



# TIDINGS

*Highlands Presbyterian Church*

January 2018

December 27, 2017

Dear Friends,

In the bitter cold, I am still savoring the warm glow of candlelight that punctuated our Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols. I am grateful to our fine musicians, readers, “lighters” and all who helped the service come together. Few services of the year come quite as close to re-creating the mystery of the season, with joy and a sense of awe. But through the years a few notable literary works have reflected a complementary sense of wonder.

In the novel *Silas Marner*, George Eliot paints a compelling picture of a reclusive, hardened man who blocks out the world around him and gives himself only to a spinning loom and the accumulation of gold, which he hides under his bed. One day he came home and found that his gold was gone, some thief had stolen the treasure of his life, and he was left distraught. Every day he would return to his home, hoping beyond hope that the gold had reappeared. One day he came home and saw a glint of light on the floor, his heart leapt for joy - his gold had been returned. But when he stretched out his hand he found, instead of hard coin, soft curls on his floor - a sleeping child. Eliot writes:

“He had a dreamy feeling that this child was somehow a message come to him from a far off life. It stirred old quiverings of tenderness - old impressions of awe of some power presiding over his life ...”

That’s what happens when one is visited. This wonderful congregation is neither reclusive nor hardened, but the message of the Angel is a message we need to hear again and again. Behold, you have received God’s favor. Even now, there is something of the divine taking shape and form within you, something that will transform your life and your love forever, “a message ... from a far off life ...” which can stir “quiverings of tenderness ... impressions of awe, of some [divine] power presiding over [your] life ...” Strange as it may seem, he still loves us. The Prince of Glory still comes down to visit us to lift us up to become like him.

In the confidence of that love, we turn the page into a new year, which will be filled with decisions, plans, hopes and dreams for the future of this congregation. Found by a transforming love, we cherish one another, gather up our courage, and step boldly into newness. The Session will meet on January 13 to discuss specific plans for a Pastoral search, with all the wonderment that entails. We hope to have a specific plan by the Annual Meeting. May God give us the grace to know that we do not travel alone, that the child is still a message of love and that the warmth of his presence will continue to light the way.

Peace and joy,

*John*

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## Celebrations for January

### Birthday Celebrations

Allyson Scheppler	2
Elpida Cios	4
Mark Scheppler	
Elsa Dames	9
Glenn Wilson	10
Dick Brunot	19
Jean Staebler	23
Ryan Phillip	25
Don Stewart	29



### Prayer Concerns

Family and friends at the death of Dan Fouts, Connie Livingston's brother

Family and friends at the death of Barbara Kohrs

Family and friends at the death of Herbie Rohloff, Mike Rohloff's brother

Members and friends who are battling cancer:  
Cleora Armbruster and Michelle Phillip Junkin

Members who are recovering from surgery:  
Erna Reihsmann, Mike Reihsmann, and Bonnie Wesolowski

Members and friends who are home-bound:  
Janette Cowley (WI), George Phillip (WI), Elizabeth Rohloff (GA), Jean Spencer, Kirby Wilson

Our missionaries:  
Jenny Bent and Mark Hare

Members who serve:  
Ernie Edenbeck

For District 106  
And for all members of the Highlands Presbyterian Church



### Annual Reports

Please send your annual reports to the office no later than January 15th for compiling, copying and distribution. If you need assistance preparing your annual report, please let the office know.

### Annual Meeting

Please join us on February 4th in the Sanctuary after Worship for our annual meeting. Reports will be available the Sunday before the annual meeting in Fellowship Hall if you are interested in reading the material prior to the meeting.

### Pledge Envelopes

If you chose to receive pledge envelopes, they are available in Fellowship Hall. If you are wanting them for 2018, please let the office know. We will be happy to prepare a customized box.

### College Care Packages

Our Deacons will be putting together care packages for our college students. Small donations such as post-it-notes, mints, individual snacks, etc., are needed by February 14th and can be brought to the Kitchen. If you know of any student who would appreciate a care package from HPC, please let the office know.

### Christmas Food Rescue

Given all the unpredictable events that are an inherent part of our Jewel food rescue mission, this 2017 Christmas season was one for the books. But our folk at Highlands were prepared! We had volunteer cooks ready to process food, volunteers ready to gather and deliver, and a plan ready to be changed at a moment's notice if necessary. And change we did, and cook we did, and discover new recipients we did, and deliver we did--four car-loads of fine quality food to pantries, shelters, a Christmas day open house and two families in LaGrange/Brookfield area.

Thank you to all who supported the effort by either committing as needed or by baking, preparing or delivering food.

