

THE LOOK FORWARD..

Pastor's Corner

by Roger Schmidt

Dear Church Members,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the great turn-out for the meet-and-greet held for Pastor Steve and his wife, Heather. They were both overwhelmed by your show of kindness. They recognize how difficult it can be to make a transition away from a beloved pastor and invest in someone new.

With that in mind, I thought it would be helpful to reprint a portion of an article I read recently. The author gives some good advice on how we can each be proactive in making the transition a positive experience. Thank you for taking the time to look over his suggestions. —Pastor Roger

A New Beginning: Saying Hello

By Joe Iuvino

Whether you dread losing a beloved pastor or welcome a change in leadership, it feels like *everything* in your church is about to change. While that is not completely true, your congregation will be going through a significant time of pastoral transition.

After participating in the ending phase [saying goodbye to the previous pastor] and neutral zone [time spent awaiting your new pastor], you are now ready to welcome your new pastoral leader.

Go to church that first worship service. Invest in the continued success of your congregation by supporting your new pastor from the very start.

Give a good gift. Welcome your pastor not only to your congregation but also to your town. A gift card to your favorite business, restaurant, or local home improvement store will be welcome, and helps the pastor and family get to know your community.

Give space. Pastors and their families have a lot to do when they first arrive—unpacking boxes, getting the kids signed up for school, finding a new doctor, and so much more. This might not be the best time to drop by the office or parsonage unannounced.

Take initiative. Attend a meet-and-greet, join the pastor's Bible study, or invite her/him to coffee [or appropriate equivalent]. Make the effort to get to know the pastor, because he or she is not going to have time to invest in every single parishioner—particularly in a large church—in the way that they would like to. So, take the initiative to go be with the pastor... That's really, really critical.

Resist quick judgments. Stressed, tired, nervous, uncertain, worried—your new pastor is feeling all of this and more. Look beyond first impressions because sometimes that first impression can be difficult. Extending grace is absolutely critical, and saying we're going to give this time and we're going to really invest in getting to know this pastor and so learn how we can be in ministry together.

Expect the best. Things are changing. This is a new season in ministry. Ask yourself as a congregation member, "What gifts do I have that I can invest in the success of this new season of ministry?"

That is always the goal. We strive for the success of our ministry together as pastor and congregation, so that, as our ritual for welcoming new members concludes, "in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 CS Thrift Store 1:00-4:00 p.m. Pathfinders 5:00 p.m. Home School Graduation 6:30 p.m.	6 HES Scrip Orders Due	7 CS Thrift Store 9:30-12:00 noon	8 Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.	9 HES Pre-k/K Celebration	10 Sunset 7:41 p.m.	11 Worship: Roger Schmidt \$ Disaster & Famine Relief 4:00 p.m Adventurer & Pathfinder Investiture 7:20 p.m. HA Spring Music Concert
12 Mother's Day	13	14 CS Thrift Store 9:30-12:00 Moms in Progress 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee 6:00 p.m. Church Board 7:00 p.m.	15 Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.	16 HES Graduation 7:00 p.m.	17 HES Last Day of School HA Consecration – 7:30 p.m. Sunset 7:47 p.m.	18 Worship: Baccalaureate \$ Church Budget 7:00 p.m. Tribute Vespers
19 HA Commencement 10:00 a.m.	20 HES Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.	21	22 Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.	23	24 CAMP Sunset 7:53 p.m.	25 Worship: Campmeeting – David Smith \$ KY-TN Advance MEETING
26 Pathfinder Fair	27	28	29 CAMP	30 MEETING	31 Sunset 7:58 p.m.	June 1 Worship: Campmeeting – Ron Halverson, Jr. \$ Church Budget



Highland Elementary School Welcomes Mr. Serrano



The Highland Elementary School board and the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference has hired Mr. Jaime Serrano as our third and fourth grade teacher for next school year.

