~ MINISTER’S MESSAGE ~

“Summer Ministry Opportunities”

This past week at Highland Presbyterian Church many children, youth, and families came onto the church campus for the Vacation Bible School: “Hero Central.” It was a combined effort in partnership with Emory United Methodist Church. Analysis is yet to be confirmed but early on it seemed that 1/3 of the children were from the community and not from either Highland PC or Emory UMC. As of this writing I heard the figure is increased to about one half of the children and families were from the community and have no church affiliation. We celebrate this fact in that VBS was therefore an outreach as well as a way to nurture our own children and youth as followers of Jesus Christ.

There is great value in partnering with another church. It multiplies the ability to reach the larger community since both churches reach further and more widely than just one church. I personally benefitted from having the middle school youth of Emory (and one of our college students) who filled in the roles that I needed for the skits in my Bible Story segment of VBS. The Sunday when we Commissioned ourselves for VBS I was so excited to see folks stretched all the way across the front of the sanctuary. Thank you to all of you who gave time, energy, and imagination to Hero Central! As Pam Tarbert testified on Sunday after VBS memories were created, seeds were planted which may last a lifetime. She shared that her first experience of church was as a child in VBS. I would also like to thank Susan Summerfield for directing this year’s VBS. She did so with grace and an amazingly relaxed demeanor leading up to and going through the week.

Our combined church leadership met in early June for a Strategic Intent Planning meeting and one of the high priority areas for focus clearly has to do with the church’s nurture of the children and youth of our church and community. At the Mason Dixon Ministerium meetings we continually hear the urgent call for more and more programming for children and youth from churches and community organizations in order to provide healthy and positive influence. Highland Presbyterian Church is “Sharing Christ’s Love and Growing Disciples.” We look forward to continued development in this area as a congregation together!

This same kind of outreach extends to South Dakota and the Pine Ridge Reservation. Please pray for our group of 18 people traveling from the bounds of Baltimore Presbytery the last full week of July. This group will provide a VBS at Porcupine Presbyterian Church. The call from our Lakota partners is to come and share the gospel with the children and youth of Pine Ridge. The Pastor and Elders of Porcupine believe that what is most crucially needed for their children and families is the gospel. Ask God’s help for the team as they go to “Share Christ’s Love and Grow Disciples.” Thank you all in your support of this ministry through fund-raising, book donations, and prayers.

Fondly,

Pastor Ray

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SUMMER TIME FINANCIAL GIVING

During the next few months while you are on vacation, traveling, or spending time with your friends and family, remember that the church does not take a summer holiday. The ministry and missions of Highland Church continue under the leadership of your Pastor, Deacons, Trustees and Elders year round. This is why it is so important to maintain consistent financial giving, especially during the summer. If you are unable to attend worship, simply mail your check to the church to the attention of the Financial Secretary. For those who like the ease of electronic banking, use the same feature you might already be using to pay utilities and other bills to make a contribution directly from your banking account to your church. You can also give to HPC electronically through our secure e-Giving option found on our website. Simply click on the Give Now button and follow the easy directions. This service is available 24/7.

Here’s wishing you, and Highland Church, a terrific summer!

From the Trustees...

Donations for Air Conditioners Needed

The Trustees have purchased and installed new air conditioners after receiving a very good discount from Lowe’s!! They are still asking for donations to offset the cost of these high efficiency air conditioners -- please mark any contributions as “Trustees - Air Conditioners” - thank you in advance for helping us to be energy concuss and “Green” wise!

SUSQUEHANNA PARISH MINSTRY GROUP NEWS

EARTH CARE/CREATION CARE GRANT

In June the Session applied for and received a $2,000 Earth Care Grant from our Shared Ministry Group. These funds will be used to replace/repair windows in the education building with newer environmentally friendly and more energy efficient windows. The current windows are almost 50 years old and some are in terrible shape. The grant will not cover the cost of replacing all the windows, but it will allow us to fix those in the worst condition. The Trustees are exploring different options and will be in charge of the work. Thank you Shared Ministry Group for this wonderful opportunity to update our facility while at the same time helping care for creation.
From the Deacons...

