

RIDGE RIDER

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

October 27 | One Service at 10 AM

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday.



We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Donna E. Kelly,
Chair of HUMC Church Council

THIS FALL IN WORSHIP

Friends,



There are so many good things going on at Highland this month. The pumpkins are here, and the youth are cranked into Fall mode, Wednesday evening fellowship meals and classes are back (LIFT) as well, just through October, so don't miss out. I'm enjoying teaching a Bible Study on Wednesday nights at Highland from 6:30-7:30, and on Monday mornings at 11 am at Waltonwood. Our Fall Festival is this month, and we also have Trunk or Treat, which is always a ton of fun.

We have a postcard going out to our community this month, so if you live in the neighborhood, please keep a lookout for it. Receiving your postcard is a great opportunity to show yours to a neighbor and invite them to come with you to something at Highland. Please pray for the Lord to bring us those who need us, as we seek His face together.

It is also stewardship month as we consider what percentage of our income God is leading us to give to His work at Highland. You'll be receiving some information about our big event on October 27, which is Consecration Sunday. There is only one service that day at 10 am in the sanctuary, and there is a great lunch afterwards. Everyone is invited, and there is no charge. But we do need you to make a reservation so we can give the caterer an accurate number. I hope you can join us. The Reverend Beth Hood will be our preacher that day. She is the Assistant to the Bishop and a wonderful preacher.

I'm also excited about our October sermon series: Lessons in Leadership. It is taken from the book of Nehemiah, a book I find extremely inspiring and instructive. Everyone influences others, so everyone exerts leadership. Nehemiah gives us a great example of how to make a positive difference in the world.



I hope to see you soon.
Blessings!



Sundays at Highland

9 AM: Contemporary Worship
in Bradley Hall

9:45 AM: Sunday School for all Ages

11 AM: Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

@ Highland
United Methodist Church

Wednesday Night LIFT

Sept. 18-Oct. 23, 5:45 PM, Bradley Hall

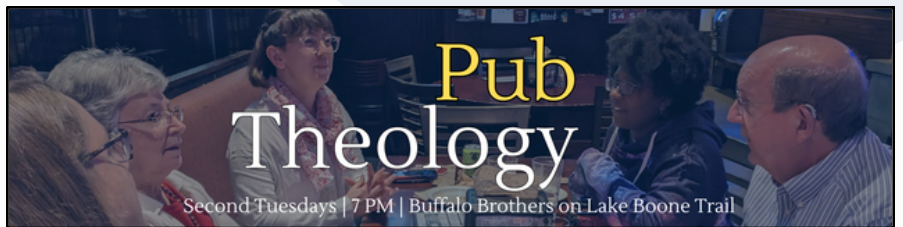
Join us for a delicious meal and fun and fellowship around the table at LIFT (Living in Faith Together). This is a great opportunity for us to enjoy a good meal and build relationships.

Reservations are required each week by noon on Monday. \$10/person with a maximum of \$35/family. Children in 5th grade and younger eat free! Stay after dinner for bible study (youth & adults), beginner's handbell choir, or just visit with friends! Learn more and register at highlandumc.org/lift.

Pub Theology

Tuesday, October 8, 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.



UMM Breakfast

Saturday, October 12, 10 AM, Pam's Farmhouse

All Highland men are welcome to meet us at Pam's Farmhouse for a delicious breakfast and great fellowship. Dutch treat (cash only). Contact Scott Loftin for more info: s@theloftins.net.

Mommies Group

Saturday, October 12, 10 AM, Conference Room

We'll have coffee and snacks and childcare! We'll share ideas, concerns, and encouragement. All Moms are welcome. If you can come and need childcare please RSVP via the QR code.



Highlanders Senior Adult Fellowship

Tuesday, October 22, 9 AM, NC State

Fairgrounds

We're taking a road trip to the NC State Fair! Tuesday, October 22 is Senior Citizens' Day at the fair and includes

free admission for all seniors and free Bojangles biscuits while supplies last with a special program by Agriculture Secretary Steve Troxler at 10 AM on the Dorton patio. Live music will conclude the program honoring Wake County Seniors! We will visit the Agriculture Exhibit where Highland UMC's award-winning entries from the Community Victory Garden will be on display! (Bring your phone - get a selfie with a huge squash!) Guests can meet us at Dorton Patio, **or ride the church bus from Highland (leaving at 8:15 am)** with Tom Lamb, award-winning Bus Driver. Please sign the roster on the reception desk or call the church by Sunday, October 20 so we can plan our transportation.

