

Highlands Highlights



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Special Points of Interest

- Oct 3 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Puppet Show
Family Fellowship
- Oct 5 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Oct 10 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Deacons' Meeting
- Oct 11 - Soup Nite
- Oct 12 - Ladies' Bible Study
- Oct 12 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Oct 17 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Session Meeting
Family Fellowship
- Oct 19 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Oct 24 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Family Fellowship
- Oct 25 - Soup Nite
- Oct 26 - Ladies' Bible Study
- Oct 26 - Senior Meal Deliveries
- Oct 31 - Sunday School
Worship & Children's Church
Kirkin' o' the Tartans
Trunk or Treat

The Kirkin' o' The Tartans

Sunday, October 31st

The Kirkin' Service will be back at Highlands this year on Reformation Sunday, October 31st. Reformation Sunday commemorates the anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 Theses in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. In this service we will remember the importance of Scottish heritage in the Presbyterian Church where John Knox was instrumental in Scotland during the Reformation. The Scottish word for church is "kirk", and the Kirkin' o' the Tartans is a ceremony where the plaid cloth emblems of a family's clan are presented at church to be blessed. The beginning of this practice is not well documented, but is thought to date back to the mid-1700's in Scotland. During World War II, Reverend Peter Marshall, a Presbyterian Pastor and the first Chaplain of the U.S. Senate, was instrumental in making the Kirkin' ceremony widespread in the US in order to instill pride and confidence in those of Scottish-American and Presbyterian faith and heritage. Today the ceremony is a celebration of Highlander faithfulness to God, love of family, and national patriotism. We do not have to be Scottish to enjoy this church service, we only have to relate to values of faith and dedication. The Kirkin' Service at Highlands will be accompanied by prayer, scripture, preaching, bagpipes, and of course be ready to sing your best and loudest "Amazing Grace" to praise our amazing God. Please wear your kilts, tartans, plaids, or your usual church clothes to enjoy this wonderful Sabbath that the Lord has made for us!

**Worship
with us**

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

From the Pastor

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39 ESV)

Our world is a mess. I doubt any believer will question that statement. The great hope for us, as believers in and followers of Jesus, is that the gospel is working to bring transformation to our world one life at a time. However, because our world is filled with so much hatred, animosity, and calamity, we may often wonder about our lives and the way in which this world of chaos can and will affect us. That can be especially true as we continue through this current pandemic which seems to show no real sign of letting up. Christians aren't immune from the disasters and difficulties that affect this world. We suffer in many ways the same as those who don't know Jesus. However, unlike unbelievers, we have a great hope given to us through Jesus Christ that overcomes every trouble we might have to face in this journey we call life.

You see, we must remember that we're eternally secured in Jesus and that nothing can ever remove us from our perfectly safe position in Christ. That's the hope the Apostle Paul gives us when he tells us: *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from ...*” God. Now, that's quite an extensive list, don't you think? In my mind, at least, it seems to cover everything and anything that we might believe could destroy our new relationship with God. His point is quite clear in that what Jesus has done for us on the cross is so powerful, so perfect, so complete, that once we come to genuine saving faith in Him, we can never be removed from Him. In his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul tell us: *“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”* (Ephesians 1:13,14 ESV). Listen, the reality of God the Holy Spirit residing in us is the guarantee that our hope in and through Jesus is completely secure. He has sealed us, that is, marked us with God's seal of approval – not for anything that we've done – but all because of what Jesus has done on our behalf. The Holy Spirit is God's official mark of ownership and promises us that God will never let us go.

When troubles come, we might wonder about our faith in God and His great love for us. When we face hardships, troubles, disappointment, frustration, hatred and animosity, or we go through issues regarding our health, or even our finances, or whatever may come our way, that's when our adversary, the devil, seems to do his worst to make us doubt God's love for us. However, it's then that we must remember that nothing *“will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* The Apostle John reminds us that: *“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”* (1 John 4:7-10 ESV). GOD IS LOVE! You did get that didn't you? In other words, God can do nothing but love, especially when it comes to those who belong to Him. Did you see the expression that proves to us that He is love? That's right! He sent His only Son to die on the cross to pay for the sins of people like you and me. Now, having said that, one of the tell-tale signs of our salvation is that we then reciprocate God's love as well as reflect it to those around us. The reason behind our love for family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and yes, even our enemies, is the love of God born in us through the work of the Holy Spirit. So, the next time troubles come, and Satan tries to tempt you to doubt God's love for you, remember God is love and has promised He'll never stop loving those who are in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Mark



