

# Highlawn Presbyterian HIGHTERIAN

## A Note from the Pastor

Summer still stirs in me feelings from my mostly wonderful childhood experiences. The end of the school year meant all day to play outside (or in my teenage years, to sleep as late as I could... except on those “summer job” days), and it wasn’t unusual for us to be gone from 8 a.m. until dinnertime (which I often acknowledged only when my mom either a) sent my younger brother to track me down, or b) did her yodeling/mountaineering call that could be heard through the entire neighborhood!). Summer feels like a good time to take good, deep breaths, while still doing some thinking/praying about the future of HPC.

Over the next few months in the newsletter, I’d like to share a bit about the 5 “focus points” of transitional ministry, so that you have a better idea about what is shaping my ministry and thoughts. [What makes transitional ministry especially challenging – for all of us – is that these focus points are in addition to the ongoing ministry and programs of the church]. Here is a short summary of each (I’ll go into more detail in future newsletters):

- The first focus point is “Heritage,” which seeks to recognize and celebrate the people and events that have shaped the congregation over the years. (Understanding where we come from is critical to making good and conscious choices about where we want to go. As writer William Faulkner said, “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.” Our individual and shared experiences continue to shape us throughout our lives, whether or not we are aware. The full range of possibilities is only available to us when we become aware – conscious of the effects of our past. For the purposes of transition times in a church, this can help us decide what to carry forward and what to leave behind, including not only practices/programs, but also values/priorities.

- The second is “Leadership,” which in this case means seeking a balance of experienced and inexperienced leaders, considering how to expand the leadership pool, and supporting healthy, open decision making processes. Every organization (or family) has processes for making decisions that can be at least somewhat “murky” or even “invisible,” particularly to newcomers.

- The third is “Mission,” a much-used word in the church, which in this case refers to the church’s sense of purpose and direction. One question around mission that most churches have a lot of difficulty explaining (even if members feel it strongly) is “*What makes us unique?*” I have yet to see a church, for example, that doesn’t describe itself as “welcoming” to visitors, imagining that because it feels that way to “insiders,” “outsiders” must have the same experience. Mission is all about our “core values,” the things we hold most dear, without which we couldn’t, in good conscience, believe ourselves faithful to God.

- The fourth is all about “Connections.” What are our denominational and local resources? Who do we consider to be our partners in doing God’s work in the community? Who else might be potential partners? And what kinds of community organizations beyond the congregation do we support and why? Imagine, for example, what it might be like to seek some new, energizing partnerships...

- Last is the “Future.” As a colleague of mine who spent many years in transitional ministry always reminded congregants, “Remember the future.” In other words, what will we be about going forward, and how might this differ from the past? It’s easy for most of us to remember powerful experiences – both good and bad – from the past, but if we forget about the future



(whether because of comfort in the present or anxiety about the future that causes us to “circle the wagons” and preserve what we have), we cease to be of much use to God’s mission on earth.

What sort of vision that we can’t (or won’t) currently entertain might invite both commitment and comfort?

Please stay in touch over the summer, whether by email, phone, or in person. Rather than feel like we have to *do* a lot this summer, maybe we can just talk, share questions, thoughts, and prayers for the future of HPC. Have a blessed summer!

*Dana*



### July Greeter Schedule

- July 7 Betty Barrett
- June 14 Jim & Pam Curtis
- June 21 Tim & Anna Laura Dorey
- June 28 Joanne Yingling



## Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner

*For ages Nursery through High School*



### Sunday

July 21  
4pm-6pm



VBS Kicks off Sunday with a pool party at the Kennedy Center

### Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

July 22-24  
6pm-8pm



Monday - Wednesday here at the church  
Dinner will begin at 6pm.  
Keep your eyes opened for any special guests! Each night will also include games, crafts and music!

### Mission Project... Kids Helping Kids

We will be collecting new card games or board games for the Boys & Girls Club



Any Questions?  
Contact Pam Curtis,  
Mary Durstein or  
Emily Franks

# Announcements

## Work Camp Recap

Work Camp for 2019 has wrapped up. Many items that we store at HPC have been put away for another year.

Thanks to everyone who supplied items such as cereal, peanut butter & jelly, granola bars, chip and drink mixes. All these items were used and it was truly a significant donation to the food supply.

Many thanks also to those who arrived bright and early to prepare breakfast and fix sandwiches for the lunches.

