

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Communion “Souper Bowl” Sunday – Food Bank Sunday Study 11:00 a.m.	8 AA Noon	9 Mardi Gras Holiday WW Quilters Bible Study 10:30 a.m. AA Noon AA 7:30 p.m.	10 Ash Wednesday Prayer Group 8:30 a.m. AA Noon Ladies’ AA 7:00 p.m.	11 AA Noon Men’s AA 8:00 p.m.	12 AA Noon	13 John Dye & Mike Groves Yard Crew
14 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Farewell Reception – Bonner Stewart Session Meeting	15 AA Noon	16 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. AA Noon AA 7:30 p.m.	17 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m. AA Noon Ladies’ AA 7:00 p.m.	18 AA Noon Men’s AA 8:00 p.m.	19 AA Noon	20 Bill & Mary Lambert Yard Crew

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Worship Leaders for February 7, 2016

Pastor.....Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith
 Liturgist.....Mary Martin
 Communion Preparers & ServersMike and Tillie Groves
 UshersBill and Mary Lambert
 Hospitality.....Mike and Tillie Groves
 Music Director.....Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Raymond)



*Flowers today are presented
 by Alan and Ann Cutter
 in memory of their son,
 Timothy Keith Cutter*





A special thank-you goes to all who helped with the service and reception for friends and family of Linda O'Reilly on Sunday, January 31. This was a wonderful testament from a wonderful family of faith.

Check it out ... **FEBRUARY**

- ✓ **Farewell Reception for Bonner Stewart - Sunday, February 14.** Bonner will be moving to Texas soon. Following the worship service on February 14, we will take time to wish him a fond farewell and thank him for all his years of service to Highland.
- ✓ **Session Meeting – Sunday, February 14.** Session members, don't forget your "homework."
- ✓ **Third Sunday Lunch / Annual Meeting of the Congregation - Sunday, February 21.** It's time for our Annual Meeting and Report to the Congregation. What better way to pause and look back at 2015 than over a plate of Mary Lambert's wonderful shrimp fettuccini? Please sign up to bring side dishes.
- ✓ **Installation Service for Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith - Sunday, February 28 at 3:00 p.m.** As we begin a new chapter at Highland, join us in a celebration for the Installation of Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith. Rev. James Burton from Sumter, SC will be preaching at this special service.

Anniversaries

No anniversaries in February

Birthdays

Mike Groves	February 12
Barbara Aguillard	February 15
Robert Lowry	February 25
Connie Leonard	February 28

Everyone was overwhelmed by God's greatness... (Luke 9:43a)

This Sunday, February 7, we celebrate the second moment when Jesus' identity is confirmed by a voice from heaven claiming him as God's beloved. The first moment of confirmation was his baptism when he took on our most human traits. This second is his transfiguration - when we see him as God, with a brilliance as white as snow.

Nevertheless, Jesus and his disciples cannot remain on the mountain and must return to life as we know it. Immediately following this glorious event, Jesus is called upon to cast out an unclean spirit who has been tormenting a child. His disciples have tried to make everything better, but their fear has overwhelmed their faith.

Of course, Jesus heals the boy, but in doing so he also draws attention to the ways we let fear of failure control our lives. When we do this, we miss the brilliant mountaintop moments and those chances we have to see God's greatness fulfilled everyday in our life together. My prayer for us is that this day we will let loose our fear that we too may be overwhelmed only by God's greatness already at work in our midst.

Rev. Janie

Contacting Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

If you need to contact Rev. Janie, please call or text **314-283-7596**.

She may also be reached by email at: **revjaniehpc@gmail.com**.

Office hours next week (Feb. 8 - 12) will be:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Joys and Concerns of the HPC Family

Immediate Family: Mary Etta & Shelby Brown; Connie Buck; Jacob, Audrie & Lexi John; Jane Payton; Deanna Lewis Sklar; Bonner Stewart.

Extended Family: David Cook, Eva Fuller, Joe Heath, Jane McElwee, Dell Perry, Kirby Perry, Earl Rabe, Doug Tucker, Mike Tucker.

We continue to pray for the family of Linda Hayes O'Reilly on the event of her death January 25, 2016.

We celebrate with Raymond and Robin Yee on the birth of their son, Oliver, January 25, 2016.

(New names added to prayer list are in bold italics.)