

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

Church Council Meeting - After Worship

All are invited to the Church Council meeting today after worship in the Fellowship Hall. We will hear from Dr. Will Harper-Hooper about our Child Development Center and Mikah will update us on the changes in our Annual Conference and Redistricting. Mikah will also discuss important legislative matters that will be considered at General Conference, including removal of harmful language from the Book of Discipline, new Social Principles, and a Regionalization Plan.

Contact: Anne Rand – asrand@yahoo.com

Heirloom Tomato Plants - After Worship

It's tomato season again and once again Joe Hughes will offer free plants to the Highlands congregation. There are a variety of different types to choose from. Plants will be available in the Greeting Space after worship.

Special Offering for Medical Debt Forgiveness

Highlands set a goal of raising \$10,000 through our Lenten and Easter Offering for Medical Debt Relief. An offering of \$10,000 would enable us to purchase one million dollars in medical debt through our non-profit partner RIP Medical Debt. We are pleased to announce that we exceeded our goal and raised \$11,285. Thank you for your generous support, helping us live into our mission of Loving God and Serving Our Neighbors.

United Women in Faith Bake Sale - April 21

United Women in Faith will host their Spring Bake Sale next Sunday, April 21. Delicious goodies will be available starting at 9 AM on the 1st floor of the Greeting Space. Payment by cash, check, or Venmo accepted.

Contact: Mary Beth Lloyd - mblloyd85@yahoo.com

Third Sunday Potluck - April 21

Join us next week for our Third Sunday Potluck! Bring your favorite main course, side dish, bread, or dessert and join us for our monthly fellowship meal after worship on Sunday, April 21. All are welcome and invited!

Contact: Michelle Jones – michelle@highlandsumc.net

Men's Fellowship Lunch - April 26

The Men's fellowship group will meet on Friday, April 26 for lunch at Taco Mama at the Summit. We'll gather around at 11:30 AM and stay as long as we can.

Contact: Mark Chambers – markc205@yahoo.com

Mother's Day Hydrangea - Order by April 30

Mother's Day is May 12. Hydrangeas may be purchased for \$30 and may be given in memory or honor of a loved one. Following worship on Mother's Day, the plants may be taken after the service and given to your special someone. **The deadline to order flowers is April 30.** To place an order, scan the QR code on the back page or sign up in the Greeting Space.

Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition - May 5

Please save the date for our Youth Sunday and senior recognition service on May 5. Youth will practice for this service during youth group meetings on April 14 and 28. Graduating seniors are Ellen Davis, Austin Meredith, Lauren Rogers, Ben Shacka, and Katie Soong. Parents of graduates are asked to submit bulletin information to Mary Elizabeth Neal by May 1.

Contact: Mary Elizabeth Neal – maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net

Children's Summer Sunday School Sign Up

During the summer months, our children will not have Atrium during Sunday School and worship. Instead, we are seeking parents and other volunteers to provide simple, meaningful lessons and loving care to our children on Sunday mornings. 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 - Socks

Would you be able to help our Community Ministries guests by donating socks? Your donation of socks, new or gently used, would contribute to the well-being, hygiene, and comfort of our guests. Athletic crew socks in white, black or grey are favorites, but all styles and colors are welcome especially for men. (We do not need socks for children.) 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

KEEP IN PRAYER

Britton Buckner
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
Billy Ray, father of Suzanne Hoyer
Bill White, brother of Reina McFarlin

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

Spring Adult Sunday School

Our Spring Adult Sunday School classes meet each week at 9:30 AM. These six-week classes will continue through May 19. All adults are invited and encouraged to get involved in a weekly study opportunity. These classes are a wonderful opportunity to invited friends and neighbors to Highlands! We hope you'll join in!



Two Peas in a God Pod:

A Different Look at Faith and Religion

The dynamic duo of Dr. Weily Soong and Dr. Sonya Heath are at again with Two Peas in God Pod – a Different Look at Faith and Religion. This six-week course will feature podcasts from Krista Tippett, Barbara Brown Taylor, Rachel Held Evans, Kate Bowler, Frances Collins, and Brene Brown. Meets in Room 204



From Suffering to Redemption:

The Journeys of Job, Jonah, Ruth, and Esther

Veteran Sunday School teacher Janet Holt will introduce both new and experienced students of the Bible to some of the four most compelling characters and genres of the Hebrew scriptures. Janet will start with her favorite book of the Bible, Job, for several weeks and end with a one-Sunday summary lesson of Jonah, Ruth, and Esther. Meets in Room 209



Contemplative Sunday School

Join us for a once-a-month Contemplative Sunday School experience for adults, led by Leigh Delashaw and Jettye Davis. Each class incorporates music, a short devotion, intentional silence, and other opportunities to find the space within us to commune with God. Our next meeting on Sunday, April 28 will be an outdoor experience, weather permitting. Meets in the Chapel.

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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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Text HIGHLANDS to 84576

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