

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

With Valentine's Day right in the middle of the month, February often becomes an entire month about love. So often it's a month where romance is in the air and we see cards with words like "you have my whole heart my whole life." Inspired by love, this month we're going to be focusing not on romantic love, but instead on loving God. Our focus for this month will be loving the Lord with our whole heart.

Specifically, we will be doing a sermon series on the book of Malachi. The book of Malachi is only 4 chapters long. It's a minor prophet and the last book of the Old Testament. As we read the book of Malachi, we will see that the people are struggling to follow the Lord with their whole heart. In good news, they haven't completely turned their back on the Lord. They aren't worshipping idols like their ancestors before them. In bad news, their worship is not up to the Lord's standards. They don't love the Lord with their whole heart either. Their love for the Lord is only halfhearted.

We too struggle with loving the Lord with our whole heart as well. We go to church on Sundays, we maybe even participate in a weekly Bible Study, or pray over our meals, but it's done half-heartedly. In the gospels, Jesus tells us the greatest commandment is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:36)

I know we have many people in our congregation who love the Lord. However, many of us struggle to love him with **all** of our heart, **all** our soul, and with **all** our mind. We love him halfheartedly. Things get in the way of our love for the Lord. Life circumstances get in the way. We can even turn good gifts from God into idols.

This month, as we read through the book of Malachi and see the halfhearted love the Israelites were struggling with, I hope we recognize this struggle in ourselves. But I hope we don't stop with simply recognizing how we have this struggle. I hope that we ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us the places in our lives where we don't fully love the Lord. When the Holy Spirit reveals those places in our heart to us, I hope we pray to the Lord to transform us into people with hearts on fire for the Lord. I hope we become people who whole heartedly love the Lord with all of our heart, all of our soul, and all of our mind. Let's journey together this month as we read God's word to become people who are whole heartedly in love with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Katie

February Sunday Schedule 2020

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

February Activities:

- 2/2 First Fruits & Communion
- 2/3 Friendship Circle - 1:30PM - Office Conf. Room
- 2/5 Bible Study - 10AM - Adult Sunday School Room
- 2/5 Musician Rehearsal - 5PM - Sanctuary
- 2/5 Highlands Youth - 5:30PM - Youth Room
- 2/5 Campfire - 7PM
- 2/6 Bible Study - 2pm - Adult Sunday School Room
- 2/6 Bible Study - 6pm - Steven's Home
- 2/10 Mission Monday - 10AM - Mission Monday Rm
- 2/10 Leadership Meeting - 5:30PM - Fellowship Hall
- 2/11 General Conference/Protocol - 7PM -
Garden City UMC with Jay Therrell
- 2/12 Bible Study - 10AM - Adult Sunday School Rm
- 2/12 Musician Rehearsal - 5PM - Sanctuary
- 2/12 Highlands Youth - 5:30PM - Youth Room
- 2/12 Campfire - 7PM
- 2/13 Bible Study - 2pm - Adult Sunday School Room
- 2/13 Bible Study - 6pm - Steven's Home
- 2/14 Happy Valentines Day
- 2/17 Vacation Bible School Prep Mtg - 10AM - Parlor
- 2/18 Prime Timers - 10:15AM - Leave on Van for
DLC Learning Center & Panera Lunch
- 2/19 Bible Study - 10AM - Adult Sunday School Rm
- 2/19 Musician Rehearsal - 5PM - Sanctuary
- 2/19 Highlands Youth - 5:30PM - Youth Room
- 2/19 Campfire - 7PM
- 2/20 Bible Study - 2pm - Adult Sunday School Room
- 2/20 Bible Study - 6pm - Steven's Home
- 2/24 Deadline for Newsletter Articles
- 2/24 Mission Monday - 10AM - Mission Monday Rm
- 2/26 Ash Wednesday
- 2/26 Community Dinner - 5PM - Fellowship Hall
- 2/26 Youth Assist with Dinner - 5PM - Fellowship Hall
- 2/26 Musician Rehearsal - 5PM - Sanctuary
- 2/26 Ash Wednesday Service - 6:30PM - Sanctuary
- 2/27 Bible Study - 6pm - Steven's Home
- 2/28 Friday Night Movie - Overcomer - 6PM -
Fellowship Hall
- 2/29 Equip Leadership Training - 10AM - Beaches
- 2/29 Spanish Anniversary Celebration - 5PM -
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

Bible Studies

- Sun-Young Adults Bible Study-6:30pm -Parsonage
- Wed. morning Bible Study -10 am - Education Bldg.
- Thurs. afternoon Bible Study - 2pm - Education Bldg.
- Thurs. evening Bible Study - 6pm - Steven's home

Spring Retreat

APRIL 3RD & 4TH 2020
Epworth By The Sea
St Simons Island, GA



Do you want to have a more intimate relationship with your Savior Jesus Christ? Do you want to have a fun and enjoyable weekend? Come to the Spring Retreat, and you can have both!

The planning team has been working on some exciting and fun ideas for the two day event. It will be a wonderful time to get out of town, spend time with other Christian minded folks, and focus on our relationship with our Lord and Savior.

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Walther, Pastor Katie, Jesse or Lori Ann Prange. They can tell you a little more about the retreat.

Please sign up in the Narthex

The cost per person for the retreat is:

Single	\$136	Double	\$ 89
Triple	\$ 72	Quad (4)	\$ 68

This cost includes Friday night lodging, Dinner on Friday Night, Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday. Please make your payment to HUMC for rooms as soon as possible, so we can cover the deposit needed at Epworth by The Sea.

