



Highlights

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Pride Festival, Saturday, June 13

Highland will once again be participating in Winston-Salem's annual PRIDE Festival. Last year we had a booth which was such a joy to plan and to share with the community. This year we will again have a booth, and we also will be walking in the parade. We would love for lots of Highland folks to turn out as we support the LGBTQ members and families in our congregation and community. Sign up through a recent email, on our [website here](#), or by calling Gidget, 336-724-6303.

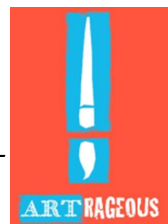
On Sundays May 31 and June 7, following worship, you can make your own Highland Pride t-shirt by heat-pressing a logo on. Bring your own cotton shirt, any color, and volunteers will help you with the press. We will wear our Highland shirts to the festival (and around town other days too!). Contact [Debbie Layman](#) if you have questions. We look forward to this way of sharing God's love and welcome for all!

ArtRageous—Tours and Classes for All Ages

This year's ArtRageous event is on the horizon and the planning team is hard at work curating some amazing opportunities for your artistic, culinary, athletic, musical, whimsical and practical enjoyment! Tours will begin on Saturday, June 20 with visits to Kenneth Nelson's amazing backyard shade garden, and to the home of Miles Abernethy and his incredible collections of art. There will even be Pickleball for Beginners class that morning.

Through the week of June 22-25, 6:00-8:00 p.m. we will have an array of opportunities for all ages: Bells and Chimes for Children and Youth; a Drawing Circle; making Colombian Empanadas; Maintaining a Healthy Voice at Any Age; Plumbing Secrets; fun with Nose Flutes and Kazoos, a Celtic Session Concert, and a Beginners Mah-jong class, just to name a few. There is still room for more if you have a fun class you would like to teach.

On Sunday, May 31, June 7, and June 14, we will have opportunities to sign up for classes and tours just after the 10:00 a.m. worship service on the Narthex Patio. For more information, contact [Heather Ferguson](#).



Worship at 10:00 a.m.

June 7

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 3:9–20
Genesis 3:1–24
Sermon: Randy Harris
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

June 14

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Romans 11:25–36
Genesis 12:1–4a
Sermon: Courtney Stevens

June 21

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 8:10–22
Romans 12:1–8
Sermon: Randy Harris

June 28

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jeremiah 29:1–7
Romans 13:1–7
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, no later than noon on Saturdays to make arrangements for the next day. The morning of, you will park in the Activity Building parking lot, and someone will meet you with a wheel chair.

New Member Class, May 31, 3:00 p.m.



We will be holding an in-person class for those interested in membership at Highland on May 31 at 3:00 p.m. in the Salem Room. If you are interested, contact [Debbie Layman](#) for more information. This is a great way to learn more about Highland and to connect more deeply with God and this church family.

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



Churchwide

Highland Goes to the Ballpark!

Join us on Wednesday, June 3, for our annual outing to watch a Winston-Salem Dash ballgame. Tickets are \$12, and carpooling will be an option. And it's a kids-12-and-under-eat-free-with-purchase-of-adult-meal night! Sign up through an email or by contacting [Gidget Payne](#) or 336-724-6303. We look forward to this fun night for our church family!



Community Assembly on June 14

Highland will be participating in a community assembly on Sunday afternoon, June 14 with area congregations, neighborhood groups, and concerned citizens who will gather around issues of affordable housing, mental health, and education. The group hosting the assembly, the Forsyth Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), is a national multi-racial, non-partisan community organization which focuses on building relationships, developing leaders, and organizing for systemic change.



This Founding Assembly (the inaugural assembly for this group) will be at Emmanuel Baptist Church from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We will have a carpool meeting in Highland's parking lot at 3:00 p.m. It will be a Spirit-filled afternoon with neighbors coming together to affect change for the common good. We hope you will consider joining us as we get to know and support our neighbors! Reach out to [Debbie Layman](#) to sign up or 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 a wonderful way 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 like to join one, please reach out to [Judy Bass](#), [Sarah Mixon](#), or call the church office, 336-724-6303, by June 21. If you are in one and want to be in a new one, do nothing, and you will be assigned a new group!

