

Happening at Highlands

Week of February 5, 2017

Sumatanga Sunday - Today

Today, we are celebrating Camp Sumatanga, our beloved United Methodist Church camp in Gallant, Alabama. Information about summer camping programs is available in the Greeting Space after worship. Today's communion rail offering will benefit summer camp scholarships.

Youth Group at Woodlawn - Today

Youth Group will meet today at Woodlawn UMC at 4 p.m. We will end by 5:30 this week for anyone wishing to watch the Super Bowl. Parents may drop off youth at Highlands at 3:45 p.m. and pick up at 5:45 p.m. Snack supper will be provided.

Book Study - Begins Today

All adults are invited to take part in a short-term book study based on Linda Douty's much-acclaimed book *How Can I Let Go If I Don't Know I'm Hanging On?* This study, facilitated by Kathleen Lalor, is for those who are longing for their souls to be set free for more joyful living; seeking a deeper spirituality through connection with God and neighbor; open to conversation, contemplation and compassionate self-examination; and hungry to be a part of a shared pilgrimage within a caring community. The first session will be today at 4 p.m. at the Lalor's home. The class will meet Sunday mornings in February at 9:15 a.m. in the Griffin Williams Room. The study will culminate with a mini-retreat Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, contact Kathleen Lalor at kblalor@gmail.com or 615-294-8384.

Men's Fellowship Lunch - February 8

Join the men of Highlands on Wednesday, February 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Dave's Pizza in Homewood for lunch and fellowship. For more information, contact Mark Chambers at markc205@yahoo.com.

Mercedes Marathon - February 12

The annual Mercedes Marathon will take place next Sunday, February 12. The course runs through Five Points South, causing potential traffic delays for Highlands congregants. Pick up a dashboard sign as you leave worship today to help inform officers of your destination.

Open Table Conversation - February 12

For over two years our Open Table Team has worked to insure the message All Are Welcome at Highlands is understood by our members and the broader community. We have a great opportunity to continue the conversation on Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. with Helen Ryde, Southeastern Coordinator of the Reconciling Ministries Network. Join us in the Fellowship Hall, be a part of the conversation, and hear the important call of the church to be welcoming for all. All are encouraged to stay after the conversation for our Faith and Film Series presentation of *An Act of Love* at 4:00 p.m.

Highlands CDC Shamrockin' Party - March 17

The Child Development Center is hosting an evening of fun and fellowship on Friday, March 17 from 7 - 11 p.m. All adults are invited to B & A Warehouse for food, drinks, and a silent auction. Live auction begins at 9 p.m. Auction items include a Hawaiian vacation getaway, children's artwork, a spa weekend in Atlanta, passes to First Avenue Rocks, box seats at a Birmingham Barons game, and lots more. Proceeds benefit the CDC. Tickets for this fun night are \$30 and may be purchased by contacting Valerie Nash at 933-8751 ext. 110. Tickets will be available in the Greeting Space after worship today.

Atrium Flowers

We are in need of volunteers to provide fresh flowers each week for the flower arranging lesson in Levels 1 and 2 of the Atrium, our children's Sunday school program. Flowers from your garden or a couple of bunches from the grocery store are all we need. If you can help with this easy and affordable way to support our children's ministries, please sign up today at tinyurl.com/atriumflowers.

Community Ministries Donation Items

In February, we are collecting sugar, coffee, and laundry detergent pods in honor of Lee Brewer and Pat Quellhorst for their many years of service and love in Community Ministries. Donations may be placed in the baskets in the Narthex, by the water fountain near the Sanctuary, in the Greeting Space near the Fellowship Hall, and outside the church office.

KEEP IN PRAYER ... Diana Spencer; Virginia Timmons; Madge South; Sam Stayer; Richard Fender; Nancy Sawyer; Juanita Parsons; Brook Morris; Aleta Schanbacher; Charlotte Word; David Mason; Kathleen Kauffman; Mary Louise Jones; Patricia Gerber; Jean Daniel; Joanna Heard; Lisa, sister of Angela Chramer; Mary Hannah Mackin, granddaughter of Kathi and Roger Ash; Pamela Huck; Danza Paulovich; Laura Long; Mark Carleton, brother of Lynn Hairston; Chrystal Saladori; Denise Jordan, sister of Cheryl Williams; Chuck Tyndal

Wednesday Night Speaker Series

Join us Wednesday evenings in February at 6:30 p.m.
as three of our fellow Highlanders share about recent
travel experiences related to their faith and spirituality.



February 8	Denise Williams	Immigrant Fold <i>McAllen, Texas</i>
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February 15	Jettye Davis	Magnolia Grove Buddhist Monastery <i>Batesville, Mississippi</i>
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February 22	Leigh Delashaw	UMC In Mission Together <i>Lithuania and Estonia</i>
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Dinner will be served from 5:45 – 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact PJ Ellis at pjellis324@earthlink.net by Monday at noon to make your reservations.
Childcare available during speakers.

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Office Hours
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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