

Happening at Highlands

Week of February 4, 2018

Bread for the Journey

Hospes venit, Christes venit - When the guest comes, Christ comes. Join us in the Greeting Space following 10:30 AM worship for a sample of delicious, homemade bread prepared by our members. Visitors are especially encouraged to come by for a special gift. If you are interested in joining the baking team, contact Kathleen Lalor at kblalor@gmail.com.

Story Seeds Growing Ministries Survey

Stories are at the very heart of Christian discipleship. This year, Highlands is embracing a rich, story-based focus for our growing ministries – *The Story Garden*. To help us gauge the interest in and potential for storytelling within our congregation and to plant seeds for the stories we hope to grow, all are invited to complete a brief online survey at www.highlandsumc.net/StorySeeds.

Wednesday Night Dinner - RSVP by Monday

This week's Wednesday night menu is spaghetti casserole, salad with herbs, and garlic bread. Adults \$10, children \$5. Make reservations by NOON on Monday to PJ Ellis at PJBE324@gmail.com or call the church office.

Youth Group - Today

All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to youth group this afternoon at Highlands at 4 PM. We will meet until 5 PM today so that those who wish to watch the Super Bowl can make it home in time for kick-off. Snacks will be provided!

Men's Fellowship Lunch - February 6

Join the men of Highlands at Dave's Pizza in Homewood for lunch and fellowship on Tuesday, February 6 at 11:30 AM. Contact Mark Chambers at markc205@yahoo.com for more information.

Mercedes Marathon - February 11

The annual Mercedes Marathon will take place next Sunday, February 11, blocking Highland Avenue and other roads around the church. Dashboard signs to help law enforcement officers direct you through the detours are available in the Greeting Space today following worship. **There will be no 8:30 AM service next week.** If you are interested in cheering on the racers from the church lawn, please contact Deb Welsh at deb@highlandsumc.net or George Gaskin at geogaskin@gmail.com.

Be Still Contemplative Worship - February 11

Join us on Sunday, February 11 at 7 PM for *be still*: a service of contemplative worship. This month's service will be a love feast – a service of Moravian origin in which Christ is encountered through the sharing food, prayer, and hymns. All Are Welcome!

UMW Circle 1 Meeting - February 12

Join the ladies of the Circle 1 on Monday, February 12 at 11:00 AM for our monthly meeting. Bring a bag lunch and drink and we will provide dessert. Mary Elizabeth Neal will give a presentation on church communications and technologies. To RSVP or for more information, contact Kim McRae at kimmcrae4@gmail.com.

People In Motion - Begins February 13

People in Motion will offer a dance class at Highlands beginning Tuesday, February 13th at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The class will meet for eight weeks at a cost of \$75, or \$10 per class. This class is open to adults of all ages and abilities – no previous dance training required. Come join in for an hour of fun, fellowship, and dance! For further information please contact Cynthia Brennan at 205-213-7322 or cacmjp@bellsouth.net.

Open Table: MCAC Pancake Dinner - February 13

Join Open Table in supporting the Magic City Acceptance Center's Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner fundraiser on Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 PM. Cost is \$10 per person and all proceeds benefit MCAC. Parking at MCAC is limited – meet at Highlands to carpool a little before 5:30. To RSVP, contact Reina McFarlin at reinamc3@gmail.com.

Men's Group Shrove Tuesday Feast - February 13

The Highlands Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, February 13 to celebrate Shrove Tuesday at Bistro V on Highway 31 in Vestavia Hills at 6:30 PM. To RSVP, contact Mark Chambers at markc205@yahoo.com.

Ash Wednesday Services - February 14

Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season, is set aside for contemplation, self-assessment, and renewing our relationship with God. Join us at NOON or 6:30 PM to begin your own Lenten journey with the imposition of ashes, sacred music, and prayer. All Are Welcome!

