Youth Led Worship - This Sunday

This Sunday, March 14th, Highland will be led in worship by members of our Youth Community. The last normal gathering of the youth occurred one year ago this week for Youth Led Worship. That day, Highland participated in worship in multiple services with the full diversity of the youth community in the liturgy and preaching from the pulpit, the choir loft, welcoming worshippers with bulletins, and serving Communion. This year is quite different, and yet the youth community perseveres. We are excited to share our gifts with our church in preaching, liturgy, and music, in the way we have become accustomed during the pandemic.
We invite you to worship with us at 10am this Sunday morning, live on Facebook and YouTube. Youth leading will include Ben Pacyga, Delaney and Holland Baker, Ainsley Braun, Hannah Cooksey, Nicole, Meredith, and Griffen Farnsley, Livia and Jude Mayfield, Blake, Tate, and Cooper Sinclair, with artwork created by Rachel Pacyga and Elizabeth Hawkins.

Remember to set your clocks FORWARD one hour before you go to bed this Saturday night so you will be on time for online worship this Sunday as we move into Daylight Savings Time.

Marking the 1-Year Marker of Covid-19 at Highland

This Wednesday will mark one year since Highland made the decision to cancel church activities in light of Governor Beshear’s request concerning the spread of Covid-19. It’s hard to believe all that has transpired since then! On Wednesday at 12:00 PM, our staff will lead a short time of prayer and remembering together online as we look back over the past year. We will name our griefs and loss over the past year while also marking the ways in which we have seen and experienced resilience in the midst of it all. We will livestream this short time of reflection on Facebook and YouTube. We hope you will take a moment to join us.
Meetings with Mary Alice

If you weren’t able to meet with Mary Alice last fall, she is beginning to meet with people from the congregation again at various times and locations around town. Note that outdoor meetings will be dependent on weather. You can sign up for a time to meet here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/1oc0d4ca9ac23a0f934-meet4. Mary Alice will continue updating this schedule over the next few months until everyone has an opportunity to meet with her. She is looking forward to time together with you!

Work Day Volunteers

Many thanks to the folks who collected over 50 bags of leaves on the church grounds last Saturday: Bruce Carroll, Robin Ramsay, Buddy Lee, Lewis Miller, Marilyn Whisler, Mark Go-lightly Sanders, Bill Campbell, Christy Chestnut, Kathy Belcher, Bob Belcher, and Chet Watson. An extra thanks to Steve Helm for coordinating the effort and making it all come together.
Office Manager Job Posting

We continue to accept applications for the position of Office Manager until March 15. We're looking for someone who will build a strong and faithful relationship with our church family, and we hope that you can help us spread the word since you know us best!

A copy of the job description can be found here. Please have anyone interested email their resume to walter@hbc louisville.org

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Amos Valentine

We mourn the passing of Amos Valentine on February 18 at the age of 64. Amos and Laurie and their son, Andrew, were long-time Highland members and now reside in Florida. You can view the arrangements for the celebration of Amos’ life here. Highland has made a monetary donation towards the gift of trees that Amos’ family and friends are planting in his memory. If you would like to send Laurie a card, please contact someone on staff for her mailing address. Amos now joins the cloud of witnesses which surrounds us as we run this race of faith. We hold Laurie and Andrew in our prayers as they mourn this significant loss.

All Things Missions
School Supply Collection Drive for KRM

The immigration team invites you to join them in collecting school supplies for Kentucky Refugee Ministries’ children returning to school next week. Please bring your donations of #2 pencils, erasers, crayons, markers, 3 ring binders to the bin currently in the Educational Building entryway.

Stop by any day this week during working hours (9am-5pm) to drop off your donation. We will gift them to KRM on Saturday, so don’t delay! And THANK YOU in advance!

Water Step Donation

Highland recently donated $2,500 to Water Step alongside several other Louisville churches to refurbish seven water wells in Kenya. They will receive new concrete and solar pumps. This $15,000 project will serve 20,000 people.
Remembering Together:
Interfaith Pandemic Memorial Service

Sunday, March 14, 2021
3:00 – 4:00pm, via Zoom

This second weekend of March we mark the anniversary of nation-wide lockdown.

Our hearts are heavy with the losses of 2020 and 2021 – our elders, respected teachers and sports icons, family and friends lost to Covid-19. And our hearts are weighted with the continuing losses due to racial and economic injustice, homicide, hunger, homelessness, mental illness, and unemployment that are exacerbated by the pandemic.

We gather to fan the flames of hope into a bonfire of transformative love. We gather to lend interfaith voices to this grave memorial while encouraging each other. We gather to remember all are lost, to honor our Essential Workers and First Responders, and to light a candle in our own homes. Please join us by Zoom.

Register for this free event at DrepungGomangUSA.org or call 502-614-5616 to get the link.

DREPUNG GOMANG
Center for Engaging Compassion
20 Years • Keeping Louisville Compassionate

Hosted by DGCEC, gathering faith community leaders and all who care.

