

The Highlands Herald



Over the summer, Session approved:

- A new Preschool shade structure
- An October Pumpkin Patch
- A new Leadership Training Class
- A new Christian Yoga Class
- New hire Steven Sikes as drummer
- September's Mission to be Smile Pack
- A Divorce Care and Grief Share Group as needed



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Fall is in full swing! Have you connected yet? Plan on joining one of our 10+ small groups this Fall. Pastor's orders! Whether you are social and recreational, want to deepen your knowledge of a topic/scripture, desire training, or need a break from your kids, there is a group for you! Church isn't just Sunday worship...we are a connectional family who wish to meet the needs of our community. Join one or many, but take your faith to another level. We are here to help.



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Get ready for holiday baking. The Preschool will be taking orders for Little Lamb's cookie dough October 6th through the 24th. Come taste samples of these yummy cookies on Sunday, Oct. 12 and 19 after worship. The dough will be here in time for Thanksgiving.



The 2014/15 school year has begun and we are off and running. This is our busy time of the year and we have upcoming licensing inspections and evaluations. The preschool participates in the Quality Counts program through the county and has achieved and maintained a five star rating for the past four years. We will also be going through the re-accreditation process within the next month. The quality and accreditation ratings are based on the following: Interactions among staff and children, ratio and group size, curriculum, screening and assessment, learning environment, health safety and nutrition, staff qualifications and professional development, business practices and administration, and family involvement.



Teddy Bear Portraits will be here on Sunday, Oct. 6 before and after worship for individual and family portraits. If you are new or want an updated photo in our church directory come and have your picture taken that day.

The Preschool Ministry staff is dedicated and passionate about their profession. There is much more than "just taking care of kids" as you can see by the above standards. When you see **Milly, Wendy, Ashley, Lori, Mary Ann, Aris, Colleen, Jackie, Caitlyn, Jocelyn, Tope, Milinh, Paulina, Candace, Wendy, Abbey, Christy, Nicole, Maegan, Teresa, Patti, Patrice** and **Melissa** please stop and give them a pat on the back.



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MOMs group is back!! Our group is designed for women with newborns to preschool aged children to come escape your hectic day and enjoy adult time. Our group meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am to 11:30am in Meeting Room 1. We have a devotion and prayer and, depending on the day, will sit and chat, do a craft, have a guest speaker, or play games. We are a relaxed group of ladies who like to have fun and support one another. Child care is provided.





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Children's Choir- our Children's Choir is already practicing for their first Sunday performance of the fall! The children practice on Sunday mornings in Children's Church, Wednesday Nights in Pathfinders, and we practice with our preschool group on Wednesdays. Our first performance will be September 28th during the Blended Worship service.

Children's Church- Sunday mornings this fall we will be learning all about God's Top Ten! God gave Moses very special rules for us to obey, and each Sunday morning we will study a new one! Children's Church is right after the Children's Moment during our 10:30am Blended Worship Service and held in the Right Modular. All children ages 3 years through 5th grade are encouraged to join us for snack, fun, and learning!

Sunday School- On September 7th, Sunday School will start back up for Children's Ministries. Join us at 9am for a breakfast-type snack and free time with our friends. At 9:30 we will get down to business with a fun craft that supports our Children's Church and Pathfinders Ministry lessons. You will love extra craft time and fun creative ways to review our lessons! Join Carolyn Haug from 9am to 10:15! Contact Shari or Carolyn for more details.

King's Kids – our after school enrichment ministry has started off and is running towards a successful first year! King's Kids is for all children Kindergarten through 5th grade enrolled in area schools. We provide pick ups at Scott Lake Elementary, Carlton Palmore, and South McKeel Academy. Homework, snacks, outside play, centers, art, devotions, and FUN are on our agenda every day! See Shari Logan for more details.

Uniquely His- our new program designed especially for children with autism and special needs has enjoyed their kick off and is growing steadily! Ministry Leader Shannon Moats has a Master's degree in Special Education and loves being able to provide this much needed ministry! Uniquely His meets in the left modular on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. Please contact Shannon at smoats74@gmail.com for more information.



Pathfinders- this fall our Wednesday night Pathfinder's Ministry journeys with Moses and the Israelites "Out of Egypt" on an epic adventure! Pathfinders has three different age groups: 3 & 4 year olds; K-2nd grade, and 3rd grade. We meet together for choir practice at 6:30pm and then our groups visit three different stations throughout the night with their group leaders: Bible Lesson, Arts & Crafts, and Recreation/ Project. Also NEW this fall! Our Pathfinders will have the chance to earn merit badges and rewards to display on their very own vests or sashes! This is an exciting new addition to our growing Wednesday night Ministry! Pathfinders is every Wednesday night from 6:30-8pm. Come early for dinner at 6pm for just \$3 per child. Contact Shari Logan for more details.



