

**Highland  
United Methodist  
Church**

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# INSIGHTS

February 2005

**It is our mission to  
"Make Disciples of  
Jesus Christ"**

SUNDAY WORSHIP  
8:30 AM  
10:00 & 11:30 AM

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Monday - Friday  
9:00 AM - 12 noon

## Leadership Enrichment

Leading others is an important role that shouldn't be taken lightly. Scripture tells us that those who lead are responsible for those they lead. If you are a leader of a small group, ministry, or committee, please join us monthly for tips on how to be a better leader.

This month's leadership training will be presented by special guest, **Rick Bradford of Saddleback Church**, in Lake Forest, California. The subject of small groups will be our main focus for the morning. Feel free to bring a friend. Light refreshments served, donations accepted.

**Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am to 12noon.**  
Please RSVP to us at the Information Station,  
[www.humc.us](http://www.humc.us), or 248-887-1311.

## TALENT SHOW 2005



Mark your calendars; it's time for our Annual Talent Show! Join us as a spectator or a participant...

**February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

Performers should sign up at the Sign up Table. Steve Dorer and David Schwaninger, will be scheduling the evening's activities. They reserve the right to determine featured acts.

## Martin Luther King Clothing Drive -

The Dunham Lake Mission Team (a small group established during the *40 Days of Purpose Campaign*) wishes to thank all of those who donated clothing last week at their clothing drive. Three van-loads of clothing were delivered to the Community Resource Share Program.

## '01 BLITZ

Unfortunately, the '01 Blitz that was scheduled for Saturday, January 22 had to be canceled due to bad weather. Plans to reschedule are being made and will be announced soon. Please watch for details.

## I.T. Team



If you have knowledge about computer systems and networking and you'd like to be part of an exciting team here at HUMC, please contact [info@humc.us](mailto:info@humc.us).

## Spring Baptism Celebration



Sunday, March 13 (10:00am) marks the first of three opportunities for Christian baptism in 2005. This is a new way to handle baptism in our church and it will provide a new level of excitement and community celebration for our congregation.

Baptisms will take place on March 13, July 24, and October 16 this year. The July date will include the availability of baptism by immersion.

If you are interested in baptism and have attended church for at least six weeks, you can call (248) 887-1311 to schedule a counseling appointment with our Pastor.

## Leadership Enrichment Retreat at *Zehnder's of Frankenmuth*

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM through  
Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM

Leaders and potential leaders are invited to participate in this retreat. Arrangements have been made with Zehnder's of Frankenmuth for meals and reduced rate lodging. Those attending will be responsible **ONLY** for overnight lodging. This overnight retreat will give persons in leadership the opportunity to worship, fellowship, and receive training on "Leadership From the Heart" - servant leadership, drawing near to God, preparing God's people to serve, and caring for the people we lead.

Registration for the Retreat will take place February 6<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Lodging information will be available following sign up commitment.

For more information, contact:  
Sue Cole – [scole@humc.us](mailto:scole@humc.us) or  
Jodie Talaki – [jtalaki@humc.us](mailto:jtalaki@humc.us)

## GOOD SENSE MINISTRY

What do our relationships have to do with our financial goals? Everything.

If our relationship with Christ matters, then all of our goals must be viewed through a filter of our relationship with him. Are they in accordance with his teachings? Will their accomplishment bring him glory?

If our relationships with our spouse and children matter then every goal must be viewed through a filter of our relationship with them as well.

Will the pursuit and accomplishment of the goals we've selected enhance our most important relationships or hinder them? It's a good question to ask this time of year when goal setting is on so many of our minds.

*(excerpt from February 2005 GS Spotlight section)*

## SIMULCAST SCHEDULE



Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 7:00PM -8:30PM  
**How Not to Be Your Child's ATM**

In today's possession-crazed world, how do you teach your children God's principles for handling money? Join financial expert and author Nathan Dungan as he shows parents how to talk to their children about money, how to help them understand the difference between wants and needs, how to maintain healthy financial boundaries and how to help children think about and manage money from God's perspective.

**Nathan Dungan** – author, *Prodigal Son & Material Girls*

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Thursday, February 10 ~ 11:30AM –2:00PM  
**Becoming a Church that Transforms Children Into  
Spiritual Champions**

Recent research indicates that the critical years for developing world view happens before a child is 14 years old and once set, that world view does not radically change. If that's true, then there is no more important people group for the church to invest in than children! Join George Barna and ministry experts as they teach you how to build an effective ministry to children and families that can actually transform children into spiritual champions!

**George Barna**— Founder and Directing Leader of The Barna Group; author of numerous books including *Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions* and *The Power of Vision*.

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Thursday, February 17 ~ 11:30AM – 2:00PM  
**Overcoming Overload**

Pastors are more overloaded than ever — information overload, expectation overload, meeting overload, sermon overload, and more! With Pastors leaving the field at an alarming rate, Dr. Richard Swenson and Kevin Miller are ready to provide hope and help for overloaded Pastors. Discover how to make the load manageable with practical tools and insights from these experts.

**Dr. Richard Swenson** – best-selling author of *Margin and The Overload Syndrome*

**Kevin Miller** – Author of *Surviving Information Overload*

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Saturday, February 26 ~ 11:30AM – 5:30PM  
**Good \$ense Budget Course**

Help the people in your church discover tools and develop skills that enable them to control their finances rather than allowing their finances to control them. Invite your whole congregation to take their first steps toward financial freedom!