Beloved Community Reckoning Forum
Beloved Community
Reckoning Forum

Tuesday, March 9th
6:00 TO 8:00 PM

REGISTER HERE:
bit.ly/reckoning1

Reckoning Forums highlight Louisvillians doing the work of building a racial justice city. During the first part of the Forum, we will hear their stories and passions for change.

During the second part, we will enter smaller breakout groups to hear more about their work and discern practical ways to provide support.

Come ready to listen, be inspired and take action!

Dr. Stephen Kniffley
Richard Whitlock Jr.
Aubrey Williams
Savvy Shabazz

BELOVED COMMUNITY
Becoming a Racial Justice City

BELOVED COMMUNITY HOSTING TEAM
Louisville Homicides
Please join us in prayer and action as we remember those who have been killed this past week in our city. We grieve with those who mourn, while we also maintain a hope that one day, all things will be made new.

- Stefon Monroe, age 33, killed on February 5
- Angela Blain, age 45, killed February 22
- Darnell Mallory, age 40, killed February 23
- Bryan Fundora, age 18, killed February 25
- Diontaye Petty, age 27, killed February 26

My Turn: Mary Burks
How are you measuring this year? Hear how Mary Burks is measuring the year at work as Director of Clinical Pastoral Education at Norton Healthcare. Here is a piece she wrote for work that reflects on this past year.

How Do You Measure a Year?

How do you measure this past year?

It was a year ago since... fill in the blanks... oh so many things to fill into the blanks. Since Covid 19, over 500,000 died, kids in school, going out to eat, a movie or concert, since we saw friends and family freely, vacation, since church. So much loss, some so close and all tragic.

It was a year ago since...Breona Taylor was killed, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, David McAtee plus others, protests, grand juries, injustices, lack of safety, no justice no peace, Black Lives Matter.

It was a year ago since at Norton Healthcare...there were just regular infections to look out for, there were visitors all over the hospital, washing hands didn’t feel like life and death, you just walked into the hospital, since we’ve seen each others faces, since we actually went to meetings or met someone for lunch in the cafeteria.

It was a year ago since.... the presidential campaign was underway, the election was contested, the capitol was stormed, a president impeached.

The question “How do you measure a year?” was in the musical Rent back in 1996 in the
midst of the AIDS crisis. The lyrics to Seasons of Love lift me up and I encourage you to listen to it.

Five hundred twenty five thousand six hundred minutes
Five hundred twenty five thousand moments so dear
Five hundred twenty five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure? Measure a year?
In daylights,
In sunsets,
In midnights,
In cups of coffee,
In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife
In five hundred twenty five thousand six hundred minutes
How do you measure a year in a life?
How about love?
Measure in love...
Seasons of love...

How do you measure this year? The song suggests measuring it in love. Psalms 90:12 says, “Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” Ephesians 5:15-17 asks us to “be very careful, then, how you live - not as the unwise but as the wise, making the most of every opportunity, because these are desperate times.” So what’s this past year look like through the lenses of love?

It’s been a year since….healthcare heroes stepped up in extraordinary and unselfish ways, our leaders, doctors, nurses, respiratory, radiology, food service, social work, unit secretaries, chaplains, and environmental services who kept us cleaner than ever. It’s been a year since Russ kept us informed every step of the way, employees with covid kept getting paid, the covid hotline answered all our questions, free cafeteria food for months. We stayed safe and kept the faith.

It’s been a year since…we woke up in a new way to the injustices of our Black brothers and sisters and began to see what they saw all along, since NHC formed the five imperatives to address systemic racial disparities, since people of all colors marched together as never before.

It’s been a year since…infections went down because we are so much more safety conscious now, since no meetings have to be called off due to bad weather- just hop on zoom, since we realized we didn’t even need so many meetings to start with and some could work from home.
It's been a year since...a record numbers of people voted - even in a pandemic, that we all agreed violence wouldn't be tolerated and democracy was precious.

How do we measure this year?

In zoom time
In NTI
In covid numbers
In vaccine shots
In moments of love
and always cups of coffee.

In resilience, in heroes
Moments we reached out to help
Moments we reached up to God
Moments we reached deep down and found our strength.

Measured in love...starting another year? With God's help, and in it together, we've got this.

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**Call for Volunteers: Habitat for Humanity**

Even with COVID-19 restrictions still in place the 29th Baptist sponsored home is under construction! A downscaled "raise the roof" event is being planned for **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 11, 12, and 13**. Many safeguards and protocols are in place that have worked successfully for Habitat in 2020. These safeguards include much smaller work groups, commercially prepared lunches, and social separation.

Each of the sponsoring churches have been asked to provide only three volunteers for these dates. Highland has committed to provide three volunteers for Saturday, March 13. We will most likely work outside by putting siding on the house. **NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OR EXPERTISE IS NEEDED! ALL TOOLS AND INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED!** The work site is 4114 Wheeler Road 40215, work will begin 8:30am, and you will be headed home by 3:30pm.

We need two volunteers for Saturday the 13th and may need volunteers on Thursday the 11th and Friday the 12th. Please contact Jim McBee at 502-705-8801 or email **jgmcbee@outlook.com** to volunteer or for additional information.

[Click here to read a biography of the homeowner.](#) Please read it, it will touch your heart.