FALL Festival



OCTOBER
13
4-6 PM



FOOD – GAMES – FUN FOR ALL AGES
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Fall Festival

Sunday, October 13, 4-6 PM

It's officially Fall, and we're celebrating with our annual Fall Festival!

There will be food, games, activities and it wouldn't be a Fall Festival without a train ride through the Highland parking lot!

We'll also be collecting canned goods for the Interfaith Food Shuttle.

Please join us in this special annual tradition, and invite your neighbors. All are welcome!



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

The Fall Festival is a ton of fun, and there are tons of ways you can help make it happen. Sign up to run a game booth for kids, decorate, greet visitors, and for the ever-popular cleanup crew. Follow the QR code to pitch in!





Costa Rica Fundraisers

Sunday, November 3
Pancake Supper & Talent Show
5 PM

Sunday, February 22
Dinner & Silent Auction
6 PM



Donate Now!

In Summer 2025, our high school youth group and college students will travel to Costa Rica for a mission trip! We will fly out on July 19 and spend the week serving in San Isidro with CRMP (Costa Rica Mission Project).

We'll do several service projects while there, including construction, repairs, VBS, and other services where our gifts are needed.

There are several ways you can support our trip (left). We are grateful for your prayers and donations to make this a special and meaningful trip for our young people!

Donate anytime via the QR code!

Schedule for Fall

Sunday School

9:50-10:50 in the Youth Room

Wednesday Night Dinner (LIFT) and Bible Study

thru October 23
Dinner at 5:45

Middle School in Parlor from 6:30-7:30
High School in Youth Room from 6:30-7:30

Sunday Night Youth Group

Dates on Calendar Below

High School meet in Youth Room at 5:00
Middle School on third floor Bradley from 5:00-5:40
then Free time in Bradley until dinner
Dinner in Bradley at 6:00
Games and group activities from 6:15-7:00



High School Bible Study

<p>AUGUST</p> <p><u>8.25</u> Pool Party</p> <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p><u>9.1</u> No YG Labor Day Weekend</p> <p><u>9.8</u> Youth Group Picnic</p> <p><u>9.15</u> Youth Group</p>	<p><u>9.18 - 10.23</u> Wed. Night Dinner Middle School and High School Bible Study</p> <p><u>9.22</u> Youth Group</p> <p><u>9.29</u> Youth Group</p> <p>OCTOBER</p> <p><u>10.5</u> Pumpkin Unloading</p> <p><u>10.6</u> Youth Group</p> <p><u>10.13</u> Fall Festival (Youth Volunteers)</p>	<p><u>10.20</u> Youth Outing</p> <p><u>10.22</u> END OF COSTA RICA Registration</p> <p><u>10.27</u> Consecration Sunday Crop Walk</p> <p><u>10.30</u> Trunk or Treat (Youth Volunteers)</p> <p>NOVEMBER</p> <p><u>11.3</u> Pancake Dinner & Talent Show</p>	<p><u>11.8 - 11.10</u> Pilgrimage</p> <p><u>11.17</u> Youth Group</p> <p>DECEMBER</p> <p><u>12.8</u> Youth Group</p> <p><u>12.15</u> Youth Christmas Party</p> <p>JANUARY 2025</p> <p><u>1.17-1.20</u> Winter Retreat</p>
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It's Pumpkin TIME!

ANNUAL YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Learn more & volunteer

Unloading: 10/5 @ 10 AM
Patch Open: 10/5-10/31
Weekdays 3-7 PM
Saturdays 9-7 PM
Sundays 12-7 PM



All Hands on Deck: It's Pumpkin Time!

Unloading: Saturday, October 5, 10 AM
Patch Open: Daily 10/7-10/31 (hours vary)

It's that time of year again! Our annual Youth fundraiser of selling pumpkins is upon us. Highland is blessed to have a Youth program that is big and busy, and the program requires funding outside the church's regular operating budget to stay active.

