



Highlights

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ArtRageous!

June 16-18 Evening Classes

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 are part of the line up this year. We have tours (various days and times) of creativity too.

Here is just a taste of the many classes being offered. Check out the Gallery Hall for more pictures and descriptions, find a flyer with details, or check the weekly emails for a link to register for classes and tours. 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. This summer's creative arts program is open to children, youth, and adults. We will also be out on the Sanctuary Patio on June 1, 8, and 15 taking registrations. Plan to look over the classes and tours offered, and register early. Please invite friends, family, and neighbors to join us for a celebration of God's gifts in the arts.



Worship at 10:00 a.m.

June 1

Ascension Sunday

Ephesians 1:15–23

Acts 1:1–11

Sermon: Randy Harris

June 8

Pentecost

Genesis 11:1–9

Acts 2:1–12

Sermon: Courtney Stevens

June 15

Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Colossians 1:15–20

Sermon: Randy Harris

June 22

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 42

Galatians 3:23–29

Sermon: Randy Harris

June 29

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 77 (selected verses)

Galatians 5 (selected verses)

Sermon: Debbie 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 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, 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.



Parking on Sundays on Cloverdale

Please do not park on Cloverdale Avenue on Sunday mornings unless you have limited mobility. We need to save those spaces for folks who are limited. Please be hospitable and get some extra steps in by parking in the parking lot! Thank you.

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

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Churchwide

Diaper Drive Combined 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. Our collection of diapers and toys continues through Father's Day, June 15. You may drop them off any time the church is open. On Sundays 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!



Celebrating Pentecost June 8



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

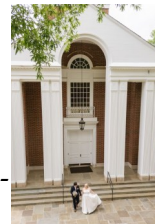
On Sunday, June 8, we will joyfully celebrate Pentecost — the day we remember God's powerful gift of the Holy Spirit to the early church. Our 10:00 a.m. worship service will be rich with vibrant music and visual elements that help us relive the wonder and awe of that first Pentecost morning.

Pentecost is also a time when we receive the **Pentecost Offering**, one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This offering supports PC(USA) ministries with children, youth, and young adults—helping to nurture their faith and equip them to share their gifts with the church and the world, and it supports at-risk youth. This year, we're especially excited to hear from **Maggie Collins**, who will share reflections on her experience serving as a **Young Adult Volunteer** at the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations in New York City. (The YAV Program is supported by this offering.)

In addition, Highland will share 40 percent of your donations with Guilford College in support the Ornestein Ramallah Endowment which provides long-term financial assistance for students from Ramallah, Palestine. Thank you for your generous support of this offering which works to build a strong foundation of faith for the next generation.

With Love from the Montoyas

To our Highland family, With hearts overflowing, we share our deep gratitude for the love, prayers, and generosity you've extended to us as we celebrated our marriage in the church. Being surrounded in worship by this faith family made the day profoundly joyful and sacred. Thank you for walking with us now as a couple beginning this new chapter. Your kindness has blessed us more than words can express. With love and thanksgiving, Courtney & David



Join Highland at the Dash Game, June 12



We hope you'll join us as we head to the ballpark on Thursday, June 12 for a fun evening of baseball and fellowship. The tickets will be \$12. Please reserve your ticket by June 8 by signing up through the SignUp Genius link on our website or in your email, or by contacting Gidget, 336-724-6303. Feel free to invite a friend, especially a friend who might be interested in learning more about Highland! We hope to see you at the ballpark!



PRIDE Festival, June 14

This spring Highland's Session voted in favor of having a presence at this year's PRIDE Festival in downtown Winston-Salem on Saturday, June 14. We hope that you will help us spread the love in many ways. You can sign up to help staff our table in the festival; contact [Gidget Payne](#) to receive the sign-up link. All Highlanders are invited to make a Highland Pride t-shirt after worship on Sundays, June 1 or 8; bring your own plain, light-colored cotton t-shirt with you so you can hot-press our logo on it (people will be on the Narthex Patio after worship to help). Those Sundays we also will have Pride poster-making taking place following worship. You could hold your sign of love and encouragement as you watch the parade with Highland friends. We will have a car-pool meeting in the church lot to go together to the parade. Contact [Gidget](#) to get on the list.

We hope to see you on June 14 letting our community know that "all are welcome" at Highland Presbyterian Church!

