



Highlights

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Easter Sunday

Our **EASTER** festival worship service on Sunday, April 5, 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. All are invited that morning to our Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Easter Potluck Breakfast

April 5, 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? Ideas include fresh fruit, breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, quiche, yogurt, muffins, and more! Please bring enough servings to feed your family and a guest or two. Juice, water, coffee, and tea will be provided.



One Great Hour of Sharing

From our founding over 75 years ago, every 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, needed as much now as ever, offer God's children in need safety, sustenance, and hope.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

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

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

April 5

Easter Sunday

Isaiah 25:6–9

John 20:1–18

Sermon: Randy Harris

April 12

Second Sunday of Easter

Psalms 116:1–4, 12–19

Luke 24:13–35

Sermon: Randy Harris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

April 19

Third Sunday of Easter

Psalms 16

John 20:19–31

Sermon: Randy Harris

April 26

Earth Care Sunday

Psalms 23

John 10:1–10

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.



Men's Montreat Retreat, April 24–26

We still have room for you and hope you will join us! At the retreats, our hope is that you experience God in a new and powerful way, learn something new about yourself, meet new friends, and grow relationships. We will stay at the Reynolds Lodge at Montreat Conference Center. To reserve your spot for the Men's Retreat, contact [Jim Swing](#) or by clicking the link in a weekly email.



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

Churchwide

Pasta Sauce March Madness

April 5 is the last day of our challenge! Bring your pasta sauce in as we close out this years March Madness. Families supported by Crisis Control will be the clear winners!



Congregational Lunch, April 19

We hope you will join us for our next congregational lunch following worship on Sunday, April 19. Our meal will be catered with both a meat and non-meat option. The cost is \$10 per person with a maximum of \$30 per household. Watch for a sign up coming soon!



Time for New Pictorial Directories Mark Your Calendars!

Our church directory is a powerful tool that helps us each to know one another better. It allows us to put a face with a name and assists us when reaching out to each other as well. We update the directories every three years — and this is the year! We hope you will make plans to be in it so everyone can learn your name.



Each individual or family photographed will receive a free copy of the directory and an 8X10 portrait at no cost. You will also have an option to view your proofs and purchase extra portraits as well, but a purchase is not required to be included in the directory.

Watch for sign-ups coming soon. Our photography sessions will be May 7-9 and May 11-12. A link to schedule your appointment will be found in future emails. If you need assistance scheduling, please contact [Gidget Payne](#), 336-724-6303.

May Fling Fellowship Meal Wednesday, May 6, 6:00 p.m.

We hope you will join us for our final mid-week fellowship meal of the season, May 6. Highland member and chef Matt Brandon will lead the team. We will offer both a meat and non-meat option. The cost is \$10 per person with a maximum of \$30 per household. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) if you would like to volunteer for a Fling Team (prep or clean up!). Sign up for the meal through an email or by calling the church office, 336-724-6303.



♥ 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 **April**, we are asking for donations of **canned fruit**.



Hunger Offering

On **April 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 donations supporting neighbors who hunger in our community and around the world.



Desserts for Ashley 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 100 servings of sturdy, non-refrigerated desserts. You may drop your desserts off on Sunday, May 3 when you come to church. Thanks for signing up and sharing

in this fun and delicious way!

Upcoming Collecting Hygiene Kits

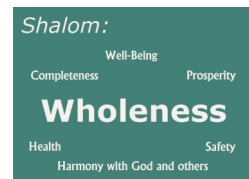
Watch for an upcoming email with sign ups for our spring Hygiene Kit collections. These helpful kits will help resupply the warehouses for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Church World Service after the devastating impacts from recent floods out west and wildfires.



The items needed are: washcloths, nail clippers, bars of soap, wide tooth combs, individual toothbrushes, travel size deodorant, travel size lotion, travel size shampoo, and travel size toothpaste. Please purchase these after you have signed up so we can have the same number of each item! Our collection will run from April 26 through May 10. We will need your help compiling the kits following our congregational lunch on Sunday, May 17. We appreciate your generosity.

