

Highlands Highlights



PANDEMIC REQUIREMENTS EASED

After another round of discussion at the April Session meeting, we are pleased to announce we are continuing to relax or ease most of the worship-related requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, Highlands resumed in-person worship with continued live-streaming on March 7. With continued emphasis on congregational safety, **effective April 25**, the Session has approved the following guidelines designed to ease some of the earlier more burdensome requirements:

- ◆ Wearing masks on HPC property is optional. For Worship Services, a separate designated seating area will be available for those who wish to worship with only people wearing masks. Seating in this separate area and the Sanctuary will continue to be socially distanced appropriately. Continuing social distancing outside is also recommended.
- ◆ Individual temperature checks will be conducted only upon request.
- ◆ Pre-Registration for Worship Services is no longer required.
- ◆ Bibles and Hymnals will be returned to pews in the Sanctuary.
- ◆ Weekly bulletins will be printed and available for distribution at Sunday Worship Services.

Factors driving the easing of earlier burdensome COVID-19 requirements include the wide availability of vaccines and the overall pandemic status in Georgia and locally. Please direct any questions/concerns you may have to an Elder or your shepherd.

~ HPC Pastors and Session



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Special Points of Interest

- May 2nd - Worship
- May 2nd - Puppet Show Online
- May 2nd - Deacons' Meeting
- May 2nd - Youth Fellowship
- May 4th - Online Prayer & Praise
- May 4th - Senior Meal Deliveries
- May 4th - Blood Drive
- May 5th - Midweek Message
- May 6th - MMO Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 6th - Adult Bible Study
- May 9th - Worship
- May 9th - Mother's Day
- May 10th - Soup Night
- May 11th - Online Prayer & Praise
- May 11th - Senior Meal Deliveries
- May 12th - Midweek Message
- May 13th - Adult Bible Study
- May 15th - VBS Registration
- May 16th - Worship
- May 16th - Youth Fellowship
- May 16th - Session Meeting
- May 18th - Online Prayer & Praise
- May 18th - Senior Meal Deliveries
- May 19th - Midweek Message
- May 20th - Adult Bible Study
- May 23rd - Worship
- May 23rd - Youth Fellowship
- May 24th - Soup Night
- May 25th - Online Prayer & Praise
- May 25th - Senior Meal Deliveries
- May 26th - Midweek Message
- May 30th - Worship
- May 31st - Memorial Day

From the Pastor

"I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:12, 13 ESV)

God has given us many precious and wonderful promises that are found in His Word. These are meant to encourage, comfort, counsel, strengthen, and motivate us in our lives as we strive to live for His glory. One such promise is that which the Apostle Paul writes to the church at Philippi as he assures them of God's grace that helps him, and us, especially when the road on which we walk is, at times, difficult. He tells us that he has learned the secret of being content, regardless of what happens in his life, by looking to the Lord Jesus who lavishes his sustaining grace upon all of us who belong to Him. So, in this article I'd like to share with you three points from verse 13, that I believe will be of benefit to us all when the troubles in life come our way.

First, we can fulfill our calling in life when we develop our positive perspective. Did you notice how the Apostle Paul begins verse 13? He says quite plainly, *"I CAN."* Everything you do successfully, everything you desire to accomplish, begins with the attitude or the perspective you have in life. The way in which you think about yourself and what you can do will play a major role in determining what you'll accomplish in this life. Now, I'm not talking about how the world views this positive perspective, in that, it's all about me and my own abilities and that if I just see myself being and doing, I will achieve it. Remember, we are, as believers in and followers of Jesus, those who've been empowered by God's grace through the Holy Spirit. However, I believe the biggest obstacle that hinders us and keeps us from being what God calls us to be or doing what He calls us to do is simply our attitude, whether or not we believe God as it all begins in the mind and the way we think about ourselves and God's promises to us.

