

July/August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
24 Sunday Worship 9:30 am	25 Noon AA	26 WW Quilters 9:30 am Noon AA AA 7:30 pm	27 Prayer Group 8:30 am Noon AA Ladies' AA 7:00 pm	28 Noon AA Men's AA 8:00 pm	29 Noon AA	30 John Dye & Mike Groves Yard Crew
31 Sunday Worship 9:30 am	1 Noon AA	2 Noon AA Lagniappe Ladies 6:00 pm AA 7:30 pm	3 Prayer Group 8:30 am Noon AA Ladies' AA 7:00 pm	4 Noon AA Men's AA 8:00 pm	5 Noon AA	6 Bill & Mary Lambert Yard Crew

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Connections

Highland Presbyterian Church PC (USA)



Here you will find opportunities to

- Connect with God in spirit and in truth,
- Connect with the Community of Faith in worship, study, and fellowship,
- Connect with the Neighborhood Community in friendship and service.

Worship Leaders for July 24, 2016

Pastor Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith
 Liturgist Connie Buck
 Ushers Mike and Connie Leonard
 Hospitality..... Jack and Betty Bagent
 Music Director Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Raymond)



*Flowers are presented to the glory of God
 and in celebration of Brandi Thompson's birthday
 by Connie & Mike Leonard*

Thought for the Week

“If Christianity is true why are not all Christians obviously nicer than all non-Christians? What lies behind that question is partly something very reasonable and partly something that is not reasonable at all. The reasonable part is this. If conversion to Christianity makes no improvement in a [person’s] outward actions - if he continues to be just as snobbish or spiteful or envious or ambitious as he was before - then I think we must suspect that his ‘conversion’ was largely imaginary; and after one’s original conversion, every time one thinks one has made an advance, that is the test to apply. Fine feelings, new insights, greater interest in ‘religion’ mean nothing unless they make our actual behavior better; just as in an illness ‘feeling better’ is not much good if the thermometer shows that your temperature is still going up. In that sense the outer world is quite right to judge Christianity by its results. Christ told us to judge by results. A tree is known by its fruit; or, as we say, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. When we Christians behave badly, or fail to behave well, we are making Christianity unbelievable to the outside world. The war-time posters told us that Careless Talk costs lives. It is equally true that Careless Lives cost Talk. Our careless lives set the outer world talking; and we give them grounds for talking in a way that grows doubt on the truth of Christianity itself.” -- C.S. Lewis, from *Mere Christianity*

LAST OPPORTUNITY Collection for Troops



Sunday, July 31 will conclude our Collection for Troops drive. We are collecting items such

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| as | |
| mouthwash | toothpaste, |
| soap | shampoo, |
| q-tips | chewing gum |
| puzzle books | pencils, |
| small notepads | candy |
| DVDs | room fresheners |
| shaving cream | coffee creamers |

Our full basket will be delivered to the local chapter of Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana. A complete supply list can be found near our collection basket in the narthex or at www.bluestarmoms.net.

BIRTHDAYS

July 25 – Shaylon Taylor
July 28 – Brandi Thompson
July 28 – Rickie Taylor
July 29 – Rick Gurtner
July 31 – Connie Buck

August 2 – Emma Stewart

ANNIVERSARIES

August 1 – Shelby & Mary Etta Brown
August 12 – Jim & Linda Harris
August 16 – Alan & Ann Cutter
August 19 – Mike & Connie Leonard
August 29 – Dave & Peggy Adams

Buy-A-Mile Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Youth Ministry *Buy-A-Mile* campaign. We are very excited to report that we had over 700 miles sponsored for this trip, bringing our grand total to over \$3500. Our girls had a wonderful and growth-filled time last week in Austin and they look forward to sharing more about their experiences with you in the weeks to come.

Thank you for your support of our youth and our neighbors in Christ!

Special Notes

- Check those drawers for the labels you have been saving for Magnolia Woods Elementary and Broadmoor Elementary Schools. For Magnolia Woods we collect *Box Tops for Kids* and *Community Coffee* labels. For Broadmoor Elementary we collect *Labels for Education* from Campbell Soup products.. Deposit the labels in the appropriate boxes on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We will deliver the labels soon after school begins.
- Elder **Tom Tucker** will be the Guest Preacher on July 31. His sermon title is “Accentuate the Positive” and scripture readings are Psalm 49: 1-12 NIV and Colossians 3:1-11 NIV.

Joys and Concerns of the HPC Family

Immediate Family: Jack and Betty Bagent; Mary Etta and Shelby Brown; Catherine Hackney; Jacob, Audrie, & Lexi John; Betty Lancaster; Jane Payton; Mary Perry; Deanna Lewis Sklar; Brad Smith; Bonner Stewart; Tom Tucker and family
Extended Family: Cary Bargas (friend of the Leonards); Brandon Behrmann (Carol’s nephew); Gloria Boone (Catherine Hackney’s sister); Austin Casey (Bagents’ grandson); Eva Fuller (Inez Geoghegan’s niece); Rhonda and Howard Matthews (friends of the Lancasters); Jean Oakley (Bob Buck’s sister); Kirby Perry; Earl Rabe (friend of Rick Gurtner); Neomi Robinson (Mary Perry’s helper);

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