Special Offering for Children on June 22

On Sunday, June 22, we will receive our annual Children's Offering which will be shared with Children's Hope Alliance (formerly Barium Springs and Grandfather



Homes), a PC (USA) organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of abuse for children and families in our area. Our offering will be shared with both the residential and transitional programs. Children's Hope works hard to provide a safe, healing journey for hurting children and families, creating hope now and in the future. Their comprehensive services and programs are designed to give hope to their clients by providing a safe home, healing their hurt and encouraging a healthy start. Additional information is available on their website: www.childrenshopealliance.org. Please prayerfully consider your support.

Save the Date, Sunday, July 13

Dedication of the Gathering Garden Playground



Save the Date, Churchwide Picnic

We hope you will mark your calendars and ponder what friends to invite as Highland shares in our end-of-summer tradition of heading to Bolton Park after worship on Sunday, August 24. Plan to join our church family for great fellowship and tasty food!



Sounds of Summer Concert

June 29, 7:00 p.m., Highland Sanctuary

Highland has been chosen as one of the five locations for the 2025 Sounds of Summer Organ Recital Series. On Sunday, June 29 at 7:00 pm three organists will present a forty-five minute program showcasing the Brunner organ. This series began in 2013 and has flourished exceedingly as an enriching experience, showcasing the many fine pipe organs and talented organists of our community. All events are free, and all are welcome! Come and be renewed, inspired, and restored through God's glorious gift of music!



Local Agencies Are Hurting

Greetings from your Community Service Committee! As you may know, Highland continues to allocate twenty percent of our annual budget to benevolence, and much of it supports non-profit agencies in our community. This coming fiscal year Forsyth County Commissioners are expected to cut funding for nonprofits in half, many of whom Highland has supported for years. Despite Highland's fiscal generosity, these agencies will be deeply impacted. In turn, our neighbors in need in our community will be dramatically and negatively impacted. Please hold in your prayers these budget conversations, our community partners, and those in need in our community. And share your thoughts with our County Commissioners!

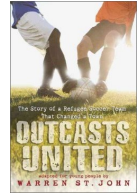


With this in mind, members of your Community Service Committee have asked the agencies we support about additional ways we can provide help. In the months to come, we will share with you what we hear from them. If there is an agency that is special to you, this is an opportunity to make a difference. Thank you for your consideration!

~London Lake Pickett for the Community Service Committee

Intergenerational Book Discusses Soccer

Our Intergenerational Book Group pick this summer hopes to draw in soccer fans of all ages. Our book will be *Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team that Changed a Town* by Warren St. John. This is an inspirational story about the Fugees, a youth soccer teams made up of diverse refugees from around the world. We look forward to the discussion following worship on Sunday, July 20.



You can order your paperback copy through Bookmarks by calling or clicking on the “book groups” section of their webpage and look for Highland’s Intergenerational Book Group. You will receive 20 percent off when you order through Bookmarks’ Book Club program. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) with questions.

Joy for Our June Birthdays!

1 Samuel Michel	7 Alex Barrett	17 Penny Russ	25 Diane Plaisted
2 Elaine Patterson	7 Carolyn Birk	17 Powell Winstead	25 Don Thorup
2 Nick Sullivan	7 Mike Culler	18 Margaret Cundiff	26 Cam Kent
3 Marshall Beane	7 Alexia Hunt	18 Erica Jordan	27 Sarah Chandler
3 Susan Carson	7 Esther Preston	18 Tony Kummer	27 Heather Ferguson
3 Stephen Doughton, III	9 Julie Heidtmann	18 Steve Searce	27 Maddie Havens
3 Jim Gallaher	9 Kathy Wilson	20 Andy Cundiff	27 Margo Kummer
3 Chris Gilliam	10 Andrea Morgan	20 Nicole Gottfried	27 Nash Lindsey
3 Nicholas Parish	11 Amy Kunkle	20 Frank Neely	27 Jan Morgan
3 Joanna Whitter	11 Summer Riley	20 Emily Richey	28 Kip Barksdale
4 Bill Lambert	12 John Doyle	21 Sarah Dupont	28 Sarah Templeton
4 Ginny Parsons	12 Peter Harrington	21 Mason Scott	29 Mary Anna Davis
4 Sue Sevin	12 Edmond Pendrich	22 Julie Coppage	30 Barbara Bowman
5 Kelly Parish	13 Annie Cahoon	22 Robert Davis	
6 Tina Batson	13 Caitlin Carr	23 Stephen Doughton	
6 Zac Campbell	13 Mitchell Hansen	23 Willoughby Nghiem	
6 Lauren Halstead	13 Nancy Johnson	23 Carol Sevin	
6 Randy Harris	13 Ellen McCullough	23 Virginia Truitt	
6 John Hunt	15 James Mikush	23 Bud Verner	
6 Connie Smith	17 Debbie Cesta	24 Tucker Holland	
6 Catherine Upchurch	17 Hank McElwee	25 Jonathan Black	



Special Happy Birthday Wishes to Bud Verner as he turns 96 on June 23.

