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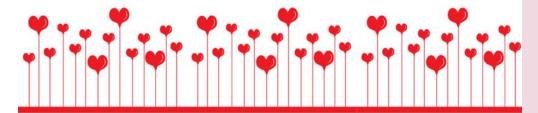
Highlands Highlights



Most In-Person HPC Activities Resume this Month

In recent discussions, the Session has decided to resume the following in-person activities in February: Sunday School, Women's Bible Study, and Officer Meetings.

In-person Sunday morning worship will continue as usual; and Sunday afternoon Family Fellowship will resume at a later date. Please be sure to monitor your emails for updates. We continue to encourage social distancing and masks when deemed appropriate.





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Special Points of Interest

- Feb 1 Senior Meal Deliveries
- Feb 6 Sunday School Worship Children's Church Puppet Show
- Feb 8 Ladies' Bible Study
- Feb 8 Senior Meal Deliveries
- Feb 13 Sunday School
 Worship
 Children's Church
 Deacons' Meeting
 Session Meeting
- Feb 14 Soup Nite
- Feb 15 Senior Meal Deliveries
- Feb 18 Ladies' Game Night
- Feb 20 Sunday School
 Worship
 Children's Church
- Feb 22 Ladies' Bible Study
- Feb 22 Senior Meal Deliveries
- Feb 27 Sunday School Worship Children's Church

From the Pastor

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV)

How often have you ever felt like giving up and throwing in the towel as we say? Life can often get very difficult for each of us and, if you're anything like me, you wonder if it's worth all the planning, effort, and exhaustion that you might be experiencing. As I mentioned a couple weeks ago, I've reached the COVID burnout point and honestly, I don't even know how those who are working in the medical profession, or our first responders are feeling as I'm not anywhere near what they may be experiencing. In fact, I did get a chuckle the other day when I read about one nurse who'd had enough and decided to become a truck driver. I'm not entirely sure being a truck driver would be any easier, but she certainly thought it would.

The Apostle Paul was no stranger to troubles and difficulties as he continued to carry out the mission to which Jesus had called him. He had just finished talking about all the struggles he had experienced as an Apostle in chapter 11 and even talked about himself in the third person regarding an experience he had as he saw heaven itself. He then moved on to an issue that he believed was hindering his ministry, a thorn in the flesh, that he had asked God to remove. We're not told what this affliction was, but many theologians speculate it had something to do with his eyesight as a result of his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. Whatever it was, God told him he needed it to keep him humble and that it would have little to no effect on his ministry since God would provide the grace the Apostle Paul needed to fulfill his calling.

Life is hard! We say it often and we know it's true. The point is that the difficulties we face are necessary as it's through them that God matures us in the faith. If it weren't for the tough times in which we struggle, the truth is, because of our sinfulness, we wouldn't look to the Lord for help in the midst of our difficulties and times of trouble. We'd simply try to find some human way through it all as we depend upon ourselves, or we might just give up and quit as I mentioned above. However, as we look to the Lord in our times of weakness, we find God there for us providing all the grace we need through His power at work in us, through us, and all around us. We experience this grace when we humbly submit ourselves to Him and learn to lean on Him as we draw our strength from Him.

We've been in the midst of this pandemic for two years now and the truth is I have no idea when God will finish what He has purposed for it, but I do trust that He will glorify Himself and bless His people through it. On top of that, many of you have faced even greater difficulties during this time, especially in the loss of loved ones. I want you to know that the elders and pastors and deacons are here for you should you need us, as well as those who are part of the Highlands' family. However, more importantly, I want you all to remember that God is here for you and that He's told us "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

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 are very excited to launch Women's Ministry 2022 after our January pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This pandemic has been quite stressful for all of us and we are looking forward to what the New Year brings.

Women's Bible study will resume on Tuesday, February 8 at 10.00. Bonnie will lead us with lots of helpful hints from our ladies. We will have suggestions to help meet those New Year's resolutions about food and dieting, finances, organization, home décor, journaling, and "Doesn't that sound fun!" We hope that you will join us for a wonderful start to the new year!

On Tuesday, February 22, we will continue our study of "God Does His Best Work With Empty", Chapter 4 "A Royal Table". We hope that you will join us for a wonderful start to the new year!



Friday, February 18th at 6:00pm

Please join us for a fun filled evening of fellowship! Show off your mad game skills and superior strategic ability. Games will be provided. Everyone should bring their favorite snack to share; drinks will be provided. Contact Faith, Betsy or Vickie if transportation is needed. We want to see you there!







Puppet Show

February 6 at 10am













Dear youth,

I am so excited that we have begun a new year and are able to begin getting back together for youth activities in February. I look forward to picking back up our study of the gospel of Mark during Sunday School, and hope that we will soon be able to meet together for youth group on Sunday nights. As the youth begin the second half of their school year, please join me in praying for them. Please pray that they are able to grow in their walk with Christ and do well in school. Please also pray that the Lord protects them and surrounds them with good friends and Christian community. Thank you!

