



Highlights

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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, *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, 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.



Congregational Meetings to Elect Officers

July 12 and 19, Following the 10:00 a.m. Service



The Session has called two Congregational Meetings. The first, on July 12, will be to hear the report of the Nominating Committee regarding their recommendation for Deacons and Ruling Elders for the Class of 2029. The second, on July 19, we will take action on the Nominating Committee's recommendation.

All active members are encouraged to attend.

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

July 5

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Service of Readings and Song

July 12

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 13:31–33, 44–46

Genesis 18:1–15

Sermon: Randy Harris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

July 19

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ephesians 1:3–14

Genesis 21:8–21

Sermon: Randy Harris

Sacrament of Baptism

July 26

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Corinthians 1:26–31

Genesis 27:1–23

Sermon: Courtney Stevens

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.



Mahjong

After seeing how quickly the ArtRageous class filled up, several Highland folks and friends have expressed an interest in learning to play Mahjong and possibly having a group of players get together often in the future. If you have an interest in learning to play and would like to join others, please let [Lora Moseley](#) know. The hope is for everyone to get together for a learning class and then schedule times to have fun playing together.

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Churchwide



July Jubilee

July 1, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

We hope that all of you will join us for this fun evening out, as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary. We will gather together for service projects, ice cream, music, and so much more. Bring a friend, neighbor, or just yourself!

On Sunday, July 5, we will remember significant moments – and documents – from American history as we share in a service of readings and song.

Intergenerational Book Group

The Global Service Committee is excited to bring our church family together to read and discuss *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown, an award-winning, fantastical tale that explores the intersection of nature and technology; bullying; family and friendship; the need for community; and the power of compassion. All ages are welcome to join us for discussion immediately after worship in the Ardmore Room on Sunday, July 12. Refreshments will be provided.



Several copies of *The Wild Robot* are available to borrow in the Gallery Hall; you can return your copy at the book group and it will be donated to Ashley Elementary School. We hope you can join us!

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 **July**, we are asking for donations of **cereal**.

Hunger Offering

On July 12, 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.



Moore School Supply Drive Now Through August 2

Each year Highland and Temple Emmanuel team up to provide school supplies for our Moore School Food Pantry children. Please consider donations to this wonderful cause!



This year we need: backpacks, composition books, colored pencils, erasers (pencil top and rectangle ones), colored folders with pockets, washable markers, glue sticks, crayons, hand sanitizer, scissors, headphones, pencil pouches or pencil boxes. Thank you for helping us make sure these children get a great start to their new school year!



Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries

We are in urgent need of re-supplying our Hygiene Closet for the Forsyth County Detention Center and the Forsyth Correctional Center. We have over 1,100 inmates and are struggling to supply the following items: full size bars of soap, full size stick deodorant, travel size toothpaste and travel size shampoo. Highland has generously offered to collect these items now through August 2.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. We appreciate our partnership with you! ~ Holly Kessler, Director of Community Engagement

News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *Betty Sink, Novant Clemmons; Jeff Reynolds, Home; Carolyn Sellars, Home; 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:

- ✠ Bruce Ayres, June 5
- ✠ Buddy Sink, June 12
- ✠ Gretchen Call, June 19, mother of Jamie Blankinship

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 JULY 5, please pray for Jamie and Joe Blankinship; Jim, Lisa and Lisette Gallaher; Don and Joanna Leonard; Kathy Morgan; Rachel Priddy.

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, please pray for Parks Berryhill; Mark and Susan Dough-ton; Tom and Betty Jones; Ryan, Kathryn, Simon and Sam Michel; Marianne Parham; Scott, Lindsay and Ian Rushing.

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, please pray for
Tim and Rose Lynne Bowman; Grover,
Ladema, Bo and Maddie Gore; Judy and
Alex Pozniak; Jim and Carrie Swing;
Rachel, Evan, Miles and Holland Young.

