

Welcome to Highlands!

Hospes venit, Christes venit. – When the guest comes, Christ comes.
Join us in the Greeting Space following 10:30 AM worship. Visitors are especially encouraged to come by for a small gift and to learn more about the Highlands family.

“Fill the Tube” for Heifer International - September

The children of Highlands invite you to support our September service project, Heifer International, which works to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and education to struggling communities. Each Sunday in September, you are invited to bring quarters to “fill the tube” in the Greeting Space to purchase a sheep, goat, or pig for a family in need.

Youth Group Meetings Resume - Today

All youth are invited to our first youth group meeting of the new school year today from 4 to 6 PM at Woodlawn UMC. Carpool will depart the Highlands parking lot at 3:45 PM and return at 6:15 PM. For more information, contact Henry Gibson at henry@highlandsumc.net.

Spiritual Formation Class - Sundays

It's not too late to join our short-term study on Spiritual Formation led by Rev. Ben Padgett and using Henri Nouwen's book *A Spirituality of Living* as our guide for practice and discussion. Participants will have the opportunity to share their spiritual experiences as we practice the spiritual process Jesus offers us in this study (Solitude, Community, and Ministry). The class meets on Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Griffin-Williams Room.

Response to Gun Violence Group - September 16

Our Response to Gun Violence Conversation group will meet at 6 PM on Monday, September 16 in the Upper Room Classroom (E209) to make plans for our Gun Violence Awareness Sunday and to divide tasks and assignments for a successful event.

Mary Oliver Poetry Group - September 18

The Mary Oliver Poetry group will regather for our Fall sessions on Wednesday, September 18 at 5 PM in the Explorer's Sunday School Classroom (E204). We will once again be using the text *Devotions – The Selected Poems of Mary Oliver* (Penguin Press 2017). We will begin with the poems “That Little Beast” and “The Pond.” We welcome new folks and visitors. If you would like more information, contact Reggie Holder at reggie@highlandsumc.net.

Ladies' Coffee Night - September 25

Join the women of Highlands for a relaxed social gathering at O'Henry's Coffee next to Brookwood Mall on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:30 PM. No agenda, no book to read - just friends fellowshiping together. Contact Lauri Soong at laurisoong@hotmail.com to learn more.

Discovery Weekend Planning Retreat - Oct. 5-6

All 9th-12th grade youth are invited to a Discovery Weekend planning retreat October 5-6. Youth will develop our theme and D-group materials, plan talk topics and assign presenters, and prepare for their leadership responsibilities during Discovery Weekend. Planning retreat will take place at Camp Sumatanga. A suggested donation of \$25 will help cover the cost of lodging. Please register no later than September 30 at www.highlandsumc.net/youth.

**Save the Dates: October 13 and November 3
Sunday, October 13 Gun Violence Awareness Sunday
Sunday, November 3 Gun Violence Action Steps**

Mark your calendar for an important seminar to be held at Highlands on Sunday, October 13, 2:00–4:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Jeffrey Kerby, Director of the Division of Acute Care Surgery and Chief of Trauma Service at UAB Hospital will be our keynote speaker. Dr. Kerby, a combat surgeon of the US Air Force has been featured in US News and World Report, The New York Times, US Air Force Times and Come Back Town Birmingham. Following Dr. Kerby's keynote we will have breakout sessions with leadership from the Birmingham Police Department, our own Stan Hart, and others to be announced to help us better understand the impact of gun violence not only on a national level but also here in Birmingham so that we may formulate a faithful response. A follow-up event, Gun Violence Action Steps, will be held on November 3 at 3 PM.

New Seekers Adult Sunday School - October 20

We are offering a new adult Sunday School Class beginning October 20th at 9:35 AM in the Chapel. The class will begin in Genesis and make our way through to Revelation, both chronologically and thematically, spending two or three weeks on most books, moving along a fairly quick pace. There will be no required outside reading but we certainly won't stop you from following along – our textbook after all has received rave reviews. Each week will begin with a time of fellowship, hot coffee, a favorite song or hymn, and a compelling lesson with opportunity for questions, comments and an occasional exercise or activity.

We are currently taking applications for a couple of brewers to make the coffee, and a couple of hospitality captains to greet and welcome those attending. If you feel called to help out, contact Reggie Holder. We hope you will join us on October 20th.

Festival of Three Kings - December 14

Save the date for the Festival of Three Kings on Saturday, December 14 in the Fellowship Hall. Many volunteers are needed! If you'd like to be part of the operational team, contact Deb Welsh at deb@highlandsumc.net.

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Mary Jean Box
Britton Buckner
James Daniels
Don Delashaw
Sonny Holt
Pamela Huck
Marie Jeff

Ross Mason
Judy Mills
Karl Moore
Brook Morris
Christian Riley
Nancy Sawyer
Pat Smith

Abygail Thompson
Kathleen & Tommy Thompson
Sharon Turner
Chuck Tyndal
Kate

Lisa, sister of Angela Chrmer
Mark Carleton, brother of Lynn Hairston
Sharon Self, mother of Michelle Jones
Judy Trench, mother of Bart Trench
The United Methodist Church

Contact information for those on this list is available from Deb Welsh at deb@highlandsumc.net or 205-933-8751, ext. 211

People In Motion - Tuesdays

People in Motion meets at Highlands each Tuesday at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Each class costs \$10 and is open to adults of all ages and abilities. Come join in for an hour of fun, fellowship, and dance! Contact Cynthia Brennan at 205-213-7322 or cacmjp@bellsouth.net to learn more.

Atrium Flowers - Volunteers Needed

Each week in the Atrium, our children have lessons on flower arranging. You may have seen their small arrangements around the church on the way to worship. We are looking for folks who would bring a bouquet of grocery store flowers to the Atrium each week; ideally, we would like to take this task away from busy parents who are doing their best to get their children here each week.

If you are willing to help, all you need to do is pick up a bouquet and drop it off in Atrium 1, Room E219 on Sunday by 9:30 AM. Please let Reggie Holder know the date this fall you can bring flowers at reggie@highlandsumc.net.

Additionally, we are happy for our congregation to take one of the small vases of flowers home with you to share with a neighbor, visitor to church, or perhaps someone sick or homebound. Please return vases as you are able so that we have a steady supply to use.

Welcome Children's Intern Olivia Seckinger

Join us in welcoming Olivia Seckinger to the Highlands family! Olivia is a student at Birmingham-Southern College, majoring in Religion. She will be interning at Highlands this school year, working primarily in children's ministries. Please introduce yourself and make her feel welcome!



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