Thanks from Debbie for the Gift of Sabbath Time

I cannot believe it is time for me to dive into sabbatical rest again, but when I think about all that has taken place in the world and in our family's life since my last one in 2019, I realize it is definitely time. I love Highland so very dearly, and I am so grateful that I can tell my kids I hope they someday find a job they love at least half as much as I love mine. Serving with and among you is an honor and a blessing. One of the blessings is the opportunity for a sabbatical. While I look forward to the time I will have for sabbath rest this summer, I also look forward to the time for returning fully to life with you mid-September.

My plans for this gift of time are varied. Initially I will drive with my parents out to Portland to visit my daughter. While out in the Pacific Northwest, I am excited to spend a week as a general adult volunteer at a Lutheran church camp near Bellingham, Washington. At some point, I will mosey back to North Carolina. After some relaxing, reading, and restoration at home, I will finish up with to an older adult conference in Knoxville. I will covet your prayers and hold you in mine. Thank you for this gift of time. ~Debbie

A Night Out for Highland Mums Fellowship, Snacks & Real Talk

Sunday, June 7, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kristine and Grady Elliott

Motherhood is a beautiful journey, but it was never meant to be walked alone. Between managing school schedules, navigating social media, and helping our kids grow into their faith, parenting today brings unique joys and deep challenges. Highland's Children's Ministry Committee invite all "mums" of children and youth (infants to high school) to a special gathering just for you.

Come exactly as you are and feel free to invite a friend. Leave the cooking, the carpools, and the to-do lists behind for just a bit. We will gather for snacks, refreshing drinks, and honest conversation. This is a space to share your stories, laugh, vent, and lift one another up in faith and friendship. Our hosts this month are Kristine and Grady Elliott at 2429 Fairway Drive, Winston-Salem, 27103. Please RSVP using the QR code.



Save the Date

250th Celebration: Recognition of Our History, Responsibility for Our Present, Hope for Our Future, Wednesday, July 1, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Gathering Garden

Celebrate community, history, and hope as all ages come together for the 250th anniversary of America through meaningful action, reflection, and joy. Watch for more details coming soon from the Christian Education Committee.

Faith & Film: *Remarkably Bright Creatures*

June 8, 7:00 p.m., The Sherwood Restaurant

Join us for this monthly gathering as we reflect on the visual parables of movies. Our movie for June is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* (2026), and is available to stream on Netflix. Contact [Randy Harris](#) for more information.



Summer Documentary Opportunities

This summer the Community Service and Christian Education Committees offer opportunities for growth and discussion through documentaries. On Sunday, June 28, at 4:00 p.m. we will watch an episode from The Trevor Project's *Sharing Space* project focusing on conversion therapy. *Sharing Space* is a roundtable series that features conversations with and about LGBTQ+ young people, moderated by supportive adults and allies. This episode features six LGBTQ+ individuals who have been subjected to the dangerous and discredited practice of conversion therapy.

See below for details on the Sunday, July 19 documentary. And watch for more information on the August documentary which will focus on farm workers in North Carolina. We hope you will join us for these discussions, and invite a friend!

Bad Faith 2026 Screening

July 19, 4:00 p.m., Highland's Fellowship Hall

Following the recent class, *Envisioning a World Without Christian Nationalism*, the Adult Christian Education invites you to a newly revised and updated documentary called *Bad Faith 2026*. As Presbyterians, our General Assembly has long affirmed that our faith calls us to engage in the public square while firmly protecting the separation of church and state. To help us navigate these complex times, the Adult Christian Education Committee and the planning team for the recent class, *Envisioning a World without Christian Nationalism*, invite you to a special screening of *Bad Faith 2026* on Sunday, July 19 at 4:00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Copeland, Director of the NC State Council of Churches will be present to facilitate discussion and lead a time of Q&A.



This documentary provides an eye-opening look at the history and political inner workings of Christian Nationalism. Afterward, we will gather for a guided discussion to process the film through the lens of faith, exploring how we can actively promote Christian love, truth, and democratic values in our community. RSVP using the QR code or call the church, 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 **June**, we are asking for donations of **oatmeal**.



