



Highlights

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Rally Day Potluck Breakfast

**Sunday, September 13, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Celebrate a New Year in Education and Ministry**

Highland's Rally Day is a time for celebrating the end of summer and the beginning of a season of growing together through learning, serving, and more. We celebrate community and friendships, old and new, and welcome others into this amazing thing we call "church." Folks of all ages are invited to learn more about what's coming this fall and beyond as we share a potluck breakfast.



Please bring a breakfast dish to share with others!

**Sunday, September 13,
Worship Returns to 11:00 a.m.**

Church School Resumes September 20



Throughout Highland's history we have consistently been engaged in learning and forming the faith of members of all ages. This year, we continue to celebrate that rich history, gathering on Sunday mornings, beginning September 20, at 9:30 a.m., when children will experience God's love through stories and action, youth will dive deeper into the scripture that continues to guide us and connect us to the world around us, and adults from all stages of life will study, sing, pray and have their hearts and minds opened wide.

Read further in the issue for all of the amazing opportunities ahead on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

September 6

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 149

Matthew 18:15–20

Sermon: Courtney Stevens

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

September 13

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 103:8–13

Matthew 18:21–35

Sermon: Randy Harris

September 20

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jonah 3:10–4:11

Matthew 20:1–16

Sermon: Randy Harris

September 27

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 25:1–9

Matthew 21:23–32

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.

Welcome to Tina Hicks, Business Administrator



We are delighted to share the news that Highland has hired Tina Hicks as our new Business Administrator. A native of Trinity, North Carolina, Tina brings a wealth of bookkeeping and financial management experience, and is already hard at work in the office.

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

💖 Service Opportunities

Hunger Offering

On **September 6**, 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 **September**, we are asking for donations of **Canned beans** (no green beans please).

Volunteers Needed for Ashley Elementary



For several years, Highland folks have volunteered at Ashley Academy, an elementary school in East Winston, working with the students and supporting the staff. Ashley is a Title 1 school and needs volunteers. We would love to have you join us and help these precious children of God this year. Please let me know if you are interested. We can arrange opportunities for weekly volunteers for those who like a regular schedule as well as stand alone opportunities throughout the year. We also have opportunities such as helping out at curriculum nights, fall festival, book fair, and more.

Volunteer orientation will be held Thursday, September 3 at 9:30 a.m. at Ashley. All volunteers, returning or new, should plan to attend the orientation, as well as anyone who is not sure if they want to volunteer and may want some additional information. The process to be a volunteer in the school system is simple, but you do need to be approved prior to volunteering in the schools. To apply to be a volunteer go to wsfcsvolunteers.com and fill out the volunteer registration form. All new and returning volunteers need to apply annually. If you have any questions please reach out to [Emily Collins](#), 336-408-3170. I look forward to seeing some new and returning faces at Ashley this fall! ~ Emily Collins

Sneaker Collection

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 Hall.

News and Notes

In Our Prayers: *Bill Lambert*, Baptist; *Nash Lindsey*, rehab at The Oaks; *Rachel Priddy*, Novant Clemmons; *Dave McCall*, Home; *Betty Sink*, Home; *Carolyn Sellars*, Home; *Mac Smyth*, Home; *Curtis Patterson*, Home; *Les and Esther Preston*, Salemtowne; *John Anderson*, Hospice at Salemtowne; *Jim Womble*, Hospice in Kernersville; *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.

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, please pray for Ross Broadway and Zac Campbell; Ken and Kay Chalk; Molly Henning; Jean Loftis; Olivier Sevin; Courtney Stevens; John Thomas.

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, please pray for Carolyn and Michael Birk; Michael Eberle; Pam and Fred Kahl; Emily, Jim and Elizabeth Sartin; Doug Turner.

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, please pray for Josh, Liz and Parker Bragg; Mike and Sally Brown; Shelly and Tyler Cobb; Barbara Kunkle; Scott Thornton and Loyd Elder.

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, please pray for Corinne Bass; Matt and Cordelia Hux; Katie Pepper; Sara and Bruce Smith; Rhenda Steele. *The Lord bless you and keep you.*



Joy for Our September Birthdays!

