voices of community individuals and families, and explore how our faith calls us to love and support all God's people. Our youth are also invited to join in this class to share their experiences and voice their wondering as we seek greater understanding.

May 4: Created in God's image—a Biblical and Theological Foundation

May 11: Lived Experience: Hearing Stories

May 18: The Church's Call—Living Out Love and Justice

# **Community and Global Service**

## **Climate Corner**

### **Recycling Light Bulbs**

Our Earth Care Team invites you to continue celebrating Earth Day all year long as we all learn more about how we can protect and nurture God's amazing creation. Our focus this month is on household light bulbs.



Unfortunately, not all light bulbs can be recycled. Incandescent bulbs are not accepted for recycling and need to be tossed into the trash. First wrap them in heavy paper to prevent broken edges from cutting through your garbage bag and creating a mess. This protects you and your waste hauler from accidental injury.

Lowe's and Home Depot both accept CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light) bulbs at their indoor recycling areas. (You can take rechargeable batteries there, too.) Because CFL bulbs contain mercury, they should never be thrown in the trash.

Only the EnviroStation located at 1401 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive accepts fluorescent tubes. You can also take halogen bulbs, LED lights, and Christmas lights to the EnviroStation; they are open Wednesday through Saturday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. If enough bulbs still work in a string of lights you can stuff them in a jar or vase and enjoy them a while longer. Thank you for learning with us! ~ Global Service Committee

## **Pentecost Offering on June 8**

### **Supporting At-Risk Kids in Our Community and Beyond**



**PENTECOST**  
**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we receive the Pentecost Offering, one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Pentecost Offering unites us in a

church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of children, youth, and young adults.

This year we look forward to hearing about this offering through the eyes of Maggie Collins who will share with us about her year as a Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteer in New York City at the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations. Thank you for your generous support to the Pentecost Offering!

# Recent Highland Happenings

