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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: *Go to 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 tomorrow, March 21, to renee@hbclouisville.org to reserve your family's spot!

Contemplative Service for Reflection: March 28, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary

As we prepare to walk into the most difficult and meaningful week of our year, we will gather for a contemplative service for forgiveness. Scripture, poetry, and music will invite us to practice confession, proclaim assurance, and prepare the way forward. (continued to page 2)



*Blessed is the One who comes
to us by the way of love
poured out with abandon.*
~ Jan Richardson

This Wednesday for Adults: "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 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 tomorrow, March 21, in Fellowship Hall, to hear from Kristie Abney, Phoebe Delamarter, and Buddy Lee.

Liminal Wonderings ...

In the last year of my mother's life, I was with her in the hospital in Cincinnati. One of her doctors visited and spoke about controlling her pain. She thanked him and said, "I am grateful to be cared for by a Christian doctor." Surprised, the doctor replied, "But Mrs. England, I am a Hindu." I laugh every time I recall this bit of conversation even though she had dementia. In her right mind, my mother would have thought it hilarious.

Her last days were at a hospice unit in Cincinnati. There we heard soft music play by a music therapist who was Chinese. I would read the signs telling who and what organization contributed so that this safe and comfortable hospice could be built. Many were Jewish. Strangers I did not know came in the night to turn her or medicate her. They tried not to disturb her sleeping son. The diversity of people who contributed to or directly cared for her could go on. The compassion of many bore us through.

I read now of people angry about the changing color of America. I read about fear fueled by misunderstanding. I wish they could be wrapped in the grace that surrounded me in Cincinnati. I read about folks fearful of losing their "place" in a changing America. I wish they could experience the people of color and culture and religion who held me together at a time of great loss. Surrounded by such care, I was surprised that I was not afraid.

Faith matters. When we believe in the Jesus who loves all, life is changed. We are guided by a welcoming curiosity, a desire to understand and appreciate others. We are guided by hearts open to love. ~ Jim England

Ministry Council Presents New Documents

The proposed new version of the **Ministry Group Manual** can be viewed on our website at <https://hbclouisville.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Ministry-Group-Manual-2018-January.pdf>. It reflects some organizational and structural changes that have been discussed in Ministry Council and at recent church Quarterly Church Conferences. The goals of these proposed changes are to: 1) bring our Ministry Group Manual in line with actual practice; 2) make Ministry Group and Ministry Council membership, participation, and duties more transparent and democratic; and 3) develop a structure that facilitates lay leaders working together more to support our Mission, Vision, and Values.

The proposed **Policy and Procedure Manual** can be viewed on our website at <https://hbclouisville.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Policy-and-Procedure-Manual-2018-January.pdf>. It was generated with input from various groups. The Bylaws require an adopted Policy and Procedure Manual, but Highland does not have one. The content in this Manual should not be things that *fundamentally* change our identity or way of doing business. It should clarify and codify some of the processes necessary to becoming a healthier organism in prep for strategic planning and transition.

The Ministry Council will assess feedback and will then compile final recommended drafts and share with the church at the scheduled April 18 Quarterly Church Conference.

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."

This 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.

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>



Holy Week at Highland: *Beloved Is Where We Begin* (continued from page 1)

Maundy Thursday Service: March 29, 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 at renee@hbclouisville.org by tomorrow, March 21.

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Stronger Together: Supporting Our Youth

Last Wednesday morning, Lauren and I traveled to a local high school to support one of our youth, Paxton, as she led a walkout in protest of gun violence as part of the national movement taking place. We were not allowed in because, we were told, the students’ safety was most important. As clergy, we responded politely and saved all the funny comments for the car ride back. But, though disappointed we could not physically show up, we also were not worried, because we believe, fully, in Paxton.

Paxton helped plan and lead a walk out for hundreds of students at her high school, but she was not the only one among us who felt led to public action. Ben and Cooper participated at their school, where the walkout was met with massive support from students and faculty. Lula Mae participated at her school, where administration supported students making their voices known. Ryan, though, ran into an Oldham County school system that did not support student protests against gun violence—he and others knew that their participation might bring disciplinary consequences. Tate, Livia, Meredith, Elise, Rachel and many others from our group participated in a supportive environment at their school (where we have lots of youth!), as well.

From 6th through 12th grade, in schools all across Jefferson County and Oldham County, Highland Baptist Youth answered the call to use their voice to make a difference in their schools, in their city, and in their country. They have done so because they have supportive families, supportive friends and mentors, and also because at Highland, they have found that their individual callings and consciences are where God is at work, too.

History will not be kind to administrations and politicians who seek to control or ignore the voices of our youth. If change will come, our country will be led by our youth, in spite of our moral failures as a nation. At Highland, our work is not only to pray for our youth, as the Eastern High School staff advised we do, though we certainly do that. It is to equip and empower each youth to answer God’s call in their own way, to support them as they participate in God’s action, and to walk alongside them, or perhaps behind them, as they work to bring about new life here and now. As adults, we must show up for them whenever we are called and allow for the possibility that they might have answers that we do not.

