

Highland Park Herald

January 2026

Come make a friend for life at Highland Park UMC
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“Mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.” Jude 1:2

I chose mercy because I ask for mercy instead of judgment. We all need mercy if we are honest with ourselves. Mercy when we are out of sorts. Mercy when we are ill. Mercy when we find it hard to forgive but keep trying to forgive.



One of the beatitudes is Matthew 5:7: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” I’m asking the Lord to show me how to show mercy in abundance. Along with mercy in the Scripture I have chosen for this newsletter is peace and love. Peace that passes all understanding and the love of Christ that is unconditional.

When we live this one verse of Scripture, God will strengthen us in our trials. Let’s do this together as a church family as we journey through 2026.

Blessings,
Pastor Stephanie

Praises and Prayer Request

Praises

Elaine Boyle-Cancer Free
Jonathan Miskell-Diagnosis & new medicine
Ed Stuart-No Watchman procedure
Tim Ward has a potential living donor for kidney transplant
Darrel's family made it home safely

Prayer Request

Jackie Turner-Fell, surgery and in rehab at Encompass
Carmen Broxson's sister passed away
Richard & Pam Colarusso - Richard has surgery at UAB on January 6th
Ella Ferguson has the flu- Reidar & Gayle Opgaard's granddaughter
Family of Sarah Fletcher
Danny Crouch-Liver cancer
Ellis Ivy
Bobbie Reeves
Debbie's mom has Basal Cell Carcinoma
Zanatta Hagan-recovering from Pneumonia

Darrel Couch Leigh Manning Smith Family

Our Church Family
Marsha Graham*
Zanatta Hagan*
Anne Kelley*
Deborah Lawrence*
Cecelia Maddox*
Gloria Mims
Nadine Newsome*
Linda Pulliam*
Jan Spencer*
Jackie Turner*

Shut-ins

James & Carmon Broxson*
Annette Farmer*

Nursing Home/Assisted Living

Mark Ann Stanford*
Mary Jean Jackson

Extended Church Family

Joey Alford*
Martin Andre*
John & Shirley Andress*
Hannah Andrews*

Jerrel Baxter

Wade Boyle*
Sue Brandt
Nathan Bryan
Mary Emma Calhoun*
Mike Carroll*
Kenny Carter*
Charles Cox*
Bubba Crawford
Danny Crouch
Donna Crozier*
Doris Daughtry
David Deal*
Eddie Deshazo
Robert Dowling*
Mary Downing*
Robert Dudnick*
Greg Enfinger*
Alice Jewel England*
Jessie Farnsworth
Brian Faulk*
Emory & Frances Foster*
Sharon Fuller*
Sandy Gassaway*
Chris Givens*
Finley Grace*
Megan Harrell*
Craig Hildebrand
Pat Hildebrand*

James Lee*
Les & Mary Mack*
Kristie Marshall*
Joy McAllister*
Vicky Meadows
Danielle Melvin*
Pam Miller*
Brenda Mills*
Duane Mims
Laura Minick*
Kathy Moore*
Mike Pearson*
Billie Register*
Jonathan Rice*
Lisa Sanders*
Karen Sims*
Frank Slaughter*
Madden Smith
Jeremy Spencer*
Jennifer Thompson*
Ilene Tracy
Zadie Grace Ward*
Stacy Watson
David Watson*
Paxton Wheeler
Mark Welch*
Beverly Zorich*
John Zorich*
*Ongoing prayer requests

Thank you for partnering with Operation Christmas Child and for donating online to discover the destination of your shoebox gift. The gift-filled shoeboxes you packed will share God's love in a tangible way and can impact not only the child who receives it, but also their family, friends and community. Our shoeboxes were shipped to Guatemala and Chile. Most importantly, please remember to pray for the children who received your gift.

Thank you all so much for the wonderful meal for us after mother's funeral. It was delicious! Mother loved you all dearly and missed going to church. We are forever grateful for your love and support.
Love, Betty Watson Family

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00 -Men's b/fast at Golden Corral
4	5	6	7 <i>11:30 Bible Study/Lunch</i>	8 <i>James & Carmen Broxson</i>	9 <i>Pam Colarusso</i>	10
11	12	13	14 <i>11:30 Bible Study/Lunch</i>	15	16 <i>Lucy Austin</i>	17
18	19 <i>Leigh Manning</i>	20	21	22 <i>Steve Malone</i>	23 <i>Soup Kitchen</i>	24
25 <i>Anne Kelley Randy & Valerie Bynum</i>	26 <i>Willie & Gwen Wiggins</i>	27 <i>Annette Farmer Wade Miller</i>	28	29	30	31 <i>Sharon Smith</i>