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Holy Week at Highland: *Beloved Is Where We Begin*

Four weekend worship services through the Lenten season—Fridays, 7:00 p.m. and on Sundays, 8:30, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. In addition to weekly worship, special services during Holy Week include:

Palm Sunday: March 25, 8:30, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Lauren Jones Mayfield, Proclaimer—Mark 11:1-11
Sanctuary Choir: *Glory to the King! Sing Hosanna!*, Handel
Handbell Offertory: *Gdo Dark Gethsemane*
With palms waving, Highland's Carol and Chorister Choir will herald: "Sing Hosanna! Shout the news King Jesus comes!" as the march to Jerusalem opens our Holy Week.

Easter Festival: March 25, 3:00-5:00 p.m., all over the church
Join us for this annual celebration (rain or shine!) on the front lawn, playground, Fellowship Hall, and Sanctuary that includes games, crafts, egg hunt, fellowship and fun for all ages, targeted to children birth through 5th grade and their families. Volunteers are needed to lead activity stations, and candy donations are needed as well. RSVP by Wednesday, March 21, to renee@hbclouisville.org to reserve your family's spot! This event is sponsored by the Families with Children Ministry Group.

Maundy Thursday Service: March 28, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
The Maundy Thursday Service follows *Mandatum novum*—a new commandment for a simple, moving service of communion, hymns, scripture, and hand washing, which will prepare us for the gripping Good Friday Service.

Good Friday "Way of the Cross: A Walk for Justice", Friday, March 30, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Sponsored by Highland's Mission and Justice Ministry Group, a 1.5 mile walk beginning at the Mazzoli Federal Building on 7th and Chestnut will stop at 14 locations throughout downtown, reflecting on economic inequality, justice in health, care for the earth, the death penalty, the plight of immigrants/migrant workers, poverty and homelessness, racism, and many more. <https://www.facebook.com/events/573803099645653/>.

Tenebrae Service, Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
The Service of Darkness based on the ancient word *Tenebrae* (shadows) commemorates Christ's suffering and crucifixion through music and scripture. The service culminates in the removal of the Christ candle. Highland's Sanctuary Choir provides the music for the service.

Easter Sunday: March 27, 8:30, 9:30, & 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
Jim England, Proclaimer—John 20:19-23
Sanctuary Choir: *O Risen Lord*, K. Lee Scott
Join us for this time of celebration and joy as the Sanctuary resounds with singing, choirs, and instruments. *The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed!* Hope and joy burst into our world as we see the power of Love over hate, Life over death.

Childcare is provided for birth through pre-kindergarten for all Holy Week activities except for the Good Friday Walk for Justice Event. If you are in need of childcare for your infant, toddler, or preschooler for our Maundy Thursday or Tenebrae service, RSVP to renee@hbclouisville.org by Wednesday, March 21.

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Process of Nominating and Electing Pastor Search Committee Begins

We will soon begin the process of nominating persons to serve on the Pastor Search Committee for Highland Baptist Church. We will have nomination forms available at several places in the building for a couple of weeks, and in the pews on two Sunday mornings. Nominations will begin shortly after Easter. The nomination forms will be different than those you've seen for deacon elections, in that we are asking for information about the skills and qualities of the person being nominated, related to a list of desired qualifications. There will be distinct forms for nominating oneself or nominating another person. Those people who are nominated by someone else will be contacted and asked to complete a self-nomination form, providing additional information. We expect that this will enhance the work of the Ad Hoc Committee in selecting a group of candidates for election, in that we will have more information about people than the Committee members might know. We will consider demographics, representation of various groups within the church, experience, skills, personal qualifications, and length of membership—recent and longer. *(continued to page 3)*



March for Our Lives

"Not one more! We cannot allow one more child to be shot at school. We cannot allow one more teacher to make a choice to jump in front of a firing assault rifle to save the lives of students. We cannot allow one more family to wait for a call or text that never comes," reads the description for Louisville's "March for Our Lives."

On **Saturday, March 24**, Americans will gather in Washington, D.C. and other cities around the country to join this student-led movement. Here in Louisville, Highland Baptist will join Indivisible KY, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, and other allies to march for greater awareness and change to our gun laws. The students proclaim, "We cannot wait for someone else to stop the epidemic of mass shootings." As people of faith, we value life and the intrinsic goodness in each of us as a child of this Divine. This opportunity invites us to embody this truth in a peaceful, collective, and public manner.

The Parents for Progress Bible Study, Anti-Racism Team, Mission and Justice Ministry Group, the Youth and Families Ministry Group, and clergy invite you to put on your Highland Baptist t-shirt as we join our neighbors for this important event. *(continued to page 3)*

**Weekend Services
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 51
John 12:20-33
I Hear Voices
Jim England, Proclaimer
Anthem:
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Blessing the Body
Poetry of Jan Richardson

**Highlights Classes
Offered April 15**

If you are a new or prospective member, you will want to attend the upcoming Highlights class on Sunday, April 15, 3:00-6:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. This class is part of the process for becoming a member of Highland and is offered several times a year. Nina Maples will lead this class which offers an in-depth look at topics such as how our church is structured, how to join, and how to be involved in ministry at Highland. There will be a light dinner served, and childcare is provided with a reservation. For more information or to make a childcare reservation, please contact Nina at nina@hbclouisville.org.

