

Highland Presbyterian Church

'SHARING HOPE FROM THE HEART OF THE HIGHLANDS'

NOVEMBER, 2017



There is something about this season of the year -- as days grow shorter and cooler, as colors change and leaves fall -- that invites nostalgia. As we prepare for Thanksgiving and then Christmas, we remember times past and other celebrations. Perhaps we remember those who are no longer with us. We are grateful for our memories and aware of loss, all at the same time.

On November 5, our worship will include our annual celebration of All Saint's Sunday -- a day when we remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us, those who have loved and nurtured us, those who taught us the faith. This year, it is also Stewardship Dedication Sunday. As we dedicate the pledges that we are making for the 2018 program year at Highland, we are looking forward, because pledges are about the future.

How much mission do we want to accomplish in 2018? What projects can we strengthen and what new efforts will we imagine? It all depends on us and our giving. How many children, youth and adults will have their faith shaped and deepened by classes and fellowship programs? How robust will our music ministry be? It all depends on the gifts the church receives from us, its members and friends.

When we make our financial commitments to the work of the church, we look backwards and forwards at the same time. We look back in gratitude for all that God has done in our lives. We look forward to what we want to accomplish in the years ahead. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. We step up to the challenge of being a faithful community of God's people for the future.

Thank you to all of you who have already made generous gifts. And if you have not done so, please plan to bring your pledge card to worship on November 5, when we will dedicate all of our commitments to the future.

Cynthia M. Campbell, Pastor

Reformed-Catholic Dialogue Commemorates the Reformation with Prayer Service

On October 16, members of the national dialogue between representatives of four Reformed churches (the Christian Reformed Church, the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Reformed Church in America and the United Church of Christ) and representatives of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops held an ecumenical prayer service commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Pictured are Bishop Tod Brown and Cynthia Campbell, co-chairs of the dialogue, and Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington D.C., who served as host for the service.

Photo at right.

