



What's Happening at *Highland*

JUNE 2022

A Note from Pastor Amanda

Pastor Amanda's last sermon will be June 12 and her last Sunday at Highland will be June 19.

It's always hard to know what to say in these moments, at least it is for me. To have shared this season with the folks of Highland, to have cared for one another in the midst of a global pandemic, to have affirmed our commitment to the inclusion of all people without regard to gender or who they love, to have built houses and relationships and packed meals, to have studied scripture and prayed together, thank you. I am grateful for our time together, for the ways in which my ministry has been accepted. Thank you for the ways you have pushed me, and challenged me to continue to grow.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven" (Eccl. 3:1). Life is full of seasons and changes, we move and grow. May the next season of Highland be one of growth and understanding, of change and dedication, a time to celebrate what God has done in this community, and to commit to the work that lies ahead.

May the peace of Christ that passes all understanding go with you all. With much love and appreciation for all that you are and all that you've given me,



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.

Pastoral concerns -

Alan's cell 919-210-9120

Business Office concerns -

Sarah Evelyn 984-459-1270

Facilities concerns -

Tom's cell 919-624-1405



Join us as we celebrate and give thanks for

Pastors Alan & Amanda

Sunday, June 19, 10 AM - Bradley Hall



Celebrating Marcia

Organist Marcia Nance retired after her last Sunday, June 15.

Marcia Nance presented a wonderful organ recital, played a fantastic service of organ music, and received our many thanks and gratitude at a reception following the service. For Marcia's 44 years of service as Highland's organist, the whole Highland family gives thanks and glory to God!



We celebrated the baptism of Hannah Faye White, daughter of London and Whitney White, on Sunday, May 8. Welcome Hannah!!



Thank you, Jim!

Business Manager Jim Duke retires in June

We want to express our gratitude to Jim Duke for his years of service as Highland's Business Manager. Jim looks forward to enjoying the perks of retirement, especially more time with his grandchildren. If you have had an opportunity to work with Jim during his time at Highland, please be sure to give him a call or send him a note of thanks.

We are also grateful for Sarah Evelyn Jarvis, who began last September and is preparing to step into Jim's role as Highland's Business Manager. She is wonderful to work with and happy to help Highland folks in any way that she can!



Meet John Tyson

We look forward to welcoming the Rev. Dr. John Tyson to Highland as our new pastor beginning in July. His first Sunday in worship will be July 10. Dr. Tyson is a fourth generation preacher from Chapel Hill and a graduate of Barton College with a B.A. in Religion. He then went on to get his Master of Divinity at Duke and a Ph.D. in Practical Theology from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. His focus was on the preaching and teaching of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. In 2017, he graduated from Duke with an M.B.A. and felt led to do this in order to become a more effective pastoral leader. He has served in churches throughout the state of North Carolina and also as a professor at Methodist University. He has various books published on topics of inclusion, conversion, and Church administration. He and his wife Elizabeth met in Edinburgh, Scotland as members of the same Ph.D program. Elizabeth is also a Methodist pastor in our Conference. They have five children between them. (John and Elizabeth are pictured below with their three younger children.)



Pentecost Picnic

Join the whole church family for an evening of food and fun on June 5.

All are invited to join us on Sunday, June 5, 6 - 8 PM at Laurel Hills Park on Edwards Mill Road for an evening of food and fun for all ages. We've reserved the main picnic shelter and a multipurpose field for the evening's festivities. We'll begin at 6 PM with a hot dog supper; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you enjoy baking, consider

baking a cake for our Best Cake contest. (If you want to enter, please put your name on the bottom side of the cake plate for "blind" judging.) At 6:45 there will be a multi-generational kickball game. The evening will also include music and other activities for children and youth. It will be a great evening as a church family — don't miss it!



VBS Prep Fest!

Tuesday, June 21 9:00-12:00

Wednesday, June 22 9:00-2:00

Thursday, June 23 9:00--12:00 (Thursday hours will vary depending on remaining tasks.)

Prep-fest will be held in the Conference Room and all youth and adults are invited to join us. We will be cutting, pasting, painting, organizing. We will also be chatting, laughing and having a great time. Since childcare is not available during Prep-fest, we ask that our children wait until the following week to join our VBS adventure. No need to RSVP--just join us on Tuesday morning and bring a pair of scissors!
Questions? Contact Amy Takahashi.

Sympathies

We pray for those in our community who are grieving and particularly offer our sympathies to:

- Sharon Lee, her daughters Callie and Rebecca and family upon the death of husband, father, and beloved pastor Rev. Jim Lee on April 7.
- Lorraine Gergen, her daughters and family upon the death of husband and father Steve Gergen on April 27.
- Richard Cook, Kathryn Cook Reed, and their whole extended family as they mourn the loss of beloved mother Helen Cook on May 15.

Graduate Sunday

Join us in worship on Sunday, June 12, as we celebrate our high school seniors as well as those who have recently completed college or graduate degrees.

