



NEW HIGHLAND

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Dear Family at New Highland

I like the look of that, family at New Highland! I could not be more excited to have received and accepted your call to be your next pastor. I still can't explain it adequately with words, but I felt called to your church even before I had a conversation with your committee. I know that God has placed us in the right place at the right time to serve together for "such a time as this".

We are starting the process of getting from Radford to Mechanicsville. We are working with a local realtor to get our house on the market. We are working with a realtor in Mechanicsville, someone recommended by folks at the BGAV, to find a place to live there.

Jennifer is wrapping up her ministry at Radford University and I am working with the wonderful people at North Fork Baptist Church to bring about positive closure. It is not an easy thing to do, but we are doing our very best.

Continue to remember our children. Rebecca, our 12 year old, is getting excited. She can see that there are things she will enjoy in her new area even though she will miss the place she has called home for a majority of her life. Our sophomore, Bethany, is doing better, but this is still very difficult for her. I know she is realizing the positives at least a little bit because she asked me this week if we could do a Short Pump shopping spree when we move.

Joshua is excited for us and he is looking forward to feeling like a "real" college student, but I know that when we leave him at RU he will have an adjustment period. He has landed a job, something he wanted to do, and I am extremely thankful for that.

I listened to Rev. Larry's sermon about the Perfect Pastor. I will let you know right now, that is not me. I make mistakes. I have never been perfect and never will be. And I know, for a fact, that New Highland is not a perfect church – that can never occur, for all of us are but sinners saved by grace. However, together, with the leading of the Holy Spirit, there is nothing that God cannot accomplish.

I don't know you yet, but I love you already. I look forward to the journey we will travel together.

Blessings, **Rusty**

Reminder

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on Sunday, November 6th. On Saturday evening, November 5th, set your clocks BACK one hour.



November Worship

Sunday, November 6 **Communion/Commitment Sunday**

Sunday School at 9:15am
Combined Worship at 10:30am

Sunday, November 13

Sunday School at 9:15am
Combined Worship at 10:30am

Sunday, November 20 **Baptisms**

Sunday School at 9:15am
Combined Worship at 10:30am

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 20 **Lebanon United Methodist**

Worship Service at 5:00pm
8492 Peaks Rd
Hanover, Virginia 23069
(804) 746-0980

Sunday, November 27 **Rev. Rusty Mullins First Sunday**

Sunday School at 9:15am
Combined Worship at 10:30am

From the Pastor Search Committee

The Pastor Search Committee is pleased to announce that on Sunday, October 16th, Rev. Freddie Paul "Rusty" Mullins accepted our church's call to become our new senior pastor. Rusty will start his pastorate with us on Monday, November 21st, with his family joining a few weeks later. The PSC wants to thank the congregation for your prayers, support and trust during our search process. We are planning an installation service for Rusty on Sunday, January 8th at 6:00 pm. May God bless us as we enter into this new journey together!

Deacons on Call—November

Shea Hutto 305-4739
Chris Beck 334-0603

Prayer Thoughts

Sponsored by the NHBC Prayer Team: Carol Evers, Linda Peay, Charles & Rose Harper, Joey Hostetter, Ron & Sara Rhodes

(The following narrative is derived from E. M. Bounds' "Prayer and God's Work.")

Holiness and Prayer

Contemplate the following statement and decide if you concur:

It is all too true in the Church that we are much further advanced in material matters than in spiritual matters.

Given that the above statement is valid, then our sad state of being may be traced further back in time. It is largely due to the decay of prayer. For with the decline of the work of holiness there has come a decline in the business of praying. As praying and holiness go together, so the decline of one means the decline of the other. Excuse it if we may; justify the present state of things if we will, yet it is all too clear that the emphasis in the work of today's Church is not put on prayer. At the same time, the emphasis has been taken from the great work of God started in the Atonement—holiness of heart and life. The Church is not turning out praying men and women because the Church is not intently engaged in the one great work of holiness.

