



# The Connector

Holland's United Methodist Church

May 2019

## **RICH'S RITINGS**

The tendency in the church is to feel that once Easter is past there is nothing to do or celebrate until the Advent/Christmas season; hence one of the reasons the Sunday after Easter is known as "**low Sunday**" (due to attendance and the general feeling that the air has been let out of the balloon). ***BUT NOTHING IS FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH! EVERY SUNDAY IS A LITTLE EASTER!*** (Wait till you see what I have planned for the sermon on April 28<sup>th</sup> – the Sunday *after* Easter!) In fact every Sunday the church should continue to stay alive and on fire. Just look at the month of May! May kicks off with our youth leading the service and music with the PRZ band (May 5<sup>th</sup>). If you have never heard PRZ you are in for a powerful experience that you do not want to miss!! May 12<sup>th</sup> is "Mother's Day"; do I need to say anything else about that Sunday? I don't think so. May 19<sup>th</sup> is Compassion Sunday. May 26<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day Weekend) is the Sunday we remember, honor, and celebrate those in our armed forces who have given their all, and for Jesus who made the GREAT-EST SACRIFICE of all! Next we are into the month of June where we celebrate our graduates, Father's Day, share communion, have Vacation Bible School, and celebrate our Children on June 30<sup>th</sup>! So, do you still feel as though the church is not really on fire spiritually until the Advent/Christmas season? I sure hope not, because that "rumor" is just not true! Holland's is sharing and celebrating our faith each and every day and rejoicing every Sunday with a little bit of Easter! Don't wait until Advent/Christmas to experience the power and joy! See you in church! Amen? **Amen!!!!**

Agape,

*Rev. Rich*



*Higher Ground* mid-week worship resumes on May 2. This worship experience features a relaxed atmosphere including music led by our Higher Ground Band. Once again, the messages for this service will be led and shared among our pastors and other members from our church family.

Higher Ground takes place each Thursday (May-October) in the Youth Room at 7:00 p.m.

All are invited and encouraged to invite others to join us!

*Young at Heart*

The Young At Hearts had a great April meeting, and look forward to meeting again on **Thursday, May 16** at the new "Big Ed's" Restaurant located off of Timber Dr and Highway 50 (in the shopping center). Let's fill their 36-seat party room to capacity!!

God Bless!

*Judy Best, Paulette Hackney, Jan Koot*

## H.O.P.E. MINISTRY

Thank you to the Nannie Lee Fogleman Sunday School Class and all volunteers who came out to help at H.O.P.E. on April 20! We are accepting clothing and monetary donations. Please place clothing in the bin located in the hallway outside the church office. If writing a check, please make payable to Holland's UMC and note "H.O.P.E. Ministries" on the memo line. For more information, please contact Lee or Cindi Whitaker, [lwhitaker@nc.rr.com](mailto:lwhitaker@nc.rr.com) or [cwhitaker7@nc.rr.com](mailto:cwhitaker7@nc.rr.com). Thank you!

## ASP 2019 SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS

Holland's UMC is preparing and fundraising for a team of approximately (28) volunteers to serve the week of June 16 to June 22 in Wise Co. VA and another team of approximately (21) volunteers to serve the week of July 14 to July 20 in Rutherford Co. NC. Look for upcoming events for ways you can help support our teams, both spiritually and financially. Additional upcoming events will be announced in the Sunday bulletins. We currently have **SEVERAL** openings for each trip for both adult and youth volunteers. If interested, please contact Bill Band, [bband@mckimcreed.com](mailto:bband@mckimcreed.com) or Laura Hoffman, [laurahoffman723@gmail.com](mailto:laurahoffman723@gmail.com)

## FOOD BANK

Reminder: Holland's UMC regularly scheduled monthly work dates are the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month**. We meet at the Food Bank warehouse, where we work from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There is no monthly commitment, no heavy lifting, just come and work when you can. We have a lot of fun working with others as the hands and body of Christ. If interested in joining us, please contact Bill Band at [bband@mckimcreed.com](mailto:bband@mckimcreed.com)

## SAMARITAN'S PANTRY

Proceeds of this church-wide ministry are donated to Garner Area Ministry. By donating the "item of the month" you are able to help provide food to our LOCAL families in need. The Samaritan's Pantry is located in the hallway near the church office. For more information, please contact Sandra Irving, 203.240.3628. May items of the month: *Pasta and Sauce*.

## WALK TO EMMAUS

Many in our church have asked who at Holland's has been on the Walk to Emmaus, which is sponsored by the Upper Room of the United Methodist Church. If you have questions about the Walk to Emmaus, feel free to ask any of these people about their experiences on the weekend. A listing of those who have been on the "Walk" are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



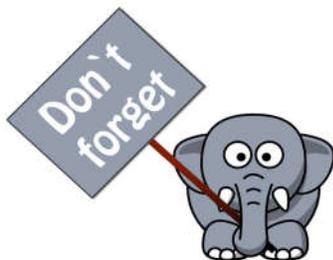
The next Emmaus Walk will be **September 19-22** for **men**, and **October 10-13** for **women**. Walks are held at Camp Agape near Fuquay. If you need additional information, please contact Rod Poole: 919-721-9161 or email at [chilkootrod@yahoo.com](mailto:chilkootrod@yahoo.com).

