Highland Avenue United Methodist Church

A Member of the River Churches Cooperative Parish

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SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

November 8, 2026

This Week at Highland Avenue UMC

Today	**9:30 am**	Service of worship
Tuesday	**12:30 pm**	Caring Team meeting
	2:00 pm	Singing with Sandy at Dresden House (Alzheimer's Care Center) Gardiner

Sharing in Today's Ministry:

Greeters: **Sandra Robinson, June Black** and **Johnathan Turcotte**
Guest Worship Leader: **Pat McKee**
Lay Reader: **Jaye Trimm**

November Mission Project: During the month of November, we will be collecting food items for Chrysalis Place for their Help-a-Household campaign. You can bring items to the church and place them on the altar rail. There is a list of suggested food items included with the bulletin. Thanks for your generosity.



Advent Poinsettias: There is a form in the hallway for you to list names of loved ones for whom you may want to dedicate your plant; there will be an insert on the first Sunday of Advent, November 29.

Soup-to Go: The finance committee will be offering soups/ chowders/stews for sale on November 15 following worship. Kitty Cogley will be taking orders. Be sure to order early!

2026 HAUMC Staff & Leadership Team

Pastors
Rev. Angela Rotherham
Pastor Mauren Juliao

Lay Leaders
Pat McKee
Patsy Tessier

Music Minister
Ralph Cheney

Church Administrator
Vicki Record

Financial Secretary
Kitty Cogley

Financial Treasurer
Pat McKee

Benevolence Treasurer
Judy Meserve

Administrative Council
Phil Garwood

Board of Trustees
Rusty Greenleaf

Parish SPRC
Pam Mitchel

Stewardship and Finance
Jaye Trimm

Worship Committee
Connie Greenleaf

Caring Team
Sandy Batten

Parish Coordinating Team
Vicki Record
Sharon Wogaman

Parish Council Reps
Pat McKee
Kitty Cogley

Custodian
Coley's Cleaning

Parish Happenings:

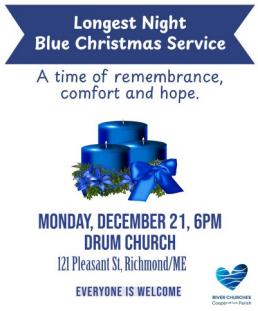
Come As You Are Café: Green Street UMC, 2pm; Please join us!

DRUM Free Breakfast, Saturday, November 7, 8am: All are welcome!

Bible Study Opportunitys: **Thursdays at 6 pm at East Pittston UMC**; each chapter in the Book of Matthew will be studied and **Tuesdays at 1pm at DRUM Church**; the Psalms will be studied. All are welcome.

Advent Bible Study: Pastor Mauren will lead an Advent Bible Study beginning December 1 at Highland Avenue. It will be in person at 10 am. She would love to have someone open the church at 9:30am and host a chat time before the study begins. It will also be offered at 6pm on zoom. More details to follow.

Parish Christmas Fair: November 21, 8:30 - 2pm at Cox Memorial UMC. Judy Meserve and Kay Gregory are organizing our tables; They are looking for crafts to sell, baked goods, etc. and workers to help with set-up, clean-up and manning the tables during the fair. Please speak to them if you can help.



Blue Christmas: December 21, 6pm; Dresden/Richmond UMC: Blue Christmas services are held on the winter solstice, the longest night of the year, when it feels like we are left to fumble alone in the dark, wondering if anyone else feels this way. We gather to remind each other that none of us is alone. We make space for silence. We hear words of comfort and promise from holy Scripture. We listen to meditative music as we breathe in the Holy Spirit. We light candles to bring our loved ones into the light and to remind ourselves that Christ is the light of the world. The hurt is real. The night is long. And still we gather to remember that nothing can extinguish God's light of everlasting love.



November Worship Schedule

November 1	Pastor Angela *(communion)*
November 8	Pat McKee
November 15	Pastor Ruth Merriam
November 22	Pastor Angela
November 29	Ralph Cheney (Music Sunday)