Second, we can fulfill our calling in life when we discern our possible potential. Did you notice how he continues with: *"I can do all things ..."* Now in the context in which this is said, he's talking about living a life of contentment, of learning to be satisfied with what he has, whether it's much or little, and to trust the Lord to take care of him in all circumstances. But we must understand that contentment isn't the only "everything" that's being implied. When the Apostle Paul says that he can do everything, he's referring to being or doing all that God asks of Him. It has to do with personal purity in our lives and a passionate pursuit of service for the Lord, of using our gifts and abilities in service to Him, as we minister to those around us. Listen, whatever the Lord asks of us, whatever goal He sets before us, whatever plan He calls us to fulfill, whatever He sends our way, whether good or bad, easy or difficult, happy or sad, we can handle it, we can do it, we can work through it if we'll just realize that everything is possible, that there are no limitations for those who belong to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, we can fulfill our calling in life when we discover our perfect power. The Apostle Paul tells us: *"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."* You see, it's not enough for us to just muster our resources and believe we can do whatever we decide to do in our own strength. Being what God wants us to be and doing what God wants us to do is impossible for us, in and of ourselves. It takes a power greater than ourselves; it takes a Person who's able to free us from the grip our sinful nature has on us, to break our chains of bondage and empower us to get beyond our fears and inhibitions. It's not, I can do everything if I just get a grip on life, if I just grit my teeth and apply myself, or get the proper therapy. He says, I can do everything through Him, that is, through Jesus, who indwells me and gives me strength to be and do as God desires.

I don't know what you're facing at this moment in time or what God may be laying upon your heart. I do know that God has promised that we be and do all God desires through His strength.

Pastor Mark



Highlands Women's Ministry

CULTIVATE YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST



Grandma Shower Report

"Behold, children are an inheritance from the LORD..." Psalm 127:3

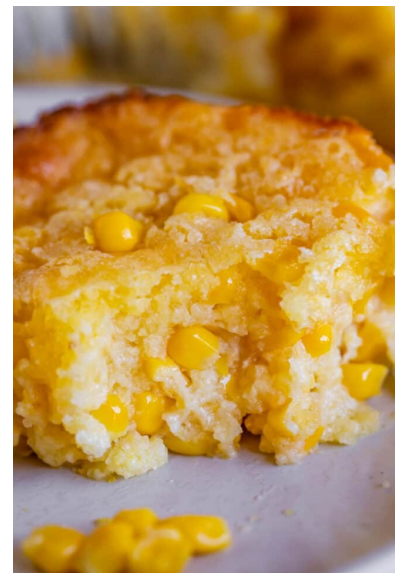
Children and grandchildren are special gifts from God! On Sunday, April 18th, the Highlands Women's Ministry hosted our first event in over a year by celebrating Lea Whittle becoming little Cheyenne Joyce Crowell's "Nonna." It was pure joy to gather with family and friends as we shared delicious refreshments and great fellowship. Welcome to the world Cheyenne, and congratulations to the Whittle and Crowell families!



Cornbread Casserole

14 oz. creamed corn
15 oz. whole kernel sweet corn, **drained**
8 oz. Jiffy corn muffin mix
8 oz. sour cream
1 stick butter, melted
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except for the cheddar cheese. **Be sure to drain the whole kernel corn.**
3. Pour into a greased 9 x 13 inch casserole dish or 10-inch cast iron skillet.
4. Bake uncovered for 45 minutes.
5. Top with shredded cheddar. Bake for an additional 10-12 minutes, until the top begins to brown.





JOIN US
SUNDAYS AT 10AM



MIDWEEK MESSAGE

WEDNESDAY EMAIL FROM PASTOR MARK



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS AT 7PM



YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY

CLIMB ABOARD WITH US FOR

HIGHLANDS VIRTUAL VBS 2021

JUNE 14-18 AT 10:30AM



Join us in Person
or Online



TO
WORSHIP THE
LORD!

I ♥ VBS

Online - June 14-18

Online Puppet Show
May 2 after Worship

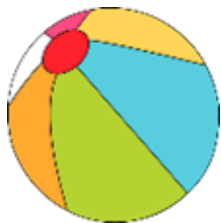


Children's Church Resumes!

