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Sermons for the Months of June and July



For reasons you all know too well, the June newsletter is late this month. Two Sundays have already passed, and I hope you enjoyed Mike Ragan's lesson on being fishers of men. Thanks to Mike for covering for me that Sunday. We will pick up with communion again on the first Sunday in July. The second Sunday in June, those of you who were able to attend heard about Jezebel and the worshipful, repentant woman sinner who washed Jesus' feet with her tears, dried His feet with her hair, and anointed His feet with expensive perfume. The truth about those women is the same as the truth about men - arrogance and the hope of sin without consequences leads to destruction; repentance and love come with faith in the mercy, love and grace of Jesus Christ.

The third Sunday in June will be the 19th, Father's Day, and the Presbyterian version of election day. After worship there will be a congregational meeting to hear the report of the Nominating Committee and then elect a new slate of elders for the Session and a new Trustee. The lessons for this Sunday are from 1 Kings 19:1-15 and from Luke 8:26-39, which highlight for us ***The Surprising Work of God***. The last Sunday of June is the 26th, and we will have the regular Pot Luck fellowship after worship. Worship will include a service of ordination and installation of our new officers. The lessons for that morning will include Galatians 5:1; 13-25 and Luke 9:51-62 which lay out for us ***The Proper Use of the Spirit's Guidance and Gifts***.

Since this newsletter is late, I'll give you a quick look ahead to July. The first Sunday in July we will celebrate Communion and look at 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Luke 10:1-11; 16-20 and consider ***The Peace That Comes to You***. Then, on July 10th, with lessons from Amos 7:7-17 and Colossians 1:1-14 we will hear about differences in ***Changing Kingdoms***. There will be more about July in the July newsletter, but maybe this foretaste makes up a bit for our tardiness on this month's newsletter!

It Happened in Session

The Session met for its regular meeting on May 24, 2016.

Jerry Ragan reported that \$1020 was received for the Love Offering on Sunday May 24th. This special offering, honoring the memory of Rev. Ray Garvey, will support Camperships for Camp Gilmont's summer youth camper program.

The amount received will be doubled, using money from Highland's Youth Activity Fund which means that \$2040 will be sent to Camp Gilmont. To all who contributed, "Thank you!"

New business

Two elder commissioners were elected to attend the May 26th Presbytery meeting.

Session approved use of the church for a Girl Scout group from Austin, TX to stay overnight in our facility enroute to a Scout event in Arkansas on either June 16 or 17.

Zana Byers, reporting for the Nominating committee, advised that they have nominees for 3 elders on Session and 1 Trustee for the Class of 2018.

Session received the report and called a Congregational Meeting for June 19th, following worship to elect those nominated and to elect a new Nominating Committee.

Furthermore, the date for installation and ordination for those elected will be at worship on June 26, 2016.

Standing Committee reports

Reporting for the Worship committee, Zana Byers commented that Becky Davis just completed her first year as Music Director and asked Session for confirmation of her wish to continue to continue in that capacity. She received unanimous confirmation.

Jerry Ragan advised that a condenser fan motor on the air conditioning unit which serves the sanctuary was replaced. He further advised that Ron & Deb Lowrance had redone the area near the back entrance, removing sod, adding red mulch and adding two large pots with flowers. The city dug a ditch along our frontage on Paluxy Dr., to run a water line to the property next to Highland in order to install a fire hydrant.

The Ladies Fellowship Salad Luncheon on May 14th was enjoyed by those in attendance. Due to a family health problem, Lee Johnson who planned the event was unable to attend. June Ragan reported that the Fellowship luncheon on May 15th included a short presentation by Aubrey Peters from Camp Gilmont. The special offering for Camp Gilmont Camperships was received with a surprising amount received (see above).

The MemberCare committee provided a lunch at the church for the Jeffers family following the memorial service for Gene at the gravesite. Eleanor Garvey advised that she and Scott Mackey took communion to several members at their home on May 1st. Eleanor sent "Thinking of You" cards which had been signed by church members to several homebound members. A prayer shawl lap robe was taken to H. K. Park who is undergoing cancer treatment.

Ladies, Please Read...



Tuesday, June 5th: Prayer Shawl Meeting met at Eleanor Garvey's house at 6:30 p.m.



Ladies' Evening Circle met at 7:00 p.m. on Mon., June 13th:

Ladies' Morning Circle met at 10:00 a.m. on Tue., June 14th:



Tuesday, June 14th: Ladies' Out-to-eat group met at PotPourri House at 11:30 a.m.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SYNOD OF THE SUN

PW GATHERING

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth

July 21-23, 2016

Keynote Speaker: The Reverend Doctor Cynthia Rigby

Submit registration form to Claudia Anderson. PW Gathering information and Registration forms are on the bulletin board by the elevator.