Flourish Meal Helpers Needed

We are looking for a few people to work together to provide a meal for 30 women and children on Mondays, April 13 and May 11 for the Flourish, a program of The Shalom Project. Contact [Laurie McKinney](#) if able to help.



News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *Mac Smyth*, Home; *Les Preston*, Salemtowne Rehab; *Nash Lindsey*, Home; *Anne Dowell*, Home; *Jim Womble*, Hospice at the VA in Salisbury; *Jim and Lucy Lancaster*, Home; *Jerry Cole*, Assisted Living at Arbor Acres; *Emelda Lawing*, Hospice at Home; *Pierce Johnson*, Home; *Rich and Connie Smith*, Home; *Parks Berryhill*, Salemtowne Healthcare; *Bill Lambert*, Home; *Esther Preston*, Home; *John Anderson*, Salemtowne Healthcare; *Ruth Banbury*, Carriage Club Assisted Living.

A heartfelt thank you to all who expressed such love, caring and thoughtfulness during my time of loss. What a comfort to know and experience that outpouring of fellowship from my church family. ~ With love, Carol Simes

"Thank you" doesn't begin to express the gratitude for Highland's family and the love each of you have shown to Carol Eickmeyer over many years. Most of all during the past three years of Carol's journey with cancer. You supported her with love, care, compassion, food, music, strong hugs and also by showing up. We challenge you to look around every day and see the beauty in the small things and each other as Carol did.

~ Thank you from Carol's Friends

In Memoriam:

- ‡ Ernest "Bud" Rushing, father of *Scott Rushing*, February 17
- ‡ Chuck McKenney, father of *Debbie Patton*, March 7
- ‡ *Margot Wharton*, March 14
- ‡ *Rob Clemmer*, March 18

- ‡ Josephine Horsman, mother of Chris Horsman, March 30

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 APRIL 5, 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 and Debbie Shields; Kevin and Robin Spainhour.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, please pray for Richard and Janice Howerton; Peter, Kim and Matthew Minford; Alex and Emily Taylor; John Vladyka and Carolyn Sellars; Molly Williams and Carla Romere.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 19, please pray for Jim, Lydia and Allison Bass; Rachel Corbett; Ellen Law; Bob Musso; Justin, Courtney, Russell and Forrest Plaisted; Betsy Spencer; Scott, Carol, Sarah and Kelly Templeton; Elizabeth Walker.

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, please pray for Kevin and Miriam Davie; Katie and Nathan Harris; Will, Robyn, Resse, Evie and Tucker Holland, Anie, Katie and William McElwee; Edmond and Margaret Pendrich; Elizabeth, Charlie, and Caroline Skinner.

The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24



Joy for Our April Birthdays!

1 Ben Dupont	9 Sam Kirkman	20 Susan Heidtmann	27 Elizabeth Henderson
1 Walt Laws	9 Peter Minford	21 Charles Doughton	27 Anika Nghiem
1 Matt Minford	9 Bruce Patterson	23 Kim Fontenot	27 Nancy Payne
2 Miles Abernethy	9 Jim Xu	23 Allen Pickett	28 Amy Archambault
2 Richard Andrus	10 Kylie Lambert	23 Rosalie Richey	28 Reece Nelson
3 Ashley Byers	10 Sarah Pittman	23 Forrest Truitt	28 Melissa Switzer
4 Ruth Banbury	11 Dillon Robertson	23 Becki West	28 Livingston Thorup
4 Riley Hoge	13 Anna Blair Izzard	24 Richard Howerton	29 Henry Thompson
4 Alex Pitcher	13 Kathy Morgan	24 Annie Jenkins	30 Bailey Boring
5 Cindy Byrd	14 Connor Andrus	24 Sarah Plaisted	30 Judy Noll
5 Margaret Sehon	15 Grayson Morgan	25 Sarah Beane	30 David White
6 James Bowman	16 Megan Bryant	25 Liz Greene	
6 Theo McKinney	16 Becky Davis	26 Jean Donnan	
6 Margaret Pendrich	17 Corinne Bass	26 Rob Greene	
7 Barbara Kunkle	17 Hannah Duane	26 Forrest Plaisted	
7 Mike Riley	19 Luke Archambault	26 Patrick Simpson	
9 Fred Conrad	19 Jesse Gargis	26 Carol West	
9 Jeremiah Kamtman	19 Jackson Link	27 Kristen Brown	