**Ash Wednesday
Service**

February 26th

**6:30PM after
Community Dinner**

Learn to Sew Girl's Dress Class

Mission Monday will be having a Sewing Class on Friday, 2/14 from 6pm to 9pm and on Saturday 2/15 from 10am to 3pm. Learn how to construct little girl's dresses like the ones we send to Cuba.

Sign Up & Supply Lists will be available in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Louise or LoriAnn.

Anyone can come and learn!

It's a fun day and you'll laugh and enjoy the company of other Christian sewers.



General Conference/ Protocol Proposal

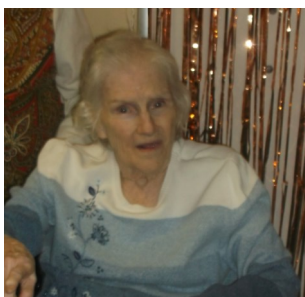
February 11th - 7pm

Garden City UMC 3057 Dunn Avenue Jacksonville, FL

Jay Therrell, District Superintendent, will be giving a talk about the proposal to be presented to the General Conference in May. This proposal would allow churches with the traditional outlook to separate from the United Methodist church and move towards a new denomination to be created. If you are interested, this is a great time to hear from our District leader.

Thank you Highlands for your Donation

From Elizabeth Gadd at Florida Children's Home:
Children come to us from situation of abuse, abandonment or neglect, simply looking for love and a new beginning. We greatly appreciate your congregation's recent gift. Your generosity is making an impact in the lives of our children allowing them to feel loved, safe and secure.



Happy 85th Birthday Evelyn Davis



Pictured: Kent Wofford, Jean Silsby, Marge Shafter, Hazel Fleming, Vonnie Tanner, Pat Irish, Doris Sell, Theo Edwards, and Beverly Stephens. Seated: Evelyn Davis.

Meet Our Missionaries - The Torres

We at Highlands support two Missionary Families from our Faith Promise Mission Fund. This month we are spotlighting the Torres Family in Amancio Cuba. Pastor Osmar is a great man with a deep sense of humor, great love for all people, a burning desire to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and an incredible love of our Lord. He looks more like an American Football player than a Cuban. He is tall and athletic.

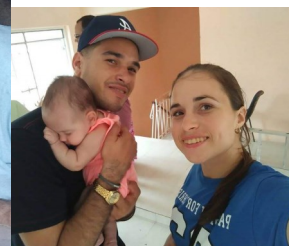
In Cuba, the spouse of the Pastor is also called Pastor or Pastora as a sign of respect. (So Jesse was called Pastor in Cuba.) Pastora Joandra works tirelessly with Pastor Osmar and with the people in the church. She sews the outfits for the dancers and singers.

Their daughter Lili has finished the University as a translator and teacher. She is currently teaching at a school in Amancio. She is promised to Aline who is in New Jersey and is making a place for her in the US over the next several years. Lili is the main singer for their church and is very talented.

Their son Moises is entering the University to follow in Lili's footsteps as a translator. He also plays the drums at church. He is Ellie's "Uncle Moses".



(left to right) Moises,
Pastora Joandra, Lili and
Pastor Osmar
Living in Amancio Cuba





TOTAL REFERRALS FROM HUMC

In December

# of Referrals	141
Adults	159
Children	92
Disabled	19
Total	270

TOTAL SERVED FOR NCSC in December

Families	608
Individuals	1,356
Seniors	266
Children	564
Disabled	255
Veterans	59



TOTAL REFERRALS FROM HUMC in 2019

# of Referrals	2067
Adults	2548
Children	2102
Disabled	358
Total	5008

TOTAL SERVED FOR NCSC in 2019

Families	2,225
Individuals	4,842
Seniors	935
Children	2,044
Disabled	963
Veterans	243

Blessings from Gwen

To All My Many Friends at Highlands....

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for all the cards, phone calls, prayers and flowers I received after the death of my daughter, Sherrill Dee Brown. It meant more to me than you can imagine. Thank you again.

Nickie Colvin.



January Community

Dinner

Shepherd's Pie -

1/22/2020

47 guests

13 volunteers

Next Month

Community Dinner

Spaghetti & Meat

Sauce



February Anniversaries

2/12 - Doug & Gloria Sell

February Birthdays

- 2/1 - Rachel Powell
- 2/1 - Dexter Williford (PM)
- 2/7 - Mandingo Boobyaa (PM)
- 2/8 - Elijah Bowden (PM)
- 2/15 - Gloria Sell
- 2/15 - Clinton Lee Powers (PM)
- 2/15 - Jermanine Smith (PM)
- 2/16 - William Drew
- 2/17 - Jean Harrell
- 2/18 - Cody Edenfield (PM)
- 2/22 - Katrina Vining
- 2/26 - John Foster
- 2/16 - Joanne Talbott
- 2/28 - Jason Minard (PM)

WCDC Needs A Glider Rocker

WCDC Needs a Glider Rocker for their Infant Room. Please contact Selina Murray at 751-5324 if you have one to donate or would be willing to provide one.



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**EQUIP:
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**February 29th
 Beaches UMC
 10AM**

**With Author:
 Tony Morgan**



Friday Night Movies

Highlands United Methodist Fellowship Hall

Friday Night Movies

January 31st

“Fireproof”

13 Movie Goers Attended

Doors open at 6 pm

Movie starts at 6:30

Popcorn, sodas, slice of pizza,

& small hot dogs are \$1.00

Large Hot Dogs are \$2.00

Free lemonade and ice tea.



OVERCOMER

February 28



The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry

March 27th



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