



Highlights

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Summer Documentary Series: *Harvest of Dignity* August 16, 4:00 p.m., Ardmore Room

Join us as we watch the PBS Documentary: *Harvest of Dignity*. This film is about the lives, conditions, and issues facing Migrant workers. This may be an eye-opening experience for many and we hope you take this opportunity to learn more about our neighbors.



Following the documentary, we will have a panel discussion led by experts:

- Dr. Andrea Gomez Cervantes, PhD Asst. professor Dept. of Sociology, Latin American and Latino Studies Affiliate, Women's Gender, and Sexuality Studies Affiliate Wake Forest University and Co-Founder and Co-Director Comunidades Confined Lab.
- Eirian Avila, LCMHC-A with Salud Mental Health PLLC who is a bilingual counselor seeing farm workers via telehealth with a wide variety of exposure to different stories, dynamics through three sites including north and west towards the mountains and one south going towards Wilmington.
- Dr. Taylor J. Arnold, PhD, MA Asst. Professor Department of Family and Community Medicine and Asst. Director of Community and Stakeholder Research, Wake Forest School of Medicine.

Churchwide Picnic

Our annual 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!

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

August 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 5:6–11

Genesis 28:10–19a

Sermon: Randy Harris

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

August 9

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Corinthians 4:5–12

Genesis 32:22–31

Sermon: Randy Harris

August 16

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 10:5–15

Genesis 37:1–11, 18–28

Sermon: Courtney Stevens

August 23

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Colossians 3:12–17

Genesis 44:18–34

Sermon: Randy Harris

Sacrament of Baptism

August 30

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 8:28–30

Genesis 50:15–21

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.

Save the Date! Rally Day

We will kick off our new season on Sunday, September 13. We will begin our day with a wonderful Potluck Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall while watching a presentation of all of the exciting things to come for all ages.

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Churchwide

Warm Welcome to Highland's New Members

We hope that you will take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome all who have joined Highland membership in 2026: Ann and Chris Bergelin; Patrick Clark and Grace Chao; RD Fortner; Bev and Ken Ivey; Call Patterson and Kimble Forrister; and Margie and Steve Rippey. Joined through Confirmation, we celebrate the memberships of Parker Bragg; Robert Davis; Grace Gottfried; and Tori Patton. You can find their pictures on the Membership Bulletin Board in the Gallery Hall.



Service Opportunities

Hunger Offering

On **August 2**, 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 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 **August**, we are asking for donations of **macaroni and cheese**.



Sneaker Collection

Did you know that an estimated 600 million pairs of shoes end up in America's landfills each year? 100% of these shoes can be recycled, and the majority can still be worn. Highland's Earth Care Team has joined with GotSneakers, an organization that has developed a unique sneaker recycling program that helps to keep sneakers out of landfills and helps organizations raise funds. The program is truly a win-win!



Please look through your closets and ask friends and neighbors to do the same for any sneakers you no longer use. You can drop them in the bin in the Gallery hallway.

To learn more about GotSneakers, visit their website, www.gotsneakers.com or scan the QR code. ~ Highland's Earth Care Team



News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *Bill Lambert*, Home; *Nash Lindsey*, rehab at The Oaks; *Betty Sink*, rehab at Homestead Hills; *Jeff Reynolds*, Home; *Carolyn Sellars*, Home; *Mac Smyth*, Home; *Curtis Patterson*, Home; *Les and Esther Preston*, Salemtowne; *John Anderson*, Hospice at Salemtowne; *Jim Womble*, Hospice 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; *Ruth Banbury*, Carriage Club Assisted Living.

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.

Congratulations to Sam Bowman and Alexa Martin on their marriage, July 27.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, please pray for Alex Barrett; Ralph and Susan Burroughs; Vince Canino; Heather Ferguson;

Dotty Hill.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, please pray for Susan Hammond; Peter Harrington; Cameron and Sue Kent; Gilmour and Nancy Lake; Nash and Penny Lindsey; Frank Neely; Jan Penick.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, please pray for Bob and Pam Collette; Sandi and Greg Hall, Will and Lila Rankin; Marshall and Caitlin Harris; Lindsay Hunt.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, please pray for Fred and Marilena Conrad; Kristin, George, Thomas and John Eckart; Lauren Kent; Trinette Kirkman; Jay Mikush; Richard and Connie Smith; Robin Taylor and Sallie West.

FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, please pray for Anna Hux; Debbie Layman, Glenn Otterbacher, Aspen and Christopher Layman; David Neely; John Woodmansee.
The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24



Joy for Our August Birthdays!

1 Jerry Cole	9 Livi Henderson	17 Lydia Bass	26 Marshall Harris
1 Thomas Eckart	9 Art Pittman	17 Leslie Sizemore	26 Lindsay Rushing
1 Rachel Priddy	9 Libby Sartin	18 Ellie Collins	26 Maggie Strickland
2 Jane Boles	10 Jim Womble	19 Hunter Eppley	28 Richard Murphy, Jr
2 Steve McCullough	11 Cecilia Davis	19 Kim Minford	30 Zack Brown
2 Jane Suitt	11 Steve Zorn	19 Sharon Wilmoth	30 Kelly Greene
2 Alana Wyche	13 Sally Brown	20 Carolyn Sellars	30 Ansley Ward
4 Claire Tuttle	14 Drew Bowers	20 Susie York	31 Kathryn Michel
4 Mark Whitley	15 John Calhoun, Jr	22 Pam Collette	
5 Brian Carter	15 Garrett Fisch	23 Ednae Fisher	
5 Wendy Hoge	15 Joanna Leonard	23 James Switzer	
6 Trinette Kirkman	16 Jo Ann Mintz	23 Anna Thorup	
8 Don Mikush	16 Jayn Schollander	24 Steve Rippey	
8 Carol Tash	16 Michael Serosky	26 Patrick Clarke	



Special Birthday Wishes to: Jim Womble, as he turns 91 on August 10.

Dear Highland Family, I am so grateful to be a part of Highland. As many of you know, I fell and fractured my tibia and for 6 weeks I was in a knee immobilizer and could not put any weight on my right leg. The healing process was long but successful. Thanks to you all for your calls, texts, cards, prayers, love, flowers, food and visits. Your support helped me heal. I am back up and on two feet and returned to church on July 12. What a blessing to be a member of this wonderful church family! ~ Pam Collette

☀️ Children

Friday Fun Night is Back on August 28!

Friday, August 28, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar today for our August Friday Fun Night to kick off the season at Highland when parents can drop children off and enjoy the evening with Highland friends or running errands. In Highland style we will have tasty food, fun games and activities, surprises around each corner, and friends are always welcome! Contact [Heather Ferguson](#) for more information.



😎 Youth

School Supplies Sort for the Moore School Food Pantry

Sunday August 2, 11:15–1:00 p.m.

Following worship we'll share in a time of helping sort donated school supplies for this year's back to school pantry event. Plan to stay and we'll share lunch together.

Quest for the Best: Pizza

We're closing in on our winner! After a delicious summer of tasting our way through town, only one tasting remains:

August 2: Dominos, Papa Johns, Pizza Hut at the church.



Child and Youth Protection Policy Training

If you would like to volunteer with our Children or Youth Ministries, please sign up to complete a Protection training session with either [Courtney Stevens](#) or [Heather Ferguson](#).



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.



Faith & Film: *Project Hail Mary*

August 10, 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 August is *Project Hail Mary* (2026) and is available to rent on Amazon Prime. Contact [Randy Harris](#) for more information.



Highland Mums' Night Out—August Dates

August 2 and August 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

This month highland mothers of children and youth are invited to gather in two Highland homes. On Sunday, August 2, Penny and Garry Russ will host and on Sunday, August 30 our hosts will be Emily and Tim Collins. These are informal gatherings for fellowship, snacks, and sharing the joys and challenges of parenting these days. This is always a great time to bring a friend. For more information, contact [Heather Ferguson](#).

Drinks for Four—New Groups Forming Soon!



Informal Gatherings for Men of Highland

It is time for us to begin forming new groups for “Drinks for 4,” an informal opportunity to gather occasionally with a small group of men at Highland. Participants can choose when to gather, where, and how often. Coffee in the morning? Tea at lunch? An adult beverage at the end of the day? Any and all of these are possible—but getting together is the point!