Hunger Offering

On **June 7**, don't forget to bring your gifts for our monthly Hunger Offering: pasta sauce for Crisis Control and your 5 Cents a Meal for our Presbytery! Thank you for your donations supporting neighbors who hunger in our community and around the world.



Diaper Drive Ends on Father's Day

Our Diaper Drive for The Shalom Project and Clemmons Food Pantry runs until Father's Day, June 14. You may drop diapers and wipes off any time the church is open. We will accept diapers (any size, including adult) in opened or unopened packages, and wipes. Thank you for supporting caregivers and kids in need in our community!



Special Offering for Children on June 21

On Sunday, June 21, 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.



News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *Mac Smyth, Home; Curtis and Elaine Patterson, Home; Les and Esther Preston, Salemtowne; Nash Lindsey, 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; Rich and*

Connie Smith, Home; Parks Berryhill, Salemtowne Healthcare; Bill Lambert, Home; John Anderson, Salemtowne Healthcare; Ruth Banbury, Carriage Club Assisted Living.

In Memoriam:

- † Ward Nichols, Step-father of John Barksdale and Beth Barksdale, May 5
- † Georgia West, mother of Ellen Law and Glenn West, May 10

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 7, please pray for Jim, Debbie and David Cesta; Janny Gauss; Rachel Priddy; Carrie, Alex, Mason and Zach Scott; Tom Seaver; Patrick and Sue Simpson; Buddy and Betty Sink.

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, please pray for Hayes, Elizabeth, Pierce and Olivia Henderson; Jay, Erica, Anna and Emily Jordan; Bryan, Leanne and Jackson Link; Elaine and Curtis Patterson.

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21, please pray for Roberts and Judy Bass; Noah Bethel; Chris, Nicole and Grace Gottfried; Richard and Patricia Murphy; Dave and Berrilynn Norman.

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, please pray for Dorothy Barrett; Kit Broadhurst; Kelly Greene and Emily O'Keefe; Alice and Jud Milam; Diana Smyrl; Amanda and Nick Sullivan. *The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24*



Joy for Our June Birthdays!

1 Samuel Michel	7 Alex Barrett	17 Hank McElwee	24 Tucker Holland
2 Bob Holmes	7 Carolyn Birk	17 Penny Russ	25 Teddy Brandon
2 Elaine Patterson	7 Mike Culler	17 Powell Winstead	25 Diane Plaisted
2 Ellie Stott	7 Alexia Hunt	18 Margaret Cundiff	25 Don Thorup
2 Nick Sullivan	7 Esther Preston	18 Erica Jordan	26 Cam Kent
3 Susan Carson	9 Julie Heidtmann	18 Tony Kummer	27 Sarah Chandler
3 Stephen Doughton, III	9 Kathy Wilson	18 Steve Searce	27 Heather Ferguson
3 Jim Gallaher	10 Andrea Morgan	20 Andy Cundiff	27 Maddie Havens
3 Chris Gilliam	11 Summer Riley	20 Nicole Gottfried	27 Margo Kummer
3 Nicholas Parish	12 John Doyle	20 Frank Neely	27 Nash Lindsey
3 Joanna Whitler	12 Peter Harrington	20 Emily Richey	27 Jan Morgan
4 Bill Lambert	12 Edmond Pendrich	21 Sarah Dupont	28 Kip Barksdale
4 Sue Sevin	13 Annie Cahoon	21 Mason Scott	28 Sarah Templeton
5 Kelly Parish	13 Caitlin Harris	22 Robert Davis	29 Mary Anna Davis
6 Tina Batson	13 Mitchell Hansen	23 Banks Archer	30 Barbara Bowman
6 Zac Campbell	13 Nancy Johnson	23 Penelope Archer	
6 Randy Harris	13 Ellen McCullough	23 Stephen Doughton	
6 John Hunt	15 Jay Mikush	23 Willoughby Nghiem	
6 Connie Smith	16 Tim Bowman	23 Carol Sevin	
6 Catherine Upchurch	17 Debbie Cesta	23 Virginia Truitt	



Special Birthday Wishes to: Nancy Johnson, as she turns 90 on June 13.