**(Note: Workbook required)**

**Dick Towner** – Willow Creek Association's Executive Director for the Willow Creek Association's Good \$ense Stewardship Movement

## DAY 41 – SMALL GROUPS

*“It’s simply an organizing principle, program, and process to help the people in your church live healthy, balanced, Purpose Driven Lives.*

*It’s not just about connecting people into community for the sake of community, but changing community through community in order to convert our culture for the sake of Christ.”*

Brett Eastman, CEO and founder of Lifetogether, Inc.

“**SMALL GROUPS**” were a wonderful experience during the 40 Days of Purpose. Now we want to share with the rest of our congregation and our community at large. Several groups are continuing on with new curriculum, and new groups are forming. Now is a great time to **GET CONNECTED!**

Join together with friends and neighbors to share ... FELLOWSHIP.  
Spend precious time at each gathering offering God our... WORSHIP.  
Look into God’s Word the Bible, as we are mentored in... DISCIPLESHIP.

Learn new and various ways to serve one another in... MINISTRY.  
Reach out as a group to our community and our world in... MISSION.

Groups meet: Weekday evenings at 6:30 or 7:00pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 am  
Saturday afternoon at 1:00pm

Curriculum studies are: James  
1 Thessalonians  
What On Earth Are We Here For?  
Doing Life Together

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Grief, divorce and separation are painful

### ***Grief Share*** and ***Divorce Care***

support groups meet

every Monday in the east wing of  
the church

7:00-9:00 pm



- **FREE** ongoing weekly sessions
- **FREE** childcare provided
- **CONFIDENTIAL**
- Co-ed group and facilitators who share similar experiences
- Christ-based video seminar / discussion group format featuring experts in their fields

## “MY TIME”

### Special Needs Ministry

Every **2nd and 4th Wednesday, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm**, the [Special Needs Ministry](#) gathers together in fellowship with others for worship, crafts, music and snacks. RSVP to Kym Juntti at 248-889-7699 or [kjuntti@humc.us](mailto:kjuntti@humc.us)

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### Youth Ministry and Childrens Ministry UPDATES

Please check the [www.humc.us](http://www.humc.us) youth page, your snail mail newsletter, OR the youth bulletin board for dates and times of all of your gatherings and events.

The Children's Ministry Board is a great place to check on upcoming events. You can also stay posted at our web page on HUMC's website. Partnering With Parents is important to us, so please check the Kid's Super Church weekly topics list that is mailed to you with our newsletter.

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### U.M. MEN

The men's breakfast will be at the church at **8:00 am on Saturday, February 5th**. All men are welcome -- bring a friend.

**FYI** : The 9th National Gathering of United Methodist Men will be at Purdue University July 15-17, 2005. This event can be life changing (I attended the last gathering in 2001, so I speak from experience).

Visit [www.gcumm.org/](http://www.gcumm.org/) for more information and registration details. I am hoping to take a bus load if we have enough that register; otherwise, we can take vans and/or cars.

For more information, please contact Vern Rife: [vrife@humc.us](mailto:vrife@humc.us) or 810-632-6846.



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## Pastor James Kummer

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Our Mission at *Highland United Methodist Church* is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

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**WWW.HUMC.US**

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"No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who do what is right." Psalm 84:11

### Up Coming Message Topics

- February 6<sup>th</sup> –  
Guest Speaker: *Rick Bradford of Saddleback Church in California*
- February 13<sup>th</sup> –  
*The Problem of Procrastination*
- February 20<sup>th</sup> –  
*How Fear Can Strengthen Your Faith*
- February 27<sup>th</sup> –  
*The Real Meaning of Happiness*
- March 6<sup>th</sup> –  
*What the Bible is All About*
- March 13<sup>th</sup> –  
*Living a Life of Faith*
- March 20<sup>th</sup> –  
*The Life of Peace*
- March 27<sup>th</sup> –  
*Easter...*

### History of the Centrum Banner

In this fabric work, the artist challenges us to think about the Trinity. The basic pattern is the diamond shape which is combined to form three larger diamonds, signifying the three components of the Trinity.

The green diamond reminds us of God as Father and Creator. This area is quilted with circles, symbolic of God's never ending love for us.

Purple is traditionally a royal color and is used in the quilt to represent Jesus, the Son. The fish, another symbol for Jesus, is used to quilt this portion of the banner.

The red flame-like area represents the Holy Spirit. This portion of the banner is quilted with flame shapes.

The banner was designed and constructed by Aleta Smith.

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**Alter prayer** is available during the closing music of each service. Feel free to come forward during that time. Prayer Ushers will be wearing badges.





Dear Church Family,

The staff parish committee invites you to join us in expressing our appreciation to Pastor James and his family. Hopefully, the Kummer family knows we love them and that we feel blessed by their ministry. We want to purposefully express our sincere appreciation, thanks, and love publicly. Since we are a family, we have decided to incorporate our expression of thanks with the family night 'Talent Show'. A large basket will be available at the information booth, during the morning of February 27<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to put cards or other tokens of appreciation in the basket. We will encourage the Kummers to use any monetary gifts received to take a much earned 'weekend getaway'. The basket will be presented to James and Pam at the opening of the talent show.

If you will be out of town on February 27, 2005, please send cards to the church...

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Attn: staff parish-pastor appreciation

In His service,  
The Staff Parish Committee