Groups will begin gathering in September and meet through January.

If you have questions, please contact [John Loftis](#).



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. All are invited and encouraged to attend! For more information or if you have questions, contact [John Woodmansee](#).

Wind Down for Women

Sign up now to join in a small group of unwinding and fellowship for women with the hopes that Highland women will experience the healing power of connection. New groups will be formed soon 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!

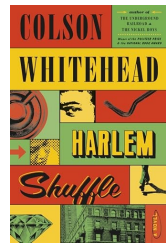


Purchasing Books for Highland's Book Groups

You will receive 20% off when ordering through Bookmarks if you tell them you are with a Highland Presbyterian book club when you order.

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

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

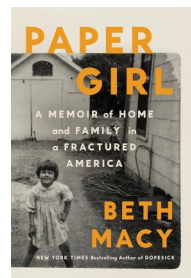
Our Matthew 25 Book Group will meet on Monday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book *Braving the Truth*. Before her untimely death, Evans was a trusted and beloved voice, especially for those who, like her, discovered faithful life after evangelicalism. Evans was stubborn in her hope, courageous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



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.



Highland Ukuleles

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

Life is simply more fun with a ukulele! Our latest ukulele outing took us to Arbor Acres, where we enjoyed sharing music and smiles with residents. It was a wonderful experience for everyone involved. Why not join us? Whether you're a

complete beginner or an experienced player, there's a place for you in our group. If you don't have a ukulele, let Heather Ferguson know and we can arrange for you to borrow one. We're all learning together, making music together, and having a great time along the way! For more information, contact [Barbara Bowman](#) or [Heather Ferguson](#).



Sunday Morning Christian Education for Adults

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. *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



Preview of Fall Christian Education for Adults

Beginning Sunday, September 20

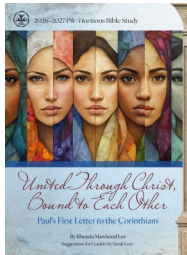
The Adult Christian Education committee is excited to unveil the upcoming classes for Highland adults this fall. Watch for more details on each class coming soon.

- * **Always Being Reformed: Faith for a Fragmented World**
Based on Shirley Guthrie's book *Always Being Reformed*.
- * **You Are Changing the World, Whether You Like It Or Not**, by author, activist, singer, songwriter, David LaMotte.
- * **Little Steps, Big Faith: How the Science of Early Childhood Development Can Help You Grow Your Child's Faith**, a special class for parents with young children. Childcare will be available for this class.
- * **The Present Word**, exploring scripture, responding in faith, and confronting the concerns of gospel.
- * **Parents' Coffee & Conversation**, all parents of children and youth welcome.



Highland Presbyterian Women Circles

Mondays, 2:00 p.m. or Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Activity Building



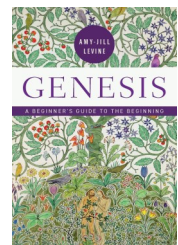
Beginning in September, join Presbyterian Women this fall and learn about Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. This Bible study explores the letter's setting, divisions within the congregation, and ultimately, the gifts given to all through the work of Christ. Come and explore how Paul's timeless message of loving unity calls Christ's followers today. For more information contact [Ellen Doyle](#), or [Annie Cahoon](#).

Thursday Women's Bible Study

Beginning September 17, 10:00-11:30a.m., Ardmore Room

"It's a Bible study, and so much more." We gather for fellowship and prayer before diving into the depths of scripture. If you have been longing for a place to study alongside other seekers, give this group a try.

Following our summer preaching series, this fall we will study *Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning* explores the foundational stories of Genesis with insight, historical context, and engaging discussion. Guided by Amy-Jill Levine, participants will examine familiar narratives,



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including Creation, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham and Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph to discover their enduring theological significance and relevance for life today. Whether you're new to Genesis or revisiting it with fresh perspective, this study invites you to engage Scripture with curiosity, wisdom, and wonder. Women of all ages and stages of life are welcome. For more information, contact [Heather Ferguson](#).

