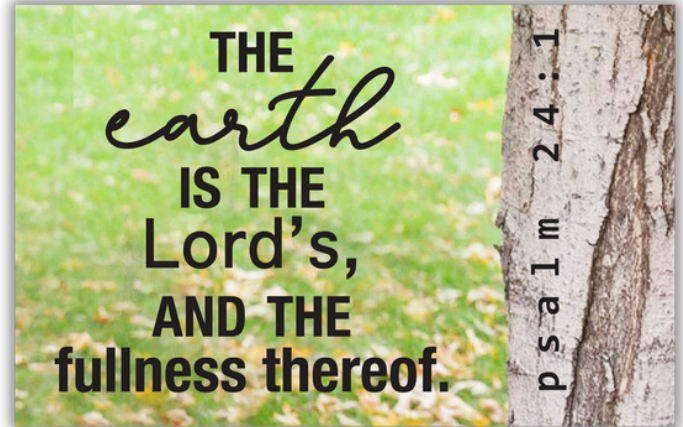


RIDGE RIDER



Friends,

It is now high summer. a time when we especially see God's love and creative power in the natural world. We begin to harvest good things from the garden: sweet corn, fresh tomatoes, juicy peaches, and more. Many of us take a few days at the beach or in the mountains. Family reunions proliferate like cicadas. Long days lend themselves to early workouts and evening picnics. Pools are open where adults lounge and children splash, shouting "Marco! Polo!"

Summer is a time when our youth and children's ministries switch into high gear, moving from Sunday and Wednesday evenings to week-long mission and recreation projects like VBS, City Servants, and Highland Service Project. We will have a great worship celebration on July 21 as we celebrate HSP at one joint service at 10 AM. There are so many reasons to give thanks and to celebrate, in God's world and among God's people!

It is also time for me to take some vacation time. I have not been diligent in doing that, and have accumulated a substantial backlog. I took 5 days in May, and will take most of July away. Kevin and Janet will celebrate Holy Communion and take turns preaching on the three Sundays I am away. I look forward to being with you for HSP Sunday, which is too wonderful to miss. By the way, General Conference conferred upon Deacons the privilege of celebrating Eucharist, so both Janet and Kevin are excited about that, as we are for them. Although this privilege does not universally go into effect until January, Bishop Shelton has graciously given special permission for Janet and Kevin to preside at the table in my absence.

I pray for you to have a season of spiritual growth and re-creation this summer. For most of the month, I'll be at our house in Mufreesboro, NC, building a section of picket fence and relaxing. Feel free to email or call me if you have need. I'll enjoy hearing from you.

Summer Blessings!

John



Pub Theology

Tuesday, July 9, 7 PM, Buffalo Brothers

Join us for faith-filled conversation, pizza, and a pint! All are welcome. Let Rev. Janet Baucom know you're coming and she'll save you a seat: janet@highlandumc.org.

July

WORSHIP

Rev. Janet & Rev. Kevin will share preaching responsibilities in July

Janet preaches 7/7 & 7/14

Kevin preaches 7/28

July 21 is HSP Sunday

One Service at 10 AM

We will celebrate the wonderful work our High School Youth accomplished during their service week...don't miss it!

YOUTH SUMMER

JULY	AUGUST
7-12 HSP	7 Game Night
15 Bible Study	14 Wet 'n Wild
24 Busch Gardens	25 Pool Party

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Environmental Voter Project

The Micah 6:8 Team is partnering with Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle to encourage registered voters who are unlikely to vote, but who have identified the environment as a top priority, to go to the polls this November. We will organize postcard campaigns to target these voters, an effort which has been proven to increase voter turnout by as much as 3.6%. If you would like to volunteer for the EVP, please contact Joe Burton at jburton41lta@gmail.com.





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 **Environmental Voter Project**



All in to help save lives!



American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Highland United Methodist Church

Held in the Conference Room
1901 Ridge Road
Raleigh, NC 27607

Thursday, July 25, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Schedule your life saving appointment

Victory Garden -15th Season-

Join Highland's Community Garden crew as we celebrate the 15th season of this beautiful garden.

The garden is flourishing and kicking into high gear with summer blooms and produce--there's no better time to get involved! This is a great way to get outdoors, meet new friends, and give back to your community!

The garden crew meets every Saturday at 9 AM, and you're invited! Questions? Contact Donna Wolcott: donna.wolcott2@gmail.com.

Over 1,200 pounds of produce
donated so far in 2024!



Scholarship Presentations

On Senior Sunday, June 9th, the Endowment Committee recognized five outstanding high school seniors with six scholarship awards totaling \$6,250!

Our newest scholarship, the United Methodist Dollars for Scholars scholarship, was established this year by Richard and Ruth Moore for students attending a United Methodist-related college or university. The United Methodist Dollars for Scholars program requires that a student's home church provide support in the amount of \$1,000, which is matched by the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation to become \$2,000 and is matched again by the participating United Methodist-related institution to become \$3,000! Paige Wilkinson is the first recipient of Highland's Dollars for Scholars scholarship.

