

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

From the Pastor's Desk:

I'm back! As I write this it is officially my first day back in the office from maternity leave. I wanted to thank you all for allowing me this time to recover and bond with Ellie. It was a wonderful leave, and the perfect amount of time. She started sleeping through the night one week ago, just in time for mommy to go back to work. I would also like to thank all of you who helped to make my maternity leave go as smoothly as possible. I'm especially thankful to Lori Ann Prange who is our new Lay Leader and Bruce Stevens who took on visitation while I was out. I'm thankful to everyone who stepped in to preach while I was out, all those who brought us meals, and every one of you who have prayed for us. I am so blessed to have such a great leadership team and congregation who made my 10 week maternity leave possible.

As thankful as I am for my time of leave, I am also so excited to be back with you. You know you miss preaching when you have dreams about your next sermon series while on leave. This week we will begin a new series on the Fruit of the Spirit. I'm sure many of you grew up learning the Fruit of the Spirit either in Sunday School or VBS. Perhaps some of you even learned a song to remember them by. For those of you who need a refresher, or are new to the Christian Faith, the Fruit of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. This is the fruit that should be evident in your life when you are a follower of Jesus Christ. This is the fruit that the Holy Spirit produces in you when you follow Christ.

We do not have the fruit without the Holy Spirit working in our lives. We are not loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, gentle, faithful, and self-controlled people without the Holy Spirit producing these characteristics within us. Often noticing these things are missing in our lives shows us that the Holy Spirit needs to do some more work in us. These next two months we will be looking at each of these characteristics and digging into what it means to have this fruit in our life. I hope we will examine ourselves and ask the Holy Spirit to show us where we need more transformation in our lives. I hope we will then pray to the Holy Spirit that we would become more loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, gentle, faithful, and self-controlled. The amazing thing is, when we exhibit this fruit in our lives, it brings not only transformation to us personally, but to our church, our families, our workplaces, our communities, and the world. People can't help but see Christ in us when we have the Fruit of the Spirit in us.

So let's examine ourselves this fall. Let's see where the Holy Spirit wants to do some more work in us and transform us into the people the Lord is calling us to be. Let's be a people that are so transformed by the Holy Spirit, the world can't help but see God's fruit in our lives. Let us be a church that when people walk through our doors they can't help but experience the fruit of the Spirit being lived out in us. Let's be open to allowing the Holy Spirit to transform us more and more into the likeness of Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Katie

September Sunday Schedule 2019

- 9:00 am Seeker's Sunday School Class—Education Bldg
- 9:00 am Children's Sunday School Class—Education Bldg
- 9:45 am Coffee and Fellowship—Narthex
- 10:00 am Blended Church Worship—Sanctuary

September Anniversaries

- 9-30 Ozzie & Marilyn Ossman

September Activities

- 9-01 First Sunday-First Fruits-Communion
- 9-02 Labor Day—Office Closed
- 9-03 Finance Committee Meeting—5:30—Office Conference Room
- 9-04 Highlands Youth—5:30 pm —Education Building
- 9-04 Community Campfire—7 pm—Fellowship Hall
- 9-6/7 Leadership Retreat— Friday 5 pm—Fellowship Hall
Saturday 9 am—Fellowship Hall
- 9-09 Mission Monday Ministries—Education Building
- 9-09 Friendship Circle—1:30—Office Conference Room
- 9-10 Leadership Team Meeting—5:30 pm—Fellowship Hall
- 9-11 Highlands Youth—5:30 pm—Education Building
- 9-11 Community Campfire—7 pm—Fellowship Hall
- 9-18 WCDC Board Meeting—11 am—Education Building
- 9-23 Deadline for Newsletter Articles
- 9-23 Mission Monday Ministries—10 am—Education Bldg.
- 9-24 Prime Timers—11 am—Wesley Fellowship
- 9-25 Community Dinner—5 pm—Fellowship Hall
- 9-25 Highlands Youth—assist with Community Dinner
- 9-27 Friday Night Movie—6 pm—Fellowship Hall—
"Wonder"
- 9-29 Fifth Sunday Potluck—11 am—Fellowship Hall—
Friendship Circle