**Annual Jean Janes
Yard Sale April 14**

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

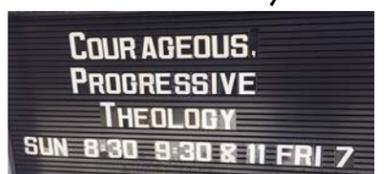
Please Note: Items in the lost and found cabinet and dishes that have been left in the kitchen will be donated to the yard sale if not picked up by April 11.

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**





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)

Children's Corner

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

HCM 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.hcmloouisville.org>.

March 15: Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, 1722 Bardstown Rd.
March 22: St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2000 Douglass Blvd.

Please Note:

Articles for the weekly newsletter should be submitted to Andria no later than Monday mornings.

Summer Trip Sign Ups

Don't forget, deadline to sign up is this Friday, March 16!
 Make a deposit by check or online and email deb@hbclouisville.org, cc perry@hbclouisville.org.
 In the memo/notes, include the name of your youth and the trip.
 For trip details, dates and costs, see the last HBC Youth Weekly at <https://hbclouisville.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/HBC-Youth-Weekly-8-March-2018.pdf>.



This Week

This Wednesday Stronger Together: 6:00-7:15 p.m., Youth Suite	This Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 2:00-3:30 p.m. Guys Group
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El Nopal Continues

Our weekly lunches at El Nopal on Baxter Avenue have been going splendidly! If you have not yet had a chance to eat cheese dip and tacos with us, plan to join us this Sunday.



Coffee Chat with Lauren

Meet with Lauren and the others who join at Fante's Coffee Shop at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21. This is a time for unstructured conversation over good beverages.

Wednesday Night Adult Programming

Lenten Term Ends This Wednesday, 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.



March 21: "Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process"

Highland's sanctuary is filled with saints—the ones in the stained-glass windows who have completed the race *and* the ones in the pews who are still in process. When we assume saints to be perfect people, we miss the truth they have to share. Saints are the ones who wonder if God is up to something and step out in humility and boldness to share their glimpses of the divine. Story-telling by these "Saints-in-Process" makes God visible for the church.

For four Wednesdays this spring, we will gather in the sanctuary for "Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Process" where three individuals will share their faith journey guided by our facilitator, Bob Cunningham. Join us on Wednesday, March 21, to hear from Kristie Abney, Phoebe Delamarter, and Buddy Lee.



Anti-Racism Team Kicks-Off New Reading Club

Last week, several members of Highland partnered with members of Portland Memorial Missionary Baptist to inaugurate our new joint reading club. Every other Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 p.m., we will meet with children at Portland Memorial for dinner and reading one-on-one with them. The team will welcome congregants to join us in this effort in the coming weeks. So, stay tuned for more information. If you think you would like to join us, please email Nancy Goodhue or Missy Smith. (*pictured left: Linda Otto dressed as the Cat in the Hat during our opening celebration.*)



Annual Good Friday Justice Walk, March 30

Join us for this community-wide event on Good Friday at 9:30 a.m. Participants walk to various sites around downtown Louisville to stop at the Stations of the Cross. This unique event gives us the opportunity to learn more about social issues of our day as the various stations are written and led by local community activists. No RSVP necessary, simply show up and walk with us. (*pictured right: Carolyn Downey leads a station of the cross at Louisville's Good Friday Justice Walk.*)



Ministry Council Report

The Ministry Council met on Monday, March 5, at 6:00 p.m. The following items were discussed: A verbal report was given from one of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Task Force members. A written report will be sent to Ministry Council, which will include a recommendation. Once the Ministry Council receives the written report and recommendation, the Ministry Council will share with the congregation. Due to Jim England being the Interim Proclaimer, he has resigned from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Task Force. The Ministry Council approved a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Task Force request to add Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons as the replacement member on the task force. Reports were received from the Ad Hoc Committee, the Deacons, as well as the Finance and Personnel Ministry Groups. An explanation of the restructuring of ministry groups was presented by Lauren Jones Mayfield.

Church Business Corner



This Week at Highland

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.

Wednesday, March 14

Fellowship Supper (FH)5:20-6 p.m.
 Children's Activities6-7:15 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 15

Senior Adult MG (103)..... 11 a.m.
 Environmental Action Team (103)..... 7 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 7 p.m.