Youth

Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 7

Highland is getting ready to celebrate the achievements of our graduates. In preparation for senior recognition on June 7, we ask families to please share with us some information about their accomplishments and next steps as well as a few favorite pictures.

Summer Youth Adventures:

Montreat Youth Conference June 7–13

Youth Ice Cream Week and Big Chill June 29–July 2, July 19

Massanetta Middle School Conference July 14–17



Quest for the Best: Pizza

Our summer tasting challenge is back, and this year it's all about pizza! We look forward to sampling slices from around town. We'll try a new place, rate what we taste, and keep going until we crown an ultimate champion.

- June 14, Burke Street Pizza
- June 28, Cugino Forno

Highland's 2026 Graduates

High School Graduates

- **Henry Campbell**, Mt Tabor High School in December, pursuing military service
- **Jacob Patton**, Davie High School, will attend Clemson University in the fall
- **Ellie Scott**, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, will attend the University of North Carolina in the fall

College Graduates

- **Ellie Collins**, Wesleyan University, Bachelors in Psychology and will attend Vanderbilt University to pursue a Master in Education for school and clinical counseling
- **Will Gardner**, 2025 graduate of Virginia Tech, Bachelors in Computer Science
- **Riley Hoge**, University of South Carolina, Bachelors in Public Health
- **Kylie Lambert**, University of Richmond, Bachelors in Business Administration
- **Reece Nelson**, Berklee College of Music, Bachelors in Jazz Composition; moving to Nashville to pursue a career in music
- **Alex Scott**, University of Richmond, Bachelors in Public Policy Analysis and Leadership Studies

Other Degree Graduates

- **Laura Collins**, Vanderbilt University, Doctor of Jurisprudence



Scholarships for High School Seniors

In 1999 the Session combined two funds, one in memory of Nevin Rankin and the second in memory of Francis Sheffield to form the Rankin/Sheffield Scholarship Fund. This fund assists first year college students with a small stipend for buying text books. Interested students are to write a letter to the Youth and Young Adult Ministry Committee describing why you would like to be considered for this scholarship. Applications are now being accepted for our current high school graduates and are due by July 1.



Sunday Summer Adult Christian Education

The Present Word Class, 9:00 a.m., 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.

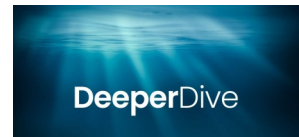


This summer we will study the testimony of faithful witnesses of women and men in the bible who responded in faith to God's call. Unit I focuses on Old Testament individuals: Deborah, Hannah, Jonathan and David and Amos. Unit II discusses four New Testament people whose lives were impacted by their encounter with Jesus: the Gentile Centurion, Simon Peter, Zacchaeus, and Mary the Mother of Jesus. Unit III remembers five New Testament individuals for their bold testimony and their response to the call of God to serve Christ: Thomas, Stephen, Saul (Paul), Timothy, and Lydia.

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

Deeper Dive: A Summer Series of Faith-Shaping Videos & Podcasts 9:00 a.m., Room 126

Some topics of faith and life require a “deep dive” within our faith community to see more clearly and absorb more fully who it is God calls us to be. Through this summer series, we will watch and listen a variety of videos and podcasts together on a wide array of topics with folks like Michael Pollan, Barbara Brown Taylor, Nadia Bolz Webber, and Walter Brueggemann. Interviewers including Kate Bowler, Anderson Cooper, and Oprah Winfrey to name a few. No reading, no preparation. Simply come and dive into these deeper conversations.



Facilitators: A variety of facilitators Location: Room 126



Young Adults

We're excited to welcome summer with fresh energy 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.

Summer Cookout – August 1, Noon. Join the group for a low country boil. It's a chance to relax, meet new faces, and enjoy some delicious food together. Bring a friend and an appetite to the home of Grace Chao and Patrick Clarke. Contact [Courtney Stevens](#) for more information.