Bible Studies

- 9-04 Wed. morning Bible Study—10 am Education Building
- 9-05 Thurs. afternoon Bible Study—Garricks home—2 pm
- 9-05 Thurs. evening Bible Study—Steven's home—6 pm

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TOTAL REFERRALS FROM HUMC in July

Households	186
Adults	208
Children	163
Disabled	44
Total	415

TOTAL SERVED FOR NCSC in July

Households	186
People	411
Seniors	80
Children	163
Disabled	99
Veterans	24

Blessings from Gwen

August
Community
Dinner
8/28/19
47 guests
19 volunteers



September 2019

September Birthdays

- 9-02 Tiffany Ossman
- 9-06 Nancy Foster
- 9-06 Colleen Powell
- 9-08 Bob McNeill
- 9-09 Calvin Youman (*PLWM)
- 9-09 Angel Pluguez (*PLWM)
- 09-11 Michael Williams (*PLWM)
- 09-19 George Daniels
- 09-20 Mary Ellen Hutchins
- 09-22 Ariel Hernandez (*PLWM)
- 09-26 Telia Broughton
- 09-26 Whitney Thompson
- 09-29 Hazel Fleming
- 09-29 Bill McCann

* PLWM Prison Letter Writing Ministry

CHRISTMAS COLORING CARDS

are available in the Narthex on the credenza.



Take a package, color them and return them to the back of the box.

These cards will be sent to the inmates in our Prison Letter Writing Ministry so they can send them to their family and friends.



Do You Know A Shut-In?



Highland United Methodist Church

is

generating a new list of shut-ins.

If you know of someone who needs to be on our Shut—in List



Name _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

Special Needs: _____

Your Name _____

Contact Number _____

Call the office at 904-757-7909, leave message or mail to 10421 Biscayne Blvd. Jax FL 32218



Chapel

Every Tuesday morning the older children enjoy Chapel in the sanctuary. We read a Bible story and sing Chapel songs. We play musical instruments and celebrate birthdays.

The children quickly adopt favorite songs



Wesley Child Development Center

I'm in the Lord's Army
I may never march in the infantry,
Ride in the calvary,
Shoot in the artillery.
I may never fly o'er the enemy.
But I'm in the Lord's army.
(yes sir!)
Do you remember this?

My name is Jesse Harrington and I wanted to personally introduce myself as your new worship leader. I look forward to helping the congregation and praise team to encounter God. I hope to provide a time and place of spiritual renewal through the music that we sing on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings through the Campfire service and Sunday morning worship services.

With a change in leadership in a worship setting, it's assumed that the layout and people of the worship team would change. However, my hope is that we continue to worship together as a team with the current choir and band together. We will also have the opportunity to welcome and worship with newcomers to the praise team and youth from our youth band.

I feel very blessed to serve alongside the volunteers we currently have here at Highlands and I have the utmost gratitude for all of their work. Whether it is setting up for communion, decorating the sanctuary for a different sermon series, running sound, projection, video production, or leading music from the platform, I am very grateful for the team we have.

I look forward to serving the Lord and worshipping with you here at Highlands.

