

HIGHLANDS HIGHLIGHTS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF HIGHLANDS UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

NEW MEMBERS!

On March 12, Highlands welcomed four new church members to the congregation. Akuvi Amefiawole, Susan Lehrer, Matthew Robinson, and Mona Wise gave professions of faith during the Sunday Worship Service. All four of them have been active church attendees, already contributing much to the community at Highlands. When you see them, be sure to give them a big "Welcome to the Highlands' Family!" We are so excited to see our church continuing to grow.

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OUT & ABOUT

FLORIDA UMC CHILDREN'S HOME

In March, the Children's Home offered a "Day on Campus" visit for churches across Florida. This was a chance to tour the campus, learn about programs and witness a student drama show. Steve and Tammy Crofts and Miss Hazel Fleming attended on behalf of Highlands. They reported that it was an exciting day! - "The homes, chapel and grounds were in good shape and nice. They added extra buildings for foster care. Had therapy horses from Madison Ranch. We got to meet the staff and see the production of the " Wizard of Oz". It was well organized and a good day!"

As part of their visit, Tammy, Steve, and Miss Hazel were able to deliver a clothing donation from Highland's Mission Monday team. A total of 153 handmade garments were donated for the children!



MINISTRIES

MANNA BAGS



Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Manna Bags donation drive. We received so many useful things! The mission team has been hard at work creating the final bags. A big **THANK YOU** to Tammy Crotts for leading this program and having such constant dedication to it.

Please grab a couple bags the next time you are at church. They are great to keep in the car and then share with anyone you see on the street that is struggling or asking for help.

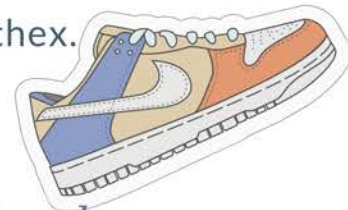


PRISONER SUPPORT

As part of our Prison Ministry, Highlands provides a pair of new shoes in an EOS (end of sentence) package for newly released men. If you would like to donate shoes, please choose a size card from the basket in the narthex. Donations can be deposited in the shoe bin in the narthex.



*"Now that I, your Lord and Teacher,
have washed your feet, you
also should wash one
another's feet. I have set you
an example that you should
do as I have done for you."
John 13:14-15*



MINISTRY FOCUS

ALPHA

Highlands' Alpha ministry has been going strong. Every Wednesday evening, church members, friends, and folks from the local community have gathered for dinner and discussion. It has been a wonderful time to explore our individual connections with Jesus Christ as well as those of others. If you haven't yet done so, we would love to have you come out and join us. Dinner is always delicious (shoutout to the kitchen crew!) and the discussions are always thought provoking. Hope to see you there!

Alpha Adult & Alpha Youth
Every Wednesday, 6pm - 8pm



Through May 10
Fellowship Hall



who
will
you invite?



Join a
conversation
& see where
it goes...

Alpha is a series of group
conversations that explore
the basics of the Christian
faith in a friendly environment.
Everyone's welcome.

You're invited
to Alpha.



MINISTRY FOCUS

ALPHA TRAINING

As Highland's Alpha ministry progresses, the leaders are making sure to stay abreast of the best way to engage and encourage participants. Recently, a team from Highlands - Chloe, Eva, Anita, Matthew, and LoriAnn attended a local Alpha training and came away inspired and excited!