# Announcements



We are pleased to announce that Katie Crocker will begin service to Holland's in the Administrative Assistant role effective this week. Cindy Davidson will help transition Katie into the position prior to her retirement. Katie will be working Monday - Thursday from 8:30 - 5 and Friday mornings.

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*Just a reminder:* Children's choir that meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30 will not meet again until the fall. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!



## **PRZ Interest Meeting**

Any rising 6th through 12th grade youth interested in singing or playing an instrument is invited to a PRZ Interest meeting on Sunday, May 19 at 3:30 in the big sanctuary.



## **Facilities Management Update**

Michael Franks' last day as facilities manager was Thursday, May 1. Michael notified us several weeks ago of his request to step down. We are very appreciative of his service to Holland's UMC and wish him well. SPRC is actively recruiting to fill the position. Until a facilities manager is retained, please send any requests for facilities to [Katie@hollandsumc.org](mailto:Katie@hollandsumc.org). She will ensure it is passed on to the trustees for their action. SPRC would also like to thank the trustees for agreeing to handle these matters until we fill the vacancy.



Graduate Recognition Sunday will be June 9, 2019. Graduates from High School, Community College, Undergraduate, and Graduate school, will be recognized at each of the 3 worship services. A sign up sheet is set up in the narthex. Please sign up in May so we know who will be here to be recognized.

# **JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT HOLLAND'S**

## **DIRECTOR OF MUSIC - CONTEMPORARY**

We are searching for an energetic and talented musician to lead the music for and to grow our Contemporary Worship service. The Lead Pastor has ultimate responsibility for all aspects of ministry at Holland's United Methodist Church (HUMC). The Director of Music - Contemporary will provide leadership in directing the music ministry of the Connexion (contemporary worship service), rehearsal and performances of By Grace (praise & worship team), securing music for worship, and coordinating the PRZ (youth praise band). Through this ministry the community of Holland's United Methodist Church is invited to express in a non-traditional worship experience, a "Connexion" to and with God, so that HUMC will be a place of intimacy, joy, love and worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, fulfilling our purpose statement: *Holland's UMC is a caring community that invites and equips people to follow Jesus*. Interested applicants should submit the application along with a cover letter to [vhardee1@gmail.com](mailto:vhardee1@gmail.com) or mailed to Vicki Hardee, Holland's United Methodist Church, 9433 Ten Ten Road, Raleigh, NC 27603. A resume may also be included in addition to the application. Review of applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed until a suitable candidate has been retained. More information is available on the url <https://www.hollandsumc.org/index.php/employment/director-of-music-contemporary>

## **MEDIA MANAGER**

Holland's UMC is seeking an energetic and talented part time manager to lead and coordinate the media/AV needs for worship services. The Media Manager, will coordinate and implement the media and sound for worship. Interested applicants should submit the application along with a cover letter to [vhardee1@gmail.com](mailto:vhardee1@gmail.com) or mailed to Vicki Hardee, Holland's United Methodist Church, 9433 Ten Ten Road, Raleigh, NC 27603. A resume may also be included in addition to the application. Review of applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed until a suitable candidate has been retained. More information is available on the url <https://www.hollandsumc.org/index.php/employment/media-manager>

## **FACILITY MANAGER**

Applications for the Facility Manager of Holland's United Methodist Church are being accepted. The Facility Manager's responsibility is to maintain a comfortable environment for all ministry activities at Holland's. Interested applicants should submit the application along with a cover letter to [vhardee1@gmail.com](mailto:vhardee1@gmail.com) or mailed to Vicki Hardee, Holland's United Methodist Church, 9433 Ten Ten Road, Raleigh, NC 27603. A resume may also be included in addition to the application. Review of applications will begin Monday, April 1, however, applications will continue to be accepted and reviewed until a suitable candidate has been retained. More information is available on the url <https://www.hollandsumc.org/index.php/employment/facility-manager>

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that invites and equips  
people to follow Jesus.*



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or [www.hollandsumc.org](http://www.hollandsumc.org)

**Weekly Worship Schedule:**  
**Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am Traditional Services**  
**Sunday: 9:45 am Connexion (Praise) Service**  
**(9:45 am Sunday School for all Ages)**  
**Thursday: 7:00 pm Higher Ground Service**



**Ministry Support Team**

- Richard C. Vaughan**, *Lead Pastor*, [revrich@hollandsumc.org](mailto:revrich@hollandsumc.org)  
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**Kathy Feola**, *Nursery Coordinator*, [kathy@hollandsumc.org](mailto:kathy@hollandsumc.org)



- May 2:** Higher Ground Worship starts back!  
**May 5:** Youth Sunday  
**May 12:** Mother's Day  
**May 20:** Last day of Men's Bible Study  
**May 21:** Church Council Meeting

| Sunday       | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
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| 5            | 6      | 7       | 8         | 9        | 10     | 11       |
| 12           | 13     | 14      | 15        | 16       | 17     | 18       |
| Mother's Day |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| 19           | 20     | 21      | 22        | 23       | 24     | 25       |
| 26           | 27     | 28      | 29        | 30       | 31     |          |
| Memorial Day |        |         |           |          |        |          |