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, please pray for
TR and Susan Bowers; Phyllis Clemmer;

Becky Davis; Marc, Wendy, Elizabeth,
Hunter and Alison Eppley; Anna Thorup.
The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24



Joy for Our July Birthdays!

1 Ty Andrus	9 Marianne Parham	18 Katrina Pope	28 Dorothy Barrett
1 Ken Fisher	9 Sandy Scott	19 Cynthia Tysinger	28 Mary Kate Gargis
1 Lucy Lancaster	9 Dom Veconi	19 Rebecca Walker	28 Myra Hannah
1 Caroline Mendenhall	10 Isabelle Simpson	19 Darlene Williamson	29 Harry Hall, Jr
1 Tami Pittman	10 Jordan Xu	22 Jason Bragg	29 Ellen Law
3 Anna Hux	11 Tim Collins	22 Claire Eberle	30 Mary Bland
3 Betty Jones	11 Eve Ingram	22 Madelynn Gore	30 Linda Collins
3 Jeff Patton	11 Martha Neely	22 Carol Healy	30 Debbie Layman
4 Robbie Grier	11 Kelly Templeton	22 Gilmour Lake	31 Judy Bass
5 Henry Heidtmann, III	12 Greg Hall	22 Bob Musso	31 Mike Burke
5 Anna Jordan	12 Ben Morgan	23 Sam Bowman	31 Steve Hux
6 Alex Byers	14 Berrilynn Norman	23 Haley Chapman	31 Mary-Hollis Williams
6 Ken Ivey	15 Glenn West	23 Ann Middleton	
7 Dawn Nelson	16 Kristin Eckart	24 Morgan Harris	
8 John Davis	16 Bodhi Whitler	24 Danielle Keever	
8 John Vladyka	17 Emily Collins	24 Katie Pike-Werle	
8 Rick Weavil	18 Maggie Collins	25 Nargish Murchison	
9 Sierra Fontenot	18 Wendy Guerry	25 Matthew Ronsheim	



Special Birthday Wishes to:

- ★ Marianne Parham, as she turns 101 on July 9
- ★ Eve Ingram, as she turns 93 on July 11
- ★ Gilmour Lake, as he turns 90 on July 22



Note of Gratitude

Dear Highland members and friends, I am so grateful for your support during these last many weeks. As some of you know, I fell and broke my kneecap. The healing process did not go well, but so many of our Highland friends have sent me cards, stopped by to wish me well and brought us food. I am finally home and continuing to get better each day, the road is long and may not end until August. Thank you for being Highland and caring for each other, I will be back in church by fall and will miss it each Sunday. ~ Ken Fisher





Youth

The Big Chill for the Shalom Project

July 18, 1:00 P.M. at Knollwood Baptist Church

Highland's youth are heading back and this year, **we are the defending champions!** Our youth have picked the theme "Scooped in America" for their flavors inspired by classic tastes of America. Groups from across the community will bring their best homemade ice cream for guests to sample and vote on before crowning the 2026 Big Chill Champion. Come scoop, sample, cheer on our youth, and support the Shalom Project in the tastiest competition of the summer.



Quest for the Best: Pizza

Our summer tasting challenge is well underway! After three stops and plenty of slices, the youth have rated each contender, but the search for Winston-Salem's ultimate pizza champion is not over yet. Join us for our next tasting as we keep sampling, scoring, and debating our way toward the final winner!

- July 12: Crust and Craft
- July 26: The Loop



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 are studying 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, 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



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.



Wind Down for Women

Research continues to point to the healing power of human connection in what often is a lonely world. This will be our third year joining together in 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 to begin in September. We hope you will consider joining in this way of sharing together. These groups will commit to meeting together monthly at a time and place of their choice.

Contact [Ednamae Fisher](#) for more information or to sign up!



Faith & Film: *Contact*

July 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 July is *Contact* (1997), and is available to rent on Amazon Prime or you can watch it free through the Hoopla app. Contact [Randy Harris](#) for more information.