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The High School and Middle School are joining forces Fridays, 4-5:30pm, for wild games, epic crowd breakers, rockin' worship, & relevant messages starting Fri, Sept 5! Invite your friends and get ready to rumble with our guest band! Games like ultimate frisbee, water balloon volleyball, gatorball, dodge ball, messy games, flag football, kickball, & ping pong baseball are lined up for this Fall. We are also looking for a few student leaders to utilize their gifts and experiment with their talents in leadership capacities. If that's you, contact the church office for more information. We are still on the prowl for a college ministry intern and high school ministry intern. Scholarships (\$500) are awarded for semesters completed.



“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1.



Dear Friends

It's been a little over a year since I received the call to go to Jimani, DR. That year has been the most amazing season of personal and spiritual growth; God blessed me with the opportunity to serve as mission doctor to the children in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and at Chadasha Children's Home. During my journey, I witnessed God's love and power in healing, participating in 3 successful missions with the International Children's Heart Foundation—repairing congenital heart defects in the children from Guyana, Haiti and the DR. I was able to provide pediatric care to hundreds of children, both in our Home and in the clinics, while teaching local doctors and American medical students the skills they needed to continue in pediatrics.

I like to think that God called me to Chadasha to be there the day Poppo died, and the day Nashda arrived on our doorstep. Nashda was 6 months old, weighed only 8 pounds, and was near death. Through lots of prayer and intense medical care, we nursed her back to health. She was our “Esperanza”, our “Hope” coming so soon after the tragic death of Poppo, followed by the death of the Hanley's son Maicol. Through it all, God's presence was felt and extremely comforting, showing in the faces and lives of the almost 40 children on campus.

I was prepared to sell all of my belongings and move permanently to the DR to continue as the “resident pediatrician”. Once again, God had other plans for me. I experienced the second 180 degree turn in a year, suddenly finding out that it was not to be. I was stunned, hurt, and confused. But God, in His infinite wisdom, had another answer to my prayers. I came home to the promise of rebuilding a loving relationship with my estranged husband.

I can safely say that God does indeed answer our prayers. I am home, safe, and happily married. I have been working on a cookbook “Feeding Mighty Oaks-a Chadasha Cookbook” as a fundraiser for the Children's Home. I wish to tell you all how extremely grateful I am to all of you for your generous support with your donations, your prayers and your words and thoughts of encouragement. God has blessed us all in our shared efforts. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Dr. Debbie



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Starting Sunday, September 7 at 9:00 am in Meeting Room 2 The Present Word Adult Bible study for women and men. Through the exploration of biblical text, you're invited into a dependant relationship with God. Discussion and activities encourage participants to live out their faith in their individual and congregational activities. The lesson for September is from Jeremiah led by Jeff Sprague.



- Lovely Ladies**
Wed, 6:30-8pm
Meeting Rm 1
1 Corinthians
Mary Vaughn
- Working Women**
Wed, 6:30-8pm
Crispers
Devotional
Ann Wortman
- Monday Circle**
2nd Mon, 7pm
Sanctuary
Reconciling Paul
Jill Wolfersberger
- Friday Circle**
3rd Fri, 10am
Hensley Home
Reconciling Paul
Carole Schroth
- MOMs**
Wednesdays
9:30-11:30am
Meeting Rm 1
Jenna Crowell
- Sewing Group**
Wed, 9:30am
Meeting Rm 2
Sewing
Diana Sprague
- Chronic Pain**
Tue, 6:30-8:30pm
Narhex
Depression
Linda Hudson
- Men**
Wed, 6:30-8pm
Meeting Rm 2
Acts
Jeff Sprague
- Volleyball**
Wed, 6:30-8pm
Courts
Bump, Set, Spike
Pastor Shaun
- Parents' Solace**
Wed, 6:30-8pm
Restaurants
Parenting
- Leaders Training**
Sun, 9am-10am
Meeting Rm 1
Leadership
Pastor Shaun
- Sunday School**
Sun, 9am-10am
Meeting Rm 2
Present Word
Jeff Sprague



Kathy Harrison
PW Coordinator

All women are invited to the meeting of the Presbyterian Women (PW) of PCH on Sunday, September 14, 2014, 2:30 at the church. The Speaker is the **Reverend Marilyn Cummings**, Visitation Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Lake Hollingsworth. Her Topic is timely, interesting and in the News "Israel and Palestine Blood Brother Feud". Marilyn was in Israel recently and has much to tell us. There will be a Demonstration of Card Making by Holly Bishop at the end of the meeting and all will have an opportunity to create a card. Refreshments will be served by the host, The Friday Morning Circle. Please come and enjoy the fellowship, interesting information and Card making.