Special April Birthday Wishes to:

- * Ruth Banbury, as she turns 104 on April 4
- * Liz Greene, as she turns 91 on April 25
- * Carol West, as she turns 90 on April 26

Children

Sunday School for Children at Highland (9:30–10:45 a.m., 3rd Floor) Preschoolers (2–4 Years) Growing in Grace & Gratitude (9:30–10:15)

We share stories of love, grace and gratitude through music, story time, and activities that stretch children’s hearts and minds. We also teach about God’s love when we surround children with loving adults. This is the goal of our preschool teaching team as well as church staff and pastors. Your preschoolers will love **Growing in Grace & Gratitude!**

Elementary Ages (K–4th Grade)—Godly Play & Neighborhood

Workshops (9:30–10:15 a.m.) Over a two week rotation, children will experience a biblical story beginning in Godly Play. Every other week the children will move to a different workshop to experience the same story from a different perspective through things like Art, Drama, Cooking, and Mission, even a Cinema. *God’s Good Neighborhood* is the place where children and leaders grow in faith and understanding of what it means to be the people of God.

All Children—Highland’s Children’s Choir (10:15–10:45 a.m.)

Following 45 minutes of Sunday School, children of all ages will head to the Children’s

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Choir Room where they are joined by Haley Chapman, Highland's Children's Choir Director. This room is also located on the 3rd floor. The Children's Choir sings in worship periodically to share their love for God and love for music. Contact [Haley Chapman](#) for more information.

4th Friday Fun Night, April 24

Bring a Friend Night, Friday, April 24, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Mark you calendar today for the next 4th Friday Family Fun Night at Highland when parents can drop children off and enjoy the evening with Highland friends or running errands.



This month we encourage kids to “Bring a Friend!” The only thing that can make our evening even more fun is to have more friends to share it with. Be sure to have friends fill out a Medical Release Form. Contact [Heather Ferguson](#) for the link.

In Highland style we will have tasty food, fun games and activities, surprises around each corner!

Youth Fellowship

April 19

Afternoon at the Dash with Area Youth Groups

We'll meet at the church and carpool to the stadium to join Parkway and St. Andrews Presbyterian youth groups for an afternoon of fellowship and baseball. Contact [Courtney](#) to reserve your ticket and share if you are able to provide transportation.

April 26

End of Youth Year Celebration

Summer Trip Sign Ups, Montreat Youth Conference, June 7–13

Current 8th through 12th grade in high school: A week where young people are affirmed in who they are and who God is calling them to be. It's a week centered on worship, community, and honest faith where youth are reminded they are deeply loved, they belong, and their faith matters.

Massanetta Middle School Conference, July 14–17

Current 5th through 8th grades: Join a life-giving week where hundreds of middle schoolers gather each summer. We'll share gatherings designed just for middlers, including worship, games, workshops, and small groups led by high school Advocates.



Young Adults

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for these focused events in April. Contact [Courtney Stevens](#) for more information).

April 9 at Footnote: Following Kate Bowler’s lecture on April 8, let’s take some time to share responses and conversation.

April 23 at Little Richard’s: Share dinner, showing up exactly as you are.



Adult Christian Education

The Present Word Class, Room 124 and Zoom

All are invited to share in the Present Word Sunday School Class where our goal is to:

- ♦ Explore the Bible as the primary source for understanding our Christian faith and the changing needs of the church;
- ♦ Respond in faith and love to God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ;
- ♦ Confront the concerns of the gospel to include our personal faith, values, relationships, and social responsibilities.



