

# Happening at Highlands

Week of January 21 2018

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner - 5:45 PM

Menu: Chicken pot pie and salad

Adults \$10 | Children \$5

Make reservations by Monday, January 22 at NOON to PJ Ellis at [PJBE324@gmail.com](mailto:PJBE324@gmail.com) or call the church office.



## Winter Book Studies - 6:30 PM

**Christian Caregiving** - Led by Annie Green, Deb Welsh, and Mikah Hudson in the Griffin-Williams Room  
**Grounded** - Led by Reggie Holder in the Upper Room Sunday School Room (E 209)

## Bread for the Journey - After Worship

*Hospes venit, Christes venit - When the guest comes, Christ comes.*

Join us in the Greeting Space following 10:30 AM worship for a sample of delicious, homemade bread prepared by our members. Visitors are especially encouraged to come by for a special gift. If you are interested in joining the baking team, contact Kathleen Lalor at [kblalor@gmail.com](mailto:kblalor@gmail.com).

## Youth Discovery Weekend Registration - TODAY

All youth are invited to Discovery Weekend, our annual spiritual formation retreat at Camp Sumatanga. Please register by today at [www.highlandsumc.net/discovery](http://www.highlandsumc.net/discovery). Cost is \$50. Youth are welcome to bring friends!

## After Church Meetings - Today

The Adult Christian Formation Team and Children's Christian Formation Team will meet following worship today. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall before each meeting begins. Children's Team will meet in Atrium Level 3 and Adult Team will remain in the Fellowship Hall.

## Youth Group Meeting - January 21

Youth group will meet Sunday, January 21 from 4 to 6 PM at Highlands. All youth are welcome and invited! Snack supper will be provided. Senior Highs will continue preparations for Discovery Weekend. Junior Highs will have a program on uncommon Bible stories.

## Church Council Meeting - January 22

The first Church Council meeting of the new year will be Monday, January 22 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Church Council meetings are open to everyone and all are welcome to observe our church leadership at work.

## Children's Choir Begins - January 24

All elementary school age children are invited to sing, dance, play instruments, and make a joyful noise! Children's choir meets each Wednesday at 4:45 PM.

## Sight Seekers - January 25

Join the Sight Seekers on Thursday, January 25 for a tour of Third Space, the first large exhibition of contemporary art from the Birmingham Museum of Art's own collection. Meet at Highlands at 10:30 AM. Cost is \$15. To make a reservation, call the church office at 205-933-8751 or drop a note in the offering plate. Sight Seekers is an all-ages travel group that meets once a month to visit sights and attractions in the Birmingham metro area. All are welcome!

## Discovery Weekend Prayer Service - January 27

The youth group would like to invite the Highlands congregation to the closing Prayer Service of Discovery Weekend this Saturday, January 27 at 6:30 PM at Camp Sumatanga in the Pool Camp Assembly Hall.

## Save the Date - 2018 Panama Mission Trip

Save the date for our next mission trip to Panama, July 28-August 4, 2018. If you would like to be part of the mission team, contact Deb Welsh at [deb@highlandsumc.net](mailto:deb@highlandsumc.net).

## Community Ministries Donations Needed

Community Ministries is in need of coffee! Donations can be placed in the collection baskets in the Narthex, Greeting Space, or outside the church office. In 2017, Community Ministries served over 31,000 guests - most of whom enjoyed at least one cup of coffee. Thank you for all you do to continue the important work of hospitality at Highlands!

OUR SYMPATHY ... to Rick Phillips and family in the death of his brother, Chris

KEEP IN PRAYER ... Virginia Timmons; Nancy Sawyer; Brook Morris; Lisa, sister of Angela Chramer; Pamela Huck; Mark Carleton, brother of Lynn Hairston; Denise Jordan, sister of Cheryl Williams; Martha Council; Judy Trench, mother of Bart Trench; Sharon Turner; John Patrick Maya; Brian McFarlin; the Izcaray family; Chuck Tyndal; Roger Ash; Charles McFarlin; Therese Avant; Danza Paulovich; Jeanine Carmichael, Denny Bearce, Dan Sibley



## Discovery Weekend at Camp Sumatanga January 26-27, 2018

*A spiritual formation retreat for all youth (6th-12th grade)*

Register today at [www.highlandsumc.net/discovery](http://www.highlandsumc.net/discovery)

Ways to support our youth group:

- Donate fruit, snacks, or drinks for the weekend. Drop off at the church office this week.
- Write letters of encouragement and support for each youth. Lists are available in the Narthex and Greeting Space after worship. Letters are needed by Wednesday, January 24.
- Attend the closing Prayer Service on Saturday, January 27 at 6:30 PM at Camp Sumatanga.

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### **Email and Text Communications from Highlands**

Starting in February, Highlands is helping you stay connected to our programming and congregational concerns by offering both email and text message updates. To be sure that you are registered for this service:

- Text HIGHLANDS to 84576 or visit [www.flocknote.com/HighlandsUMC](http://www.flocknote.com/HighlandsUMC). Complete the online profile with your contact information and sign up for the interest groups you'd like to hear from.
- Email Mary Elizabeth Neal at [maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net](mailto:maryelizabeth@highlandsumc.net) or call 205-933-8751, ext. 214.

Please note that if you do not wish to receive text messages from Highlands, you are not required to provide a mobile phone number. Any messages we send out as texts will be sent to the email address you have provided. ***You will not miss any communications from Highlands if you do not wish to receive text messages.*** If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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#### Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Closed for lunch 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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*To include an announcement in Happening At Highlands, please submit information to the church office by Wednesday at noon.*