



# What's Happening at *Highland*

DECEMBER 2021



Blessings to you in this  
holy, holiday season!

*Merry  
Christmas*

With Love from,  
The Staff @ Highland

*Janet*

*Kui Mai*

*Candi*

*Alan Amanda*

*Amy*

*Tom*

## Office Hours

The church office is open  
9 AM - 12 PM, Monday -  
Friday. If you need  
assistance or to conduct  
onsite church business  
outside those hours,  
please contact a member  
of the staff to ensure that  
you will have the  
assistance you need.

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Alan's cell 919-210-9120

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# Advent

Read inside for  
your complete  
guide to all the  
holiday  
happenings at  
Highland

# Hanging of the Greens

10 AM in Bradley Hall & 11 AM in Sanctuary

Join us on Saturday, November 27, as we deck the halls at Highland for the holiday season. We'll be hanging wreaths and decorating trees for our worship spaces. All are welcome to join in the festivities.



# Connection

*Wait, Watch, and Wonder at the Connection this Advent Season*

Join us at 8:45 AM in Bradley Hall on November 28, December 5, and December 12 for Advent worship for the whole family. We've gotten used to the 3 W's of the pandemic (waiting 6-feet apart, washing hands, and wearing masks), but we're going to

look at the 3 W's of Advent: Wait, Watch, and Wonder. Each week will include contemporary music of the season, interactive ways to pray together as a church family, and Holy Communion. Services are also available via live-stream.

# Journey to Bethlehem

*An Outdoor Nativity Event for All Ages*

The Children's Ministry Team invites you to help us present an outdoor nativity on Sunday, December 12, 5-6 PM. Invite friends and neighbors to come! We need members of the congregation to play the roles of shepherds, magi, angels, inn keepers, Mary and Joseph. We need folks to help with costumes and help construct

a simple stable. This is a great opportunity for Highland to tell the Christmas story to and with our community. If you would be interested in volunteering or in learning more about how you can help, please contact Amy Takahashi by calling the church or by e-mail at amy@highlandumc.org.

# Advent Workshop

Adapting a couple Highland holiday traditions, we'll be having an Advent Workshop for all ages during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, November 28 (9:45) in Bradley Hall. There will be materials for making an Advent wreath that you can

use at your home and we'll be making Care and Share baskets for some of Highland's older members. Please bring fresh fruit, low-sugar treats, and single-serving snacks and crackers for the baskets.

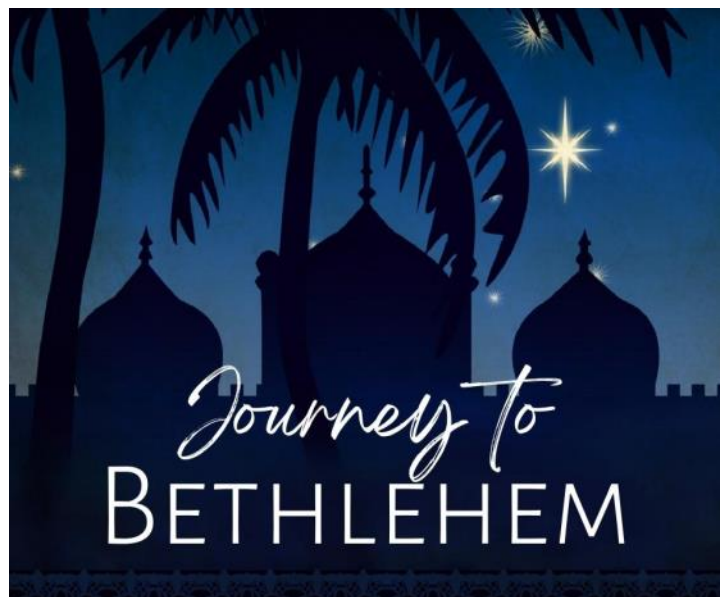


# Many Moods of Christmas

*Highland musicians offer a variety of beautiful songs for celebrating the season on December 5*

Mark your calendar for the live Many Moods of Christmas concert on Sunday, December 5 at 3 PM in the sanctuary to hear a variety of Advent and Christmas music performed by instrumentalists and singers associated with Highland. If you are unable to attend the live performance, watch the video premier on YouTube on December 19 at 3 PM. You can learn more about the performance on our website.