Highlands MMO & Preschool

May

Theme: Summer Fun



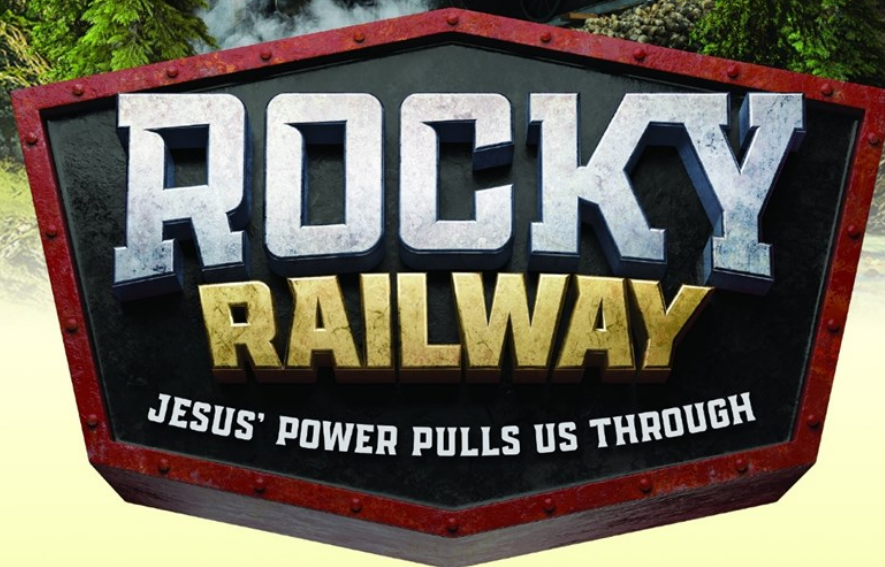
We will finish the school year with digital learning about "Summer Fun!" We will have Teacher Appreciation Day on May 6th. We will be talking about all the fun things to do and places to go on summer vacation. We will also be reviewing all our letters and numbers. We will have a fun month making beautiful whiteboard drawings, silly chalk drawings, and looking at our yearbook!



The Board has decided to take a sabbatical for the 2021-2022 Preschool Year. They will consider what to do for the next year in December. Thank you for your support and prayers for this outreach program.

Highlands MMO & Preschool is reaching out to our community to provide quality Christian childcare and instruction for families with young children. Please pray for this outreach ministry of Highlands ARP Church.

Online Vacation Bible School



Plan to join us this year for Online VBS June 14 – 18 at 10:30 am!

We hope you will be able to join us for Virtual VBS this summer for a week of encouragement for the whole family! We will learn the different ways that Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!

This summer we will learn:

Jesus' Power Helps Us Do Hard Things

Jesus' Power Gives Us Hope

Jesus' Power Helps Us Be Bold

Jesus' Power Lets Us Live Forever

Jesus' Power Helps Us be Good Friends

REGISTER ONLINE BEGINNING ON MAY 15!



Youth Fellowship

SUNDAYS 4-5:30PM

CHURCH PAVILLION

Hello everyone! I am so excited to announce that we are resuming children's and youth activities! We will be meeting May 2, 16, and 23 from 4PM to 5:30PM. We will be meeting outside, socially distanced, and masks are optional. We are so thankful to the Lord for bringing us safely to meeting again and pray for his continued protection and grace. During these youth meetings we will be enjoying fellowship together, singing around the campfire, playing non-contact games, and having a discussion-based lesson. Please continue to pray for us and especially for the youth as they finish out this school year.

- Pastor Chris





DEACONS

MEETING

Sunday, May 2nd - 11:30 am



HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS. HE RESTORES MY SOUL.

PSALM 23:2



SESSION MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH

11:30 AM

Hi All,

We had a super April, beginning on the 12th with Soup Nite. We served BBQ chicken drumsticks with cheesy cornbread casserole. It really looked awesome, and we passed out all that we had prepared by 6:30. The best part of this day was seeing old friends from our volunteer team who had come back safely to the kitchen to help. There were some good hugs too! It was a busy afternoon and I'm glad we had the extra helpers!

On our second serving, we had a fun supper of Sloppy Joe's, chips and cupcakes! It was a steady flow of cars and lots of happy kids! We had some left over that will go to Senior Meals!

Our Senior Meal delivery is going strong. All seniors are getting two meals every month along with their

food boxes, and the word from the CoOp is that we make good meals!

Distribution Day this month was on the 22nd. It was well attended, and we gave out 800 pounds of food including lots of fresh produce and whole chickens!!