1 Hank Bamum	6 Gidget Payne	15 Shelly Cobb	25 Lara Patterson
2 John Bain	7 Lauren Corbett	16 Dave Norman	27 Karen Copeland
2 Will Gardner	7 Kara Doughton	16 Vance Pepper	27 Lew Nelson
3 Whit Andrus	7 Sue Womble	16 James Thomas	27 Lila Rankin
3 Katie Fogleman	8 Ed Sehon	18 Russell Byrd	27 Sandy Simmons
3 Bill Graves	10 Jay Dominick	18 Kelly Laws	29 Tory Daniel
3 Don Leonard	10 Wendy Eppley	20 Henry Chandler	29 Joyce Griner
3 Alice Milam	11 David Christenbury	21 Maxwell Archer	30 Lucy Davis
5 Max Reynolds	11 Bo Gore	21 Cora Eberle	30 Jesse Kever
5 Connor Riley	11 John Thomas	21 Alison Gardner	
5 Hannah Riley	11 Jim Wilson	23 Emily Sartin	
6 Milo Archambault	13 Pat Hege	23 Sharon Smith	
6 Elizabeth Eppley	13 John Loftis	23 Jane Sobie	
6 Colin Kent	14 Micah Carroll	24 Katie Paterson	
6 Lizzy Miller	14 Josie Scott	24 Jake Patton	
6 Steve Moore	14 Luke Whittler	25 Ladema Gore	



Special Birthday wishes to Pat Hege as she turns 92 on September 13!

Children

Highland's Nursery

A Fun, Safe Place for Our Wee Ones During 11:00 a.m. Worship

Highland has an amazing Nursery for our children (infants to 4-year olds), located on the 1st floor near the Chapel and Magnolia Street entrance. Plenty of age-appropriate, engaging toys, puzzles, and books. But the most important benefit to bringing your little one to the Nursery is that they are cared for by our professional staff and amazing volunteers. All volunteers are trained through Highland's Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy. Their greatest gift to Highland is their love for our children. From rocking babies to reading Bible stories to building Lego villages, our volunteers are the "welcoming committee" for our very youngest.

This fall we offer a special Nursery for the parents attending the "Little Steps, Big Faith" class, 9:30-10:30, in Room 127. Read more about the class on page 13.



God's Good Neighborhood

Sunday School for Children, 9:30–10:45 a.m.

Preschoolers (2–5 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 (1st–4th Grade) – Godly Play & Neighborhood Workshops (9:30–10:15

a.m.) Over a two week rotation, children will experience the 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.

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 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.

Stepping Stones: A Junior Youth Program

3rd & 4th Graders, Second Sundays, 12:00–1:30 p.m., Room AB8

Stepping Stones, a new monthly program for Highland's 3rd and 4th Graders, will begin on Sunday, September 13. Meetings will include lunch; fun, basic Bible skills; interactive hands-on activities/service projects; and a special closing devotional time for sharing concerns for prayer. The 2026-2027 advisors are Jim Bass, Becky Reynolds, and Kathryn Michel. Barbara Bowman and Lauren Eberle will act as consultants, and Heather Ferguson will serve as the staff person.



Friday Fun Night, September 25!

Friday, September 25, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar today for our September Friday Fun Night 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 activities, music, and surprises around each corner. Friends are always welcome! Contact [Heather Ferguson](#) or [Diana Smyrl](#) for more information.



Youth

Youth and Families Kickoff Dinner

September 13, 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

It's time for an exciting start to the new year of youth ministry! Parents, youth, and siblings are welcome to come for a big night of fun. We'll have a youth vs adult game of kickball and then share in a potluck cookout. While we're together, we will meet our leaders, share plans for the year ahead for Sunday School, Youth Fellowship, serving, and hear about big experiences. We hope to see you all there!

Youth Fellowship in September

We're excited to be back together for Sunday evening Youth Fellowship this fall! Games, laughter, and meaningful conversations about life and faith.

September 20: Middle School 4:00–5:15 p.m. | Senior High 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Ultimate Challenge Night and Dinner fast paced night of team challenges, friendly competition and dinner together.

September 28: Middle School 4:00–5:10 p.m. | Senior High 5:00–6:30 p.m.

Prayer Lab and Dinner Join for dinner and a hands-on experience as we explore creative, interactive ways to pray and connect with God.

Youth Sunday School and Youth Choir Begins Sunday, September 20

We start each week together with Youth Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Building – food, friends, and a chance to catch up before the morning begins. This year our Middlers dive into the New Testament and Senior Highs into topics of faith in the world around them. Together through scripture, song, and breakfast we build a rhythm of learning, worship, and belonging each Sunday morning.