Volunteering for the pumpkin patch is an excellent way to support our Youth Group and to show these young Highlanders just how valuable they are to our church family. Scan the QR code above or go to highlandumc.org/pumpkinpatch to learn more and to sign up to volunteer.



Support HUMC Youth!



Many hands make light work!



Volunteer for the Pumpkin Patch!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Children's Storytime

- in the Pumpkin Patch -

October 16, 23, and 30

10:30 AM



Children's Storytime in The Pumpkin Patch

Wednesdays, October 16, 23, and 30, 10:30 AM

Join Director of Children's Ministries Amy Takahashi for Storytime in the Pumpkin Patch on Wednesday mornings in October.

This event is open to all ages and to the wider community. It's a perfect way to enjoy the Fall season together as a family. Invite a friend!

Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 30, 5:30-8 PM

Everyone is welcome at our annual celebration of costumes and candy. Hot dog supper starts at 5:30, and we'll open our trunks at 6:30.

What's more fun than getting a bag full of candy? Providing a trunk! Go to highlandumc.org/trunkortreat to sign up.

A large purple graphic for the Trunk or Treat event. The text 'TRUNK OR TREAT' is written in large, white, stylized letters. Below it, 'WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30' and '5:30-8 PM' are written in white. At the bottom, the website 'highlandumc.org/trunkortreat' is displayed with a white arrow pointing left. The graphic is decorated with a spider, a spiderweb, a purple car with candy hanging from it, and pumpkins. Two circular inset photos show children in costumes and a woman with a child.

From the Finance Office

In August, Highland's financial performance continued to be impressive, with total revenues reaching 65.75% and total expenses at 60.10% of the annual budget. As a result, we achieved a positive net gain of \$80k, placing us on a solid financial footing for the remainder of the year. It's also noteworthy that General Fund contributions have increased by 4% compared to last year, and total revenues are up by 6%, reflecting Highland's overall growth and demonstrating your support and commitment. As we approach the 4th quarter, Highland is looking forward to a successful stewardship campaign. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Highland's financial success. Questions about finances? Contact Finance Manager, Deanna Clack: deanna@highlandumc.org.

Income	
Gen Fund Contributions	\$700,316
Other Income	\$233,194
Total Revenues	\$933,51
Expenses	
Ministries	\$148,913
Compensation	\$463,428
Admin	\$54,021
Property	\$187,043
Total Expenses	\$853,405
Net Income	\$80,105

Food and Clothing Donations for Centennial Campus Middle School Students in Need

Highland's missions team is sponsoring an ongoing food and clothing donation drive for Centennial Campus Middle School. Non-perishable food (granola bars, Pop Tarts, ramen soup, canned pasta like ravioli or beefaroni, and cans of fruit or soup are favorites) and clothing are accepted. Donations can be dropped off in the marked box outside the church offices. These items are currently of particular need: Hoodies (all sizes, including Youth large and XL) Leggings/sweatpants (Youth Large-Adult XL) granola bars, deodorant.

Mark Your Calendar for the CROP Walk!

The 2024 Greater Triangle Area CROP Walk is coming up on Sunday, October 27, at 3 PM, stepping off from First Baptist Church in downtown Raleigh. Highland has a long history of supporting this hunger-fighting event in partnership with Church World Services. Tripp Pearce will be serving as Highland's team captain this year. Be on the lookout for registration and donation information coming out in early October!

Victory Garden -15th Season-

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

The garden is going strong and heading into the fall season--get ready for some serious squash! 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 1,700 pounds of produce
donated so far in 2024!

CHURCH FAMILY



FALL SO FAR

Fall is off to a great start at HUMC!
Above, you'll find memories from:

Kindergarten Blessing for
Lacy Elementary Students

Circle 7 Kickoff Meeting

Sleep Out to End Homelessness

First LIFT Supper of the semester honoring Carlyle
Teague

Staff Retreat at Benson Memorial UMC

Wall hanging in Narthex by Sharon Lee in memory of
her husband, Jim



Love. Serve. Share. With Us.