Your spirits will be lifted for the Advent and Christmas seasons by J. S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, solos from Handel's Messiah, selections from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, favorites like Ave Maria and Panis Angelicus, Fritz Kreisler's beautiful Midnight Bells, a medley of popular Christmas songs and carols, and ringing in the season with Highland's HUMRingers, among others.

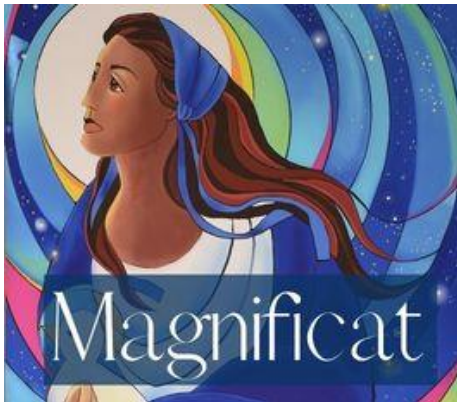




# Christmas Cantata: Hayes's *Magnificat*

**Sunday, December 12, 11 AM**

Our 11 AM traditional service in the Sanctuary will include a presentation of Mark Hayes's Christmas cantata *Magnificat*, featuring the Highland Choir and an orchestra led by music director Kevin Quick.



Please note the changes to our Sunday worship schedule in December:  
December 12 - 8:45 Connection & 11 Cantata Service

December 19 - 11 AM Bluegrass Christmas service

December 26 - 11 AM Songs of Christmas Service

(No 8:30 service these weeks; no Connection the last 2)

# Bluegrass Christmas

**Sunday, December 19, 11 AM**

This service has become a beloved Highland tradition! We'll have only one service on this special Sunday of lessons and bluegrass-style carols in our sanctuary.



# Christmas Eve

We'll celebrate the coming of the Christ child with two services in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve featuring beloved Christmas hymns, Holy Communion, and candle lighting. Join us at 5 PM for a service for families of all ages or at 7 PM for a traditional Christmas service. These services will also be live-streamed.



# Songs of Christmas

Join us on Sunday, December 26, at 11 AM in the Sanctuary for a service of Christmas celebration and featuring many of our favorite Christmas carols. (There is only the one service that day and no Sunday School for children and youth.)

# Remember in Prayer

Cleveland Kingsberry, Mark Adamson, O'Dell and Amy Massey, Jacob, Laura, Miles and Ellie McPherson, Keith Pendleton, Katherine and Lillian Robbins, Bonnie Anderson, Lisa Anthony, Melva Armstrong (Amy Massey's cousin), Jason Christian Bayer (Wanda Easley's nephew), Brady Beck (son of Bev and Keith Beck), Debbie Beavers (friend of Harriet Mills), Paul Braun, Charles Cimerro, Archie Clark, Helen Cook, James Cornell (Amy Massey's son), Dot Correll, Sharon Cox, Liz Deaton Crossley (Beth and George Deaton's daughter), Ginny Davis, Beth Deaton, Phyllis and Alex Edwards, Joyce Faucette, Cleo Flowers (Kevin Flowers mother), Harold Fuller, Bill George, the Harris family (friends of Chet Mottershead), Grace Haven, Mark Haven (Grace Haven's son), Doug and Pat Hoffman, Glenda Johnson, Jeanine Lueke, Tammy Marshburn Poole and Judy Marshburn, Wendell and Georgie McKenzie, Dennis McLain, Mary McLeod, Dot McGee, Linda Moran, Brenda Murphy (Joyce Hicks sister), Rob Parady (Tristan Parady's father), Diane Racey, Savonda, Destiny and Melissa (friends of Harriet Roland), Peggy Reaugh, Candi Scott, Jean Shorter, Frances Shutt, Marge Walker, Mary Ward, Preston, Roz Thompson, Jane Webb, Conor & Sarah Mann Willcox, Charles & Anona Williams (friends of Whitney White), Eddie Wood.