Your brother in Christ,

Jesse



Summary of Services for 2018

Inquiries for Residential Care information and referral	1,427
Number of children served in residential and shelter care	237
Number of children served in foster care	738
Number of foster homes added in 2018	26
Number of children served in Independent Living	75
Number of children served in Early Childhood Education	279
Number of volunteers	1,643
Number of volunteer hours performed	17,461



Some of our youth in the State Capital Building in Tallahassee



Excerpt from a recent letter from

Elisabeth Gadd, MNM, CFRE, Chief Development Officer

We greatly appreciate your congregation's recent gift of backpacks and school supplies. Your generosity is making an impact in the lives of our children

When DeJohn's grandmother died, DeJohn and 4 of his 7 siblings came to the Children's Home. In the next 11 years he earned a degree in Criminal Justice, joined the US Coast Guard, was promoted to Petty Officer and has become a Maritime Law Enforcement Specialist. In a recent conversation he says:



My house parents taught me how to be responsible for myself, to manage money, how to save and how to avoid debt. I learned parenting skills by watching how my house parents loved me through my mistakes. Learning that Jesus loves me changed not only how I view myself but how I view others. For now, I'll stay with the Coast Guard, but I would like to become a US Marshall. My wife and I have also talked about either fostering or adopting a child, so we can give them a second chance like I got from the Children's Home. Story in it's entirety can be found in the FUMCH magazine "The Herald".

The following testimonies were copied from the FUMCH website.

I lived in the Home back in the 1960's, we didn't have what they have now. It was good all they had for us to do. I lived there for 5 1/2 yrs. Really had an enjoyable time there, learned a lot in those years. I raised my children as I was taught. They are grown now. Thank you Fl. Methodist Children's Home. — Kathy

I grew up here!!! If it wasn't for FUMCH and the house parents and staff I wouldn't be who I am today!! FUMCH will always have a piece of my heart :) — Melissa

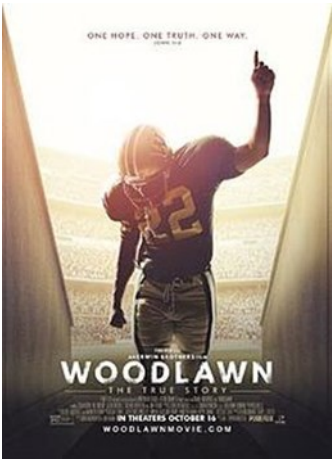
I just wanted to give a big thank you to everyone here...I was here for a while and this place is truly wonderful. I'm tearing up typing this. Thank you for the beautiful memories, my friends, my security while there. You guys are ALL ANGELS. This place truly is a safe haven. — Maia

I lived here for a while as a young teen in 1991-1993! FUMCH was hands down the best group home I had ever lived in. My house parents Cath and Kathy were the very best. I would love to connect again with all the friends I made there. Between the campus as a whole and high school friends my young teen years ended up being wonderful. Thank you for turning my dark lonely life into a bright light in my heart. — Angel



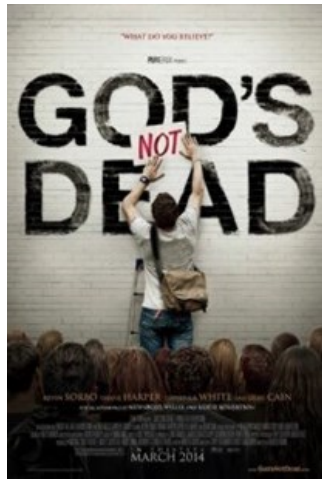
Youth Sunday 8-25-19





WOODLAWN

September 27th



God's Not Dead

October 25th

Friday Night Movies

Highlands United Methodist Fellowship Hall

Doors open at 6 pm

Movie starts at 6:30

Popcorn, sodas, slice of pizza, small hot dog is \$1.00

Large Hot Dog is \$2.00

Free lemonade and ice tea



Facing The Giants

November 22nd

Cuban People Need:



You can purchase these things or you can help by donating to the Cuba Mission Fund, #7136:

Bold print are those items that are high priority.

Underwear for anyone from toddlers to adults.

Vitamins: Kids, Adults & Prenatal.

Medicine over the counter: Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Aleve, Asprin, Decongestants, etc.

Excedrin Migraine

Glucosamine Chondroitin

Hemorrhoid medicine

Razors

Lice medicine

Deodorant

Insulin Meters, Lancets, Test Strips & Insulin if possible