This quarter our lessons focus on reviewing the beliefs of our Christian faith. "Our Holy (Trinitarian) God and the Holy Scriptures," "Grace and Reconciliation," and "The Church and its Teachings." The writer for this quarter’s curriculum is Julie Hester.

Facilitators: A Wide Variety of Class Members and Guests from the Congregation

The Lectionary Café, Salem Room

The *Lectionary Café* is a warm, 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*



Parents’ Conversation and Coffee Room 126

After getting children settled into their Sunday school classes, parents are invited to gather in Room 126 on the first floor for coffee and conversation. This is a great time to get to know other parents and compare notes on the joys and challenges of parenthood. On the first Sunday of the month we will have a special speaker, video, or other resource for deeper conversation on faith formation in the family and related topics. Other Sundays will offer free time to connect and maybe even share “best practices” in this amazing thing called Parenthood!



New Sunday Morning Electives Begin April 12

Walking Home Well: End-of-Life Questions, Conversations, and Preparations, Highland Chapel

Death is something we all face, a journey of “walking homeward” – yet few of us talk about it. Walking Home Well is a six-week class designed to open those conversations with honesty, faith, and even humor, guiding us toward dying well.

Topics include:

- Why we avoid talking about death, and what it costs us
- A Christian perspective on death, dying, and what comes after
- Dying with dignity and the decisions it requires *now*
- Advance directives and physician-patient relationships
- Funeral and burial planning – a practical gift to loved ones

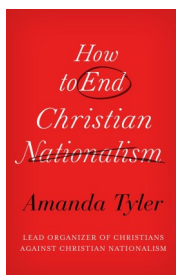
Grief, and how to leave space for those we leave behind. The class is rooted in *Making Faithful End of Life Decisions* by Nancy J. Duff (available in Gallery Hall for \$15) and will be accompanied by fellowship events to keep these conversations going beyond the classroom. Dying well is one of the last great acts of love we offer the living. In dying well, we are freed to live life more fully! Come with your questions, your fears, your faith – and bring the people you most want to have this conversation with. Books are available in the Gallery Hall, \$15 each.



Facilitators: Mike Culler, Richard Howerton, Jan Morgan, Annie Jenkins, Debbie Layman, and Heather Ferguson

Location: Highland Chapel (1st floor, across from the Nursery)

Envisioning a World Without Christian Nationalism, Ardmore Room



Christian nationalism is one of the most urgent challenges facing the American church today – and faithful Presbyterians have both the theological heritage and the calling to respond. In this six-week class, we'll read and discuss Amanda Tyler's book, *How to End Christian Nationalism*, exploring what Christian nationalism actually is, how it differs from genuine Christian faith, and what we can do about it – in our congregation, our community, and our own families.

Amanda Tyler is an attorney, progressive Baptist, and lead organizer of

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the Christians Against Christian Nationalism campaign. She writes with clarity, compassion, and deep faith. Tyler does not ask us to check our Christianity at the door of public life. She asks us to bring it fully, faithfully, and wisely into the conversation.

This class is for anyone who has felt troubled by what they are seeing in the intersection of faith and politics — and anyone who wants to be equipped to respond with wisdom, love, and confidence. No prior background required. All are welcome.

Books are available in the Gallery Hall for \$15.

Facilitators: Scott Templeton, Carol Templeton, Heidi Hart, Randy Harris, Janny Gauss, Gillian Thomas, James Thomas, and Heather Ferguson

Location: Ardmore Room

Highland's Spring Forum, May 3, 4:00 p.m.

Christian Nationalism or Religious Liberty: An American Dilemma

As our Sunday morning class continues to explore *How to End Christian Nationalism*, our Spring Forum will feature one who has studied this topic for decades.