News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *John Halverson*, Home; *Bill Graves*, hospital in Savannah, Georgia; *Emelda Lawing*, Home with Hospice; *Pierce Johnson*, Forsyth Hospital; *Bill Lambert*, Home; *Curtis Patterson*, 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 Highlanders for all of the prayers and support you continue to offer for me. ~ Janice McBride

Dear Highland Family, There are no words to tell you how much I appreciate my celebration last week. I certainly don't feel deserving of all of that., all I've done is what I've loved to do. This place is such a special church. Many thanks to all!
~ Sally Brown

In the immortal words of Kermit the Frog, "It's not easy being green." Nor is it easy being hospitalized for seven weeks at three different surgical care and recovery facilities (all within five miles from home). What IS easy is saying thanks to all at Highland for your heartfelt prayers for me and continual support for Margaret during my hospitalization. And for Randy's visits, which were truly God-sent. As I recover, I look forward to spending more always-special time with all those in my Highland family. ~ Ed Sehon

Congratulations to Alex and Laura Thorup on the birth of Livingston Hill Thorup on April 28.

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 JUNE 1, please pray for Esther Buzzard; Sarah, David, Oliver and Henry Chandler; Carol Eickmeyer; Alison, Jeff, Will and Ben Gardner; Emily, Carter and Rosalie Richey; Mike Serosky; Randall, Claire, Scott and Carson Tuttle.

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 8, please pray for Chad, Brittany and Maxwell Archer; Jerry and Leslie Greene; Henry, Julie and Christina Heidtmann; Stephan Reavis; Kent Reeves; Dillon Robertson; Cathy Shaffner; Don and Linda Thorup.

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 15, please pray for Ruth Banbury; Brian, Mary, Mary Douglas and Caroline Mendenhall; Don and Sandra Mikush; Lew and Nancy Nelson; Vance and Pam Pepper; Tom Seaver; Ed and Margaret Sehon.

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 22, please pray for Ben, Andrea, Evan and Grayson Morgan; Alex Neely; Ed and Emily Parker; Jay, Diane and Sarah Plaisted; Turner, Sarah, Sophie and Isabelle Simpson.

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 29, please pray for Mitch and Tina Batson; Mike, Becky, Devlin, Patrick and Aidyn Burke; Pam Carter; Curt and Pat Hege; Molly Henning; Terry and Sarah Mixon; Carrie, Alex, Mason and Zach Scott; Buddy and Betty Sink. *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 **June**, we are asking for donations of **tuna and cereal**.

Hunger Offering

On **June 1**, 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 donations supporting neighbors who hunger in our community and around the world.



😊 Children & Families

Wednesday Night LIVE!

Wednesdays in July, Gathering Garden Playground, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

The Children's Ministry Committee has been exploring ways to bring our families together this summer to strengthen friendships, share a simple meal, and enjoy Highland's new Gathering Garden Playground. We are excited to announce **Wednesday Night LIVE! An Afternoon Gathering for Fun, Food, and Fellowship. 5:30–7:30 p.m.** Drop-in. Have a simple dinner. Let the children play. Catch up with friends. Stay as long as you like. Head home in time for bath and bed.

Wednesday Night LIVE! is a version of our Friday gatherings, except located on our new Gathering Garden Playground and for the whole family! For the first two Wednesdays in July (July 2 and 9) families with children in 5th grade and younger are invited to **Wednesday Night LIVE!**, where we will have a simple, fun dinner, and free play on our new playground. We know that our families have valued the friendships that have grown between the children and the youth and adult volunteers who have served on 4th Fridays, so we will invite them to join us too, not in a volunteer role, but simply to enjoy getting to know your whole family.