Highlands Women's Ministry

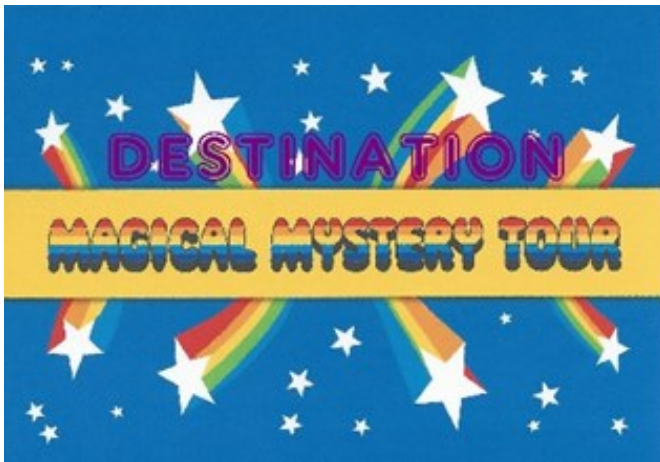
CULTIVATE YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST



*"Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged.
The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

We had a great start to our Ladies Bible study, "God Does His Best Work with Empty". Bonnie Hornby shared the introduction to the book on September 14. We began with chapter 1 on September 28 - if you haven't had a chance to sign up, it's never too late! Please see any member of the Women's Ministry team or speak to Bonnie. We will be doing things a little differently this year. We will continue to study "God Does His Best Work with Empty" but will periodically have a "Learn Together and Work Together" Session. In these sessions, we will start our morning with a devotional led by Bonnie and then spend our time together on special projects focusing on our community and our church. Our October schedule:

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| October 12 | Chapter 2 – "A Tent at the Center; God Fills Our Emptiness with His Presence"
Bring your own lunch and stay for fellowship with the ladies. Drinks and dessert will be provided. |
| October 26 | Work Together
Devotional – "Sharing Jesus in the Little Things"
Activity - Trunk or Treat Bags |



RECONNECT! with a Magical Mystery Destination Tour

Join us for a magical tour! The destination is a mystery, and the "magic" of building deeper friendships while having fun is the goal! We meet at the church, and "tour bus" to our destination. Keep an eye out for date and time.



You're Invited!

The Women's Ministries Second Presbytery meeting will take place on October 16th at Devenger Road ARP Church. Not only do we receive spiritual blessings from our speaker, we also get to meet other ARP women from our Presbytery. Please contact Faith Wallace or Betsy Whitson if you are interested in attending.

Second Presbytery Women's Ministry
2021 Annual Conference

When: Saturday, October 16, 2021

Where: Devenger Road Presbyterian Church
1200 Devenger Road, Greer, SC 29650

Time: From 9:30 – 2:00;
Lunch provided

Guest Speaker:
 **Wendy Herrmann Smith**
Formerly author of the ARP Quarterly helps

Workshops:
Innovative Event Ideas
Dealing with Loss and Grief
Meeting Your Neighbor
And more!

Registration \$10.



Women's Ministry Pop-up Lunch

We had a great time with 13 Highlands women at lunch. Plan to join us next time!



Congratulations!

The Hunt Family Welcomes

Ruby Reece Hunt

Born July 11, 2021 3:24 a.m.

8.7 lbs., 23" long



Proud parents Matt & Adrienne Hunt

Big sister Ruthie Reagan Hunt

Grandparents Lee & Jerita Hunt

Great-grandmother Linda Hunt



Ladies Bible Study

God Does His Best Work With Empty
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 10am Fellowship 10:30 Study
Please join us October 12 & 26!



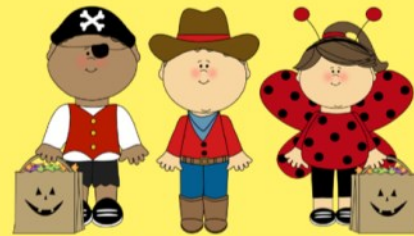


YOUNG FAMILIES

MINISTRY

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 31
4:30 - 5:30pm



Carnival games, prizes, candy!