The Deacons do not meet throughout the summer months, but if there is a need please feel free to contact the church office or one of us directly.

In Memoriam

Carol Ann Wilson
November 6, 1963 ~ June 5, 2017

White Pulpit Parament ~ The new white Pulpit Parament is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jeanne W. Galbreath, by her devoted husband, James Galbreath and family.

Cemetery Drive ~ Our cemetery drive received a much needed resurface facelift. This gift was given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of William Galbreath and his dedication to the beauty of Highland’s Cemetery, by his devoted wife, Jean Galbreath.
**Work Day:** Fri., July 7th, from 2:00 – 6:00 PM. A light meal will be served.

**Open to the Community:** Sat., July 8th, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM.

48 patrons served in May!
18 children shopped for summer clothing and Men’s underwear and socks were distributed.

**Still Needed**
Men’s small and medium size underwear and white crew socks are still needed.

**Focus for July & August**
We are collecting all types of SCHOOL SUPPLIES for the children from our community who come into the clothing mission. Help them be ready when it is time for school again.

Needed are socks and underwear – all sizes – and all school supplies.
All donations are greatly appreciated.
Please place these items for TOH in the box in the Narthex.

**Volunteers**
Volunteers are always needed. Please email Sherry (sherry456@verizon.net) if you would like to help.

Thank you to Koren Buehler and the Deacons for the wonderful meal for our volunteers.

**PRAYER CORNER**
Two prayers were added to our Prayer Board in June.
We are seeking someone to share the comfort of prayer with our patrons.
The needs are great in our community. Please contact Sherry Everett if you feel God leading you to this ministry.

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Please keep all of the members of this year’s mission team in your prayers - that God would keep them in His care as they travel and as they share the love and story of Jesus with the children. That they will be blessed, too, as they seek to serve the Lord, these families and support each other.

The following people make up the 2017 Mission Team ~ they will be away July 22 - 29.

Blessings on you all!!

Guy & Valerie Matta
Jamie Roeder
Erin-Kate Roeder
Kimberly Secrist Ashby
Megan Ashby

Emmett Coomes
Stephen Gaede
Ray & Nancy Meute
Grace Ulmer
Abby Ulmer
Claudia Scarborough

Ellie Wood
Jacob Wood
Dylan Wood
J.B. Mitchell
Megan Belich
The subject of "time" came to me for the July/August Highlights message, when it suddenly struck me that summer is here, followed by the thought, "how am I going to wisely spend it this time?" Spring flew by with little done outside, by me, and our MD summers can be hot, sticky and non-motivating, yet dread of being too lazy, yet again, rose up in my mind. Easily distracted, my eyes glanced over to one of my many "to do" paper piles, and there was an article titled, Time After Time (taking control of the clock), and I knew this wasn't "coincidence." It was more of a confirmation regarding this time topic. Next thought was, do I need to read yet another "How To" article? Yet I had cut it out, like so many through life... But did I care to follow someone else's way to control my time? This subject is a special category to me. Laziness is not good.

Truth is, our time on earth is God-ordained. He determines our very birth and death time (Eccl. 3:1-2). Then how we use our time while here, should have His input, really. Over the years, making "to do lists" has been a habit that has helped to control what needs to be done and goals, and there is truly a sense of accomplishment when each item is crossed out. Yet, when the very busy times occur, like Christmas, or gatherings at your home, with much longer lists, do you ever feel over-whelmed? I certainly do, but when I have asked God to help me, a very interesting thing has consistently happened - some things simply get put aside & even eliminated. Its as if the Spirit pares down the list. By giving Him my time, a divine prioritization takes place, and with it, His peace.

Psalm 32:14-15a says, "But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, You are my God. My times are in Your hand."

Father, we thank You that You love us so much and also care enough to help us in all areas of our earthly life, which includes our time. Show us ways to accomplish what You most desire. Help us to use time wisely, no matter the season, but in this season of summer now upon us, we ask You to help us spend our hours and days as You desire. Show us, please, how to balance our time, and to make time for You a key priority, not allowing busyness to swallow up this gift from You.