Adults

Coffee & Conversation Tuesdays

On Tuesdays, Randy, Courtney, or Heather will be 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.



Men's Breakfast

June 17, 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.

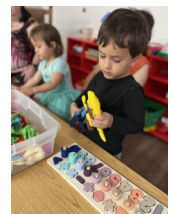
Nursery Volunteers Needed

Come Learn from Our Children

We teach children, and children teach us. Their sense of creativity and wonder is contagious. It is truly a joyful experience to be in their presence.

We currently need three additional Nursery Volunteers in order to fill our volunteer teams for the coming year. Youth, ages fourteen and older are welcome to volunteer as they will always be accompanied by at least two adults. This is a great way for youth to get to know the children of Highland, build friendships with other volunteers and even receive service hours for school. Please consider volunteering now.

As always, volunteers serving with children and youth must complete the Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy training. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering in Highland's Nursery, please contact [Heather Ferguson](#).



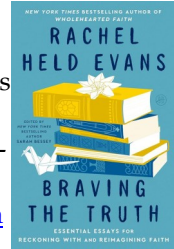
Purchasing Books for Highland's Book Groups



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 Layman](#) with questions.

Matthew 25 Book Group, Summer Reading *Braving the Truth: Essential Essays for Reckoning with a Reimagining Faith* by Rachel Held Evans

Our Matthew 25 Book Group will meet on Monday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book *Braving the Truth*. Before her untimely death, Evans was a trusted and beloved voice, especially for those who, like her, discovered faithful life after evangelicalism. Evans was stubborn in her hope, courageous in her questions, and devoted to inclusivity. These essays will inspire. Come join us as we brave the truth together. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) with questions.

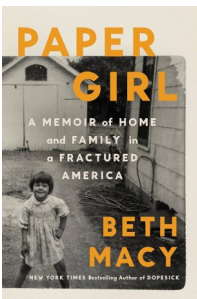


Listening to Black Voices Book Group

While our group is pausing for the summer, participants are encouraged to read Colson Whitehead's novel *Harlem Shuffle* in preparation for our first gathering of the Fall. (Many group members are also planning to hear Whitehead speak on Thursday, July 30 at First Baptist on 5th St. for an event coordinated by Bookmarks.) If you are interested in being part of the group, please contact [Randy Harris](#).



Poverty Book Group, Summer Reading



Paper Girl: A Memoir of Home and Family in a Fractured America by Beth Macy

Our Poverty Book Group will discuss of *Paper Girl*, by Beth Macy on September 28. Macy is a journalist who chronicles the forces eroding America's social fabric by reckoning with the changes that have rocked her own beloved small Ohio hometown. She is the bestselling author of *Dopesick*. *Paper Girl* is timely and poignant and will help us engage in often uncomfortable conversations about poverty and American life today.

Contact [Debbie Layman](#) if you have questions.

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 23. Plan to join our church family for great fellowship and tasty food!



Community and Global Service Awareness From *52 Ways to Care for Creation*

- June 7–13: Take action to protect marine areas. Lack of protection from overfishing, coral bleaching and pollution are putting many places at-risk. Deep sea mining places many biodiversity hotspots at risk as well. Learn more about what you can do and why it is so important for us to protect all of our marine areas and life.
- June 14–20: What do you love about the ocean? This week, think about how you are connected to the ocean and plan a beach clean-up, hunt for microplastics in the sand, or if you cannot make it to the beach, clean up trash near your neighborhood. All watersheds are connected to the ocean, so every piece of trash you remove, helps our oceans. Read a book about the ocean or watch a documentary such as *Seaspiracy*, *Chasing Coral*, or *The Blue Planet*.
- June 21–27: Use “gray water.” Gray water is water that has been used but is not contaminated. You can use dish washing water, hand washing water, and cooking water to water plants.
- June 28–July 4: Rest and Reflect. Whether you live surrounded by only land or on the coast itself, everyone is connected to the ocean. Ecclesiastes 1:7 reminds us: “All streams run to the sea.”

~ Highland’s Earth Care Team