Young Adults

Young Adult Ministry

Meeting Weekly on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Folks in their 20s and 30s are invited to gather each Thursday evening in a variety of locations for a weekly connection of community and faithful conversation. Together we share in reflections, prayer, and conversation while also serving in our community and enjoying times of rest and fun. Each week offers a new way to grow in Christ and in connection with one another. Come as you are and bring a friend. There's a place for you here. Reach out to [Courtney Stevens](#) for more information.



Churchwide

Call for Advent Writers and Artists

This Advent, Highland's beloved devotional booklet will explore "Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes," discovering the distinctive ways Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John invite us to encounter Jesus. Highlanders and friends of all ages are invited to contribute a reflection, prayer, story, poem, or piece of artwork inspired by this year's theme. Interested in sharing your voice or creativity? Contact [Courtney Stevens](#) for more information. All devotions and artwork are due November 8.

CROP Walk Is Coming!

We hope you plan to join us for the annual CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday afternoon, October 18. Hunger at home and around the world is on the rise, and we need folks of all ages to be part of our Highland team! If you are not able to walk with us, we will have ways for you to support our walkers through prayer and a financial gift. Help us reach our goal of 77 walkers and supporters!



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. We hope you will stop by to check-in with your staff and meet other Highlanders.



Faith & Film: *Hamnet*

September 14, 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 September is *Hamnet* (2025) and is available to watch on Netflix or to rent on Amazon Prime. Contact [Randy Harris](#) for more information.

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

Men's Breakfast

September 16, 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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



Highland Ukuleles

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

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, there's a place for you in our group. We're all learning together, making music together, and having a great time along the way! For more information, contact [Barbara Bowman](#).

Highland Mums' Night Out

October 10, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

In October, Highland mothers of children and youth are invited to gather at the home of Dawn and Kenneth Nelson. 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. Note: there will be no gathering in September. For more information, contact [Carrie Swing](#) or [Heather Ferguson](#).

Wind Down for Women

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 late 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!

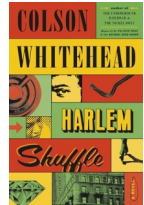


Purchasing Books for Highland's Book Groups

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

Please plan to join us for our discussion of Colson Whitehead's novel *Harlem Shuffle* on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 via Zoom. 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**

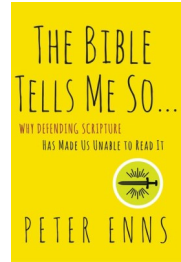
Our Poverty Book Group will discuss of *Paper Girl*, by Beth Macy on September 28. Macy is a journalist who chronicles the forces eroding America's social fabric by reckoning with the changes that have rocked her own beloved small Ohio hometown. She is the bestselling author of *Dopesick*. *Paper Girl*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



Thursday Women's Bible Study

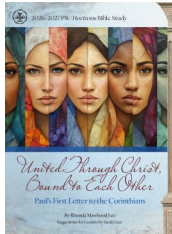
Beginning September 17, 10:00-11:30a.m., Ardmore Room

What if the Bible is fine just the way it is? Not a well-behaved Bible, where everything lines up and makes sense, but the messy, troubling, and weird Bible we actually have? What if the Bible doesn't need to be protected and defended? We hope this book and the accompanying films with biblical scholar Peter Enns around the chapters in his book, *The Bible Tells Me* So will stir your imagination, deepen your trust in God, and that the Bible comes alive in new ways for you and your community. This is a serious, playful, informal, engaging, and open-minded group. If that sounds like your kind of study, we hope you will join us. Contact [Heather Ferguson](#) for more information and to get on the class email list.



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](#).

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 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.

Sunday, October 4

- 4:00-5:30 p.m. Fall Forum with David LaMotte (Highland Sanctuary)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Congregational Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. David LaMotte in Concert (Fellowship Hall)

RSVP required for this Congregational Meal.
No RSVP needed for the Fall Forum or the concert.

RSVP for Congregational Meal using this QR code
or contact [Gidget Payne](#) in the church office.