Friday, March 16

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

Saturday, March 17

Cream of the Crop Trip (Off-site)..... 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 18

Worship8:30 a.m.
 Worship9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study9:30 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study 11 a.m.
 New Members MG (103)..... 12 p.m.
 Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary) 12:30 p.m.
 Adult Handbells rehearsal (200).....2-3 p.m.
 Morocco Team (103) 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 19

Young Adult MG (FS)..... 5:30 p.m.
 Youth MG (Youth Suite) 6 p.m.
 Food Justice (FH Stage) 7 p.m.
 Deacons (Commons) 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Anti-Racism Reading Club (Off-Site) 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 25 Palm Sunday; Easter Festival
- March 28 Holy Week Service
- March 29 Maundy Thursday Service
- March 30 Good Friday Walk for Justice
Tenebrae Service
- April 1 Easter Sunday
- April 4 No Evening Activities/Supper
- April 8 New Member Luncheon
- April 12 Libation Theology
- April 14 Annual Jean Janes Yard Sale
- April 15 Highlights Class
- April 18 Quarterly Church Conference
- April 21 State of Food
- April 29 Choral Evensong

Wednesday Night Menus

March 14

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

March 21

Meatloaf
 Garlic Mashed Potatoes
 Buttered Peas
 Vegetable Salad
 Strawberry Orange Salad
 Rolls
 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.

Mary Burks, Becky Smith (C)

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Tony Dougherty (C), Vicki Runnion,
 Gene Streible (G), Tyler Swim

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Mary Burks (C), Bruce Carroll (G),
 Allison French, Jim McBee

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

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

Cream of the Crop Trip This Saturday

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 this 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 this Wednesday, March 14.

Church Grounds Work Day, March 31

Join us on Saturday, March 31, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, as we spruce up the grounds around the buildings in preparation for Easter. We will pick up leaves & limbs, spread mulch, and prepare the grounds for Spring. No need to sign up, just show up! Contact Walter McWhorter with any questions: (502) 451-3735 or walter@hbclouisville.org.

Women's Retreat: Bless Her Heart

In the quiet spaces of the Loretto Motherhouse, twenty of Highland's women gathered for the sacred practice of blessing—determining where we stand, discerning the longing of our hearts, and pronouncing God's hope within our lives. The blessings of John O'Donohue and Jan Richardson guided our weekend. Friday night's potluck weaved together assorted dishes into a feast. Ginger Miller nourished our souls with homemade breakfast. The sisters at Loretto surrounded us at lunch with their wisdom and their inner light. O'Donohue names the truth we know. "It would be infinitely lonely to live in a world without blessing." We return from our retreat to join the work of God, embodying a blessing whose compassion, longing, and hope are strong enough for all the days to come.



Process of Nominating and Electing Pastor Search Committee Begins (continued from page 1)

The Ad Hoc Committee will select a list of ten candidates whom we believe have the desired qualifications, will share the job description for the committee members with them, and confirm with them that they are willing to serve if elected. We will publish (in the newsletter and on bulletin boards) brief biographical information about each of them prior to the election. In order to involve as many members as possible in electing the Committee members, voting will occur during all worship services for a designated weekend. The congregation will choose seven of the ten nominated for the committee by written secret ballot.

We will publish the list of desired qualifications and the job description for committee members in the next few weeks, prior to seeking nominations. We realize that serving on this committee will require a big commitment of time and energy over an extended period of time, but we also recognize the enormous importance of this work for the future of Highland Baptist Church. Stay tuned. ~ Vicki Runnion, Ad Hoc Committee Chair and Deacon Chair

March for Our Lives (continued from page 1)

Highland gives thanks for the various parts of social justice work, knowing that not all are called to this form of public witness. And yet, if you have never marched or participated in a public event like this before now, we encourage you to join us. Those who planned the march welcome kids, teachers, and each of us who long for safety in our schools and places of worship.

We will gather at 11:30 a.m. in the Youth Commons to make signs and banners on the morning of the march. Come with some poster board and cash for a lunch order from Jimmy Johns. Markers will be provided. At 1:00 p.m., we will migrate to the starting spot. We welcome others to meet us there—look for the Highland t-shirts or text Perry Dixon or Lauren Jones Mayfield to find us.

The march begins at 574 West Jefferson Street at 1:30 p.m. (b/w 5th and 6th Streets). The route moves through downtown and culminates with a rally at Metro Hall. You can follow the activity on social media.

Twitter: @MFOLLouisville

Insta: @marchforourliveslouisville

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/209070909833857/?ti=ia>

On Sunday, March 4, kindergarten and first graders learned how Jesus demonstrated servanthood to his disciples by washing their feet just before they shared their final meal together. As the children shared bread and fruit together around our table, we talked about how we also could serve others—at home, school, church, and in our community. Just as we were concluding the lesson, two deacons from the Sanctuary came to serve communion to the teachers. This perfectly timed God moment visibly connected the special meal shared by Jesus and the disciples with the communion served in "Big Church". The important message of what those communion elements symbolize hopefully became a little clearer for these precious children! ~ Kathy Belcher



Highland's Kindergarten-1st Grade Bible Study Class.

Weekly Financial Report March 4, 2018 (9 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$20,300.91	\$28,958.73	\$179,643.71	\$191,802.84	\$12,159.13
Other Income	\$1,034.13	\$2,712.41	\$9,307.17	\$10,183.71	\$876.54
Total	\$21,335.04	\$31,671.14	\$188,950.88	\$201,986.55	\$13,035.67



2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week \$789.00 Loan Balance \$70,728.00



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)