Bill J. Leonard is founding dean and Professor of Divinity Emeritus at Wake Forest University. He holds degrees from Texas Wesleyan University, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, and Boston University and held teaching positions at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Samford University in Birmingham, and WFU. He is the author or editor of some 25 books including *Baptist Ways: A History*, *A Sense of the Heart: Christian Religious Experience in the United States*, and most recently, *Appalachian Mountain Christianity: The Spirituality of Otherness*.

What exactly is Christian nationalism — and why does it matter? Leonard's discussion breaks down what the term really means and explores the wide range of Christian voices that have weighed in on it, both today and throughout American history. We will walk through three key approaches to religious liberty — separationist, accommodationist, and dissenting — and see how they have played out over time. We will wrap up by looking at what all of this might mean for the future of American churches and national identity. No matter where you are coming from, there is room at the table for you in this conversation.



This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to Highland. See our past Forum speakers using this link, <https://www.highlandpres.org/highland-forum-series/>

Adults

Coffee & Conversation Tuesdays

On Tuesdays, Randy, Debbie, Courtney, or Heather will be back for these warmer months at Camel City Coffee (110 Oakwood Drive), 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.



Faith & Film: *Nuremberg*

April 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 April is *Nuremberg*.

Contact [Randy Harris](#) for more information.

Men's Breakfast

April 15, 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Join with the Men of the Church for a time of fellowship and study. Look for an email with details, and email [Randy Harris](#) if you have questions.



Highland Mum's Night Out

May 3, Home of Judy and Roberts Bass

Mum's Night Out is a monthly evening of making connections, enjoying tasty snacks, sharing "Mum" insights, and building a circle of support and friendship among other Highland Mums. Whether you are expecting your first child, getting ready to send your little one to 1st Grade, or savoring that last year of high school, this gathering is for you!



Please plan to join us on Sunday, May 3, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Judy and Roberts Bass, 2331 Elizabeth Avenue. For more information, contact [Heather Ferguson](#). Also reach out to Heather if you would like to host an evening with Highland Mums in your home.

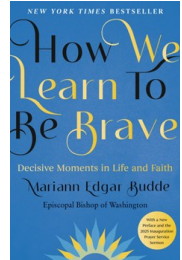
Purchasing Books for Highland's Book Groups

You will receive 20% off when ordering through Bookmarks if you tell them you are with a Highland book club when you order. Contact Debbie with questions, dlayman@highlandpres.org.

Matthew 25 Book Group

How We Learn to Be Brave by Mariann Edgar Budde

Our Matthew 25 Book Group will meet on Monday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. to finish our discussion of *How We Learn to Be Brave* by Mariann Edgar Budde. Bishop Budde has served as the Bishop of Washington, DC since 2011 with the Episcopal Church. This book is a spiritual guide that explores how to find courage in life's critical junctures, blending personal stories, scripture, and history to help readers ponder how they can respond with faith and clarity in difficult times. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) with questions.



Poverty Book Group

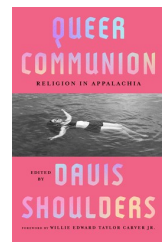
There Is No Place for Us by Brian Goldstone

The focus of our next Poverty Book Group will be our neighbors who are working and unhoused. Our book will be *There Is No Place for Us* by Brian Gladstone who shares the stories of five families in Atlanta. We will gather on Monday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) with questions.



LGBTQ Book Group, Spring Study

Our current LGBTQ book study is *Queer Communion: Religion in Appalachia*, by Davis Shoulders. We will discuss parts two and three of this book on April 19 at 4:00 p.m. in the Ardmore Room. This is a beautifully written collection of twelve essays, poems, and stories that follows and fractures the expectations surrounding LGBTQIA+ Appalachians and their religious beliefs. Gathered by Davis Shoulders, the pieces delve into themes of chosen family, loss, congregation, and alternative expressions of faith. Set against the backdrop of Christian cultural mores and a region considered to be deeply pious, these writings offer diverse perspectives on religion, queerness, and growth. *Queer Communion* explores everything from the joy and excitement of worship to the complexities of navigating one's queerness and spiritual convictions in oppressive environments. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) with questions or to sign up.



