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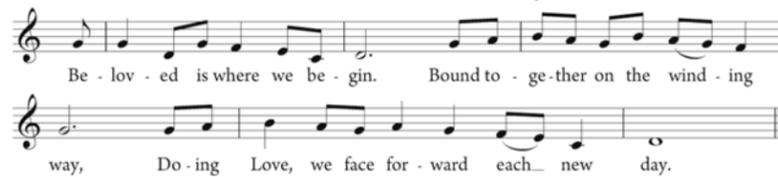
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2018 Lenten Refrain: *Beloved is Where We Begin*



Seasonal refrains have become a unique feature of worship at Highland. These refrains are intended to serve as short reminders of a larger theme in the life of the Church while also being specific to our faith community. The combination of music and text aids the mind in retention and allows the refrain to serve as a mantra of sorts that can be easily recalled after our formal worship has ended on Sunday mornings. Musically, the text is always the inspiration. In our current Lenten refrain, the falling notes of "Beloved" are intended to follow the natural stress of the word. Going to a higher note on the final syllable would give unnatural stress to the that syllable. Similarly, in the second phrase, "bound together on the winding way," the notes of the melody wind up and down instead of following a simple contour. In the final phrase, the winding notes are recycled to give a feeling of continuity while keeping "Love" as the highest point and focus of the phrase. The final phrase also includes a measure with more musical beats than any of the others, 6 instead of 4. This is intended to musically express that while we are "facing forward" with love as our focus, there is some uncertainty as to what the future holds.

~ *Austin Echols*

I'm not sure when Kathy or Austin first asked me to write words for a refrain for Highland, but it has been a joyful and rewarding challenge over the past several years. I love the thought of giving words to my congregation in their personal and communal journeys of faith. Austin's ability to set the words to music is phenomenal and hearing the refrain sung together in worship is such a sacred moment: inspiring, energizing and life-giving. When given the opportunity to write something, I usually set aside some quiet time to reflect and think about the assignment. I look at other writings, Scripture, hymns or poems that could help shape my thoughts. I think about words and ideas that might resonate with our faith community and jot them down. After I get a few solid lines, I ask Robert and others for feedback. In the case of the Lenten refrain, Kathy and the worship ministry group gave some helpful input. I then do some editing and send Austin my top 1 or 2 ideas to see what he thinks. After we make some adjustments, he takes it from there with his excellent and sensitive musical writing skills. And voila! a new refrain is born! For me, it is truly a labor of love.

~ *Cheryl Davis*

In Memoriam



Jamie Blair
1931-2018



Eloise Nutting
1921-2018

Annual Yard Sale April 14

Bring us your good, bad and ugly. The Jean Janes Women's Mission Group will be collecting items for their 40th annual yard sale beginning March 12.



Items can be placed in the storage area at the end of the Fireside Room hallway.

The sale will be held on Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

Please Note: Items in the lost and found cabinet and dishes that have been left in the kitchen will be donated to the yard sale if not picked up by April 11.

Highland Baptist's New Mission Design Invites You to Serve

The Setting

Dear Church, when I joined the Highland staff (nearly two years ago!), part of my responsibilities included analyzing our mission structure. I have learned from our mission and justice leaders that this work—locally, globally, and systemically—truly is the worship that is the very life of this church.

After a year of listening to the mission ministry groups and understanding better how their approach, I began to see the opportunity for new intersections in our work, especially among all of our church's ministry groups.

Additionally, in the aftermath of the presidential election, many of you approached me eager to join the missional work at Highland. Then, we completed our Vision 20/20 project. Together, these events positioned us to ask broader questions about how we approach our missional activity while expanding entry points for those seeking to join the effort.

The Ministry Council supported a task force (Melissa Davis, Ryan Davis, Roy Fuller, Andrew Glibbery, Allison Keenan, Carolyn King, Robert Moore, Margaret Pennington, and Kim Waters) to consider a new way to organize. After three meetings, I presented a proposal to Ministry Council, the three mission ministry groups, the Emma Leachman Global Women Group, the ministry staff, and to the congregation at two Quarterly Church Conferences. I continued to massage the structure and job descriptions based on your insightful and care-filled feedback. The church unanimously voted a new structure into place in January.

