

THE HIGHLANDER

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Happenings At Highlands From the Pastor:

Friends in Christ,

It feels like it hasn't stopped raining for the last few months. It was disappointing to cancel the Blessing of the Pets ceremony, but it was better than anxiety about dodging raindrops and worrying about Lake Highlands swallowing a worship service. Often, July takes a turn towards dryness, and the summer can often settle in as the heart blossoms and the humidity increases. We head indoors and await cooler weather.

In the book of 1 Kings, Elijah finds himself worn out under a broom tree, and God sends an angel with a critical message, telling Elijah to get up and eat, for the journey was overwhelming. It reminds me a little of the disciples on the road to Emmaus urging Jesus to come inside and eat with them. Life can be wearying, so make sure you feed yourself!

In the slower summer months, when it can be too hot to be outside and scheduled activities often decrease, think about how you can catch your spiritual breath. Is Jesus trying to feed you and nourish you for a busy fall? Is there a way to be more intentional this coming month about how to spend time with God? Maybe you can spend some extra time in the Psalms, or sit quietly and still your mind and listen to Scripture read aloud. Be still, and wait on the Lord. Write a card to someone in the church you haven't seen in a few weeks. Make a call you've been meaning to.

May we take a little extra time and savor the sweetness of the Gospel this summer, and let God nourish and feed us as we prepare for the months to come.

In Christ, Keith



Men's Business Group

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 8

Shawnee Station Taproom

6058 Glick Rd.

Shawnee Hill, OH 43065



Ladies Night Out

Please plan to join us on Thursday, July 24 at 6:30p.m.

Huli Huli

26 W. Olentangy Street

Powell, OH 43065



Book Club Meeting

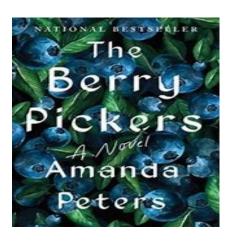
6:30p.m.

Wednesday, July 9

J Liu Restaurant

6880 N. High St.

Worthington, OH



THANK YOU!

Thank you all for your prayers, cards and fruit during my hip replacement recovery! It was pretty rough for the first few weeks but I'm much better now and progressing quickly. See you all at church soon.

Yours in Christ,

Linda



JULY MISSION

For the past several years our July project has been that of collecting school supplies, to be donated to Smoky Row for distribution to students who are in need of them for the coming school year.

This year, however, the particular items needed for students for the upcoming school year is different, and the Mission Committee invites fellow members to donate from the list below, given to us by Smoky Row:

Dry erase markers <u>for use on white boards</u>
Wipes specifically <u>made for dry erase boards</u>
Packets of (travel size) tissues

These items may be placed in the bin in the narthex that is so-labeled. We thank you for your continued support of the monthly causes.

May God use us to help bless others as He has blessed us.





June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 2 John Sharpe
- 6 Linda Carr
- 7 Nathan McDonald
- 9 Melissa Crenner
- 11 Kristiine Watts
- 13 Elaine Gallup Mark Strong
- 20 Parker Stevens
- 25 Dave Miller
- 26 Jere Ellison
- 27 Terri Ramsey
- 28 Allen Crenner

Anniversaries

- 9 Jere & Cheryl Ellison
- 12 Marilyn & Wayne Miller
- 15 Nick & Lynne McMahon
- 22 Diane & Rod Moore

 Marge & Allen Stuhlm

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HELP KEEP HIGHLANDS BEAUTIFUL!

The recent rain, and warm temperatures have been a blessing to the plants and flowers that surround Highland's church building and trees. It also enabled the weeds to grow up around it.

We are looking for volunteers to help weed and clip around the flower beds.

If you are able to spare an hour or two, at your convenience, please consider helping to maintain the beauty of mother nature.



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