Betty Tompkin

**Christmas 2017 at HPC**



**Annual HPC Women Christmas gathering at Plymouth Place on December 5.**

Back row left to right: Nancy Heinzelman, Susan Ide, Sue Sinnard, Betty Kay  
Next row down left to right: Cleora Armbruster, Linda Armbruster, Betty Tompkin, Judy Hanaway, Margaret Rhine, Marge Eadie  
Next row down left to right: Mary Susan Fritz, Wendy Kellie, Laura Rounce, Cindy Lindberg  
Next row down left to right: Carol Mulligan, Beth Gustafson, Jean O'Sullivan, Anne Cannivino, DeeAnn Dillon  
Bottom row left to right: Noreen Coyan, Phyllis Dunn, Erna Reihsmann, Jean Wass  
\*Not pictured Kathy Bloom, photographer.

**Important Dates to Remember**

January 1: Office closed  
January 2: Office closed  
Variety show practice, 4:00 PM, FH  
LHWC Meeting, 6:30 PM  
January 3: Variety show practice, 3:15 PM  
January 7: Worship with Communion, 10AM, Sanctuary  
Help undecorate the church after worship  
January 9: Circle meeting, 1PM, Judy Hanaway's house  
January 13: Session Meeting, 9:30-12:30  
January 14: Worship, 10AM, Sanctuary  
Deacons Meeting, after Worship  
January 15: Annual reports due  
January 16: Women's Board Meeting, 1 PM, Lounge  
January 17: CE Meeting, 11 AM, Pre-school Conf. Rm.  
January 21: Worship, 10AM, Sanctuary  
January 24: Session, 7PM, Lounge  
January 25: Tidings articles due  
January 28: Worship, 10AM, Sanctuary  
Sub sandwich orders due, Noon  
Exercise classes held as scheduled.

**Advent Candlelighters**



Regan Credit, William Fritz, Ailie and Wyatt Finlayson, Maxwell and Ayla Gordon.

*We gratefully acknowledge  
the Christmas Poinsettias  
which have been given by:*

In memory of Fred Armbruster, by the Armbruster Family

In honor of loved ones on earth and in heaven, by Julia Baker

In memory of Tom, by Karen Begg

In memory of Bob and Ellie Rounce, Barb Kohrs, and Maureen, by the Begg Family

In honor of our parents, and Brett, Lauren, Marissa, Jeremy, Riley, Chris, Sandy, and our dear friends Bob, Ellie, and Geri, by Milly and Otto Bobysud

In celebration of family and friends, by Elsa and Roy Dames

In celebration of our grandchildren Will, Jack, Kate, Em J., Claire, and Morgan, and in memory of loved ones, by Judy and Dean Hanaway

In celebration of church friends and family, by Janette Cowley

In memory of Bill and Mary Lee Cowley, by the Heinzelman Family

In loving memory of Mary Lee Cowley and Barbara Kohrs, by the Highlands Presbyterian Women

In celebration of the Christmas Season, a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the wonderful life of Barbara Kohrs, by Tom Kohrs and Family

In celebration of family, by Carol Mulligan

In memory of Emily and Rudolph J. Nekovar, Sr., by Rudy Nekovar and Family

In memory of Herbie Rohloff and Ralph Esposito, in honor of Pat Esposito and Elizabeth Rohloff, and in celebration of J.R., Kelly, Jeff, Michael, and Jim, by Maria and Mike Rohloff

In memory of Bob and Ellie Rounce and Gary Widle, by Tim and Laura Rounce and Family

In celebration of Christmas and our family, by Sue and Bruce Sinnard

In memory of Anne L. Speziale, by Rich and Sharon Speziale

In honor of Dick and Joyce Brunot, by Rich and Sharon Speziale

In celebration of Sophie, Gabriel, Pierre, and Sebastien Johnson, by Dawn Stockmo and Perry Johnson

In celebration of family and friends at HPC, by Betty and Bruce Tompkin

In loving memory of Lawrence R. Wass, by Jean Wass and Family

In memory of Lawrence Wass, with love, Wendy, Rob and Grace Kelley, Kari and Kristi Schaefers, Greg and Marina Wass, and Anna Onley

**Happy Holidays and Best Wishes in 2018!**





## HPC 2018 Mission Team Submarine Sandwich Fundraiser

All 6" subs come with mayo and mustard on the side  
Tomato and lettuce and cheese as ordered – chips included

Orders must be received by January 29<sup>th</sup>  
Sandwiches will be handed out Super Bowl Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> after worship  
All subs are \$6.00

**Circle choices below:**

<u># of subs</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>Kind of sub</u>	<u>Cheese</u>
_____	White or Wheat	Turkey Only Ham Only Turkey and Ham Veggie Only	American Only Swiss Only American and Swiss No Cheese
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TOTAL SANDWICHES ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_ Sandwich Order Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Please make checks payable to Highlands Presbyterian Church**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Proceeds Benefit 2018 Mississippi Mission Projects  
Thank you for your support!**

**Questions and assistance with form should be directed to Margaret Rhine at 630. 824.7288**