

## HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### February 2018

*Highland Church reaches out in the name of Jesus Christ building disciples with vision for ministry.*

It is so good to be back from a long season of sickness. Did I say long? I am so thankful to begin the New Year with the opportunity to serve God through this wonderful congregation again! Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to make my return to the pulpit an easy transition.

The Lenten season is fast approaching. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, we usher in a 40 day period of repentance and self examination. I encourage you to pray and seek God during this Lenten season. As some are accustomed to giving up a certain food or drink during this period, it can also be a time to "take something on." Take on a new commitment for Bible Study, take on sending a card or note of encouragement, take on a project to help someone in need, or take on a sincere desire to commune with God through prayer. To mark the beginning of Lent, we will join our friends at Margaret Hank for an Ash Wednesday service February 14 at 6:30. If you have never experienced this type of service, I encourage you to attend.

As you offer your prayers to God this coming season, here are some things I would like for you to keep in mind:

Pray for the new membership class that will begin this Sunday, February 4.

Pray for our elders as we will have training sessions February 26 and 27 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.

Pray for the message each Sunday during Lent as we prepare ourselves for Resurrection Sunday.

Pray for our denomination as we begin our 207<sup>th</sup> year of proclaiming the Gospel.

Pray for Christians around the world who cannot openly worship.

Pray for opportunities to share the mercy and love of God with others.

Pray for opportunities to use your gifts to the benefit of the Kingdom.

Finally, Easter will bring Lent to a close. We will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please be aware of people in your life who do not attend church or know Jesus and invite them for worship April 1. It will be a glorious time!

## **CPWM**

CPWM met Monday, January 8th in the Fellowship Hall. Our Bible Study on this year's theme, "Connecting with our Neighbor" showed us ways to minister to our cross-culture neighbor. We voted to give our share of the Loaves & Fishes offering in the amount of \$107.00 to Paducah Cooperative Ministry. We agreed to recommend to the session that we hold a chili & soup potluck on Sunday, February 4 to celebrate the birth of the Cumberland Presbyterian Denomination. A big birthday cake would certainly be appropriate.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us as we look closely at the history of our denomination.

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## **Session Notes**

Items approved at the January meeting:

- Elaine Kaye will represent Highland at the Spring meeting of Presbytery
- Elder training will be Feb. 26 and 27 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm at the church
- Denomination celebration Feb. 4 with soup and chili pot luck following morning worship
- Collect special Historical Foundation offering on Feb. 4
- Join with the Margaret Hank CPC for Ash Wednesday service

## **January Numbers**

Stewardship Report as of January 28, 2018

Receipts	\$ 21,740.96
Disbursements	\$ 23,827.00

## **Attendance Record**

Morning Worship

January 7 – 104

January 14 – 50 Snow Day

January 21 – 81

January 28 – 98

**PCM food need** Spaghetti Sauce (NO PASTA)

## **February Calendar**

February 4 – chili and soup pot luck

February 5 – CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

February 14 – Ash Wednesday service at

Margaret Hank, 6:30 pm

February 15 – Highlanders travel to Lambert's,  
leave church at 10:30 a.m.

February 16 – Gaither Suites singing, 6:00 pm

February 18 – Session meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Roddy Johnson, devotion

February 22 – Cumberland Pioneers to El Torito

Mexican Grill, 11:30 a.m.

February 26 and 27 – Elder Training at church

6:00 – 8:30 each evening

**February Elders** Lori Kauffman, Roddy Johnson

**February Ushers** Jeff Parker, Sharon Slankard,

Randy and Laura DeHart

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**New Member Sunday School Class** beginning the first Sunday of February. Bro. Bud will teach this class to anyone wanting to know more about the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Please see Bro. Bud for location and time.

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**Lent** Ash Wednesday begins the 40 day period prior to Easter known as Lent. We are invited to attend Ash Wednesday services at Margaret Hank CPC, Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

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**Gaither Suites Singing** Highland is going to Gaither Suites Assisted Living on Friday, February 16, 6PM, and we need singers. If you don't want to sing, please come listen and visit with the residents.

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**PCM Volunteers** Paducah Cooperative Ministry is in need of people will to help in their Food Pantry. The time commitment would be once a week from either 8:30 a.m. to noon, or 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Duties include: stocking shelves, receiving donations, assembling grocery bags, interacting with clients, maintenance and organization. Light lifting is required. To schedule an orientation to the program or for questions, contact Volunteer Coordinator Karen Burton (270) 442-6795.

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**Thank you** Rev. John and LaDonna Rogers would like to thank everyone for the Christmas Cards they received

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#### **Welcome New Members**

Doris Lynn

Michael and Brenda Haynes

#### **February Birthdays**

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church was formed February 4, 1810. Please join us for a Birthday Celebration Sunday, Feb. 4 following morning worship. The CPWM will have a big Birthday Cake, you are asked to bring soups and chilis.

3 – Ann Rushing

10 – Kurt Hasty

20 – Brenda Cunningham

21 – Max Dodd

Skyler Winsett

22 – Jennifer Roberts

24 – Abraham Dumes

25 – Libby Dodd

Bro. Bud

26 – Gretta Ridings

29 – John DeHart

Ella DeHart

## *February Anniversaries*

23 - Mark and Linda Cunningham