Years ago John Wesley noticed the decline and initiated research into the cause. If we are as honest and spiritual, as he was, we will now see the same causes operating to stop God's work among us:

- Need to be more holy in heart and life—thoroughly devoted to God
- Catch fire and carry a holy devotion throughout the land
- Exhibit the whole mind of Christ and share His grace along life's way
- Diminished walk and less vibrant a walk as Jesus' modeled
- Demonstrating a littleness of grace seen in people by not praying which offers little for God's power to be experienced
- Conforming to the world in daily living demonstrates a spirit of the world in people's hearts (God's light of love doesn't shine through and their salt is not able to season the land for God)

Preachers, leaders, and all members of the Church must be

responsible and with God's leadership exemplify holiness intentionally via prayer and the grace experienced.

An axiom: *The work of God fails more for the lack of grace than the want of gifts. It is more than this because a full supply of grace brings an increase of gifts. It may be repeated that small results in a low experience, a low religious life, and pointless, powerless preaching always flow from a lack of grace. And a lack of grace flows from a lack of praying. **Great grace comes from great praying.***

The Pastor Search Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers and support, as well as, your vote of affirmation!



We realize that you all took a leap of faith in trusting us when we presented a candidate for our new pastor. We appreciate that the decision made last Sunday was as much a vote of confidence for us and our discernment for God's will, as it was a vote for what you knew about and how you felt about meeting Rusty.

May God bless us in our new journey together.

Commitment Sunday

Join us on Sunday, November 6 as we bring our commitments to the Lord to support our 2017 church budget. Commitment cards will be available via a link in the weekly email blast, from the seat backs in the sanctuary, or on the bookcase in front of the church office window. They were also included in the mailing of this issue of The Envoy. Please pray over the card, complete it and return it on November 6. If you can't attend that Sunday, cards may be returned in the black lock-box by the church office door. You may also email commitments to Kristi.

Prayer Concerns

**Hospitalized at time of printing*

Charlie Elliott	Beldon Mullins
Audrey Garthright	Melvin Purvis
Mary Golding	Ann Shearin
Rose Harper	Margaret Toney
Sherwood Haskins	Ernest Valenti
George Linville	Robert Whitfield
Shirley Linville	Daniel Wines

Submit Your Prayer requests via:

- 1) Guest Card in Sanctuary Chair Pouch—Place in Offering Plate or give to a Deacon or Usher;
- 2) Main & CLC Foyer Prayer Boxes;
- 3) Contact Prayer Team Members (550-1562);
- 4) Contact Church Office Administrative Personnel or Contact Staff - Ministerial Personnel (550-9601).

In Memoriam



Our Oldest Member at 104
Emma Hubbard
Deceased October 6, 2016
United with NHBC
December 15, 1950

55-and-Older Thanksgiving Luncheon

Senior Adults!
You are Invited to the Annual
55-and-Older Thanksgiving Luncheon
Following the Worship Service
Sunday, November 20th
In the CLC

Come join us for great food
and fellowship!



Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is expressed to:

Emma Hubbard's family in her death

Page Marriner and family in the death
of her brother, Ron Carmean

Margaret Toney and family in the death
of her son, Ronnie Toney

Sharon Monds and family in the death
of her father, Raymond Paul

2017 Directories

Production of the 2017 directories will begin soon. If you have updates to your address, phone number or emails, please contact the church office with those as soon as possible. Also, if you'd like cell phone numbers or emails included in your information, please let us know. Our new software allows us to include cell phone numbers for each adult.

Thank You's

Dear Church Family, thank you for all of the phone calls, emails, and cards during the illness and death of my Mom. I especially appreciated all of your prayers for my Mom and my family. It is the caring nature of our church family which helps lessen our pain during the difficult times in our lives. Thank you all!

Susan Sandridge and family

Thank you, church family, for praying for my brother Ronnie Carmean for the last four years while he was so ill. Your love to my family and me through thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and flowers has meant so much! I would especially like to thank **Dick Cousins** and **Ron Rhodes** for visiting and praying with Ronnie while he was at MCV and UVA. They even transported him to the hospital in the midst of a snow storm. They are true servants of God, and I love them for their ministry. Each of you has a special place in my heart. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Philippians 1:3

Page Marriner

I just want to thank my family at NHBC for all the prayers and love shown to my family while Troy's been going through difficulties while waiting on the transplant list for kidney. Please continue in prayer that Troy receives a kidney soon. Praise the Lord that everything is a go at this point.