Please also remember in prayer those serving in our military: Christian Bugger, Robert Boone, Erich Dix, James Noneman, Matthew Bawden, Ryan and Margarita Shorter.

# December Birthdays

|                        |       |                      |       |
|------------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| Sarah Leighton Robbins | 12/01 | Jeff Prevatt         | 12/15 |
| John Wilk              | 12/01 | George Cummings      | 12/17 |
| Betty Davis            | 12/02 | Susan Sink           | 12/17 |
| Diane Penny            | 12/02 | John Penn            | 12/18 |
| George Deaton          | 12/03 | Kaitlin Dunn         | 12/19 |
| Aaron Brothers         | 12/04 | Jimmy Johnson        | 12/19 |
| Shawn Parker           | 12/04 | Keith McPherson      | 12/19 |
| Mark Poole             | 12/05 | Mary Rodgers         | 12/21 |
| Jarrett Wood           | 12/05 | Suzanne La Rocca     | 12/22 |
| Anna Lockett           | 12/06 | Tom Wolcott          | 12/22 |
| Julia Cole             | 12/08 | Emma Claire Martin   | 12/24 |
| Bob Jones              | 12/08 | Barbara Jackson      | 12/25 |
| Dot Correll            | 12/09 | Rebecca White        | 12/25 |
| Linda Norris           | 12/09 | Jim Wescott          | 12/25 |
| Ryan Lockett           | 12/10 | Lorraine Gergen      | 12/28 |
| Erik Griffin           | 12/11 | Will Horn            | 12/28 |
| Becky Wood             | 12/13 | Mitchell Capriglione | 12/29 |
| O'Dell Massey          | 12/14 | Jack McCarthy        | 12/29 |
| Jennie Taylor          | 12/14 | Carl Brothers        | 12/30 |
| Grace Haven            | 12/15 | Cleveland Kingsberry | 12/30 |
| Louie Lucas            | 12/15 | Alex La Rocca        | 12/31 |

# CROP Walk 2021

17 Highland youth and adults (plus 3 dogs) enjoyed a beautiful fall afternoon on October 31 to participate in this year's CROP Hunger Walk. Team Highland raised over \$2000 to help fight hunger locally and globally. Thank you to everyone who contributed to support our team!



## Thank You, Matthew

For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew Richards built a group of picnic tables for Highland to use on the patio outside of Bradley Hall. Thank you to Matthew and the scouts of Troop 357!

## Sympathies

Sympathy to Ben Franklin, Christine Taylor, and family upon the death of Ben's father Ben Franklin (Sr.) on November 5.

## A Blue Ribbon Year in the Garden

Congratulations to the Highland Community Victory Garden for another award-winning year at the NC State Fair. This year's prizes at the State Fair include another blue ribbon for our trombone squash (this is becoming quite a tradition!), a second place ribbon for our Asian persimmons, and the "Most Unusual Edible Vegetable" prize for our King Kimbu Prize Southsea Salad Tree (Bell Tree). Of course, ribbons are just the cherry on top of a successful year with over 2200 pounds of garden produce donated to Interfaith Food Shuttle's Plant a Row for the Hungry. Congratulations to all our gardeners for another fantastic growing season!

## Welcome to the Highland Family!



Three Highland families have welcomed little ones this fall:

James Baker Wood, son of Molly and Jarrett Wood, was born October 4 (pictured left).

Lillian Ebba Thayer Robbins, daughter of Katherine and Matt Robbins, was also born October 4. Lillian came almost three months early and is making progress in the NICU. Continuing prayers for Lillian and family are greatly appreciated.

Hannah Faye White, daughter of London and Whitney White, was born on November 9 (pictured right).