The late Bob Gardner established the Gardner Family Endowment Fund at Highland to provide scholarships for students pursuing post-secondary education. This year's recipients of the Robert R. and Betty M. Gardner scholarships are Jack Brewer and Kate Brewer.

Earleen and Hal Barnes established the Mulwee Scholarship Endowment in memory of Earleen's parents, Juanita and Earl Mulwee, for Highland graduating seniors who participated in music during high school. This year's Mulwee Music Scholarships are awarded to Kate Brewer, Emma Dilley, and Anna Rose Shutt, all three incredibly talented musicians.

Congratulations to each of these very deserving young people who will represent Highland well as recipients of these scholarships.



From the Finance Office

As of May 2024, total revenues amount to \$550k while total expenses stand at \$555k. These figures are in line with our annual budget and are being closely monitored.

We're excited to share that the Annual Financial Review (AUP) has been finalized. If you'd like to review the findings report, please contact Deanna in the business office to schedule a meeting.

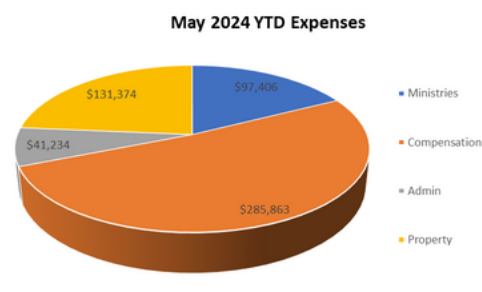
Great news! The contributions software conversion from ACS to Realm has been successfully completed and will soon be rolled out to the congregation...stay tuned for more info on how to join Realm!

Last but not least, the second quarter contribution statements are scheduled to be mailed out mid-July. Thank you for your stewardship and continued support!

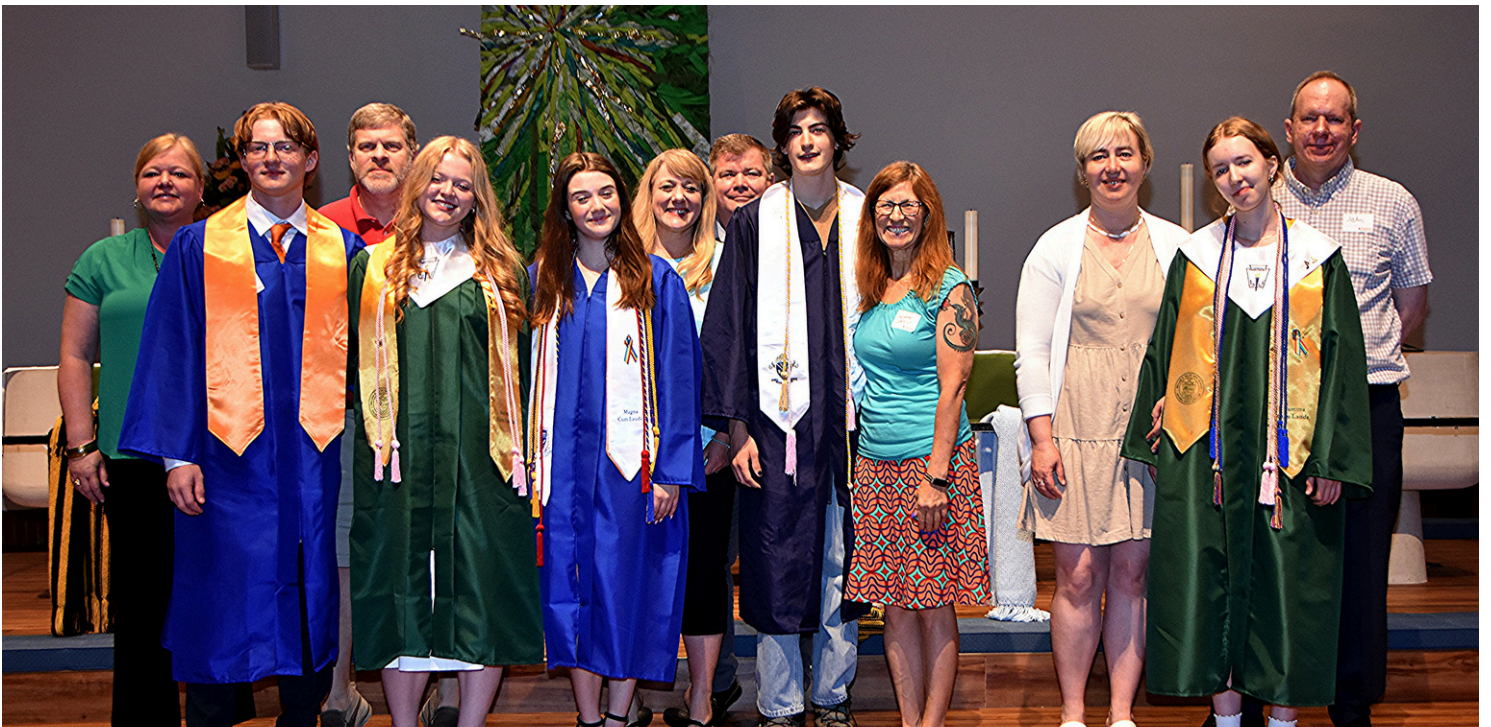
Income	
Gen Fund Contributions	\$400,552
Other Income	\$149,695
Total Revenues	\$550,247
Expenses	
Ministries	\$97,406
Compensation	\$285,863
Admin	\$41,234
Property	\$131,374
Net Income	(\$5,630)

Questions about Finances?