AROUND CAMPUS

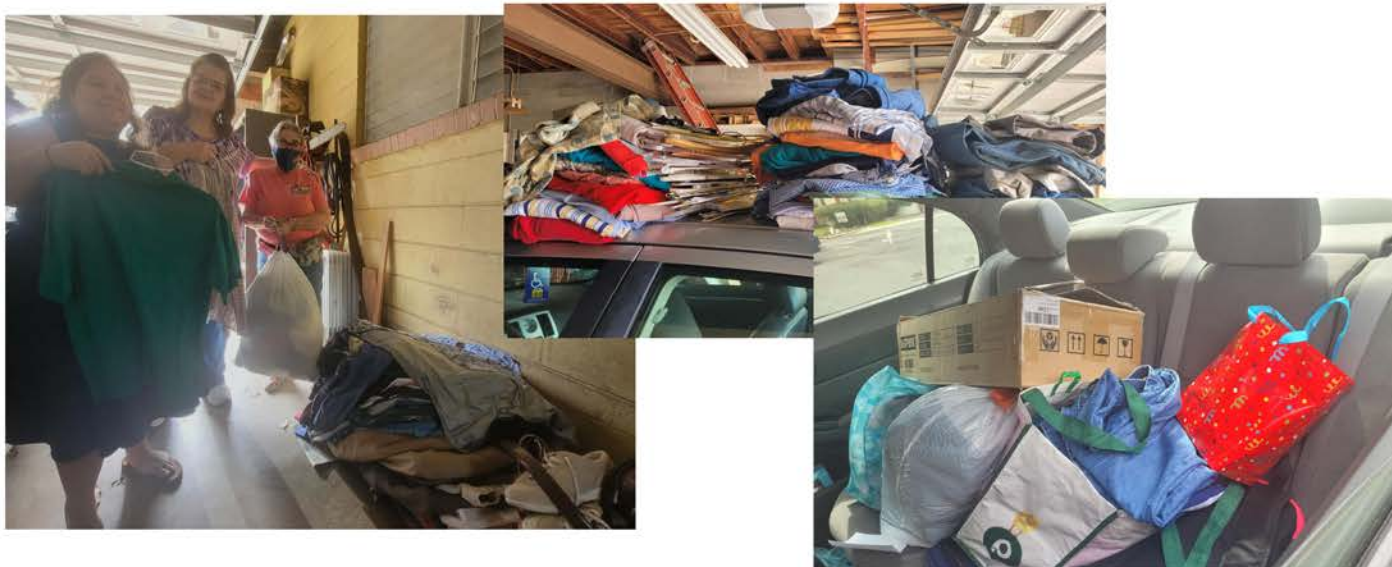
FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The ladies celebrated March with a St. Patrick's Day themed gathering. They even had a little man with a pot of gold join them! But the true highlight of the luncheon was Miss Theo's cheese spread! If you are lucky, she might just give you the recipe. To quote Miss Vonnie..."I want some MORE cheese!"



Their mission focus for March was providing supplies for the Manna Bags ministry. By the end of the meeting the collection bin was overflowing!

CLOTHING DONATIONS



Recently, our Mission Team was able to help several groups with clothing donations from Mr. Garrick's closet. A local family, the Kea's, lost their home in a fire in March. With clothing donations, as well as other support from church members, the Kea family has been outfitted with towels, bags, clothes, school supplies and gift cards. Additional clothing from Mr. Garrick has been donated to Trinity mission and the Highlands' prison ministry.

FACTS & FIGURES

NUMBERS

The information below is to give you a snapshot of Highlands' financial and membership health. Transparency is important to our Church Leadership. All church members are welcome to attend the monthly Finance/Leadership Meeting, Tuesday, April 18. You can also find copies of the monthly meeting minutes in the narthex.

Profit & Loss	January	February	Year to Date
Income	\$14,464	\$12,186	\$26,650
Expenses	\$9,585	\$11,980	\$21,565
+/-	\$4,879	\$206	\$5,085

Weekly Worship Service	January	February	Year to Date
Average Attendance	32	42	36
Average Giving	\$2,789	\$4,874	\$3,715

ASSORTED



ALTAR FLOWERS



Each week, fresh flowers are delivered for the altar. If you would like to sponsor a week's floral arrangement, you can add your name to the Flower Calendar on the Fellowship Hall door. You can use this opportunity to commemorate a special day such as a birthday or anniversary, or to memorialize a loved one. A donation of \$30 per floral arrangement is requested.



ADDRESS

Please be sure to note that the best mailing address for the church is the church office. Mail is not always delivered correctly at the Broward Road address.

Mail to:

Highlands United Methodist Church

10421 Biscayne Blvd

Jacksonville, FL 32218





APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/7: KAREN HARDIN

4/24: EMILY MCNEILL



PRISON MINISTRY BIRTHDAYS

4/1: HA'KHELIUS MOORE

4/3: HERBERT PRINCE

4/23: CONNOR SCHELL

4/25: CHEDRICK TOLBERT

4/27: LUIS ORTIZ

4/28: BILLY CHANCE

4/29: BILLY CULPEPPER



ANNIVERSARIES

4/29: STEVE & TAMMY CROTTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues, April 2: Ladies Friendship Circle, 1pm

Thur, April 6: Maundy Thursday Service, 5:30pm

Sun, April 9: Easter Sunday Service, 10am

Wed, April 12: Church Office Closed, NE Admin Event

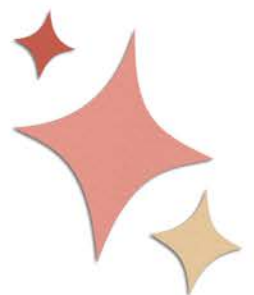
Tues, April 18, 6pm: Leadership Meeting

Sat, April 22, 4pm: David Fordham Memorial Service

Tues, May 2, 1pm: Ladies Friendship Circle

Tues, May 2, 6pm: Mission Team Meeting

Mon, May 29: Church Office Closed, Memorial Day



BACK PAGE FLASHBACK



A new feature in this month's newsletter is the Back Page Flashback!

Can you recognize the Highland's church member pictured below?!

Hint: He's pretty handy with a brush...