The Structure

I introduce to you the Mission and Justice Ministry Group and its 8 Mission Teams. The Mission and Justice Ministry Group operates like the hub of a wheel to offer administrative backing, financial organization, and big-picture visioning to the Mission Teams, which engage hands-on, relational networking, service, and education by offering charitable contributions as well as systemic awareness building in our fight against injustice. *(continued to page 3)*

Weekend Services Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 107
John 3:14-21

Snakes, Symbols, Salvation
Jim England, Proclaimer

Anthem:

God So Loved the World

A Blessing in the Round

Poetry of Jan Richardson



Daylight Savings Change

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

HBC Got Skillz

The Youth Community is so thankful for a congregation that loves and supports its youth as Highland does for HBC Got Skillz. We especially thank Gary Waller, Susan Coleman, the Youth Ministry Group, youth parents, and many youth for all the moving parts it takes to make such a night a success! The space provided under the lights by Highlands Community Ministries was perfect to showcase the many gifts and talents or our church members. Each unique act brought joy to those gathered and collectively they were a wonderful reflection of our church. In total, the generous voting of those attending and ticket sales raised **\$4,145.57** for our continued partnership with *Touching Miami with Love* and further mission efforts in our local community. Without Highland members' generosity with their time, talents, resources, and presence, much of what we feel called to do would simply not be possible. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all!

Candy Donations

Help us fill our Easter eggs and treat bags for the upcoming festival on Sunday, March 25. Donate individually wrapped candy in the bin located outside the Choir Room no later than Wednesday, March 21.



Highland's Word To Our Community



Summer Camp Registration Is Open

Information about Highland's summer camps for children went out via email last week. Be sure to register for VBS Camp by February 28 and for PASSPORT *kids!* by March 7!

Children's Corner

Easter Festival, March 25

WHAT: Crafts, games and egg hunt!
 WHERE: Highland!
 WHEN: Sunday, March 25, 3:00-5:00 p.m., rain or shine
 COST: \$5 per child, \$10 max per family
 WHO: Birth through 5th grade children and their families
 RSVP: By Wednesday, March 21 (Email renee@hbclouisville.org)



Join us for this annual celebration on the front lawn, playground, first and second floor that includes games, crafts, egg hunt, fellowship and fun for all ages. Volunteers are needed to lead activity stations and candy donations are needed as well. Look for a sign in the large bin outside the Choir Room for candy drop-off.

Important Dates to Remember

March 7	PASSPORT <i>kids!</i> Registration Deadline	May 12	Family Service Projects + Dinner, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
March 25	Easter Festival, 3:00-5:00 p.m.	June 26-29	PASSPORT <i>kids!</i>
March 28	2 nd VBS Camp Payment Due	July 20-22	Vacation Bible School Camp



This past Saturday morning, Highland's Middle School Youth gathered for Middle School Missions Madness to join Jesus' call to love and serve our church and local community. The Jean Janes group and women from other circles worked with the Middle School Girls, Paxton Vaughn, and Anna Kate McWhorter, to sew durable bags to deliver goods homeless neighbors in need and to bake cookies for our local fire department. Our Middle School Guys traveled with Perry and Andrew Petti to spend time visiting with Reece and Sandy Little before traveling to also visit with Dick and Jane Allison. As Jesus' disciples participated in the multiplication of loaves and fishes, so our group participated, with joy, in sharing our gifts with one another and our community!

Youth Corner



This Week

This Wednesday

Stronger Together: 6:00-7:15 p.m., Youth Suite

This Sunday

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m., Youth Suite

MS Girls Group: 4:00-5:30 p.m.

HS Girls Group: 7:00-8:30 p.m.



Theology on Tap, March 8

We will continue our three-part series on the Trinity. Carol Harston will guide discussion about the Redeemer in March, and Nina Maples will point the way to the Sustainer in April. ****Note the date change for March only—this is the second Thursday of the month, not the first. Here is the Facebook group link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/130904047593409/>.

Young Adult Corner

Newbie Lunch This Sunday, March 11

The Young Adult Ministry Group welcomes all young adults who are new to Highland to join us for lunch this Sunday, March 11, at 12:15 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. We need an RSVP to Michael DeWhatley to ensure enough Chipotle. (Yes, you read that right! Burritos abound!)

Wednesday Night Adult Programming

Lenten Term: February 28, March 7, March 14

Developing Faith (*Renee Purtlebaugh*): The life of a child is constantly changing and evolving, which means that the parent's life is the same. Renee will explore child development in order to share previews of what is to come on this crazy adventure of raising God's people. What is next—in faith, in life, and beyond?

The Cross & the Lynching Tree (*Dr. Tyler Mayfield*): James Cone will receive the 2018 Grawemeyer Award in April from the University of Louisville and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary for this work, which unites the first-century cross with the twentieth-century lynching tree. Resident LPTS professor Dr. Tyler Mayfield writes of Cone, "By connecting the suffering of Jesus to the suffering of black men and women, he provokes us to ponder death, terror, and ultimately liberation." In this Lenten season, let us approach the cross through a new lens that might convict, challenge, and change us come Easter morning.