**News from Jory Bayne in South Asia
Excerpts from Jory's April & May 2016 newsletters:**

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all the generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

Greetings,

Through the specific things I've been learning this year, the world's needs, and my own passions, I feel the Lord calling me to join Campus Field Staff with Cru in the United States for this next season of life. Thank you for your prayers as I have been discerning God's will this last year. Joining staff with Cru, I will be pursuing a career of missionary work focused on reaching the college students for Christ. I do have a preference of where I would like to be, but I won't find out my official placement until the end of New Staff Training in July. I will however spend this next season of life in the US and hopefully gain opportunities to win and disciple students to Christ, outreach to international/other minority communities, pursue educational opportunities as they come, dive in relationally with friends and family, commit to a church God leads me



to, and to impact the culture of the city I'm in for God's glory.

With Love,

Jory Bayne

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Praise God for the 4 student leaders and the 97 students who heard the gospel in the village. Pray that those who truly believe would grow in faith and that those who heard but do not yet believe would continue seeking truth.
2. Pray for our team to finish strong relationally. That we would speak the truth in love and encourage one another. Pray through Ephesians 4 for us. Pray also, that enough people would sign up to send a STINT (Short Term International Intern) team next year.
3. Continue to pray for South Asia. The website www.prayingforindia.org gives some good information about the spiritual climate in South Asia and provides a 31 Day Prayer Guide. Pray for the Cru ministry here, for healthy church partnership, healthy financial partnership, and the translation endeavors of Bibles.

For those of you with Facebook accounts, view more updates of Jory's South Asia mission stories, progress, and photos at <https://www.facebook.com/jory.bayne>. Also, the newsletters that we have been receiving from Jory, are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church.

Dorothy "Dotty" Ragan

The Total collected for the Campership in honor and memory of Ray Garvey was \$1,020.00. With matching funds from the Youth Fund, the total is \$2,040.00. This will pay for 4 camperships at Camp Gilmont. We are amazed and overwhelmed. Thank you all! Eleanor and Becky



Katy Davis is on the Spring Semester President's List at the University Of Texas at Tyler. She made all A's. She is a Chemistry major. I know her family is very proud of her.



Congratulations, Katy!

A quick note of apology for the tardiness of this newsletter. My sisters paid for me to go on a Disney Cruise to Alaska last month, for my birthday,



again. I went and had a great time for most of the cruise, anyway. However, the day before our cruise had ended, I began to have allergy symptoms, AGAIN! I thought I was done with the allergies in Texas. I forgot that Spring would just be beginning in Alaska. After we returned to Seattle, I had dinner with Matt, Cathryn, and Artie. It was great to see Artie walking, almost running, and to take photos and videos of him. I'm just now beginning to feel good enough to finally work on and finish the "June newsletter". *Dorothy Ragan*



Becky's Music Notes

June 2016



This is LONG overdue, but I have to give a great big **THANK YOU** to Sara Cannon. As most of you know she is, not only a Charter Member of Highland, but she wears many “hats”. She has served on Session and EVERY committee ever created at Highland. She has taught Sunday School (my girls’ favorite SS teacher). She has sung in the choir, played in the bell choir and was a willing participant in the Bell Quartet, which was formed after Mom discovered she’d ordered quartet music instead of bell choir music. She even had to play the piano, unexpectedly, one Sunday morning; complete with a surprise soloist! My dad had a “spell” in the choir room just prior to the service. Mom and I headed to the hospital with him and Sara “willingly” played for the service that Sunday. The one “hat” she has NEVER worn is “organist”. When Mom and I decided to attend Philip Hedges’ wedding (Jeff & Karen’s son) in Austin a few week-ends ago, I asked Sara to sub for me; and she did. From what I heard she did an outstanding job! Although I know she was a little nervous, apparently she did a great job. I just have to say “Thank You, Sara!” and....until next time.

The bell choir played for the last time on May 22 and I hope you were there to enjoy. The members have worked really hard this year and are doing a great job! I have thoroughly enjoyed the past year and I thank each of them, Kay White, Deb Lowrance, Sara Cannon, Deb Tompkins, Mom (Eleanor Garvey), June Ragan, Scott Mackey, Ed White, Ron Lowrance, Mike Ragan, Lee Shafer, who was with us from September to December and Tori Dorsey, who joined us in January, for their hard work and dedication. The bell choir will be taking a break for the summer, but don’t worry, we will be back! I hope you have enjoyed the pieces we’ve played over the past year. We will resume practice in the fall and I already have pieces picked out to start working on.

Until then.....have a great summer!

Love and Prayers,

Becky Davis



Highland Highlights for June 2016:

Sunday, June 19th:

Called Congregational Meeting

Thursday, June 23rd:

July 2016 Newsletter Submission Deadline!