Mr. Serrano brings over 17 years of classroom experience. He is currently teaching grades 3-4 at Ridgetop Adventist Elementary and has taught third grade at MNPS Glenciff Elementary in Nashville. Mr. Serrano has spent most of his career, 12 years, teaching at Omaha Memorial Adventist School.

Mr. Serrano earned a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from Union College. He holds a Nebraska Teacher certificate, a Seventh-day Adventist teaching certificate, and State of Tennessee certificate. Mr. Serrano brings many strengths to the classroom such as being bilingual in English/Spanish, Pathways Language Arts instruction, and a proactive approach to classroom management.

Mr. Serrano has “keenly been aware of the importance of students to accept Christ at a young age”. Mr. Serrano takes very seriously the trust parents place upon him as their child’s teacher.

Mr. Serrano is no stranger to Highland Elementary. His children have attended our school and his wife Janet was our grades 1-2 afternoon teacher for several years. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Serrano to the Highland Elementary School family.

You are invited to 8th Grade Graduation May 16 @7pm Highland Seventh-day Adventist Church

What's Happening at Highland...



Matthew 7:8

"For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

Info on the Church web site

Be sure to check the church website for the updated church calendar as occasionally things change. Archived sermons are also available to listen to by clicking the [Livestream](#) link.

Highland Elementary School

Invites you to

8th Grade Graduation

Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m.

In the church.

Highland Academy Graduation Schedule

**Consecration: Friday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.
(Church)**

**Baccalaureate: Sabbath, May 18, 10:45 a.m.
(Church)**

Tribute Vespers: 7:00 p.m. (Church)

**Commencement: Sunday, May 19, 10:00
a.m. (Raphan Ley Auditorium)**

ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adventist Community Services is over 100 years old.

The organization serves during good times and disasters. Our goal at Highland is to be open more days a week and to find a building of our own. You have been so generous with us with your used items and financial support. May God bless you!

We are a very small group of workers and would welcome anyone to join us. Adding at least 15 more to our team would be a real blessing! We encourage you to come visit and browse the store or consider joining us. We will be closed May 12 for Mother's Day and from May 19-June 18 for camp meeting and to make changes to our store. When we reopen clothing will be sold by the piece and food will be prebagged according to the number of family members. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.



Happy Birthday

1. Karina Garcia, Kristy Jones
2. Doris Culbreath, Emily Hacker, Marsha Westerbeck, Ethan Wright
3. Anthony Groft, Nyamal Tuor
4. Ginger Spady
5. Kristie Dickinson, Bill Dubois, Eric Huddleston, Jennifer Pedigo, Annie Wade, Myrna Wilks
6. Jonathan McMurtry, Pati Parker
7. Malachi Lopez, Renee Scott
8. Peggy Hallman
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10. Andrew Case, Robert Crite, Joshua Steffanson
11. David Jewett
12. Nancy Goodwin
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14. Tracy Anglin, Ryan Irwin, Daniel Joyner, Corey Litchfield
15. Neil Covrig, Latonia Schmidt
16. Lois Meador
17. Twig Drusky, Bryce Flatt
18. Greg Cooke, Martha Fast
19. David Johnson
20. Chris Hulin, Lisa McPherson
21. Robert Hillebert
22. Danial DeLeon, Brian Jones, Kina Scott
23. Bonnie Haviland, Brandon Rogers
24. Kaleigh Bengel, Reed Ewing, Van Johnson, Dianne Ruckle
25. Elaine Cantrell
26. Candy Brown, Sheila Sutton
27. Aniya Stanley
28. Joshua Carney, Ruben Comstock, Gayla Garrett, Kelsey Hill
29. Stephanie Bieda, Jonathan Herron, Ethan Thornton, Charles Wade, Ronnie Wade
30. Bailey Labrenz, Doris Marsh, Thomas Pedigo, Lincoln Shoemaker, Lisa Visitacion
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