On Wednesday night, our series *Stronger Together* will focus on Gun Violence (though we are exploring LGBTQ rights, Women’s Equality, Immigration, and Racism in the series) in preparation for that Saturday. **This Saturday, March 24**, all of Highland’s cloud of witnesses are invited to participate in the **March for Our Lives** here in Louisville, the local march that is part of the national day of action organized by the students of Stoneman Douglas High School. As millions march around the country and thousands gather in Washington, DC, we will meet at Highland to make signs and banners at **11:30 a.m.**, before going to participate in the march downtown from **1:30 until 4:30 p.m.**

May we each hear God’s call to love and support our youth in every way possible, especially now as they seek to lead us. ~ Perry

Candy Donations Needed for Annual Easter Festival

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



Please Note:

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

Have you checked out our website lately?

Visit <https://hbclouisville.org> and catch a glimpse into our virtual front door.



Easter Festival This Sunday

WHAT: Crafts, games and egg hunt!
WHERE: Highland!
WHEN: This 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 tomorrow, 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

Mark Your Calendars!

This Wednesday

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

This Saturday

March for Our Lives

11:30 a.m.—Banner Making, Youth Suite (bring money for lunch)

1:30-4:30 p.m.—March and Rally Downtown (from Waterfront to Metro Hall)

This Sunday

Bible Study—9:30 a.m., Youth Suite

3:00-5:00 p.m.—MS and HS Girls Groups help with Easter Festival

Youth Corner

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.

Young Adult Corner

Coffee Chat with Lauren

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



**This Week
at Highland**

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.

Wednesday, March 21

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.
 Easter Festival Preparation (201) 6 p.m.
 Adult Class—Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from
 Saints-In-Progress (FH) 6:10-7:10 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 22

Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 7 p.m.

Friday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 24

Cherokee Triangle Association (FH) 10 a.m.
 March for Our Lives Banner Making (Youth Suite)
 11:30 a.m.
 March for Our Lives (Off-site) 1:30 p.m.
 Wedding (Sanctuary) 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday

Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Mission and Justice MG NTL Touch Base (101)
 10:30 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study 11 a.m.
 Personnel MG (Youth Suite) 12:30 p.m.
 Easter Festival (Entire Building) 3-5 p.m.

Monday, March 26

HBC Bookends (103) 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 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 Contemplative Service for Reflection
 March 29 Maundy Thursday Service
 March 30 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

Highland's Word To Our Community

**FROM THE PEW
TO THE STREET**
SUN 8:30 9:30 & 11 FRI 7

Wednesday Night Menus

March 21	March 28
Meatloaf	BBQ Chicken
Garlic Mashed Potatoes	3-Cheese Pasta Bake
Buttered Peas	Oven Roasted Asparagus
Vegetable Salad	Spinach & Strawberry Salad
Strawberry Orange Salad	Rolls
Rolls	Dessert
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.

Jim McBee, Becky Smith (C)

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Kristie Abney (G), Tony Dougherty (C),
 Nathan Marrs, Bill Martin

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Mary Burks (C), Bruce Carroll,
 Libby Cunningham, Susan Pierce (G)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Kathy Belcher (C), Cheryl Davis,
 John Foster (G), Holly Harris

Church Grounds Work Day March 31

Join us next 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 at 502-451-3735 or walter@hbclouisville.org.

Cream of the Crop Trip April 12

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 Thursday, April 12, as we travel to The Whistle Stop in Glendale, KY, for lunch. We will meet in the church's parking lot at 9:30 a.m. RSVP to Carol Stanton by Monday, April 9.

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.



Highlights Class 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.

Highland Choristers Sing in Choral Festival



The Kentuckiana Choristers Guild Chapter held their annual spring choral festival on Saturday, March 17, at Christ Church United Methodist and five of Highland's choristers participated in the 100 voice children's choir: Hannah, Ainsley, Lydia, Hannah, and Iris. Under the leadership of Jill Campbell from Ashbury University, they rehearsed in the morning and presented a full worship concert at 12:30 p.m. for families and friends. Hats off to these young singers!

Part-Time Custodian Needed

Our part-time custodian has resigned and we are in need of a replacement. Work includes cleaning, room setup, and other related duties. The job requires 15 hours per week on Wednesday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays. If you know of anyone who is interested, contact Walter in the church office during the work week at 502-451-3725 or at walter@hbclouisville.org.

Around Highland...

... The Highland Book Club will meet on Sunday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m., in room 103, to discuss *Who Asked You?* by Terry McMillan. Everyone is invited!

... For the past 24 hours, Highland's staff (pictured right) have paused the daily tasks of ministry in order to gather together in beautiful Kentucky woods, pray for our church, and consider how God is calling us to continue serving our beloved church. We give thanks for Troy Burden and his hospitality. Troy's cabin has been the perfect setting for our time. We give thanks for the great honor of serving Highland Baptist Church.



On Saturday, March 17, the Cream of the Crop group (people of retirement age and above) traveled to General Butler State Park for lunch and fellowship!

A Note of Thanks

I and my children offer our deepest gratitude to the Generations class and to all of my friends at Highland for your expressions of love and support during the long struggle and final passing of Eloise. I shall not forget your kindness, and I look forward to joining with you again in the Sunday worship of our loving and faithful God. ~ *Rice Nutting*

Weekly Financial Report March 11, 2018 (10 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$20,300.91	\$12,837.30	\$199,944.62	\$204,640.14	\$4,695.52
Other Income	\$1,034.13	\$3,004.50	\$10,341.30	\$13,188.21	\$2,846.91
Total	\$21,335.04	\$15,841.80	\$210,285.92	\$217,828.35	\$7,542.43



2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week \$398.00 Loan Balance \$70,330.00

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 this Sunday, March 25.**

Name: _____ Amount: \$ _____
 in memory / honor / appreciation of: (circle one) _____