Listening to Black Voices Book Group

Join us via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on April 21 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 the chapters 5-7 of Heather McGhee's *The Sum of Us*. If you are interested, please contact [Randy Harris](#).



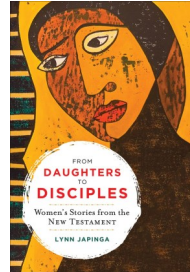
Thursday Morning Women's Study

10:00–11:30 a.m., Ardmore Room

From Daughters to Disciples:

Women's Stories from the New Testament

For too long the women of the Bible have been depicted in one-dimensional terms. On one side are saints, such as Mary, while on the other are "bad girls," such as Eve and Jezebel. Just as often, the female characters of the Bible are simply ignored. However, the women of the Bible are complex, multidimensional individuals whose lives are inspiring, funny, and tragic in ways too many of us never hear.



In this second of two volumes, Lynn Japinga acquaints readers with the women of the New Testament. From faithful forerunners like Anna and Elizabeth to female disciples like the sisters Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene to first-generation followers like Lydia and Dorcas, readers will encounter a wealth of foremothers in the faith in all their messy, yet redeemable, humanity. This Bible study introduces and retells every female character who contributes to one or more New Testament stories, diving deeply into what each woman's story means for us today with questions for reflection and discussion. Join us for friendship, open hearts and minds, laughter and depth.

ArtRageous Is on the Horizon!

So, What Does that Mean?

We believe in a creating 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, writing, singing, tours, and so much more will be part of the line up. Our dates this year will be June 22-25. We are building our lineup for the 2026 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.



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 contact [John Woodmansee](#).



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](#).



Piedmont Earth Day Fair, April 18

All are invited to the Piedmont Earth Day Fair from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Winston Salem Fairgrounds. This is a free event with live music, food trucks, activities for kids, and lots of opportunities to get involved with the environment and connect with our community. Parking for the event is also free, thanks to the support of community partners. Rain or shine, we hope many earth-loving Highlanders will be there!



**SATURDAY APRIL 18
10AM-4PM
WS FAIRGROUNDS**

peanc.org/EDF   [peancorg](https://www.instagram.com/peancorg)

Volunteers Needed in the Nursery



Here's a great way to be reminded of the creative, graciousness of God. Come hold a baby! We currently need 5 additional volunteers to serve in the Nursery. When you volunteer, you will go through the Child and Youth Protection Policy Training and be assigned 4 Sundays over the course of the year. You will serve alongside our paid nursery staff, Judy Parro and additional volunteers. We are blessed to have an abundance of young children. Come join this beautiful ministry to our young families. Contact [Heather Ferguson](#) to serve with other Nursery volunteers.

Recent Highland Happenings 'Memories'



Community and Global Service Awareness

*"...for now the winter is past, the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land." ~Song of Solomon 2:11-13*

This year our church campus welcomes spring with our new pollinator garden, located in the Memorial Garden near the Cloverdale entrance. Native perennials have been planted that will create habitat for birds, butterflies, and other beneficial insects and help our local ecosystems thrive. Native plants adapted to our region require low water usage and maintenance while providing beauty and interest year round. Check out what you can expect to see in the coming months by going to Highland's website where you will find photos of the plants in their dormant and growing seasons.

Upcoming Earth Care Events in April:

- Piedmont Earth Day Fair, Saturday April 18, at the Winston Salem Fairgrounds; this is a free event with music, food, earth friendly exhibitors and family friendly activities.
- Celebrate Earth Day at our Worship service on Sunday, April 26 through scripture, sermon, songs, native flowers in the Sanctuary and earth friendly refreshments and information on the patio after the service.

~ Highland's Earth Care Team