KEEP IN PRAYER ... Virginia Timmons; Nancy Sawyer; Brook Morris; Lisa, sister of Angela Chramer; Pamela Huck; Mark Carleton, brother of Lynn Hairston; Denise Jordan, sister of Cheryl Williams; Martha Council; Judy Trench, mother of Bart Trench; Sharon Turner; John Patrick Maya; Brian McFarlin; the Izcaray family; Chuck Tyndal; Roger Ash; Charles McFarlin; Therese Avant; Danza Paulovich; Jeanine Carmichael; Allison Fell; Denny Bearce; Dan Sibley; Peggy Carey; John Gaffney; Charlie Fell

Writing Your Own Stories - February 17

Join us on Saturday, February 17, 2018, 9 AM – 1 PM for a half-day workshop to help participants write and read the stories of their lives; to listen to and engage with those stories and what and how they reveal our outlook and choices. We will explore comfortable ways to share our stories, and listen to those of others. The story process can enable participants to explore events and relationships and how they have shaped and may transform us. The writing experience may further help us rediscover the sacred in our own lives and how God's redemptive work may appear. The cost of \$ 20.00 per person covers materials and lunch. To register or to learn more, contact Malcolm Carmichael at malcarmich@gmail.com or 334-221-8520.

Panama Mission Trip Info. Meeting - February 18

All those interested in participating in this year's Panama Mission Trip (July 28—August 4) should make plans to attend one of two information meetings on Sunday, February 18; 9:45 AM or after the 10:30 worship service. \$300 deposit will be due March 1. If you are interested in the mission trip, but cannot make one of these meetings, contact Deb Welsh at deb@highlandsumc.net.

Lenten Strengths Workshop - February 24

During Lent across the ages, disciples of Christ have devoted time to self-examination and prayer, seeking to align themselves more closely with God's intentions for their lives. Join us at Highlands on Saturday, February 24 from 9 AM to 1:30 PM to discern your unique strengths using the StrengthsFinder inventory and explore ways to build on them through personal reflection and communal experience. Cost is \$20 for workshop materials and a light lunch. Confidential scholarships are available by contacting Reggie Holder at reggie@highlandsumc.net. To register, contact Kathleen Lalor at kblalor@gmail.com by February 21.

Community Ministries Donations Needed

The Community Ministries freezer is bare! We are in need of frozen meals to stock the freezer – breakfast casseroles, baked spaghetti, chicken casserole, mac and cheese, soup, and/or anything that reheats well. This is a great project for families or small groups! Contact Deb Welsh at deb@highlandsumc.net to make drop off arrangements.

Sight Seekers - February 26

Join the Sight Seekers, Highlands' all-ages day travel group, on Monday, February 26 for a tour of Robinson Iron in Alexander City. Founded in 1946 and now in its third generation of family ownership, Robinson Iron has developed a worldwide reputation for creating and restoring cast metal – including Birmingham's own Vulcan statue. We will depart from Highlands at 9 AM and return by 2:30 PM, with lunch following the tour. Cost is \$15. Reservations are requested no later than February 7 to Gayle Byrne at tennmiss@bellsouth.net.

Lights, Camera, Auction! - March 9

The Child Development Center is hosting an evening of fun and fellowship on Friday, March 9th from 7–11 PM. All adults are invited to B & A Warehouse for food, drinks, and a silent auction. Live auction begins at 9 PM. Auction items include a Hawaiian vacation getaway, children's art-work, Regions Golf Tournament tickets, dinners, and lots more. Proceeds benefit the CDC. Tickets for this fun night are \$30 and may be purchased in the Greeting Space today, or by contacting Valerie Nash at 933-8751 ext. 110.

Email and Text Communications from Highlands

Highlands would love to help you stay connected to our programming and congregational concerns by offering both email and text message updates. To sign up:

- Text HIGHLANDS to 84576 or visit www.flocknote.com/HighlandsUMC. Complete the online profile with your contact information and sign up for the interest groups you'd like to hear from.
- Email Mary Elizabeth Neal at maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net or call 205-933-8751, ext. 214.

Please note that you are not required to provide a mobile phone number or receive text message updates. You will not miss any important information if you choose not to receive text message updates!

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Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed for lunch 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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