Our next serving is May 10th, and we are hoping to ask a local eatery to provide meals so our Mothers don't have to cook over their special weekend. Please pray that as we continue to serve, we will show the Love of Christ to all who come to us.

In Christ,
Carrie



Highlands Presbyterian



Charles Ittner

(9/15/1929 - 4/18/2021)

Charles and Liz Ittner joined the Highlands Presbyterian Church in May, 2009. Soon after joining, Liz became an active member of the HALO committee, using her eye for design and

love of flowers to create baskets for our shut-ins. After Liz's passing on March 18, 2016, Charles continued his faithful attendance in Sunday School and worship service at Highlands. When Charles gave up driving, Rob and Corie Kuykendall lovingly furnished transportation to and from church. Charles appreciated this support and enjoyed getting to know the Kuykendall family.

A man of many interests, Charles was an avid football fan and also enjoyed fishing, camping, and gardening. Well-known for his massive fig tree, he generously shared its abundance with his friends. Charles was reserved and soft spoken and always had a smile for everyone. He was a faithful Christian, a good friend, and an inspiration in his devotion to his church. Charles will be missed by the Highlands family.

John Cerny

(5/26/1930 - 3/27/2021)

John and Louise Cerny joined this church in 1957. At that time the church was known as First Atlanta Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and was located on Highland Avenue in Atlanta. John and Louise raised their three sons in this church. John was very active in serving at Highlands for over 60 years, functioning primarily as an Elder and Elder Emeritus but also serving in other areas. After Louise passed away on March 28, 2018, John continued in his service to the church. He made numerous visits to the shut-ins and many, many phone calls to church members.

John was always quick to offer a kind word or spiritual encouragement. He had a variety of interests including hunting, fishing, reading, history, and Tech football/basketball. He was extremely kind, always others-minded, so well-read that he could easily connect with anyone, committed to the Lord and his family, and quick to say how blessed he was. His family and friends will remember him as a true gentleman. John Cerny was a man who lived his faith every day. As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate his life.



Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for these church family members –

- Ken Fordham had a good report from the oncologist at the Cancer Treatment Center of America in Newnan. They told him that they did not see any new growth in the tumor in his abdomen and that he doesn't need to come back for 6 weeks instead of the usual 4.
- Karen Caughman's mom, Mary Ashe had an MRI which showed the right ball joint where the femur connects to the pelvis is showing cancer, but still can't tell if it's her original breast cancer returned and spread or if it's a new one. She had a bone scan and is scheduled for a CT scan & a bone density scans to see if the cancer is anywhere else since that area is not a good place to biopsy. Once they determine which kind of cancer it is, then they will know what treatment options are available.
- Other church members who have cancer.
- Michelle McCoy with her continued recovery from ankle surgery. She should start formal therapy in the next week or two, followed with physical therapy. She is currently in a walking boot which allows her to put partial weight on it and walk with crutches.
- Continued prayers for the families of Charles Ittner and John Cerny who passed away recently.
- The Tata families as they mourn the loss of Gabsaga and Babila's parents, Dr. Thomas Tata and Dr. Helen Tata, who passed away from COVID-19 during the same week in March. Their parents dedicated their lives to helping others in developing countries and serving the church.
- Jim and Betsy Whitson's daughter, Sarah Mitchell, was diagnosed with a fibroid uterine tumor after a visit to the ER last week. She is still deciding on the best course of action.
- Mark and Bonnie's son-in-law, Cade, has second-degree burns on his hand from a work accident. They are healing nicely.
- Hudson Hornby was put back in his cast today, because they saw that there is a new crack into the hard part of the bone on the bottom of the femur in the joint. He goes back for another check up in two weeks.
- Faith Wallace, who was admitted to the cardiac ICU on Thursday, has been diagnosed with takotsubo cardiomyopathy, a treatable heart condition that her doctor expects her to recover from within 1-3 weeks. She will probably remain in the hospital for several days.
- Bob and Jane Statham's son, Matt and his wife Paige, will be moving back to Charleston to take part in a church plant. Pray that they will be able to find housing and their fundraising efforts will be successful.

Please send prayer requests to
highlandarp@gmail.com



It's that time of year! The Men of the Church need your help cutting the back lawn at the church this spring and summer. A sign-up sheet is available on the table in the narthex. You may also respond to this email to sign up for every other week starting May 2 and going thru September 19. Please let Bob Statham know if you are available.