Contact Finance Manager
Deanna Clack:
deanna@highlandumc.org



CHURCH FAMILY



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July Birthdays

07/01	Chet Mottershead, Lily Brooks
07/02	Karen Copeland, Megan Townsend, Gabriel Adamson
07/05	Kevin Quick
07/06	Perry Carter
07/10	Donna Wolcott, Olivia Knight
07/11	Gay Brothers
07/12	Peter Capriglione, Lawson Cope
07/13	Nancy Klein, John Eric Shutt

07/15	Mary Anderson
07/16	Joe Hall
07/17	Beth Deaton, Owen Griffin, Cooper Griffin
07/18	Bynum Driggers, Jim Stuart, Corrine Lusic
07/19	Wanda Easley
07/20	Joe Haseman
07/21	Emily Saunders, Meg Smither

07/22	Jeanne Shorter, Mariyl Nudge, Carol Sexton
07/23	Brady March
07/25	Lee Smither, Thien Tran Hot Lieng
07/27	Fiona Lockett
07/28	Whitney White
07/29	Susan Hughes
07/30	Mike Horn, Lynda Mottershead

Please Remember In Prayer

Mark Adamson
 Nang Dik Tuang
 Bonnie Anderson
 Melva Armstrong
 (Amy Massey's cousin)
 Susan Bailey
 (Doris Kruger's daughter)
 Earleen Barnes
 David Beam
 Brady Beck
 (son of Bev and Keith Beck)
 Paul Blomquist
 Paul Braun
 Marcia Brugger
 (Jamie Pierce's mother)
 Teresa Burt
 Ann & Jonathan Chapman
 Archie Clark
 James Cornell
 (Amy Massey's son)
 Beth Deaton

Glenda Desmond
 (Marcia Nance's sister)
 Linda Edwards
 Phyllis and Alex Edwards
 Cleo Flowers
 (Kevin Flowers' mother)
 Margie Ford
 Ben Franklin
 Dennis Goodson
 (Brenda Hudson's brother)
 Martye Guthe
 (Ruth Coble's sister)
 Walter Harvey
 (Grace Haven's brother)
 Mark Haven
 (Grace Haven's son)
 Mabel Gray Henry
 (Laura Horn's mother)
 Doug Hoffman
 Betsey Huber
 (Doris Huber's daughter-in-law)
 Glenda Johnson

Doris Kruger
 Jeanine Lueke
 Amy Massey
 Cliff McCowan
 Georgie McKenzie
 Dennis McLain
 Mary McLeod
 Dot McGee
 Linda Moran
 Brenda Murphy
 (Joyce Hicks' sister)
 Kenley Myers
 Robin Pendleton
 Billie Poole
 Betsy Pridgen
 Harriet Roland
 Jeanne Shorter
 Carlyle Teague
 Jane Webb
 Conor and Sarah Mann Willcox
 Judy Wilson

We pray for peace, we pray for wisdom for world leaders, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel, and we pray for all those impacted by war.

Please also remember in prayer those serving in our military: Erich Dix, James Noneman, Matthew Bawden, Ryan Shorter, Margarita Shorter

Holding In Prayer Those Who Mourn

Our sympathy to the family of Karen Seymour who died on Tuesday, May 28. Please keep Karen's husband John and family in your prayers.

JULY EVENTS

AT-A-GLANCE

Youth

July 7-12 | Highland Service Project

July 15 | Bible Study

July 24 | Busch Gardens

Pub Theology

July 9 | 7 PM | Buffalo Bros. | see p. 2

HSP Sunday

July 21 | One Combined Worship Service

at 10 AM

Blood Drive

July 25 | 10 AM-3 PM | Conference Room

see p. 3

Community Victory Garden Workdays

Every Saturday | 9 AM | see p. 3

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Subscribe to our weekly E-News to stay up-to-date on all these events, find registration links, and more!



Let's Get Social!

Make sure you're following us on our social media platforms and liking, sharing, and commenting on our posts. We depend on you to help spread the word about the good work of Highland to the community!



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During church office hours, please call the church office to contact one of our ministers. If you are unable to reach a pastor or if it is after hours, contact the Rev. Dr. John Tyson at 919-787-4240 ext. 103 and leave your message. He will contact you as soon as possible.

Spread the Word

Please submit content for the website, the Ridge Rider, and the weekly E-News to Stephanie Sanders at stephanie@highlandumc.org.

Don't Miss the Deadline!

E-News Deadline

Tuesdays at Noon

August Ridge Rider Deadline

July 15

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