In Christian love, **Pat Smith** and **Tim Smith** and family

We want to thank all of the members of New Highland Baptist Church who participated in the beautiful singing and celebration for Emma (Hubbard). It was a lovely service.

Also, our thanks to the members who visited her at home and in the Nursing Home, although she had been unable to attend services for many years.

Sincerely, **Russell & Ann Hobson**

Dear Friends: I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing the Gospel Jail Ministry to use your lovely church facility to have our fund raising banquet on Saturday evening October 15th. Please remember this ministry in prayer. God Bless.

Yours in Christ, **Joe Driver, Chaplain, Gospel Jail Ministry**

Dear Friends, thank you for your gift of \$3,545.76, received on October 11, 2016. With your help, we have shipped more than 200 million meals to schools, orphanages, vocational training programs, medical centers and other community development programs around the world. Please accept our sincere appreciation for sharing in our vision of a world without hunger.

Warmest regards, **Rod Brooks, President and CEO, Stop Hunger Now**

Shoebox Wrapping Party

The KIC Ministry team is sponsoring our annual Shoe Box Wrapping Party for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes on **Sunday, November 13th from 3-5:00 pm**. Bring a dessert to share. Shoe box labels with packing instructions are available on the table by Ms. Kim's office.

You can participate in several ways...

- **Drop off your packed shoe box** with lots of goodies in the main lobby **by Sunday, November 20th**. Don't forget to include a small donation for shipping.
- **Donate items to be packed.** Stop by the KIC Christmas tree to pick up donation labels. We can pack small toys, school supplies, small hygiene items, hard candy or gum, t-shirts, socks, ball caps, etc. No liquids, toy guns or chocolate. Donations can be dropped off in the main lobby under the Christmas tree table.
- **Attend our annual Wrapping Party.**

Come join in the fun and help us with this great mission opportunity.



Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center

In December, NHBC will be volunteering at the Shoebox Distribution Center in Maryland. We are scheduled for three times in December. Please contact Kim Gunn (804) 543-6607 to reserve your spot.

FYI...Several of us are driving up on Sunday evening so we don't have to fight the DC traffic on Monday morning.

Monday, December 12th from 9am-1pm

Monday, December 12th from 2pm-6pm

Tuesday, December 13th from 9am-1pm

If you are granted Community Service hours from your employer, this event can count!

Mid-Week Encounter 2017

We plan to restart the MWE program in January. But we need you to be praying through YOUR ability to teach or lead. Is God calling you to teach an adult class or a woman's class? Please contact Tanya Shearin at skywatchr7@yahoo.com. A youth class? Contact Staci Smith at rbt1e@yahoo.com. For children, contact Kim Gunn. Thanks!

November is National Adoption Month



During this month, please pray for children who need families and prayerfully consider how you could be involved in making a difference in their lives. HopeTree is looking for families like *you* to welcome a child into your home through foster care. Foster families receive comprehensive training, case management support, respite care, and financial reimbursement. If you would like to hear more about this opportunity, please attend HopeTree's next Orientation Session which will be held at:

HopeTree Foster Care
11745 Chester Rd
Chester, VA 23831

November 14, 2016 from 6:00—7:00 pm

Thanksgiving Bags for MCEF

We will be fixing Thanksgiving Bags for Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Functions (MCEF). These bags will provide the ingredients for Thanksgiving meals for families in need in the Mechanicsville area. The Thanksgiving bags should be a brown grocery bag that is decorated with lovely fall decorations. You may include a Thanksgiving card. The list for what needs to be go in the bag will be on the Missions Table. The bags will be collected on Sunday, November 13th. Please put them in the Missions Corner or give them to Michelle Brown. This is wonderful project for Sunday School classes and families. We appreciate your willingness to help families in our community.

GriefShare—Surviving the Holidays

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? GriefShare's Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. You'll learn:

- How to deal with the many emotions you'll face during the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to discover hope for your future



Thursday, November 19th at 6:30 pm in Room 103

Visit <http://www.griefshare.org/holidays> to view a video about this seminar.