THE STONEWALL FELLOWSHIP:

A NEW LGBTQIA+ GROUP AT HIGHLAND

Tuesday, October 22, 7 PM, Parlor

As a Reconciling Ministries congregation, this new group will continue in the affirmation of and outreach to this community and their allies. We will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

All are welcome! Contact Mark Cox for more information: markymarkcox@aol.com



CHURCH FAMILY

October Birthdays

10/01	Phyllis Vogel, Rachel Morrison	10/10	Jacqueline Capriglione, Byron Baird, Jack Brewer, Kate Brewer, Anne Sutton, Tung Nung	10/20	Paul Langfield
10/02	Betty Bridges	10/11	Hoihnu Hoih, Allison Morgan, Hubert Schmidt,	10/21	Glenn Alpin, Genieve Nunn
10/03	Earleen Barnes, Steve Sykes, Mark Cox	10/13	Austin Hughes	10/22	Gracie Brewer
10/04	Norman Childs, Bill Black, Owen Lockett	10/15	Brian Schuster	10/24	Karen Smith, Linda Edwards
10/06	Ellen Dale Burke, Allan Eure, Laura Horn, Jay Brame	10/17	Ann Scott, Lynn Tucker, Sarah Louise Johnson	10/25	Vung Man
10/07	Anna Rose Shutt, Florence Whatley, Dashiell McCarthy, Charles Smith	10/18	Pattie Pen	10/27	Mary Catherine Pittard, Mae Keas, Hannah Morgan
10/08	Jennifer Yarborough	10/19	Joe Burton, Jenny Smearman	10/29	Marilyn Stuber
				10/30	Jason Pendleton
				10/31	Kiyo Takahashi

Please Remember In Prayer

Mark Adamson	Archie Clark	Doug Hoffman	Kenley Myers
Nang Dik Tuang	Vance Clayton	Betsey Huber	Robin Pendleton
Bonnie Anderson	James Cornell	(Doris Huber's daughter-in-law)	Billie Poole
Melva Armstrong	(Amy Massey's son)	Glenda Johnson	Betsy Pridgen
(Amy Massey's cousin)	Beth Deaton	Doris Kruger	John Robinson
Susan Bailey	Linda Edwards	Jeanine Lueke	Harriet Roland
(Doris Kruger's daughter)	Phyllis and Alex Edwards	Amy Massey	Bob Sexton
David Beam	Cleo Flowers	Cliff McCowan	Jeanne Shorter
Brady Beck	(Kevin Flowers' mother)	Georgie McKenzie	Carlyle Teague
(Bev and Keith Beck's son)	Margie Ford	Dennis McLain	Jane Webb
Paul Blomquist	Ben Franklin	Mary McLeod	Conor and Sarah
Paul Braun	Dennis Goodson	Dot McGee	Mann Willcox
Marcia Brugger	(Brenda Hudson's brother)	Linda Moran	Judy Wilson
(Jamie Pierce's mother)	Walter Harvey	Brenda Murphy	Cathy Zachary
Teresa Burt	(Grace Haven's brother)	(Joyce Hicks' sister)	
Jonathan Chapman	Mark Haven		
	(Grace Haven's son)		

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 Dudley Marchi who died on September 2.

OCTOBER EVENTS

AT-A-GLANCE

LIFT/Wednesday Night Activities

October 2, 9, 16, 23 | 5:45 PM | see p. 3

Youth

October 5 | Pumpkins Arrive
Sunday School | Bible Study | Youth Group
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Pub Theology

October 8 | 7 PM | Buffalo Bros. | see p. 3

UMM Breakfast

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Mommies Group

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Storytime in the Pumpkin Patch

October 16, 23, 30 | 10:30 AM | see p. 7

Highlanders

October 22 | 9 AM | NC State Fair
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Stonewall Fellowship

October 22 | 7 PM | Parlor | see p. 9

Consecration Sunday

October 27 | Combined Worship at 10 AM
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CROP Walk

October 27 | 3 PM | First Baptist Raleigh
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Trunk or Treat

October 30 | 5:30 PM | see p. 7

Community Victory Garden Workdays

Every Saturday | 9 AM | see p. 8

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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 Stephenie Sanders at stephenie@highlandumc.org.

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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Don't Miss the Deadline!

E-News Deadline

Tuesdays at Noon

**November Ridge Rider
Deadline**

October 21

Don't Fall Prey to Scams!

Highland Staff will NEVER send you an email or text asking you to purchase gift cards on their behalf. These messages are from scammers impersonating people you know. Any such messages should be ignored and reported to the FTC.



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