Sunday, June 26th:

Installation and Ordination of Elders

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays:

- 9:30 AM - Sunday School
- 10:30 AM - Worship Service
- 11:30 AM - Fellowship Time

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The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. James 5:16b NLT

Cancer Patients: Carl Trent, David Garvey, Donna Richardson, HK Park, Jan Park, Jeff Hedges, John Davis, Jonah Daily, Joy Carreno, Lee Shafer, Leon Welborn, Mike Burrow, and Rita Kelly.
Continuing Concerns: Ann Gstohl, Bobbie Cohen, Bonnie Cottrill, Claudine Peter, Eleanor Garvey, Jean Hedges, Jean Jeffers, Joan Heck, Jory Bayne, Mark Garvey, Michael Williams, Mike Arbour, Ross Clayton, Sally Ferrell, Sharon Cohen, Sue McCool, and Sue Sharp. Also be in special prayer for the Family of Janet Mackey, the family of Martha June Williams (Jean Jeffer's sister), our nation and our electoral process, people traveling, and people needing jobs. *(In the spirit of getting the best out of our prayer ministry, please submit names for the Prayer list, a brief reason and then a subsequent update to the request, by the monthly deadline for the Highland Herald. This will enable us to keep the list current and to give thanks for God's answers. Also submit updates for the weekly prayer list.)*



6	Eleanor Garvey	14	Sara Cannon
8	Doyle Barnes	16	Ron Lowrance
10	Martin Davis	21	Doris Stanley
12	Herb Ingram	26	Lora Savoie

The JULY 2015 Highland Herald submission DEADLINE is Wednesday, June 23rd!



PLEASE submit your articles, information, events, etc. to your friendly Highland Secretary by this date! I would like to get the newsletter emailed and mailed no later than Wednesday, June 29th.

Thank you, Dorothy Rafan. ☺

Fellowship Snacks

Blessed are those who share FELLOWSHIP in CHRIST, for GOD lives in their FRIENDSHIP.

Please join together each Sunday after Worship for some conversation, laughs and to welcome our guests. Refreshments will be provided by the Fellowship committee.



Please keep Pvt. Ross Clayton, son of April Linthicum, and grandson of Chuck and Deb Tompkins, in your prayers. Also be in prayer for all of our men and women in the Armed Forces. Also, please keep the Christians, Kurds, and Jews in your prayers in N. Iraq.



item for June is **CANNED FRUIT.**

"FAN CLUB" - Many East Texans either don't have AC or they can't afford to turn it on. So, to help them stay cooler, the Home Depot will be selling box fans for the low cost of \$10 again this year. All you need to do to help is go through the check-out lane at Home Depot and tell the cashier that you want to buy a fan for PATH. You pay for the fan and the Home Depot associates will place the box fans into a PATH "box" and PATH will pick them up throughout the summer months.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - PATH is offering a savings on school supplies this summer. For \$20 per child, parents can get their child a new backpack and the essentials to get started with the new school year! Order forms and payments (cash or money order) must be turned in by July 7th.

Thank You

for the Wonderful lunch at the church after Gene's burial service and for making Jean's favorite sugar-free blueberry muffins. The time at the church was a big comfort to Jean and all of our family. Thank you for all of your kindnesses.

Cheryl Jeffers



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The View from the Back Page

I want to use this space to thank everyone at the church for their tender mercy and loving support to Reagan and myself these past few weeks. Paul speaks of how death works in us, and too often its work is secret. We did not know how severe Janet's problems were, nor how near her redemption was. Every death, as the poet John Donne said, diminishes us, for we miss the many contributions and gifts every life has to give to our covenant and family lives. Reagan and I depended upon all of Janet's gifts in a greater number, but all of us will miss her open friendliness, her encouragement, her heart-felt songs of worship, and her ready smile. Not to mention her peach cobbler!

One of the blessings of belonging to a church that is smaller and more traditional is that we are more closely bound as a family. All of us have mourned and grieved deep losses, and all of us experience the emptiness of an important spot in the fabric of our lives. Yet we bear them together, and we hear together with new resolve the uplifting words of faith and the riches of the promised hope that are revealed in the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. We know that more difficulties lie ahead in this mortal kingdom, but we endure through faith in the promise of an eternal kingdom and place in it by grace. The subtle power of the Spirit, and the quiet work of God in silence and whispers, guide us through tough days and open surprising vistas of renewed joy and unexpected strength.

Thank you, Highland, for the thoughtful gift of cards for eating out. What a helpful way to help two rather helpless kitchen rookies! Thank you even more for the prayers, the love, and the support. The answer to an all too often unasked question, "What good is the church?" is revealed to us: We have peace in the family of God blessed by the Spirit. I can imagine no other comfort the world can offer that can match what we have as a church family. Oh that an aching world would come and embrace this grace long before they discover their need for it!

Scott Mackey



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Highland Presbyterian Church

Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 8:30 AM till Noon
 Sunday School 9:30 AM—Sunday Worship 10:30 AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6  Eleanor Garvey	7 11 AM - Video Bible Study 6:30 PM - Prayer Shawl Meeting	8  Doyle Barnes	9	10  Martin Davis	11
12  Herb Ingram	13 7:00 PM Ladies Circle	14 8:30AM Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Ladies' Circle 11:30 AM Ladies' Out to Eat  Sara Cannon	15	16  Ron Lowrance	17	18
19 Called Congregational Meeting	20	21  Doris Stanley 6:00 PM - Session Meeting	22	23 <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">JULY Highland Herald Deadline!!</div>	24	25
26  Pot Luck Installation & Ordination of Elders  Lora Savoie	27	28	29	30		