Puppet Show



Oct 3 Starring: Thomas, Betsy, & Millie

Join us Sundays at 4:30 for a



Journey to Israel



Join us for



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
and WORSHIP!**



Digging for Treasure at Family Fellowship!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

With Corie now teaching Sunday School, we are looking for volunteers or people willing to "team teach" Children's Church. Please contact Bonnie if interested. Thank you to those who have agreed to help with October:

October 3	Lyn Alimena
October 10	Bonnie Hornby
October 17	Lynn Avitabile
October 24	Karen Akins
October 31	Corie Kuykendall

TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31 4:30 - 5:30



HOST A TRUNK OR DONATE CANDY



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

the Gospel of Mark


Sundays at 9am

This month we resumed some of our regular activities. We have enjoyed the new Family Fellowship Time. The youth and adults have been combining for the Israel talks, and will continue to do so through the end of the year. It's been such a blessing to get to share from my Israel trip! Sunday School has also started back and I am looking forward to the opportunity to study the Word in person again with our youth. We are going to be studying the Gospel of Mark. Please continue to be in prayer for the youth this year as they study, work, and grow in their faith. If you are able, please plan to help with the upcoming trunk or treat - October 31 from 4:30-5:30p.m.!

- Pastor Chris







Sunday School each week at 9am

Bible Study for all ages!

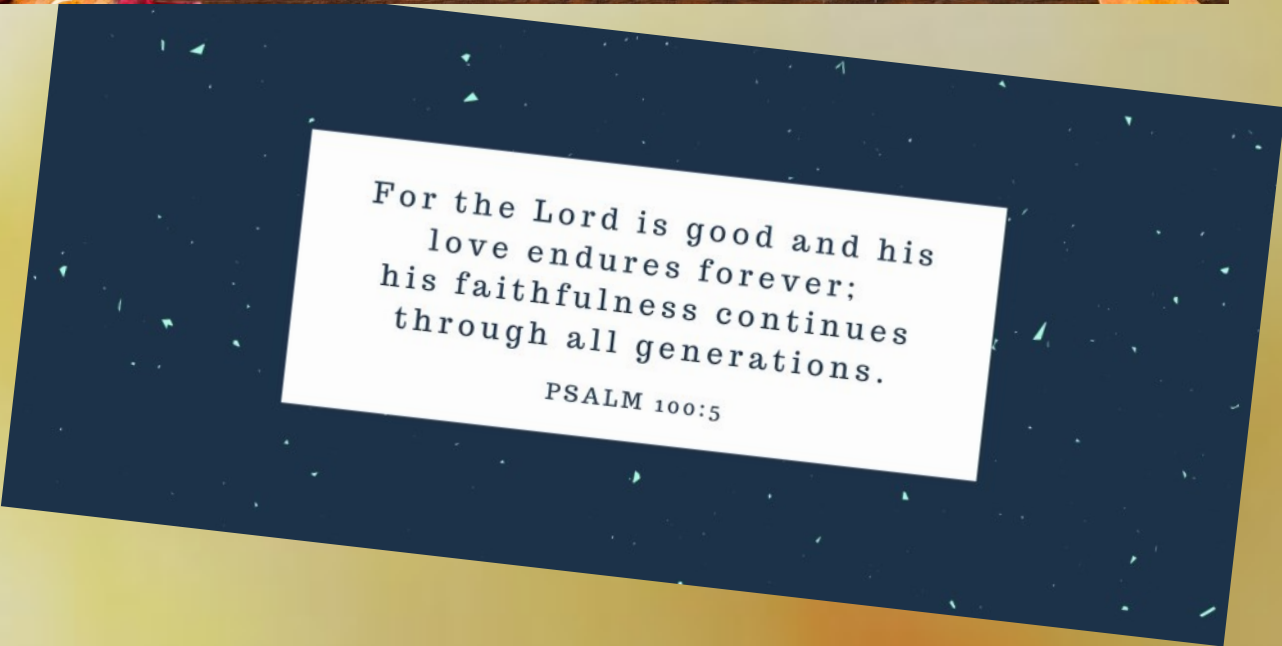


OCTOBER IS

Pastor Appreciation

MONTH

We appreciate your faithful service.



For the Lord is good and his
love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues
through all generations.

PSALM 100:5

OCTOBER MEETINGS

DEACONS
SUN., OCT. 10th
11:30 AM
Fellowship Hall

SESSION
SUN., OCT. 17th
11:30 AM
Fellowship Hall

Elders & Deacons

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

It is time to nominate Elders to serve us in the class of 2025 and Deacons to serve in the class of 2024. If you are a member of Highlands please fill out the nomination form in the narthex. Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate – [nominations close on October 10th.](#)

2022 Budget Preparation

Preparation for the 2022 budget is underway. If you would like to provide input for any ministry team, please contact that team chair (listed on the back of each week's bulletin) before October 25th.



