



Highlands United Methodist Church

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From the Pastor's Desk...

Isn't this time of year the best? Isn't it the prettiest and the most lovely? We don't have the intensity of 'the holidays' which are yet around the corner. We don't have the really hot weather and the mugginess to contend with. It's just lovely! I think October, with its promise of cooler times and the changing colors, is perhaps the best.



One of the things about October is that it is ordinary. (Although the schools are taking a break for a week just now, most things are in a 'normal mode'.) There's something comforting about the ordinary. Surely we look forward with relish to those special times of life when big things happen—someone coming to visit, the birth of a new child; the holidays with all their many events—but there is something very nice about the ordinary.

The ordinary is special because it has fewer demands on our lives. It is special because we can go about doing normal things that make life work—cooking, cleaning, yard work, going to work; reading the paper or a novel; watching the news on T.V....normal stuff. I think we see God in the ordinary things of life, because God is wonderfully faithful to us. We don't wake one morning to find all the rules of life have changed suddenly! No! God is faithful to keeping the world on an even keel and to continuing to provide for our needs daily. We can count on the LORD for being faithful. That is one of God's really great attributes: We can count on God.

We can count on God in all circumstances. That's why St. Paul tells us to be thankful in all circumstances. We can count on God's being there in the mix wherever we are or whatever situation we're in.

Even in this time of economic concern and fear, we must remember that God is faithful and will remain so always. We have seen God's faithfulness in all generations, and God will remain faithful to us in times to come. Praise be to God!

Grace and Peace! Pastor Marjorie



In preparation for next month's Charge Conference there will be several meetings in October:

Nominations! Today! October 6th 1 p.m.

Trustees: October 16th 7 p.m.

Finance: October—3d week, date TBA

SPRC: October TBA

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We are praying for:

Will Tillmon's mother, Esther
Tim and Jeannie Hardin
Jim Patton (cancer)
Millie Whalen (in Florida)
Ken Kavanaugh (cancer)
Silvino Gonzalez (heart attack)
Fay and Ira Laney

From a friend at Gandys Cove UMC:

Dear Marjorie,
Since your congregation knew Fay at a time in her life when she was healthy and happy, I thought they would want to say a prayer for her and Ira as she is passing through her last journey. She is now confined to bed and unable to eat except for small amounts. Ira is sleeping on a pallet near her hospital bed.

Keep the Food Coming!

Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP) continues to need food for many families in need. Thanks for the drop offs you've left in the church; If you can, please keep them coming!



Angels Aware!
Rehearsal Dates:
Sunday's 4:00

October 12th -- December 17th
Dress Rehearsal, Dec. 20 10:00

Presentation Date:
Dec. 21st 11:00
Highlands UMC

Weekly at Highlands:

Monday : office time— 11

Tuesdays: Bible Study 10
Seniors' sack lunch noon

Wednesday: Office hours 4-6
Choir 6 p.m.

Volunteers still needed in
office—Mondays.

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