Wholeness in Body and Spirit (*Terry Casey*): Health is more than our physical temperature, movement of joints, and hospital assessments. Dr. G. Scott Morris, the founder of the Church Health Center in Memphis, America's largest faith-based clinic for the uninsured, has written *Health Care You Can Live With* which leads the church to be equipped to care for both the physical and spiritual aspects for our life. New to Highland, Terry Casey is a nurse practitioner who has experience in parish nursing programs, will call us towards a grander vision of wholeness.



This Thursday: Libation Theology

Libation Theology provides an informal gathering time to share a meal, nurture communion with the larger faith family, and grow in our understanding of "the worship that is our daily lives." Libation Theology provides the time to have conversations longer than the 5-minute ones we have in the hallway between worship services. Join us this Thursday, March 8, for our monthly Libation Theology at 6:30 p.m. We will gather in the loft area at Molly Malone's in St. Matthews (the corner of Shelbyville Road and Breckinridge Lane). No reservation required. For more information, please contact Carol Harston, Lance Springs or Becki Streif.

MARCH TOPIC: In the wake of the recent news, we are reeling with the revelation of the dangerous situation our young people are living in on a daily basis. How might adults encourage and strengthen young people in our community of faith and beyond? Perry Dixon will join the conversation as we seek how we might join the work of God, creating a community of support for the most challenging days.



**This Week
at Highland**

Monday, March 5

Ministry Council (103) 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6

Emma Leachman Women's Group (103) 4 p.m.
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 G.R.O.W. #1 (103) 6 p.m.
 Richard Rohr Book Study for Men (FS) 7:30-9 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

Fellowship Supper (FH) 5:20-6 p.m.
 Children's Activities 6-7:15 p.m.
 Youth Group (Youth Suite) 6-7:15 p.m.
 Adult Class—Developing Faith (FS) 6:10-7:10 p.m.
 Adult Class—The Cross & the Lynching Tree (FH) 6:10-7:10 p.m.
 Adult Class—Wholeness in Body and Spirit (Commons) 6:10-7:10 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 8

Theology on Tap (Off-Site) 6 p.m.
 Libation Theology (Off-Site) 6:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 7 p.m.

Friday, March 9

Wedding rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5 p.m.
 Friday Church (Sanctuary) 7-7:45 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH) 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 10

MensWork Breakfast (FH) 8:30 a.m.
 Wedding (Sanctuary) 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 11

Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study 11 a.m.
 Young Adult Newbie Lunch (FH) 12:15 p.m.
 Families with Children MG (201) 12:30 p.m.
 Adult Handbells rehearsal (200) 2-3 p.m.

Monday, March 12

Anti-Racism Team (103) 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Finance MG (103) 6 p.m.
 Richard Rohr Book Study for Men (FS) 7:30-9 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Upcoming Events at Highland

March 8 Libation Theology
 March 9-10 Annual Women's Retreat
 March 10 MensWork Breakfast
 March 25 Palm Sunday; Easter Festival
 March 28 Holy Week Service
 March 29 Maundy Thursday Service
 March 30 Tenebrae Service
 April 1 Easter Sunday
 April 4 No Evening Activities/Supper
 April 11 Quarterly Church Conference
 April 12 Libation Theology
 April 14 Annual Jean Janes Yard Sale
 April 21 State of Food

Wednesday Night Menus

March 7 Pulled Pork on Buns
 Hash Brown Casserole
 Baked Beans
 7 Layer Salad
 Slaw
 Dessert

March 14 Chicken Marsala
 Oven Roasted Potatoes
 Southern Style Green Beans
 Italian Garden Salad
 French Bread
 Dessert

Adults: \$7; Children ages 4-12: \$3.50; Max per family: \$21

Reminder: If you have a reservation you are responsible to pay for it. Cancellations must be made *no later than 11:00 a.m. the Tuesday before your reservation.* You may also contact the church office to make your reservations/cancellations.

This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Becky Holloman

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Kristie Abney (C), Vicki Runnion,
 Gene Streible, Tyler Swim (G)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Mary Burks, Michael DeWhatley (C),
 Allison French (G), Susan Pierce

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Holly Harris, Bill Martin (G),
 Kim Shippey (C), Ginny Sims

Cream of the Crop Trip, March 17

Cream of the Crop is a group, retirement age and above, that gathers monthly. Our activities range from pot-lucks to trips to local places of interest.

We hope you will join us on Saturday, March 17, as we travel to General Butler State Park. We will meet in the church's parking lot at 11:00 a.m. RSVP to Billie Johnson by Wednesday, March 14.

Highland Baptist's Mission Design (continued from page 1)

Team Leaders and Ministry Group Members

Mission and Justice Ministry Group—Kim Waters chairs this group and serves alongside Jill Ligon Davis, Barbara Stallard, Roy Fuller, the mission team leaders (see below), and myself serving as staff liaison.

