

# August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>7</b> Sunday Worship & Communion 9:30 am	<b>8</b>  Noon AA	<b>9</b> WW Quilters 9:30 am  Noon AA  AA 7:30 pm	<b>10</b>  Noon AA  Ladies' AA 7:00 pm	<b>11</b>  Noon AA  Men's AA 8:00 pm	<b>12</b>  Noon AA	<b>13</b> Mike Leonard & Brandon Lithgoe Yard Crew
<b>14</b> Sunday Worship 9:30 am	<b>15</b>  Noon AA	<b>16</b>  Noon AA  AA 7:30 pm	<b>17</b>  Noon AA  Ladies' AA 7:00 pm	<b>18</b>  Noon AA  Men's AA 8:00 pm	<b>19</b>  Noon AA	<b>20</b> Jack Bagent & Bob Buck 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 August 7, 2016

Pastor ..... Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith  
 Liturgist ..... Dave Adams  
 Communion Preparers/Servers.....Dave and Peggy Adams  
 Ushers .....Mike & Tillie Groves  
 Hospitality.....Mike & Connie Leonard  
 Music Director .....Dr. Kit Loong Yee (Raymond)



*Flowers are presented to the glory of God  
 and in celebration of Emma Stewart's birthday  
 by Mike and Tillie Groves*

## Notes for the Week

- The sermon topic for Sunday, August 14 is **“Catching Fire.”** Scripture readings include Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Hebrews 12:18-29.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Youth Sunday, August 21, 2016 Our youth will lead worship and share about their experiences on church-sponsored trips this summer.
- **Third Sunday Luncheon** on August 21, 2016 will feature fried chicken as the entrée. The sign-up sheet for sides and desserts is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship area.



The Tuesday Morning Bible Class will resume on **Tuesday, September 6, at 10:30 a.m.** The new study will be **“Jesus and the Gospels.”** The lecturer for this video series is Professor Luke Timothy Johnson of Emory University. The challenging in-depth study offers something for everyone as we look not only at what is being said, but also at how it is being said. New members to the group are always encouraged to attend.

## BIRTHDAYS

August 2 – Emma Stewart  
August 8 – Chacko John  
August 9 – Deanna Lewis Sklar  
August 9 – Raymond Yee  
August 10 – Tom Tucker  
August 19 – Ashley Aguillard  
August 20 – Alexandria John  
August 20 – Mary Martin  
August 22 – Dave Adams  
August 28 – Wendy Stewart  
August 30 – Ebony Mbarika

## 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

## Thought for the Week

"Gilbert Chesterton met the question squarely. 'Christianity has not been tried and found wanting,' he wrote. 'It has been found difficult and left untried.' Mahatma Gandhi once said, 'I like your Christ, but I don't like your Christians.' He gave as his reason, 'They are so unlike your Christ.' Unless and until we have men and women who live by the inner dynamism of the Spirit, human torches aglow with the fire of love for Christ, Christianity will be a musty antique of a medieval past.

"Only the Holy Spirit conveys the dynamic character of the moral life and nurtures the silliness to accept initiative. External law has bred a don't-get-involved attitude. Stressing the mere and minimal fulfillment of precept, it makes Christians cautious about making waves. Just float through life like a majestic iceberg taking no chances. A prominent American churchman remarked recently: 'Other people, often not even Christians, are speaking out of the sound principles of Christ in the struggle for racial justice more faithfully than we. They are looked upon as fanatics - yet they are doing a very Christian thing - things we should be doing if we see Christ in our fellow man.'

"What a strange breed of Christianity the law has ushered in! What little resemblance it bears to the gospel of Jesus Christ!"

- Brennan Manning, from *Reflections for Ragamuffins*

## 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; family of 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); Kirby Perry; Earl Rabe (friend of Rick Gurtner); Neomi Robinson (Mary Perry's helper);

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