Sunday Morning Fall Adult Christian Education

Beginning September 20, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

The Present Word Class, Room 124 and Zoom

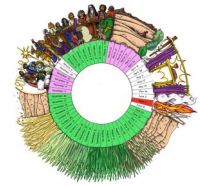
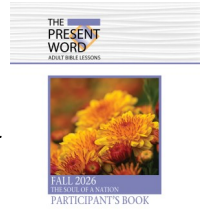
All are invited to share in the Present Word Sunday School Class, where our goal is to:

- 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, including our personal faith, values, relationships, and social responsibilities.

The fall study will focus on the stories of Joshua, Judges and Samuel. Join this class in person or via Zoom. Zoom link is shared weekly in the Sunday morning email from Highland. *Facilitators: A Wide Variety of Class Members and Guests from the Congregation*

Lectionary Café, Location: 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. This class is a wonderful way to get the most from the Sunday sermon. *Facilitator: Mike Culler*



Parents' Coffee & Conversation

Parents of Children and Youth, Location: Room 126

After getting children and youth settled into their Sunday school classes, parents are invited to gather in Room 126 on the first floor for coffee and conversation. We know life can be filled to overflowing at times. This is a place to relax, knowing your children are being cared for and a great time to get to know other parents while comparing notes on the joys and challenges of parenthood. Parents with children and youth of all ages are welcome. Come for the conversation and enjoy our fresh, fair-trade coffee!



You Are Changing the World, Whether You Like It Or Not

Join us in the **Ardmore Room** as we discuss the book, *You are Changing the World Whether You Like It or Not*, David LaMotte challenges some deeply held, though seldom examined, ideas we have about how large societal changes happen and what our own roles in those changes can and should be. Drawing on stories from his own work and interviews with others in Guatemala, India, South Africa, Australia, Palestine, the United States, and Bos-

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nia, LaMotte methodically challenges narratives that keep us immobile in the face of problems that confront communities, nations, and a world. *You are Changing the World* is challenging, encouraging and inspiring. In an accessible, story-based style, LaMotte looks at questions of daily vocation, helping us to discern both our potential to have an impact and how we go about getting started. Anyone who wants to live a life that matters will find something of value here. Facilitators: Janny Gauss, Terry Sink, Elizabeth Skinner and Debbie Layman



On October 4, David LaMotte will be the Highland Fall Forum speaker, followed by a congregational meal and concert. See more details on Page 14.

Little Steps, Big Faith: How the Science of Early Childhood Development Can Help You Grow Your Child's Faith

From brain science to language development and social skills, we've never known more about how children's minds develop in the first five years of life. Yet with all the information available, Christian parents may find themselves confused about how to apply these learnings to daily life with their children. In *Little Steps, Big Faith*, early childhood expert Dr. Dawn Rundman navigates the research to arrive at surprising insights about how very young children experience God, and how parents can use science to teach faith. This Class will take place in **Highland's Chapel** located on the first floor.



Facilitators: Melanie Adams, Haley Chapman, Wendy Eppley, Heather Ferguson, Jan Morgan and a panel of guests.

A Time to Reflect, Rest, and Breathe

It is hard to imagine that I am already in my seventh year back at Highland. My return in the summer of 2020 was fraught with the challenges of the pandemic, but together we faced those hurdles with courage and creativity. Gleaning wisdom from that season, we have continued to learn to navigate technology in new ways, created new strategies for being together in person, and dreamed up inspiring opportunities for growing in faith and love. Your spirit of encouragement, partnership, support, and generosity has never ceased to amaze me. This could not be more evident than in the gift of time away in the form of a sabbatical. I do not take this gift lightly, as I know how hard so many of you work without the gift of such a sacred break. So while I am away, I will continue to hold you, my Highland family, prayerfully close in gratitude.



My plan is to begin my sabbatical on October 6 and return on December 8. While I am away, my brother and I will cash in on the Christmas gift we gave each other last year — a guided fly-fishing excursion in the flats near Beaufort, S.C. I am also planning a 10-day road trip to visit friends in New York, Vermont, and Maryland for the sights and experiences of fall. I will visit family and friends, and spend six days on a silent, guided retreat at a monastery in Minnesota. While in the Twin Cities, I'll get to spend time with my two godchildren and their families, as well as celebrate the 90th birthday of my lifelong mentor — the one who saw in me the potential for becoming a DCE. In between there will be reading, gardening, and fishing. The only one more excited about all this wonderful time away is Poppie, my 5-year-old Cockapoo.

To say that I am grateful simply seems insufficient. But grateful I am. I look forward to returning refreshed and renewed, ready to join you again in this beautiful thing we do