1. **Anti-Racism Team (A.R.T.)**—Nancy Goodhue and Missy Smith co-lead this team committed to keeping racial justice education and awareness at the forefront of our broader church narrative. Further, they are developing a new partnership with Portland Memorial Missionary Baptist Church.
2. **Environmental Action Team (E.A.T.)**—Rachel Nally and Ben Self co-lead this team committed to reducing our church's carbon footprint. They are currently reviewing a building assessment that was completed in 2011 to consider what small steps we can take toward sustainability now, while also exploring the efficacy and possibility of installing solar panels on our church roof in the future.
3. **True Colors Team**—while previously its own ministry group, our LGBTQ ministry will join the missional engagement of our church. The leader is forthcoming as well as some new endeavors. Our annual marching in the June PRIDE parade will continue.
4. **Food Justice Team**—Alana Maddox and Doug Lowry co-lead this team committed to understanding the importance of local, sustainable, healthy, and hospitable food options. This team is creating a partnership with Louisville's new food co-op, hosting an Earth Day event, and overseeing our involvement at the Hunger Walk in October.
5. **CBF/Morocco Team**—Terri Connolly leads this team committed to ensuring that our connections to the Protestant Church in Morocco and CBF missionary, Karen Thomas Smith, are empowering to the native and migrant peoples we seek to uplift and support. Every October we sponsor a congregant to visit for their international business meeting.
6. **Habitat for Humanity and Other Housing Options Team**—Jim McBee and Sam Rose co-lead this team committed to recruiting volunteers for our annual work with Habitat for Humanity in Louisville, CBF Extreme Build in McCreary County, and elsewhere where this work is needed.
7. **Immigration Team**—Kate Dittmeier Holm leads this team committed to growing our relational partnerships with local organizations that offer support to local refugees, including the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice (ICIJ), KY Refugee Ministries, Americana Community Center, La Casita Center, Mijente Louisville, and others.
8. **Global Women Team**—Formerly known as our WMU groups, this team includes Highland's four missionary circles, a) Emma Leachman, b) Jean Janes, c) the Highland Bookends Reading Group and 4) the Prayer Shawl Knitters.

Where Will You Serve?

As you can see, this movement of community and global engagement demands a full host of church volunteers! This structure seeks to be intersectional, intergenerational, and interconnected. You will also see this reflected in the 2018 mission budget, which will be posted in the newsletter next month.

Most of the teams meet monthly, and all of them welcome new members at any time. We will host a mission fair on Sunday, June 3, where you will have an opportunity to connect with team members and leaders, see up-close what their work includes, and have an opportunity to either join the team or sign-up to help with various projects throughout the year. If you are ready to join a team now, let one of the team leaders or me know! Welcome!

Friends, what an overwhelming joy to participate with you as we seek to fulfill our "dream of being an engaging, vibrant church, where transformed people are joining the work of God, creating a world where justice and love are abundant." With deep gratitude and great expectation, ~ *Lauren Jones Mayfield*

Immigration Team

We journey to Frankfurt with Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice this Wednesday, March 7, for Immigrant and Refugee Day at the Capitol. The rally begins in the rotunda at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Kate Dittmeier Holm if you plan to join us!



**Missions
Corner**

Anti-Racism Team Update: Portland Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

Join us in prayer as we have our kick-off celebration of a new ministry venture with Portland Memorial Missionary Baptist Church—an afterschool reading club. Our initial gathering is tomorrow, March 6. As we secure details and the relationship building continues, the team will invite congregants, Bible study classes, ministry groups, etc., to travel to Portland Memorial with us.

HCM 2018 Lenten Lunch Series

Join Highlands Community Ministries (HCM) for the Lenten Lunch Series, a simple lunch of soup and bread, served by HCM member congregations with a short devotion for the Lenten Season, Thursdays, noon-1:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Dynamic Duos". For more information, visit <http://www.hcmlouisville.org>.

Date	Location
March 8	Strathmoor Presbyterian Church, 2201 Hawthorne Ave.
March 15	Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, 1722 Bardstown Rd.
March 22	St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2000 Douglass Blvd.

Weekly Financial Report February 25, 2018 (8 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$19,421.68	\$11,617.30	\$159,342.80	\$162,844.11	\$3,501.31
Other Income	\$1,034.13	\$988.50	\$8,273.04	\$7,471.30	(\$801.74)
Total	\$20,455.81	\$12,605.80	\$167,615.84	\$170,315.41	\$2,699.57



2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week \$195.00 Loan Balance \$71,938.00

Easter Lilies

This Easter, we will once again adorn our Sanctuary with beautiful Easter lilies. If you would like to purchase a lily, fill out the form below and return it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate with \$15 no later than Sunday, March 25.

Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____

in memory / honor / appreciation of: (circle one) _____
