May 5, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

### **Welcome to Highlands!**

Thank you for joining us in worship today! If you would like to learn more about the ministries of Highlands, please fill out an information card found in the pews, or speak with a member of our staff in the coming week. We welcome the opportunity to be in conversation with you. Staff contact information – www.highlandsumc.net/staff

### **Youth Group Meeting - Tonight 5 PM**

The youth group will meet tonight to enjoy some food and fun together at Katie and Will Soong's house. A great time of fellowship not to be missed! Parents may pick up at 6:30 PM. Contact: Danny Jones – danny@highlandsumc.net

### **Youth Summer Mission Trip - June 16-21**

Registration is open for our youth summer mission trip to the Morgan Scott Project in Deer Lodge, TN. The MSP serves the elderly, needy, handicapped, and unemployed in Morgan and Scott counties, two of the most poverty-stricken counties in TN. The mission trip is open to all youth, rising 7th graders through graduating seniors, as well as adult chaperones. Cost is \$280/person; full and partial scholarships are available upon request. Registration is open through May 19; scan the QR code on the back of this page or visit <a href="https://www.highlandsumc.net/youth-mission-trip">www.highlandsumc.net/youth-mission-trip</a>.

### Contact: Danny Jones – danny@highlandsumc.net

Vacation Bible School Registration Open
Registration is open for Compassion Camp: VBS at Highlands, July 22-26! Compassion Camp will guide participants to consider what it means to have compassion for every living thing, and to cultivate that compassion for themselves, others, and the whole world. We are looking forward to a great week and hope your child will participate. VBS is for children age 4 through rising 5th graders, and youth helpers rising 6th graders and older. Scan the QR code on the back of this page or visit www.highlandsumc.net/vbs to learn more.

Contact: Mary Elizabeth Neal – maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net

### **United Women in Faith Meeting - May 13**

UWiF will meet Monday, May 13 at 11 AM in the Sanctuary. Rick Phillips will share details about our newly renovated organ. Lunch will be available afterwards for \$10. Please RSVP if you plan to attend and would like lunch.

Contact: Marion Lagman -mlagman@gmail.com

### **Ladies' Coffee Night - May 15**

Need a break? Join the women of Highlands for a relaxed social gathering at Panera Bread in Vestavia Hills on Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30 pm. No agenda, no book to read – just friends fellowshipping together.

Contact: Lauri Soong - laurisoong@hotmail.com

### **Adult Sunday School Classes - Through May 19**

### Two Peas in a God Pod

Dr. Weily Soong and Dr. Sonya Heath will help explore faith and religion through podcasts worth listening to, pondering, and discussing together. Meets in Room 204

## From Suffering to Redemption: *The Journeys of Job, Jonah, Ruth, and Esther*

An exploration of the journeys of Job, Jonah, Ruth, and Esther, led by Janet Hughes Holt. Meets in Room 209

### **Highlands CDC Silent Auction Fundraiser - June 7**

Join the families of the Highlands Child Development Center for a fun-filled evening at the beautiful Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Friday, June 7 at 6:30 pm. Get ready to bid on amazing items and experiences while supporting our CDC. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference and have a great time doing it. Tickets are \$50 online; scan the QR code on the back page or on the flyers around the church. Contact: Will Hooper – will@highlandsumc.net

### **Children's Summer Sunday School Sign Up**

We are seeking parents and other volunteers to provide simple, meaningful lessons and loving care to our children on Sunday mornings during the summer months. This allows our hard-working Catechists a well-deserved break to rest and recharge, and introduces our children to their wider church family. If you are interested in serving one week this summer, scan the QR code on the back of this page and complete the online sign up.

Contact: Mary Elizabeth Neal – maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net

### **Community Ministries Donations - T-Shirts**

Thank you to everyone who generously supports our Community Ministries program with monthly donations. Our donation item for the month of May is men's t-shirts, especially L, XL and XXL. This is a commonly requested item, and we never have too many. Donations may be dropped off in the marked baskets in the Greeting Space and Narthex. You may also purchase items from our Amazon Wish List, which ships directly to the church; scan the QR code on the back page.

Contact: Danny Jones – danny@highlandsumc.net

### **Heart & Hand Sundays - Save the Dates**

One Sunday each month, our children, youth and adults will gather together during Sunday School for *Heart and Hand Sundays*, where we will work together on service projects for our church and community. Save these dates and join us!

June 2 – Casseroles for Community Ministries July 14 - Hygiene Kits for Community Ministries August 11 – School Supplies Drive for Local Schools

### KEEP IN PRAYER

Britton Buckner Craig Butterworth Gayle Byrne Peggy Carey Susan Gaskin Nina Reeves Nancy Sawyer Martha Satterwhite Carol & Arthur Stephens Tutter Tyndal

Leo Bolack, grandson of Jettye and Jon Davis Patricia Heath, mother of Sonya Heath Bill White, brother of Reina McFarlin Lewis Harmon, family of Joe & Teresa Kiser

Contact information for those listed is available on the ShelbyNext Membership Directory. For help connecting to the directory, visit <a href="https://www.highlandsumc.net/shelbynext">www.highlandsumc.net/shelbynext</a> or contact Mary Elizabeth Neal at <a href="maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net">maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net</a>.



# SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP STOCK SALE

Invest in Youth Ministry at Highlands UMC!

Your purchase of a share or shares of stock is an investment in the Highlands United Methodist Youth Mission Trip. It is an investment in the lives of our young people. It is an investment that allows our young people to experience an intentional, guided opportunity to be the loving presence of God. It is an investment that allows the heartbeat of Highlands UMC to be heard and felt in rural Tennessee by low-income residents who are happy to have a helping hand.

Purchasing shares in this trip represents an investment in transformation – in our young people, in a low-income Tennessee county, in the future of Highlands UMC. It will allow our young people to have a never-to-be forgotten experience in serving God by serving others.

As a shareholder, you will receive updates from the trip, photos, and correspondence updating you on what your investment has allowed to happen. The biggest payoff – what your investment does for the spiritual development of our church's young people – may take years to be fully realized. Thank you for considering this investment worthwhile.

Stock may be purchased for \$20 per share. Stock may be given in honor or memory of a loved one for Father's Day, which will be listed in the bulletin on June 16, 2024. Scan the QR Code below to purchase your shares or visit www.highlandsucm.net/youth-mission-trip to learn more.

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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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To include an announcement in Happening At Highlands, please submit information to the church office by Wednesday at noon.