The campers loved the hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, biscuits, gravy, cantaloupe and juice. Some mornings

they also enjoyed French toast or pancakes (Frozen goodies are great!).

This year we also had folks who helped with evening dinners. That assistance was much needed and appreciated. Thanks to the salad ladies who prepared fresh salads each day. Those salads are certainly loved by the campers.

Truly, our response to Work Camp is a team effort. It is the work that is done by the work crews that do the jobs. Let us all keep the spirit moving in our lives and actions the other 51 weeks of the year as we have done this past week!



Please be in prayer for our campers and workers. Here is a list of our Week 4 campers (June 30-July 6)...

The address to send the letters is :

Or to save on some postage, feel free to drop your letter off in the church office by Monday, July 1 to be mailed altogether.

**Camper's Name**  
**Bluestone Camp**  
**36 Middle Camp Road**  
**Hinton, WV 25951**

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### Week 4 Campers

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**Andy Blackman**  
**Ben Blackman**  
**Jack Blackman**  
**Alyssa Clay**  
**Claire Denning**  
**Tucker Denning**  
**Isaac Specht**

**Max Specht**  
**Kadence Williamson**  
**Jackson Shedd**  
**Thomas Shedd**  
**Layla Jablonski**  
**Lucy Jablonski**  
**Izzy Byrd**

**Kaileigh Lovejoy**  
**Amira Stubblefield**  
**Kalayah Mitchell**  
**Jayce Harrison**  
**Jasmine Harrison**  
**Tylan Harrison**

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Check out our church calendar on our website, [www.highlawnpc.org](http://www.highlawnpc.org)  
Let us know if you know of something coming up that should be added.



July 4 Independence Day, office closed  
July 18 Session  
July 21 City Mission Sunday  
July 21-24 VBS  
July 26 Snacks In Packs



## Birthdays for This Month

7/01 Barbara Boley  
7/03 Larry Lapelle  
7/05 Peggy Noel  
7/09 Carol Specht  
7/11 Pam Curtis  
7/11 Ginny Morgan  
7/15 Kalyn Obiozor  
7/15 Kevin Dorey  
7/18 Tonya Spaulding  
7/19 Joanne Yingling  
7/25 Alanna Cushing  
7/29 Sharon Shockley  
7/31 Gary Prater

## Birthdays for The Beginning of Next Month

8/03 Lester Williams  
8/09 Carla Lapelle  
8/10 Jim Cyrus

## Listen to Sermons Online

If you would like to hear the sermon for a certain Sunday, they are available on our website. Just click on the "Sermon" tab and select the date you wish to listen to.



HPC on

MISSION

got snacks?



Hospice of  
Huntington



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF AMERICA

Join us in collecting and preparing snacks for the Hospice House in Huntington. We can use things like individually packaged snacks like cereal bars, Pop Tarts, pudding cups, fruit cups, small bags of cookies, pretzels, chips, etc. The snacks are assembled and taken to Hospice House on the first and third Sunday of each month.

On Friday, July 26, we will be assembling Snacks In Packs snack bags for the Boys & Girls Club at 11:00 AM in HPC kitchen. If you would like to contribute snacks, here are some food ideas:

*Individually packaged— fruit snacks, pudding/fruit cups, cereal bars, small cereal boxes, snack crackers, Pop Tarts, Rice Krispies treats, raisins, chips, Little Debbie snacks.*

*Thank you for giving to this ministry!*

## City Mission Dinner July 21st



Huntington  
City Mission

Our next City Mission day is Sunday, July 21. We can always use new faces on the Mission Team. It's also a good time to meet to work with fellow church members. Come join us July 21. Meet in the fellowship hall at noon to prepare food, and at the City Mission at 3pm to serve. Food may also be prepared and sent ahead of time. Thanks for your willingness to serve!



## Pillowcases for Puerto Rico



We just sent 79 pillowcases to the General Assembly Mission in Louisville for the children who were affected by Hurricane Maria. Thank you to everyone who helped with this project by supplying pillowcases, sewing, appliquéing and providing postage to send them on their way.

We plan to continue making pillowcases for local agencies such as Harmony House, Recovery Point, Golden Girls, City Mission and Branches.

If you know of additional outlets, please give information to Nancy Estler, Mertie Woolcock or Ann Schurman. Look for kits to sew and also dates of future "sewing parties."