In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.
Carolyn Patrinicola
Highland Prayer Ministry
**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS**

* - Denotes new addition to the Prayer List

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<td><em>Praising God for the seeds His Spirit planted at the Highland/Emory VBS and all workers involved!</em></td>
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Please notify the CHURCH OFFICE or CAROLYN PATRINICOLA with all prayer requests & also REMEMBER IT IS IMPORTANT TO LET US KNOW WHEN A REQUEST CAN BE REMOVED TO KEEP OUR LIST UP-TO-DATE. Thank you for your attention to our prayer ministry.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS ADDRESS UPDATE FOR RUTH COBB:**

Citizen's Care Center
415 Market St. - **Bayview Rm. 113B**
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

Please note this address update for Ruth Cobb:

... in serving others, we serve Christ!
Vacation Bible School 2017

Thank you to all who helped to make “Hero Central” a success! Highland Presbyterian and Emory United Methodist worked together to create a wonderful Vacation Bible School experience for the children in our community. For three hours each evening during the week of June 19-23, children learned about heroes from the Bible through music, stories, skits, crafts, recreation, and science.

The VBS guides all tell you to try not to focus on the “numbers”. However, we were very pleased that attendance each evening averaged 47 students. We also had 20 middle/high school students that assisted the children with transitions and skits. There were 35 adult volunteers who taught lessons, cooked dinner, served snacks, sang songs, organized games, photographed smiles, made copies, decorated walls, swept floors, kept track of students, moved tables, offered technical support, etc., etc.

Many people were positively affected by VBS this year!

Our Mission project for the week focused on the collection of toothbrushes and washcloths to support the Pine Ridge Reservation and the Haiti Mission trip that Emory supports each year. Our goal was to collect 200 toothbrushes and 200 washcloths. We met and surpassed our goal – 477 toothbrushes and 216 washcloths!

Thank you again for all of your support in making VBS a meaningful and memorable event for our young people!

Susan Summerfield
VBS!

Thank you to all!
Upcoming Events...

Save the Dates!!!!

Highland Presbyterian Christmas Bus Trip,
Dinner & Show
Saturday, December 2, 2017
The first bus is sold out and a waiting list has been started!
If enough people wish to attend this event we could hire a second bus -
so, if you are interested please contact Terry Hunt asap!!
If you have already made your reservation please mail your payment asap --
mark your check Christmas Bus Trip.

July Birthday Blessings!

2 David Taylor 13 James Galbreath 23 Ryan McCallum
3 Wayne Bullen 14 Joy Merryman 25 Susan Summerfield
6 Jeff Yarrington 15 Claire Matta 26 Harry De Ran
7 Richard Enfield 16 Nancy R. Jones 27 Rose Coomes
Cindy Jones 17 Carole De Ran
9 Lynn Galbreath 18 Robby Galbreath
12 Eleanor Knell 19 Caleb Meute
Mike Holmstrom 20 Carole Walkden

August Birthday Blessings!

1 Helen Watkins 13 Sandy Jones 23 Dan Larsen
Marilyn Sams 14 David Streett 24 Joyce Lilly
5 Dotty Macy 16 David Streett 25 Darlene Solis
10 Reese McNutt 18 Michael Galbreath
Renee Ann McCallum 21 Emmett Coomes
11 Evelyn Moessinger 22 Dan Larsen
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Worship 10:00 AM |     | Trustee Mtg - 7:00 PM | Al-Anon Mtg - 7:00 PM |     |     |     |

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Worship 10:00 AM Porcupine Team Commissioning | Session Mtg - 7:00 PM | Al-Anon Mtg - 7:00 PM | Interdenominational Prayer Gr. - 9:30 AM Porcupine Mission Team leaves |     |     |     |

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Worship 10:00 AM |     | Al-Anon Mtg. 7:00 PM |     | Highland Men’s Breakfast - Delta Family - 7:30 AM Porcupine Mission Team returns |     |     |     |

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Worship 10:00 AM |     |     |     |     |     |     |

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