

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*

Third Sunday Potluck & Church Council Meeting

Join us after worship for our Third Sunday Potluck. All are welcome and invited - even if you didn't bring a dish! The Church Council will meet following the meal for a report from our Compassion/Serving Ministries, as well as a recap of General Conference and what the outcomes mean for Highlands. Church Council meetings are open to everyone.

Love Offering for Leslie Williams

Congratulations to our Seminarian in Residence, Leslie Norris Williams, on her graduation from Perkins School of Theology. Leslie has been an instrumental part of Highlands youth and worship ministries during her time with us, and we wish her the very best in her new position at East Lake United Methodist Church. If you would like to contribute to a love offering for Leslie, please drop a check in the offering plate with "Leslie Love Gift" in the memo line or contribute using our online giving form; scan the QR code on the back page. Leslie's last Sunday at Highlands will be May 26.

BSC Chapel Service - May 20

The last chapel services at Yeilding Chapel at Birmingham Southern College will be Monday, May 20 at 5 and 7 PM. Rick Phillips will be playing. Both services are at capacity, but there will be a gathering on the lawn outside the chapel at 6:00 PM to which all are invited. Other participants are Rev. Brian Erickson, Rev. Stewart Jackson, Kristin Harper, Rev. Julie Holly, Rev. John Richardson, and Rev. Jack Hinnen.

BSC Closing Ceremony Volunteers - May 23

The closing ceremony for Birmingham-Southern College is on Thursday, May 23, at 7 PM. Highlands has been asked to help recruit non-alumni volunteers to staff the event. Those interested in helping out should complete the online sign-up form; scan the QR code on the back page. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our community and care for those affected by the closure of BSC.

Contemporary Sunday School - May 26

Next Sunday, May 26, will be our last Contemplative Sunday School class of the Spring. Contemplative Sunday School incorporates devotion, reflection, journaling, listening, and creativity. Join us for this contemplative means of study and worship at 9:30 AM in the Chapel. **No other children, youth, or adult Sunday School classes will meet on Sunday, May 26.** *Contact: Leigh Delashaw – leigh.delashaw@gmail.com*

Children's Service Project - June 1

All children and their families are invited to a service project at WE Community Gardens on Saturday, June 1 from 9 to 10 AM. The garden provides fresh produce to Urban Ministry's WE Cafe and the West End community. Participants are encouraged to wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring bottled water and small hand tools, and join in for a great time in service with your friends from Highlands.

Contact: Mary Elizabeth Neal – maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net

Heart & Hand Sundays - June 2

During the summer months, our children, youth, and adults gather once a month for Heart and Hand Sundays, to work together on service projects for our church and community. These intergenerational experiences are a great way to get to know the Highlands family better, and are a perfect opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to see what Highlands is all about. Join us on June 2 when we will be making breakfast casseroles for Community Ministries.

Save the date for future Heart & Hand Sundays: July 14 & August 11

Children & Family Summer Kick-Off - June 2

Join the families of Highlands for a relaxed gathering to celebrate the start of the summer season! We'll gather at the home of Tate and Kirk Forrester on Saturday, June 2 from 3 to 4:40 PM for fellowship, sweet treats, and lots of fun together. All children and their families are invited!

RSVP to Lauri Soong at laurisoong@hotmail.com

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. 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

Uniquely Highlands - Summer Sunday School

Highlands stands out for its strong sense of community, our commitment to the teachings of Jesus, and our response to the call for social justice. We are known for our welcoming and inclusive atmosphere where all are accepted and valued, fostering a sense of belonging and deep connection. Our dedication to serving others and creating a more just, compassionate world sets Highlands apart as a unique and meaningful place of worship in the Birmingham area. This summer, we will offer a Sunday School series for youth and adults to highlight and explore all the things that make Highlands, uniquely Highlands. Classes start June 9 at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. See flyer in your worship bulletin for more information.

Contact: Reggie Holder – reggie@highlandsumc.net

KEEP IN PRAYER

Britton Buckner

Susan Gaskin

Martha Satterwhite

Patricia Heath, mother of Sonya Heath

Craig Butterworth

Nina Reeves

Carol & Arthur Stephens

Bill White, brother of Reina McFarlin

Gayle Byrne

Nancy Sawyer

Tutter Tyndal

Lewis Harmon, family of Joe & Teresa Kiser

Peggy Carey

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.

Mission Trip Stock Sale - Through June 9

Invest in the youth ministries of Highlands! Stock in the Youth Summer Mission Trip is on sale now for \$20 per share. Purchasing shares in this trip will allow our young people to have a never-to-be forgotten experience of serving God by serving others. Stocks may be given in honor or memory of a loved one for Father's Day. Shareholders will receive a stock certificate, as well as photos and updates from the trip. The biggest payoff – what your investment does for the spiritual development of our young people – may take years to be fully realized. Thank you for considering this investment worthwhile. Scan the QR code below to purchase or learn more.

Youth Summer Mission Trip - June 16-21

Registration is open for our youth summer mission trip to the Morgan Scott Project, serving the elderly, needy, handicapped, and unemployed in 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 June 2; scan the QR code below or visit www.highlandsumc.net/youth-mission-trip.

Contact: Danny Jones – danny@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. 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 below.

Contact: Danny Jones – danny@highlandsumc.net

Vacation Bible School - July 22-26

Registration is open for Compassion Camp VBS, 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 below or visit www.highlandsumc.net/vbs to learn more.

Adult volunteers also needed for a variety of tasks, from preparing materials before the event, to providing snacks, to leading small group sessions. There is truly an opportunity for everyone in our congregation!

Contact: Mary Elizabeth Neal – maryelizabeth@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 below.

Contact: Mary Elizabeth Neal – maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net

First Aid Certification - July

Every two years, Highlands offers first aid training to volunteers who would be willing to assist our congregation in the event of an emergency. Our next training session will be this July. There are seven slots available for the online training course. On average, the course takes an hour, and can be revisited at any time for a refresher. You don't have to be an MD or EMT – just someone who is willing to serve to save a life. To sign up, contact Dick L'Eplattenier.

Contact: Dick L'Eplattenier – dick@highlandsumc.net

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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.