Highlands Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 - 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



**American
Red Cross**

Thank you to all who scheduled an appointment for the March Blood Drive – we were unable to stage that event as some of the Red Cross staff assigned to our site were ill and several were then reassigned to a larger location. We actually were on our way to a successful drive with 12 of the 19 slots filled by 2-3 days before. So, it is encouraging to see that the week before the May drive 19 of the 20 slots are filled – maybe that last one is for you!

Your support and generosity help to ensure blood needs are met locally. And, once that is done, the Red Cross can ensure blood is available when and where it is needed the most – the ongoing fulfillment of our mission depends on you!

You may visit www.redcrossblood.org, search for “30017” and May 4, then sign up online. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Whitson at 404-790-8936 or bjwhitson@bellsouth.net.

YOU'RE INVITED TO IN-PERSON
KINGDOM CUBS
SUNDAYS 4 - 5:30PM
AT THE CHURCH PLAYGROUND

WEEKLY PRAYER TIME
Tuesdays at 10am on Zoom

**Highlands
2021 Operating
Budget Update**

March Gifts & Offerings	\$ 20,376.53
March Expenses	\$ 17,533.43
YTD Income	\$ 52,213.21
YTD Expenses	\$ 51,994.78



Hymn of the Month

By: A. C. Bridges (Originally printed in the July 1984 *The ARP Magazine*. Posted April 14, 2021 arpnews.org by Susan Tanner.)

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less – No. 368 in The Hymnbook and No. 582 in Trinity Hymnal – is a familiar one in this country wherever hymns are sung. It is a hymn of Christian assurance and is found in that section in Trinity Hymnal. One finds assurance in “Jesus’ blood and righteousness.

Originally the hymn was published by the author, Edward Mote (1797-1874), in six stanzas, with the first verse as follows:

*Nor earth nor hell my soul can move,
I rest upon unchanging love;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ Name.”*

Another stanza which has been omitted is as follows:

*I trust His righteous character,
His council, promise, and His power;
His honor and His Name at stake
To save me from the burning lake.*

The hymn has been changed in various ways since it was first printed about 1834. The author tells that one morning as he went to work he decided to write a hymn on the “Gracious Experience of a Christian,” and that soon the chorus came to his mind. On the following Sabbath, he met a gentleman whose wife was very ill, who asked the author to come and visit her. In the home in which he visited it was the custom to sing a hymn, read a portion of Scripture and then have a prayer. That day he could not find his hymnbook so the author took these verses he had in his pocket and they sang this hymn. The lady enjoyed the lines so much, her husband asked him to leave a copy. The author went home and wrote the last two stanzas and took them to the lady.

Since the stanzas seemed so comforting to that lady, Mote had 1,000 copies printed for distribution and he sent one to the Spiritual Magazine. Sometime after this, the author’s name began to appear with the hymn, and it was on its way to be used to give assurance to others.

Mote was born in London. At the age of 55, he entered

the Baptist ministry. In 1836 he published Hymns of Praise which contained about 100 of his compositions.

Theologically, Mote was a Calvinist, and it has been said his hymns are largely an anthology of Calvinistic praise.

His pastorate in Sussex, which lasted 21 years, saw the building of a church – and out of gratitude to him, the congregation offered him the deed to the property. He refused the gift saying, “I do not want the chapel. I only want the pulpit; and when I cease to preach Christ, then turn me out of that.”

The tune to which the hymn is set in The Hymnbook and in most other hymnals is Solid Rock, composed by William B. Bradbury (1816-1868), and it was composed for this hymn in 1863.

Bradbury studied organ and piano under Lowell Mason and spent much time teaching, composing, and conducting music festivals. He was associated with the publication of 59 collections of sacred and secular music. In 1854 he joined his brother, E.G. Bradbury, in establishing Bradbury Piano Co. (Some readers may still have an old Bradbury piano). His tunes are still in common use; nine are in The Hymnbook and 13 in the Trinity Hymnal.

The tune to which the hymn is set in Trinity Hymnal is St. Petersburg. This tune is excellent music but it will doubtless never replace the more familiar tune for this hymn.