Pastor Chris





Family Fellowship TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Worship with us Sundays at 10am highlandsarp.org

Prayer Items

- Caridad Blandshaw's uncle passed away last week. Please continue to pray for the Blandsaw family.
- Kaity Wright is about halfway through her chemotherapy treatments. She is still experiencing fatigue and nausea.
- Bill Wright cannot navigate the stairs at their home so they have moved his
 office upstairs. The doctor told him to stay off his knee and he is in a brace and
 has to use a walker. He is also getting an MRI.
- Joyce Jones fell on the sidewalk Thursday and dislocated her elbow. She is in a
 cast for a couple weeks, and they are going to do a CT scan. She'll have physical
 therapy after the cast is off. She's in quite a bit of pain and would appreciate
 our prayers.
- Mary Ashe and her cancer treatment.
- Lamar Holland has begun physical therapy and is doing better than he expected. He is not in as much pain as he expected.
- Michelle McCoy will have an echocardiogram on the 31st and also have a heart monitor for the next month. She sees the cardiologist again at the end of February.
- Stan Darmochwal went to the hospital last week with severe pain from kidney stones. They had to insert a stent and is recovering at home.
- Ken Fordham's recovery from skin cancer surgery.
- Karen Caughman's neighbor, Jack, who was recently diagnosed with colon cancer and is recovering from surgery. Keep him in prayer as the doctors decide on his treatment.
- Please pray for all those who have COVID, and the healthcare workers who are taking care of them.

Praise Items

 Joe Bath has recovered from the aftereffects of a seizure that he experienced recently. He thanks everyone for their prayers and concerns.

If you have a prayer need, please contact your shepherd or email the office to let the congregation know. Please use the highlandarp@gmail.com address.

Hi All,

It's 2022, y'all. Can you believe it??? We had an extraordinary month of serving. On our first serving this month, Dionne Robinson, one of our Soup Nite guests, made our meal. She chose Jerk Chicken with Rice and Beans. It was amazing to see her cook so much food for us to serve. We were able to serve 161 meals of Chicken before we ran out. At that point, we passed out frozen pizzas. It wasn't so fantastic to go from Jerk Chicken to frozen pizza, but we were able to give out something for dinner. The kitchen smelled so wonderful, and it was fascinating to watch Dionne make her island dish! All in all, total meals served was 226!

On our second serving we made Chicken Tortilla Soup. It's one of our classics and always a big hit. We had a steady flow of cars throughout the evening on a relatively cold night. Just one crock pot leftover so it will be frozen for senior meals. There were a few comments that the Jerk Chicken

was so delicious and then said that everything we make is good! Yay!! I love to hear those words of encouragement.

Our senior meal delivery program is working beautifully. The insulated bags for delivery meals are being worked on now and should be in by the first week of February. I can't wait to show you.

The next Soup Nite isn't until Valentine's Day on the 14th. We are serving Pasta Figioli! Very appropriate to have an Italian dish on Valentine's Day, don't you think? Thank you all who helped make dishes, worked in the kitchen and those who worked the serving line. It's all such a

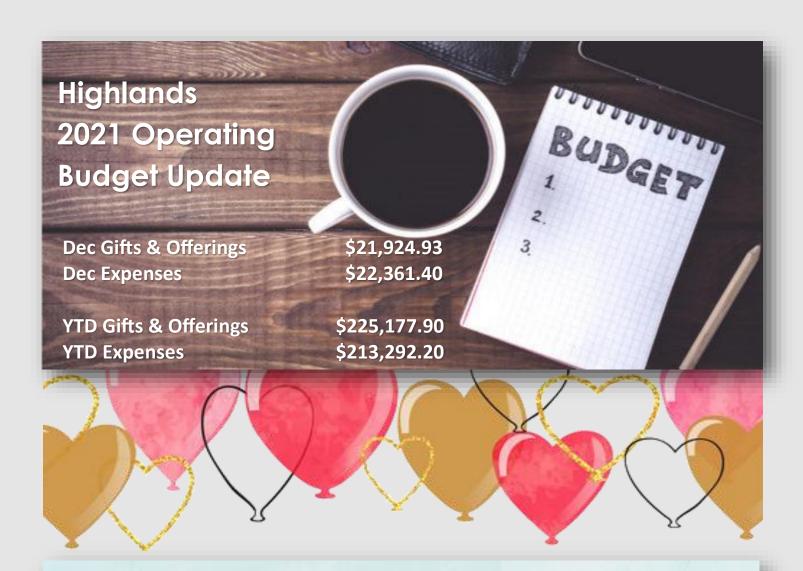
blessing and Jane and I certainly notice your willingness and generosity!

In Christ,

Carrie







Highlands Giving

SUPPORT THE MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES OF HIGHLANDS



In-Person

Offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary each Sunday!



Online

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By Mail

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February 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
		1 Happy Birthday Helen Tata Senior Meal Deliveries	2	3	4	5		
9am Sunday School 10am Worship, Children's Church & Puppet Show	7	8 10am Ladies' Bible Study Senior Meal Deliveries	9	10 Happy Birthday Chad Edmondson	11	12 Happy Birthday Fin Daniel		
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Music Director: Bonnie Hornby
Secretary: Betsy Whitson

Elders: 2022 Lee Hunt

2022 Don Reinhardt
2023 Charles Roberts
2023 Jim Whitson
2024 Bob Statham
2025 Rob Kuykendall

Deacons:

Class of 2022Class of 2023Omar EdmondsonJohn AvitabilePhillip WallaceFru ChifenBetsy WhitsonDeron Smith

<u>Class of 2024</u> Edward Spiller Gene Wade

Worship Times and Activities

Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School

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.

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