

Happening at Highlands

Week of June 4, 2017



To make a one-time gift to the Open Capital Campaign to help us FINISH STRONG, complete a pledge card located in the Narthex and Greeting Space or visit www.highlandsumc.net/finishstrong

Youth Cahaba Lilies Adventure - Today

Join summer youth intern Anna Claire Rogers on an after church adventure to see the Cahaba lilies in bloom! All youth who are attending are asked to meet in the Greeting Space near the parking lot following worship. Any adults who would like to join us are welcome!

Men's Fellowship Lunch - June 6

Join the men of Highlands on Tuesday, June 6 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.

Join Open Table in the Pride Parade - June 7 & 10

For the past three years, Open Table has been a presence in the Birmingham Pride Parade, spreading the message that "All Are Welcome" at Highlands. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, June 7 at 5:30 p.m. to label bottles of water to be passed out during the parade. On Saturday, June 10, we will meet at Highlands at 5:30 p.m. to carpool to the parade route. Everyone is welcome and invited to participate! For more information or to sign up, visit www.highlandsumc.net/opentable.

Visiting our Muslim Neighbors - June 8

At the invitation of the Birmingham Islamic Society we have arranged visits to the Hoover Crescent Islamic Center during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The visit will take place on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The visit provides an opportunity to meet some of our Muslim neighbors, attend a class on Islam, observe a prayer service, and enjoy a break-fast meal. Questions you may have about Islam or Muslims are encouraged. Participation is limited to 18 persons. If you want to participate please register by June 6. Contact Malcolm Carmichael to register or obtain more information at malcarmich@gmail.com or 334-221-8520.

STAIR Tutoring Opportunity

Highlands UMC and St. Mary's Episcopal Church are collaborating to establish a STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading - STAIRbirmingham.org) site at Avondale School for 3rd Graders. Twenty slots are available for tutors during the 2017-2018 school year. Volunteers need to be freshmen in high school or older, and must attend a 2-hour training course, pass a background check, and commit to a tutoring session one afternoon per week. If you are interested in this service opportunity, contact Kathleen Kauffman at kathleendk@outlook.com by June 15.

Summer Parenting Conversations

Our popular series just for parents is back this summer! Join us on Wednesday evenings to dive into important topics for parents, no matter where you are on your journey. Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by parent's discussions at 6:30 p.m. Child-care is provided following dinner. Suggested donation of \$15 per family. RSVP at www.highlandsumc.net/families.

June 14 - Children & Service with Rachel Estes

June 28 - What is the Atrium & What Happens There?
with our Highlands' Catechists

July 19 - Discipline & Children with Dr. Renee Peacock

July 26 - Stress & Children with Dr. Renee Peacock

August 9 - Your Kids Actually Want You To Talk To
Them About Sex with Dr. Sonya Heath

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open!

Registration is open for We Are the Church TOGETHER, our VBS day camp, at www.highlandsumc.net/vbs. VBS is July 10 - 14, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and we have ten spaces left! Volunteers and Youth Counselors may also register using the link above. Contact Mary Elizabeth Neal at maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net for more information. Save the date for a church-wide VBS Kick-Off Cook-IN on Sunday, July 9 at 4:00 p.m.!

KEEP IN PRAYER ... *Diana Spencer; Virginia Timmons; Madge South; Sam Stayer; Nancy Sawyer; Juanita Parsons; Brook Morris; Charlotte Word; 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; Mark Carleton, brother of Lynn Hairston; Chrystal Saladori; Denise Jordan, sister of Cheryl Williams; Chuck Tyndal; Martha Council; Helen Chramer, mother of Scott Chramer; Ernest Statham; Judy Trench, mother of Bart Trench; Kay Yeager; Nina Reeves*

New Church Administrator

The Staff Parish Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of Dick L'Eplattenier as Highlands new Church Administrator, beginning June 20. Dick will join us after completing substantial careers as a Reservist and as a Director, Location Manager, and Area Manager for funeral homes in the greater Birmingham area. Dick is a lifelong Methodist, and he and his wife, Lynn, selected Highlands after a thorough and thoughtful search. Dick's passion for this congregation's mission and its place in the community as well as his leadership, financial, and logistical skills developed in the professional and military worlds are really tailor-made for the challenges and opportunities ahead.



Current Church Administrator Carrie Johnson will be moving to Raleigh, North Carolina in July where her husband has taken a new job. The date of our celebration of Carrie's service to Highlands will be announced soon.

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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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