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True Colors

What new excitement does the Fall bring to our Worship Arts Ministry? How about your and my individual worship? With so many ministries getting back on track again, perhaps the consistency of our worship is comfortable. Perhaps we don't feel the need to experience the excitement of change in our Worship. To those who are comforted by the familiarity of our worship, I believe God has blessed you with that peace. But what if... just what if you sought renewal in a different way? What if you sought ways to enhance your worship at our church services? There are always opportunities for you to not only enhance your experience, but others' experiences, too. Why not volunteer to assist with the media or be an usher or greeter? Do you have the gift of music or song? C.S. Lewis once said, "We must show our Christian colors if we are to be true to Christ - We can't remain silent or concede everything away." If you feel you are being called to support or enhance our worship, see Lynn Schindler or Eric Phillips. We will be glad to help you find ways to show your true "Christian colors".



Join us for a Family night dinner on Sunday, September 21 at 5:30 pm. BBQ Pulled Pork and Ice Cream Sundaes will be provided by the Mission Team to thank PCH for your support. Please bring the whole family and a side dish to share.



PCH Mission Giving Fast Facts

Did you know PCH collects the following all year long?

Loose change in the offering plate to feed hungry people in our community;

Empty orange prescription bottles with labels removed for Talbot House Medical Clinic
 (no other pill bottles needed at this time please);

Teen boys clothing, condiments, paper products for Anchor House;

Small jars of creamy peanut butter for weekend food for needy children at Medulla Elementary;

Coupons for diapers and other baby products for our Preschool parents.

Thank you for your donations!



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IT'S FIESTA TIME! PCH+ game night will begin with a Taco Bar at 6:30 pm on Friday, September 12. Please sign up to bring a Taco fixing to share with others. Our game will be "True or False". Bring a friend. Childcare is provided.

Come enjoy some good ole southern food at "FRED'S SOUTHERN KITCHEN" on Wednesday, September 17 at 1:00 pm. You may eat all you want from the buffet or order from the menu. Please sign up for the PCH+ luncheon by Sunday, September 14.

Friday AM Circle will resume on Friday, September 19 at 10:00 am. Barbara Hensley will be our hostess at 5841 Windwood Drive, Lakeland. We will begin our Horizon's Bible Study, "Reconciling Paul" A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians which will be led by Carole Schroth. Invite someone new to join us. See Carole Schroth.

The Sewing Group will resume on Wednesday, September 3 at 9:30 am at the church. We will be making adult bibs, dresses, & possibly some boy's shorts. Anyone is welcome to join us even if you do not sew. We will keep you busy & teach you what to do. If you sew please bring your sewing machine, scissors, & thread.

Chronic Pain Sessions will begin a ten week series on Tuesday, September 9th through Tuesday, November 11th. The topic will be "Depression" as a result of chronic pain. We will meet in the church narthex from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and light refreshments will be served. An invitation is extended to church family as well as community. Call the church office at 863-646-3121 or Linda Hudson (facilitator) at 863-647-5532 to register.



On Saturday, October 25th from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm we will host the 27th annual Craft Bazaar and Bake Sale. To make this event successful, we will need volunteers to assist early with parking, direct traffic during the day and a clean-up crew following. And of course volunteers will be needed to contribute home-made goodies for the Bake Sale.

Happy Birthday!

9/1	Nate Orrell	9/27	Madison Orrell
9/6	Ursula Armstrong	9/27	Diana Sprague
9/7	Doris Kneeream	9/29	Evan Hartsell
9/9	Aleena Goodrich	9/29	Richard Johnson
9/14	Stephen Hensley	9/30	Eric Wortman
9/15	Bob Haug		
9/16	Linda Hudson		
9/17	Deborah Haldane		
9/18	Autumn Hartsell		
9/21	Robert Heinrich		
9/21	Julie Watson		
9/22	Ann Wortman		
9/23	Johnathan Youngblood		
9/24	Charles Pagliasotti		
9/26	Jimmy Mosley		
9/26	Elaine Tan		

Happy Anniversary

9/1	Mark & Julie Laursen	(30 years)
9/1	Donny & Betsy Wright	(35 years)
9/5	Stephen & Barbara Hensley	(50 years)
9/13	Don & Patricia Smith	(58 years)
9/16	William & Barbara Dazley	(47 years)
9/28	Jon & Michelle Meyer	(6 years)



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