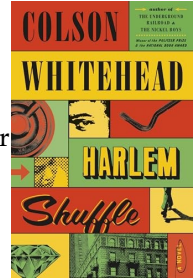
Purchasing Books for Highland's Book Groups



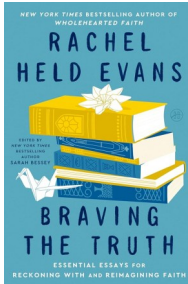
You will receive 20% off when ordering through Bookmarks if you tell them you are with a Highland book club when you order. Contact [Debbie Layman](#) with questions.

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](#).



Matthew 25 Book Group, Summer Reading



***Braving the Truth: Essential Essays for Reckoning with a Reimagining Faith* by Rachel Held Evans**

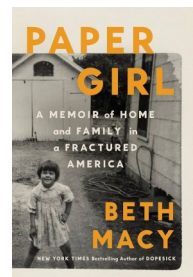
Our Matthew 25 Book Group will meet on Monday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book *Braving the Truth*. Before her untimely death, Evans was a trusted and beloved voice, especially for those who, like her, discovered faithful life after evangelicalism. Evans was stubborn in her hope, courageous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

Contact [Debbie Layman](#) with questions.

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.



Churchwide Picnic

Our church picnic will be Sunday, August 23, at 11:30 a.m. in the main shelter of Bolton Park (1590 Bolton Street). Feel free to come to worship in your casual clothes so you will be ready for a fun-filled afternoon.



The church will provide the slaw, fried chicken, and drinks. People whose last name beginning with A–F are invited to bring a dessert to share. People whose last name beginning with G–Z are invited to bring a favorite salad or side dish to share. The cost will be \$3.00 per adult, \$2.00 per child, with a maximum of \$10.00 per household. We hope you plan to join your church family, and bring a friend!

Highland Staff Update

We have an update regarding Highland’s Business Manager position. Deborah Trawick is no longer with us in the church office. We certainly wish her well as she moves on.

Thankfully, Joy Hohmann has agreed to come back on a parttime basis as our Interim Business Manager. She will primarily work remotely. To contact Joy, you can either email her, jhohmann@highlandpres.org or call/text her on her cell phone, 336-416-3405.

In the meantime, we hope to identify a new candidate for this role soon.

2026 Winston Salem Pride Festival



“As a first-time participant in the Pride parade, I was truly amazed by the vibrant atmosphere. The sight of countless people filling the streets with cheers was a moment I’ll never forget. It was inspiring to witness God’s love shining through in so many ways, as we united to share the powerful message that God’s love embraces everyone, everywhere. I’m already looking forward to next year!” ~ Anonymous Highlander

ArtRageous 2026

Another successful week of classes and tours has wrapped up.
Fun was had by all and we cannot wait until 2027!





52 Ways to Care for Creation

Week 28: July 5-11

Firework-Free-Fourth

This July 4, take a moment to reflect upon the environmental impact that traditional Independence Day activities have. In a day characterized by consumerism, single-use items, barbeques with excessive meat, and polluting fireworks, consider what eco-conscious product swaps you can make while celebrating.

Week 29: July 12-18

Start A Creation Justice Group At Your Church

Does your church have a creation justice/creation care group? If not, you can start one! Gather and discuss how your church can be involved in caring for the earth. Learn together, work together, come up with projects, and get involved in the work your community is already doing to heal the environment

Week 30: July 19-25

Visit Your Local Library!

Reusing and sharing books through your local library is a wonderful community resource and it's ecologically sustainable! Reusing books reduces production and waste. Do they have an ecology section? Maybe even a faith/ecology section? Many cities also have little "free libraries" with take-one-leave-one book policies! Check out some of these great authors who write about creation justice/eco-theology: Thomas Merton, Victoria Loorz, Rev. Talitha Amadea Aho.

Week 31: July 26-August 1

Rest and Reflect

"Speak to the earth and it shall teach thee...Ask the creatures of earth and sea for their wisdom." Job 12:8. What do God's creatures teach you? What can we learn from creation?

For more information, please visit creationjustice.org.

~ Highland's Earth Care Committee