

# Happening at Highlands

Week of January 29, 2017

## Wednesday Night Programs and Dinner

### Worship: Why We Do What We Do

Highlands has a long history of beautiful worship, steeped in ancient tradition and liturgy. Join Reverend Mikah Hudson on Wednesday, February 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the final class of the series.

### Disciple Bible Study

The New Testament portion of Disciple Bible Study led by Gene Wahnefried meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Classes have begun, but it is not too late to take part. Contact Gene at 205-306-0292 for more information.

Dinner will be served from 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact PJ Ellis at [pjellis324@earthlink.net](mailto:pjellis324@earthlink.net) by Monday, January 30 at noon to make your reservations.

Childcare is available for evening programs.



### Church Council Meeting - January 30

The Church Council will meet Monday, January 30 for the first meeting of 2017. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will convene at 6:00 p.m. Members of this year's confirmation class are encouraged to attend with their parents and/or mentors for January's assignment.

### Sumatanga Sunday - February 5

Next Sunday, February 5 is Sumatanga Sunday. Information about the summer camping programs will be available in the Greeting Space. Wear your name tags!

### Youth Group at Woodlawn - February 5

Youth Group will meet next Sunday, February 5 from 4-6 p.m. at Woodlawn UMC. Parents may drop off youth at Highlands at 3:45 p.m. and pick up at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be provided.

### Book Study - Begins February 5

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 Sunday, February from 4-6 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](mailto: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](mailto:markc205@yahoo.com).

### Communion Rail Offerings

In years past, as the Highlands' church family came to the altar to receive Holy Communion, they may have left a dollar or two or ten on the altar rail. It is a gift above a tithe or pledge that funds ministries that we as a church have a connection with, either through our work in the community or in our broader church family. These donations also helped with emergency situations or for community friends in crisis. We believe that this tradition of giving is a great way to stay connected, so we are bringing it back. Each month we will highlight a ministry or need, help you know who they are, and give you an this opportunity to serve. Our first communion rail offering will be taken on February 5th and will benefit scholarships to Camp Sumatanga summer camps.

**OUR SYMPATHY** ... to Kate Darden and family in the death of her brother, Steve Morgan.

**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; Reina McFarlin; Laura Long; Mark Carleton, brother of Lynn Hairston; Chrystal Saladori; Denise Jordan, sister of Cheryl Williams

# Highlands Faith & Film Series



**Sunday, February 12 at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

## **An Act of Love (2015)**

This documentary tells the story of Rev. Frank Schaefer, an advocate in the fight for equal rights within the United Methodist Church whose ministerial credentials were revoked and later reinstated after officiating his son's same-sex wedding, and examines the denomination's almost fifty year struggle over the issue of full inclusion for LGBTQ persons. Since its premier, *An Act of Love* has had over 150 screenings at film festivals, United Methodist Churches, college campuses, theaters, and other venues, winning numerous awards and garnering critical acclaim. For more information or to view the trailer, visit [AnActofLoveFilm.com](http://AnActofLoveFilm.com).

**This Faith and Film Series presentation is sponsored by Highlands Open Table and Woodlawn United Methodist Church. This event is free and open to the public.**

[www.highlandsumc.net/faithandfilm](http://www.highlandsumc.net/faithandfilm)

## **Community Ministries Donations**

As a gentle reminder, please remember that Highlands Community Ministries no longer maintains a clothes closet or accepts donations of clothing. Instead, we now partner with local Jimmie Hale Mission Bargain Centers for clothes donations. If you have clothes to donate you can take them to any of the area Mission Possible locations and tell them Highlands UMC is your ministry partner. At the end of each month, Community Ministries will receive a gift card for each donation that partnered with us. When a CM guest needs a work uniform, clothes for a funeral or job interview, or just needs a change of clothes, we can give them a gift card and a bus pass. Donations of bus passes and laundry detergent pods are always accepted.

February Community Ministries Donation items are 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.

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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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