Caring for Our Community and Planet



Highland's Earth Care Committee and Global Service Committee would love for everyone to find a way to make your home more sustainable. Here are five tips for practicing sustainability at home:

- #1: Support Local Farmers and Sustainable Food Systems: We guarantee that the food will also be fresher, tastier, more sustainable, and way more nutritious. Bonus: by supporting local farmers, you'll add dollars back into your local economy, which benefits you and your community!
- #2: Compost Your Food Scraps: Start a small compost bin where you can discard food waste and scraps. Eventually, you can use this compost to feed your gardens and keep your soil happy!
- #3: Use Mulch: Use mulch in your garden beds. Mulch will add organic material and retain moisture, helping you conserve water. Pro tip: What's unwanted waste for your local tree removal company is gold for your soil. Reach out and see if they'd be willing to supply you with free mulch.
- #4: Re-Use Your Water: Do you have a dehumidifier running in your home? Reuse that water for your indoor and outdoor plants!
- #5: Air Dry Your Clothes: Did you know that a clothes dryer often consumes as much as a new refrigerator, dishwasher, and clothes washer combined? Consider hanging your clothes out to dry instead of using the drying machine. Despite improvements in energy efficiency, clothes dryers remain infamously power-hungry. Even if you live in a small apartment, there are lots of great contraptions to air dry at home.

These are just a few ways that you can make a difference. If you'd like to learn more about how Highland is helping and how our Earth Care Team is making a difference, please contact Gidget in the church office for information on how to reach one of the team members. ~ Highland's Earth Care Committee & Global Service Committee

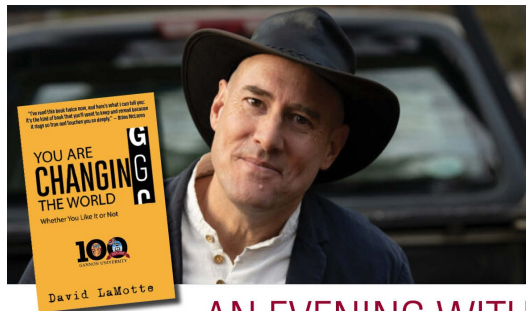
Highland's Fall Forum—David LaMotte Forum, Dinner, and Concert - Sunday, October 4

Our Fall Forum features a presentation by David LaMotte, author of *You Are Changing the World: Whether You Like It or Not*. A congregational meal hosted by the Fellowship Committee will follow the Forum, and the evening culminates in a concert by David. Join us for an afternoon and evening of engaging, entertaining insight from David as he shares his experiences as a global activist, musician, and peacemaker.

David LaMotte is a singer/songwriter, author, and speaker with four books, thirteen albums, and 3,500 concerts on five continents to his name. He has presented at the PC(USA) Mission to the United Nations and keynoted conferences in India, Australia, Germany, and the Scottish Parliament. In 2025, he keynoted the opening plenary of the Rotary International Convention before a stadium audience of 16,000, and later spoke at the Jefferson Educational Society's Global Summit alongside Neil deGrasse Tyson, Mike Pence, and Barack Obama. His latest album, *Still*, includes the song "September Me," which reached number one on the Folk Radio Charts. He is currently collaborating with Ugandan musician Chinobay on a cross-cultural world music project.



Mark your calendar for this unique opportunity, invite friends and watch for sign ups beginning soon!



**AN EVENING WITH
DAVID LAMOTTE**

Highlights is Changing!

Over the next couple of months, Highland will be making changes to our monthly newsletter. For many years, we have used Microsoft Publisher to create and produce our newsletters.

In October, Publisher will no longer be a Microsoft supported software. We are working on creating PDF versions of all our past Highlights so that we can retain them for our records. Going forward, we will be using Canva to create, edit, and publish our newsletter. This requires Highland's staff to learn the ins and outs of Canva while creating an updated version of how we communicate monthly with those who read *Highlights*.

This creates an opportunity for us as well to re-envision our monthly newsletter, to consider what works, what may be outdated, and ways to hopefully increase readership. We welcome your input about Highlights over these next few months, and we appreciate your patience as we work out the 'kinks'. ~ Thank you, Highland's Staff