November 6

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

Theresa Whitley

NURSERY

Linda Peay
Kelley Mayhew
Jean Harding
Madison Hutto

USHERS

Kirby Hutchinson

Wayne Harrell
DL Wells
Chris Whitley
David Dixon
Jon Cliborne
Sammy Cliborne

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Joan Purdy
Youth

November 20

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

Jennifer Diehl

NURSERY

Pam Smith
Tim Smith
Carol Thompson
Penny Layne

USHERS

Harold Elliotte

Bill Martin
Tommy Searles
Nate Hostetter
Fred Small
David McGhee
Cheryl McGhee

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Holly Hutto
Youth

November 13

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

Laura Beck

NURSERY

Rae Pittman
Barbara Valenti
Tonya Vasser
Joan Purdy

USHERS

Wesley Thompson

Bailey Thompson
Mark Brown
Jordan Brown
Will Smith
Quinn Thompson
Dylan Smith

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

OPEN
Youth

November 27

10:30am

WELCOME CENTER

Julia Harrell

NURSERY

Tim Gunn
Laura McAleese
Theresa Whitley
Susan Sandridge
Jenny Garthright

USHERS

Jennings Dawson

Tucker Dawson
Tim Smith
Ryan Smith
Arthur Garthright
Mike Sandridge
David Barnes

**KIC CLUB/
WORSHIP**

Tanya Shearin
Youth

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November Birthdays

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| 2 | Anita Philp | 19 | Ron Laitinen |
| 4 | Rose Harper
Lydia Shearin | | Larry Powell
Jon Cliborne |
| 6 | Nick Brown
Fred Small | 21 | Rick Purdy
Holly Hutto |
| 7 | Sandra Smolen | | Bruce McAleese |
| 8 | Ken Long | 22 | Carol Steiner |
| 9 | Michael Mirzaie | 23 | Susan Sandridge
Dot Martin |
| 10 | Brian Flood | | Addison Zavitz |
| 11 | Erin Schricker
Tessa Chenault | 24 | Courtney Gunn |
| 12 | Nolan Rayfield | 26 | Amy Hunter
Elaine Cliborne |
| 13 | Laura McAleese
Dawn Hall | 27 | Mark Brown
Tommy Newman |
| 14 | William Finnegan | 29 | Kyle Newman |
| 16 | Anna Eby | | |
| 18 | Sam Davis
Ryan Brickley | | |

November Anniversaries

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| 4 | Charles & Rose Harper |
| 23 | Chris & Theresa Whitley
Tommy & Renee Newman |
| 28 | William & Janice Finnegan
DL & Leslie Wells |

Staff Ministry Team

Rev. Larry Frakes, Interim Pastor through 11/20

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PUBLICATION DEADLINES:

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Compassion International

November Sponsorship of
 Mohamed (Tanzania)
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Sponsors needed!

Children's Choir Begins in November

Come join us as the Children's choir begins practicing in November. All children ages 3 through 5th grade can participate. We will be learning two songs for the Christmas Cantata - and helping to prepare for the Shoebox Mission Project. Mark your calendars now...and join us!

Nov 2 6:30-7:30pm
 Nov 9 6:30-7:30pm
 Nov 30 7-8pm
 Dec 7 7-8pm

Go! Time

Our NHYM youth meet for Go!Time on Sundays from 5:30 pm until 7 pm. Check your online calendar and bulletins for meeting dates. No Go!Time on 11/27, as that is Thanksgiving weekend. Enjoy your families!



Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th.

Reminder

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October Benevolence Offering

\$467.18

MCEF Donations for November

Hot and cold cereals

Church Council Meeting

November 14 @ 6:30 pm

ACTS II:

Sept 25, 2016

Oct 2, 2016

Oct 9, 2016

Oct 16, 2016

Oct 23, 2016

Attendance

Sunday School	89	154	157	134	121
Worship	156	186	279	196	141

Budget

Weekly Need	10,536.50	10,536.50	10,536.50	10,536.50	10,536.50
Weekly Receipts	7,129.00	13,992.75	10,238.50	5,720.05	5,540.31
YTD Goal	410,923.50	421,460.00	431,996.50	442,533.00	453,961.74
YTD Receipts	328,470.13	342,462.88	352,701.38	358,421.43	363,961.74

Bldg/Debt Retirement

0.00 500.00 0.00 50.00 0.00

Designated Gifts

70.00 99.25 300.00 363.55 75.00