**American
Red Cross**



Our August/September Blood Drive is in the books! While we had 20 of 21 slots filled, several people were deferred, so we collected 14 pints out of our goal of 17.

Our next drive is scheduled for November 2 from 3pm – 7pm. The drive is already available for scheduling and we have 3 of the 17 slots filled. Visit www.redcrossblood.org, search for sponsor code "HPC" or zip 30017 and find your place today!

Family Fellowship
Sundays at 4:30



PRAYER REQUEST

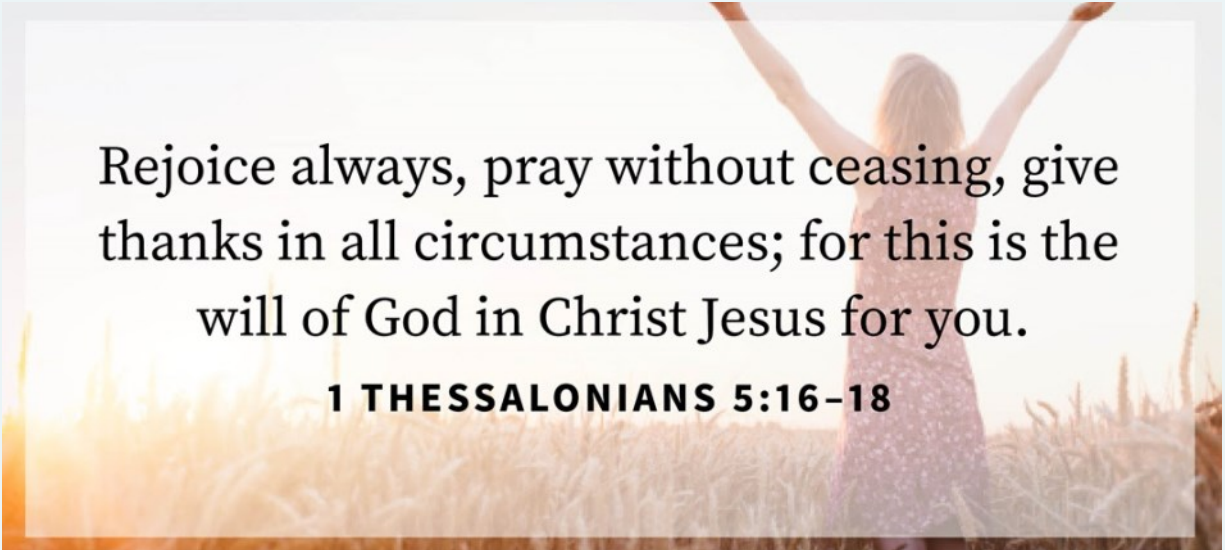
Prayer Requests

- Kaity Wright's best friend, Karen and her son-in-law, Eric Heckman. Eric has been admitted to the hospital with COVID breathing issues.
- Kaity Wright's surgery results show she may need more surgery or chemo. Pray they make the right decision and the ensuing treatment is successful.
- Barbara Fordham's son, David, had sinus surgery. Pray that he recovers well.
- Michelle McCoy as she continues to rest and recover from her bout with mono in the summer.
- Emilia Coker and her sons Benjamin and George, as they mourn the loss of her mother, Mrs. Rose Loko Litumbe, who passed away in Cameroon on August 14th at the age of 91.
- Those in our fellowship who are dealing with chronic illness.
- Vickie Fledderjohann's daughter, Diana, and her son, Scott, both have been diagnosed with COVID.
- Jackie Rice as she recovers from her broken arm.
- Stan & Liz Darmochwal have been visiting Highlands for several months. Stan was scheduled for back surgery last week but it was delayed due to issues with a kidney stone. He will have surgery on Oct 5 to remove the kidney stone and then his back surgery can be rescheduled. Please pray for relief from the pain that he is experiencing and that the first surgery will be successful and the second can be scheduled quickly.