On the last three Wednesdays of July (July 16, 23, 30), **Wednesday Night LIVE!** will be opened up to our whole church family. We will add special music to the mix. Several Highland talents have offered to come and entertain us from under the pergola, so we will invite everyone to bring their camp chairs and blankets and sit in the green space to enjoy the music while the kids play. Watch for more details.

Summer Youth Adventures



We're bound for a big summer!

Montreat Youth Conference June 8–14

Middle School Service Week and Big Chill July 7–10, 19

Massanetta Middle School Conference July 15–18

Quest for the Best: Fries

Summer is here, and that means it's time for our *tasting challenge* to return as we gather for good food, great friends, and some crispy competition! This year's edition: **Quest for the Best: Fries**—a weekly adventure to find the best fries in town. Each week, we'll visit a different local spot, taste their fries, and rate them on crunch, flavor, and overall vibe. Join us for laughs, debates, and a whole lot of ketchup! **Schedule: June 8 – Five Guys, June 15 – McDonald's, June 29 – Bossy Beulah's**



Congratulations, Class of 2025

High School Graduates

Clara Bryant-Prosterman, RJ Reynolds High School, plans to attend Brandeis University in the fall.

Ben Gardner, RJ Reynolds High School, plans to attend North Carolina State University in the fall.

Berkley Hoge, Davie County High School, plans to attend Appalachian State University in the fall.

Sienna Lambert, RJ Reynolds High School, plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall.

Andrew Riley, Mount Tabor High School, plans to attend Wake Forest University in the fall.

Mason Scott, Reagan High School, plans to attend Davidson College in the fall.

Helen Wegner, Helen has shared this year among us and with the Barksdale family as an exchange student from Germany. Helen is preparing to return home at the end of this school year.

College Graduates

Whit Andrus, Auburn University, Bachelor of Science in Music Composition and Technology.

Jessica Kirkman, Western North Carolina University, Bachelor of Science in Anthropology with a concentration on Criminal Justice and Biology. She will begin graduate studies at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln this fall in pursuit of a Masters of Science in anthropology.

Audrey Nelson, North Carolina State University, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management with a concentration in Marketing and a minor in Art and Design.



Young Adults

We're excited to welcome summer with fresh energy, fun fellowship, and meaningful connection in our Young Adult Ministry! Whether you're back from school, new in town, or just looking for a way to grow in community, this season is for you.

We're kicking things off with a **Summer Cookout at the Ayscues' new home** — a chance to relax, meet new faces, and enjoy some delicious food together. Bring a friend and an appetite on June 1 at 12:00 p.m.

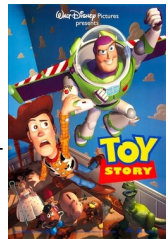
Contact Courtney Montoya (cmontoya@highlandpres.org)

Adults

Faith & Film: *Toy Story*

June 9, 7:00 p.m., The Sherwood Restaurant

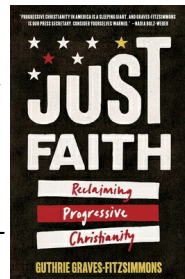
Join us for this monthly gathering as we reflect on the visual parables of movies. Our movie for June is *Toy Story*. It is available to stream on Disney+ and to rent on Amazon Prime. Contact [Randy Harris](#) for more information.



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 Matthew 25 Book Group.

Our next book is *Just Faith*, by Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons. We will gather on Mondays, July 21 and August 18 to discuss the book. Reach out to [Debbie Layman](#) if you would like to join this group.



Contact Bookmarks or order your copy or click on the “book groups” section of their webpage and look for Highland’s Matthew 25 Book Group.

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. This is a fun and varied group, and the conversation is always interesting. We hope you will stop by to check-in with your staff and meet other Highlanders.



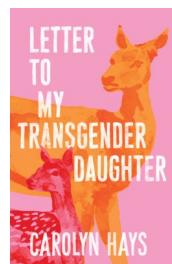
Summer Documentary Series

We hope you will join the Community Service Committee for our annual Summer Documentary Series in which we all have our eyes opened to the needs of neighbors in our own community. Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoons June 29, July 27, and August 17. Our topics this year will focus on *discipline in our educational system* (which will include a follow-up from our focus last summer on punishment of Black girls), *neurodivergence*, and *eviction*. Our planning team is hard at work to share not only the interesting documentaries with you but a panel of local experts as well. We hope you plan to join us and bring a friend!

Summer LGBTQ Book Discussion

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

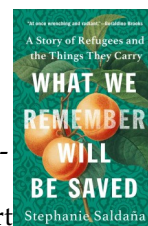
Our summer LGBTQ book discussion will happen following worship on Sunday, August 10. You can start reading the book now! We will read and discuss *Letter to My Transgender Daughter* by Carolyn Hays. Contact Bookmarks or order your copy (tell them you are ordering for a Highland Book Club) or click on the “book groups” section of their webpage and scroll down for Highland’s LGBTQ Book Group. You will receive 20 percent off if you order it through Bookmarks’ Book Club program. Please let [Debbie Layman](#) know if you have questions or if you would like to join the group.



Summer Poverty Book Group

***What We Remember Will Be Saved*, by Stephanie Saldana**

Our Poverty Book Group will gather on Monday, August 25 to discuss our summer read (we will discuss the whole book that night). This book and conversation will focus on the plight of Syrian and Iraqi refugees to Europe around 2015. It has been called “a breathtaking, elegiac odyssey into the heart of the largest refugee crisis in modern history. It reminds us that refugees are storytellers and speakers of vanishing languages, and of how much history can be distilled into a piece of fabric, or eggplant seeds. What we salvage tells our story. What we remember will be saved.”



Contact Bookmarks (and tell them you are ordering for a Highland Book Club) or order your copy or click on the “book groups” section of their webpage and scroll down for Highland’s Poverty Book Group. You will receive 20 percent off when you order through Bookmarks’ Book Club program. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) with questions.

Meet & Eat Group Reshuffle

Our Meet and Eat groups have had a wonderful time together, and it is time to reshuffle the groups for new configurations which will begin in July. This is the time to jump in if you would like to take part.



We would love for you to join these gatherings which group together seven, eight or nine Highlanders who commit to sharing four meals together over six months. The groups are wonderful ways to get to know folks in our church family. *We hope you will join on your own or join with a buddy, whether you have been part of Highland for thirty years or three months!* If you are not in a group and would would like to join one, please reach out to [Judy Bass](#), [Sarah Mixon](#), or call the church office, 336-724-6303, by June 20. If you are in one and want to be in a new one, do nothing, and you will be assigned a new group!

Wind Down for Women

Research continues to point to the healing power of human connection in what often is a lonely world. This fall we began small groups of unwinding and fellowship for women with the hopes that Highland women will experience this healing power of connection. New groups will be formed over the summer for a new round. We hope you will considering joining in this way of sharing together.



These groups will commit to meeting together monthly at a time and place of their choice. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) for more information or to sign up!

Are You Looking for the Way Through Grief?

Sunday, June 29, 3:00–4:00 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.





Summer Adult Christian Education

Sunday Mornings, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

The Present Word Class, Room 124 and Zoom

This summer quarter introduces women and men in the Bible who heard the call of God, responded in faith, and through their words and deeds, spread the good news.

Unit I, “Faithful Witnesses Testify to God’s Promises”

Unit II, “Faithful Witnesses Say “Yes” to Jesus Christ”

Unit III, “Faithful Witnesses Spread the Good News”



The Present Word class welcomes all who wish to continue the Sunday school rhythm throughout the summer months. *Facilitators: A Wide Variety of Class Members and Guests*

Community and Global Service Climate Corner

From 52 Ways to Care for Creation



- June 1–7: What do you love about the ocean? This month, choose an ocean-related book to read, podcast to listen to, or documentary to watch.
- June 8–14: As we celebrate Pentecost and imagine the Holy Spirit in the image of the dove, consider these words from Thomas Merton, “The sky is my prayer, the birds are my prayer, the wind in the trees is my prayer, for God is in all.”
- June 15–21: Plan a beach clean-up or trash pick-up for a nearby river or lake! Record the trash you collect in the app ‘Save Our Shores’ to contribute to data that monitors which types of trash cause the most problems in our area.
- June 22–28: Take action to protect marine areas. Many of God’s sacred marine areas are being put at-risk by pollution, over-fishing, and coral bleaching. For example, Cashes Ledge is an underwater mountain range on the Gulf of Maine. The extreme warming rate of the water puts its ecosystems in danger.
- June 29–July 5: Even if you do not travel to our beautiful North Carolina coast this year, remember everyone is connected to the ocean. Ecclesiastes 1:7 reminds us, “All streams run to the sea.”

For more information, check out creationjustice.org/ocean

~ Global Service Committee

Portraits of Recent Highland Happenings