Remember in Prayer

Cleveland Kingsberry, Dee Maronpot, Peggy Reaugh, Mark Adamson, O'Dell and Amy Massey, Jacob, Laura, Miles and Ellie McPherson, Keith Pendleton, Katherine and Lillian Robbins, Nang Dik Tuang, Bonnie Anderson, Lisa Anthony, Melva Armstrong (Amy Massey's cousin), Bill Babcock, Jason Christian Bayer, Brady Beck (son of Bev and Keith Beck), Debbie Beavers (friend of Harriet Mills), Paul Braun, Charles Cimerro, Archie Clark, James Cornell (Amy Massey's son), Dot Correll, Sharon Cox, Liz Deaton Crossley (Beth and George Deaton's daughter), Robert Combs (son-in-law of Doug and Susan Phelps), Ginny Davis, Beth Deaton, Amy Denson (Pam and Aaron Brothers' daughter), Phyllis and Alex Edwards, Joyce Faucette, Cleo Flowers (Kevin Flowers's mother), Bill George, Doug and Pat Hoffman, Glenda Johnson, Doris Kruger, Jeanine Lueke, Johanna Mann, Georgie McKenzie, Dennis McLain, Mary McLeod, Dot McGee, Patrick Moholt, Linda Moran, Brenda Murphy (Joyce Hicks's sister), Rob Parady (Tristan Parady's father), John Person, Carrie Ponder (Ruth Moore's mother), Billie Poole, Tammy and Greg Poole (friends of Chuck Stuber), Harriet Roland, Candi Scott, Jeanne Shorter, Frances Shutt, Jo Anne Swartz, Jonathan Taylor (Joanie Loftin's brother), Roz Thompson, Marge Walker, Mary Ward, Jane Webb, Preston, Conor and Sarah Mann Willcox. We pray for peace, we pray for wisdom for world leaders, and we pray for those impacted by war, as lifted up by John & Julia Shutt: the people of Ukraine, Natalia Mazur, Yuliya Sosina, Marina Baranova, Irina Merkulova, Olga and Vlad Timoshenko, Tatiana Grevtsova, Yuri and Irina Zabara, President Volodymyr Zelensky, and all their families.

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

June Birthdays

Martha Vann Alford	06/01	Connor La Rocca	06/13
Matthew Richards	06/01	Janelle Haseman	06/14
Adam Mottershead	06/02	Karen Wallace	06/14
Clere Noneman	06/02	Nathan Franklin	06/16
Jerry Sherrill	06/02	Leiko Takahashi	06/16
Paige Wilkinson	06/02	Teresa Burt Keith	06/17
Patty Baird	06/03	Emily Rodgers	06/17
Susan Eure	06/03	Doug Kearns	06/18
Alex Fernandez	06/03	Mary McLeod	06/18
Robin Pendleton	06/04	Paula Broome	06/19
Cindy Popal	06/04	Barbara Knight	06/19
Allison Brewer	06/05	Lee Brooks	06/20
Vaan Tuang	06/05	Billy George	06/20
Tate Wilkinson	06/05	Don Templeton	06/22
Nina Capriglione	06/07	Janet Baucom	06/23
Betty-Shannon Prevatt	06/07	Grace Letchworth	06/23
Floyd Morgan	06/09	Anne Lacey Seaton	06/23
Jim Rhew	06/09	Kristy Kretschmar	06/25
Jo Anne Swartz	06/09	Braeden La Rocca	06/25
Ola Mae Cimerro	06/10	Sally Page	06/26
Pam Hood	06/10	Harriet Mills	06/27
Ann Wells	06/11	Johnnie Walker	06/27
Katherine Robbins	06/12	Dana Cope	06/29
Bob Seaton	06/12	Colin Loftin	06/29
Eddie Wood	06/12	Jim McCarthy	06/29
Mary Kathryn Brewer	06/13	Stan Dilley	06/30



All are invited to join us on Sunday, June 12, at 3 PM in Highland's sanctuary for a concert of vocal and instrumental music to celebrate the sounds of summer and raise funds for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) work in Ukraine. Admission is free, but an offering will be taken during the performance. Enjoy pieces from Bach, Beethoven, *The Mission* movie score, Porgy and Bess, jazz, Neapolitan, handbells, and more. Presented by Amanda Bunce, soprano; George Deaton, tenor; Ann Pearce, flute; Jo Anne Swartz, soprano; Kevin Quick, string bass and director of the HUMRingers; Phyllis Vogel, piano; Sarah Mann Willcox, violin.

Get to Know Bill Shelton, Highland's New Organist

Bill is very excited to be coming to Highland and returning to his (United) Methodist roots, having grown up in and been a member of the Church almost all his life, starting in his hometown of Winston-Salem (Centenary UMC). Still working at IBM ever since graduating from UNC-CH, he has been a programmer and operations research and financial analyst. Bill has served as organist at Hayes Barton, North Raleigh, and St. Mark's UMC, and for Lutherans, Presbyterians, and most recently the Disciples of Christ at Hillyer. Bill has three grown and married daughters who have almost three children each of their own. In his spare time, Bill continues to try to become proficient at tennis (he named his Maltipoo Rafa). Bill's first Sunday is June 5.