Praise

- Bonnie's sister Martha - *Thank you for praying for my sister! Instead of putting her on hospice, they decided to try some treatments for COPD. And I just got an update from my sister, who said that Martha is doing so much better. She is on oxygen 3 times a day and all night and on a nebulizer that has medicine in it for COPD!*
- Karen Caughman's mom, Mary Ashe - *Her treatments are working, as her cancer markers are showing improvement, and white blood cell counts have improved slightly. So thankful for answered prayers & everyone who's been praying for her!*

PLEASE SEND PRAYER REQUESTS TO
highlandarp@gmail.com



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give
thanks in all circumstances; for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

Hi All,

Our 1st Soup Nite in September started out with a bang! We served Chickenghetti and yumm....it smelled so good. It was a great day, and many new and familiar faces came through our drive thru. Highlands volunteers made 16 crockpots and we served 200 meals that evening. There was one crock pot left for me to give out to our elderly guests in our senior meal program! On our 2nd Soup Nite in September, we celebrated our 9th Anniversary. (See photo.) Daddy's Big Que made our BBQ



for us to make sandwiches, volunteers made/bought potato salad for us to serve with the sandwiches, a bag of chips and homemade cupcakes for all! It was a wonderful celebration but definitely very bittersweet for us. Xavier came through the drive thru with his cousin and told us that Mr. Winfrey went home to be with the Lord last week. I must say that the news threw me for a loop and right then, in a flash before my eyes, I

saw all the Soup Nites he prayed over Soup Nite and sang praises for us. We will miss him is certainly an understatement. He was loved and a very special man. Please pray for his family as they mourn together, sharing in their grief. See photo of Mr. Winfrey and Xavier.

Senior meals are going well. Thank you to all of you who have offered to take a Monday to make meals. It definitely relieves me from making 2 meals each week and our seniors still get to enjoy those homemade, delicious meals each week. If you can make meals any given Monday for me to deliver on Tuesday morning, please let me know. The most to prepare would be food for 10 people. Thanks!!



In October, we will do another Distribution Day and are already in our "Soup" mood. Our 1st meal is on October 11th and we are having Broccoli Cheddar Soup. Jane and I will take care of the soup if everyone makes us some chocolate chip cookies! We will supply the dough and details will follow shortly. Right now, we are basking in the blessings that the Lord has given us over nine years. Thank you to all our volunteers and your continued willingness to serve our Lord and your community. Onto our 10th!

In Christ,

Carrie



Highlands Presbyterian

Highlands 2021 Operating Budget Update

August Gifts & Offerings	\$19,587.56
August Expenses	\$17,804.46

YTD Gifts & Offerings	\$145,091.67
YTD Expenses	\$138,170.09

October 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11am Puppet Show 4:30pm Family Fellowship Pastor Mark Bible Study	4 <i>Happy Birthday Chris Mobley</i>	5 Senior Meal Deliveries	6	7 <i>Happy Birthday Dottie Davis</i>	8	9
10 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30 am Deacons' Mtg NO Family Fellowship due to Fall Break	11 Soup Night	12 <i>Happy Birthday Marie Bath Ryeland Jones</i> 10am Ladies' Bible Study Senior Meal Deliveries	13 <i>Happy Birthday Megan Sinclair Carol Streng</i>	14 <i>Happy Birthday Brianne Jones</i>	15	16 <i>Happy Birthday Rachel McCoy Nancy Smith</i>
17 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 11:30am Session Mtg 4:30pm Family Fellowship Pastor Chris' Israel trip	18 <i>Happy Birthday Edward Akins Shirley Bartenfeld Jackie Rice</i>	19 Senior Meal Deliveries	20 <i>Happy Birthday Babila Tata Dob Tata</i>	21	22	23
24 <i>Happy Birthday Hall Badio Lee Ragas</i> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church 4:30pm Family Fellowship Pastor Chris' Israel trip	25 <i>Happy Birthday James Daniel</i> Soup Night	26 10am Ladies' Bible Study Senior Meal Deliveries	27	28 <i>Happy Birthday Thomas Kuykendall</i>	29 <i>Happy Birthday Deron Smith</i>	30
31 9am Sunday School 10am Worship & Children's Church Kirkin' o' the Tartans Svc 4:30pm Trunk or Treat						

Highlands ARP Church

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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
11:30am Deacons' Meeting (2nd Sunday of the month)
11:30am Session Meeting (3rd Sunday of the month)
4:30pm Highlands Family Fellowship

Weekly activities*

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

Tuesday: 10:00am Ladies' Bible Study (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)
Senior Meal Deliveries
3-7pm Blood Drive (every other month)

**See calendar for scheduled events or cancellations.*



Highlands ARP Church

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED