Whoever you are...
Wherever you are on your faith journey...
Whatever you want to ask...
You are welcomed and accepted.
Highlands Upcoming Events and Programs

This list does not include rooms booked for outside rentals (Guides, AA, Alanon etc).
Highlands Event Calendar can be viewed on our web site at: www.highlandsunited.org

Sunday, October 23
9:30 am Coffee/Tea in the Welcoming Space
10:00 am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15 am Newcomers Orientation, meet Colleen Blair in the Narthex
11:30 am Climate and Environment Action Group Meeting, Room 202

Monday, October 24
9:00 am Highlands Quilting Team, Choir Room
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Choir Room
7:00 pm Guitar for Fun, Fireside Room
7:30 pm Badminton, Gym
7:30 pm Healing Hands, Chapel & Choir Room

Tuesday, October 25
9:30 am ESL/ELL Conversation Class, Room 201
9:30 am ESL/ELL Beginners Conversation Class, Rm 202
9:30 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Dru Yoga for Adults, Welcome Space or 201
7:00 pm Living the Questions, Faith Room
7:00 pm Flea Market Team Meeting, Choir Room

Wednesday, October 26
7:30 am Men’s Breakfast, Eighties Restaurant

Thursday, October 27
9:30 am ESL/ELL Conversation Class, Room 201
9:30 am ESL/ELL Beginners Conversation Class, Room 202
11:00 am Seniors Discussion Group, Faith Room
12:30 pm ESL/ELL Speakers Group, Room 201
5:30 pm Thursday Dinner, Gym
6:00 pm Genesis Too Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:15pm Asking the Big Questions, Faith Room
6:30 pm God’s Free Spirits Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
8:00 pm Spirit Singers Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Friday, October 28

Saturday, October 29
12:30 pm Set-up for the Upside Down Lunch, Gym
1:00 pm Saturday Lunch at North Shore Neighbourhood House

Sunday October 31, 2016
9:30 am Coffee/Tea in the Welcoming Space
10:00 am Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15 am Newcomers Orientation, meet Colleen Blair in the Narthex
11:15 am Upside Down Stewardship Celebration Lunch, Gym
Our annual **Stewardship Connection** is underway and pouches are being passed from household to household. As Highlands embarks on a new phase in our life, with a new minister and new ministries, you are invited to explore future plans and consider your support for the church's work in the coming year.

Please take time to read the “Abundant Joy—Overflowing Generosity” stewardship brochure on-line at [www.highlandsunited.org](http://www.highlandsunited.org). Printed copies are also available in the Welcoming Space or in the Church Office.

The amazing **Upside Down Lunch** is coming up on Sunday October 30th celebrating **Stewardship at Highlands in its many forms**. Everyone is invited and you can even “eat dessert first.”

Sign-up at the Action Table today to let us know you’ll be there and how you can help out by bringing dessert, setting up, decorating or cleaning up. You can also **use the easy on-line signup at** [www.highlandsunited.org](http://www.highlandsunited.org)
WE ❤️ VOLUNTEERS

On Monday morning you might see Chris Robertson in the choir room quilting. On Tuesday you will find her in the lower hall sorting for the flea market. On Thursday night she will be singing in the Spirit Singers, and on Sunday morning it might be Chris who greets you when you arrive for church. In November you will see her helping with Ceilidh, and in the week before Advent One, Chris will be busy coordinating the setup of the beautiful Nativity Display.

In her 'spare' time, Chris loves to weave (she has several looms at home and has shared her knowledge with the children at our day camps) along with knitting and sewing, gardening and puzzles. She loves to spend time with her grandchildren, and each year returns to the old family home in NW Scotland to visit her sisters and her 102 year old father.

When asked why she does what she does at Highlands, Chris says, “I have been coming to Highlands since about 1978 and have seen many changes in that time, the biggest change being the gradual loss of the founding members of this congregation. They had vision, courage and a passion for Highlands and were amazing volunteers. When I retired I knew that I needed to keep busy so it was only natural to look to the church to find places where I could contribute and continue that sense of involved volunteering. Highlands is a place of great comfort to me and has been there for me through some tough times, so I am well satisfied to give back to this great community and to do what I can to spread the message of this church in the community.”

Chris gives generously of herself and her time to support the work and ministry of this church. Chris – we are grateful for all you do!

Volunteer Help Wanted! 1 - 2 detail detail-oriented people for 2 -3 weeks in November

The Job: To assist in the registration and recording of nativity scenes for the annual nativity exhibit. Requires about 3 – 5 hours a day for approximately 10 days over 2 – 3 weeks from Nov. 14 – 27. Most work will be carried out at Highlands.

Duties: photographing scenes, counting pieces, entering data (using FileMaker database program – instruction provided), printing and organizing display cards.

Contact Chris at chris.robertson@fuel.ca
Seniors Connection
First & Third Wednesdays
10:30am-1:00pm—Next Event November 2nd

The Nature Trust of British Columbia is a leading land conservation organization based in BC that acquires ecologically significant land for wildlife and plants.

Properties include the Squamish River estuary, Boundary Bay which is part of the Pacific Flyway for migratory birds, and the Adams River with its famous sockeye salmon run. Congregation member Robin Rivers, works with the Nature’s Trust and will share insights into the exciting work.

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3255 Edgemont Blvd, North Van, BC V7R 2P1
604-980-6071 www.highlandsunited.org

Please RSVP by Sunday 12noon to colleen.blair@highlandsunited.org or call 604 980 6071 ext. 27

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Seniors Connection
Circle Craft Fair Bus Trip
Wednesday, Nov 9th

Circle Craft Fair Seniors Bus trip on Wednesday, Nov. 9th
There are seats left on the excursion to the Circle Craft Fair at the Vancouver convention center. The bus will depart from Highlands at 10 am and return by 1 pm. Cost for the bus is $10.

Entrance fee to the market is $12 for seniors, $10 if purchased online. There will also be a sign up sheet on the Action Table following worship.
To register, contact Colleen Blair at: colleen.blair@highlandsunited.org or call 604 980 6071 ext 27.

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Just a couple of seats left!
Our response to Hurricane Matthew in Haiti

Haiti’s disaster has dropped out of the news already, but we all know it continues. We need to respond: through prayer, and through support of relief efforts.

The United Church of Canada has launched an emergency appeal to provide humanitarian relief to Haiti, Cuba, and nearby Caribbean countries devastated by the impact of Hurricane Matthew. In rapid response the church has sent $20,000 to our partners from the Emergency Response Fund and is appealing for donations and is encouraging prayers throughout the church.

Your donations made through the United Church will be directed to the global ACT Alliance of church-based relief organizations, and to specific local partners. These long-standing local partners have well-established and trusted distribution networks on the ground, including in remote communities. These partners work diligently to ensure the donations they administer reach the most vulnerable communities in the greatest need as quickly as possible. Following the 2010 earthquake the United Church provided more than $4 million dollars in assistance to Haiti.

Members of ACT Alliance are already in place in Haiti, assisting those affected by the hurricane. The United Church’s direct partners in Haiti are The Methodist Church of Haiti and The Karl Lévêque Cultural Institute (ICKL). In Cuba, the Cuban Council of Churches leads the ACT Alliance response. Financial assistance from the appeal may also be provided to other Caribbean countries affected by Hurricane Matthew.

As part of the United Church’s Emergency Response Fund, 100% of your donation goes directly to emergency relief with 85% of your donation responding to this designated emergency and 15% responding to future emergencies that do not receive such intense media coverage.

How to Donate:

Through Highlands: Write a cheque to Highlands; be sure to write Haiti in the memo line. You can also call the office with your credit card information. Any donations made to Highlands will be included in your yearly tax receipt. Donations for Haiti relief will be forwarded to the national office in due course.

Through the United Church of Canada: Online, via their secure donation page. Phone: 416-231-5931 or call toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard.
Asking the Big Questions for Adults

Thursday evenings 6:15 to 7:15 pm
October 20 to November 24, 2016

Life is full of big questions:
Is God real?
Where do we come from?
How do we reconcile the Bible with scientific?
What happens after we die?
What is the most important thing?

Sometimes the questions get personal:
What am I called to do and be?
How can I make a difference in the world?

If you would like more information, please contact:
Will Sparks (will.sparks@highlandsunited.org)
or Sandi Parker (sandi.parker@highlandsunited.org)

To Register for the series:
• Sign up at the Action Table
• or on-line at www.highlandsunited.org
• or call the Church Office (604-980-6071)

We may not have all the answers but come puzzle through the questions.
New questions welcome.

If you are interested in Confirmation, Baptism, church membership
or if you are just plain curious, this discussion group is for you.

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Highlands Book Circle

We next meet at 7:00pm on Tuesday, Oct. 25th. We will be discussing Nora Webster by Colm Toibin, an Irish writer who wrote the prize-winning novel, Brooklyn, which was recently made into a successful movie. Nora is a widow in her forties in Wexford, Ireland with four children and a shortage of money. Multiple copies of the book are available through the North Vancouver District Public Library as it was one of the choices for their Book Clubs last year.

All are welcome to this drop-in small group which is an excellent opportunity to get to know some other members of the congregation. If you would like more information please call Phyllis at (604) 988-6806.

Climate and Environment Action Group meeting:

after worship on Sunday Oct. 23, in Room 202;
bring finger food for a potluck lunch.

New members welcome.
Topic: Our goals for the year.
For more information, Jon Carrodus 604-987-2595.
Yoga Chapel
4-WEEK CANDLELIGHT
YIN + RESTORATIVE SERIES

NOV. 5–26, 2016
Saturdays
4pm-5pm

The Sanctuary of
Highlands United Church
3255 Edgemont Blvd.,
North Vancouver

Early Birds: $32
Registration after Oct 21: is $40

Register Online
www.highlandsunited.org
or through the Church Office

Rev. Bethel Lee is the founder of Yoga Chapel and Mini Chapel Podcast. Bethel is an ordained minister with the United Church of Canada. She received her Yoga Teacher Training through Open Source and Semperviva Yoga College and earned her Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School. Visit www.yogachapel.com

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The Spirit of Movement and Meditation
Sock Appeal for First United

Highlands Local Connections Committee is again asking for your support in helping us reach our target of providing 1000 pairs of men’s and women’s socks by mid-November for the program at First United Church in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. Each year we have exceeded our target.

You can help by contributing men’s or women’s socks – any colour, or by donating money towards the purchase of packages of sport socks. Contribution cheques should be made out to HIGHLANDS UNITED CHURCH and note SOCK APPEAL in the memo line. Your donation will be included for tax purposes with your annual statement. A member of the Local Connections Committee will be at the Action Table for the next three Sundays to receive and record your contribution. Thanks for considering this appeal.

Women’s Breakfast
at Daisy’s Restaurant
Daisy Restaurant 1089 Roosevelt
(below Marine Dr, between Lloyd and McKay)

The atmosphere is light, bright and cozy and there’s endless coffee…
The companionship of other women – priceless!

All are Welcome! For more information speak to Cheryl Irwin. RSVP—Cheryl Irwin at: irwincheryl@hotmail.com

Upcoming Dates:
September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15
Community Events

Come to Christ Church Cathedral on All Saints Day (November 1, 2016 at 7pm) for an experience of Story, Stillness and Song with bestselling author William Paul Young (the Shack).

What do we do when the old maps no longer seem to work?

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RYERSON United Church FALL THRIFT SALE
October 28th, 6-9 pm and October 29th, 10-1pm

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Naramata Centre’s Annual Volunteer Fall Service Week:
October 21-30. Come for a weekend, a week, or a combination! Check out the website for details.

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Sun Nov 13, 4 pm: Celtic Vespers – at St. Andrew’s United Church—lively Celtic music interspersed with readings, reflection, and prayer. Everyone is welcome! Info: 604-985-0408 or email office@st-andrews-united.ca or see www.st-andrews-united.ca

Sun Nov 20, 4 pm: Taizé Contemplative Service at St. Andrew’s United Church

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Our Future, Nature’s Future and Synthetic Biology
A message from the Vancouver Monthly Meeting (Quakers):
"We would like to invite you to a forum entitled “Our Future, Nature’s Future and Synthetic Biology”. We hope you can join us for one of two introductory sessions, during which Dr. Fred Bass will explore the potential impacts of synthetic biology on human life and the natural world."

This event will be held twice:
1. Oct. 30 1pm Quaker Meeting House, 1090 W.70th Ave, Vancouver
   (see https://www.facebook.com/events/1828070100759604/ )
2. Nov. 16 6:15 pm Vancouver Public Library at Oakridge Centre, Vancouver
   (see https://www.facebook.com/events/1142430379179088/ )
A Highlands and Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra Joint Fundraising Event!

An Evening of Scottish Music and Dance
Joint Fundraiser for Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra & Highland United Church

Saturday, November 12, 2016, 7:30 PM
Highland United Church
3255 Edgemont Blvd., North Vancouver

Featuring:
Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra
R.S.C.D.S. Vancouver Demonstration Team
Rosie Carver Fiddler Michael Viens Guitarist
Kim Reid Piper
Shot of Scotch Premier Vancouver Highland Dancers
Ceilidh Dance Directed by Alison Moen

Table Seating, Raffle, Light Refreshments, Beer and Wine Available

For more info, please visit:
Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra
www.vancouverfiddleorchestra.ca
RSCDS Vancouver
www.rscdsvancouver.org

Doors Open at 7:00 PM | Tickets $15 available at
Church: 604-980-6071, churchoffice@highlandsunited.org | VFO Members | At The Door

Tickets available through Carol Smith and Highlands Church Office or from Chris Robertson