St. Petersburg is said to be adapted from a portion of a mass by Dimitry S. Bortniansky (1752-1825). It was in a number of German collections.

Bortnianski, a Russian composer, became a chorister in the Imperial Chapel at St. Petersburg and was later director of the same choir. He was so distinguished as a composer of sacred music that someone has called him the Russian Palestrina. His works, published in 10 volumes, were edited by Tschaikovsky.

This hymn can be found in The Hymnal #368 and in the Trinity Hymnal #521 and #522.

May 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 <i>Happy Birthday Corie Kuykendall</i>
2 10am Children's Church 10am Worship 11am Puppet Show 11:30am Deacons' Mtg 4-5:30pm Youth Fellowship	3	4 10am Weekly Online Prayer & Praise Senior Meal Deliveries 3-7pm Blood Drive	5 Midweek Message	6 <i>Happy Birthday Bill Wright</i> MMO - Teacher Appreciation Day 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	7 <i>Happy Birthday Lauren Smith</i>	8 <i>Happy Birthday Kayleigh Summers</i>
9 10am Children's Church 10am Worship Mother's Day 	10 Soup Night	11 <i>Happy Birthday Glenn Martin Madison Mobley</i> 10am Weekly Online Prayer & Praise Senior Meal Deliveries	12 <i>Happy Birthday Joyce Jones</i> Midweek Message	13 <i>Happy Birthday Jessamy Jacques</i> 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	14 <i>Happy Birthday Gabsaga Tata</i>	15 <i>VBS Registration Opens</i>
16 <i>Happy Birthday Cindy Bennett</i> 10am Children's Church 10am Worship 11:30am Session Mtg 4-5:30pm Youth Fellowship	17	18 <i>Happy Birthday Bonnie Hornby</i> 10am Weekly Online Prayer & Praise Senior Meal Deliveries	19 Midweek Message	20 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	21	22
23 10am Children's Church 10am Worship 4-5:30pm Youth Fellowship	24 <i>Happy Birthday Linda Hunt Jane Statham</i> Soup Night	25 <i>Happy Birthday Jacob Blandshaw Norma Elam Vickie Fledderjohann</i> 10am Weekly Online Prayer & Praise Senior Meal Deliveries	26 Midweek Message	27 7:00pm Adult Bible Study	28	29
30 10am Children's Church 10am Worship	31 MEMORIAL DAY 					

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Pastor: Mark Hornby
Associate Pastor: Chris McCoy
Music Director: Bonnie Hornby
Secretary: Betsy Whitson

Elders: 2021 George O'Farrell
2022 Lee Hunt
2022 Don Reinhardt
2023 Charles Roberts
2023 Jim Whitson
2024 Bob Statham

Deacons: Class of 2021
Justin Jacques
Jon Jones
Earl Thomas

Class of 2022
Omar Edmondson
Phillip Wallace
Betsy Whitson

Class of 2023
John Avitabile
Fru Chifen
Deron Smith

Worship Times and Activities

Sunday: 10:00am Worship
11:00am Deacons' Meeting (2nd Sunday of the month)
11:30am Session Meeting (3rd Sunday of the month)

Weekly activities*

Monday: 4-7pm Soup Nite (2nd & 4th Mondays)

Tuesday: 10:00am Online Prayer Time
Senior Meal Deliveries
3-7pm Blood Drive (every other month)

Wednesday: 12:00pm Midweek Message from Pastor Mark
6:30pm Young Family Ministry ZOOM Meeting
6:30pm Youth ZOOM Meeting

Thursday: 7:00pm Adult Online Bible Study

**See calendar for scheduled events or cancellations.*

Candle Lighters:

May 2 Jacob Blandshaw
May 9 Nate Edmonson
May 16 Thomas Kuykendall
May 23 Ethan Spiller
May 30 Sama Chifen

Warmly Welcoming our Members & Visitors each week:

May 2 Jim Whitson, Stan Whitaker, Sal Macaluso, Jon Jones
May 9 Phillip Wallace, John Avitabile, Earl Thomas, Rob Kuykendall
May 16 Robert Whittle, Lee Hunt, George O'Farrell, Justin Jacques
May 23 Paul McInnish, Glenn Martin, Charles Roberts, John West
May 30 Bill Alimena, Don Reinhardt

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

