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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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Youth Led Worship This Sunday

This Sunday, the youth community will lead worship in all three services guided by the theme of "I Am, Stronger Together." Each youth is on a journey of discovery, discerning who they are as unique individuals created by God. We celebrate and affirm the full diversity, gifts, and shortcomings of each member of our community every time we gather. But, this year, after the Parkland shooting, we began to intentionally think about how God move among our collective voices when we unite for a shared purpose, especially as young people. Though we are each unique, we are Stronger Together. We are glad to give back to Highland through our worship leadership, from preaching to greeting, communion to singing, artwork to liturgy, and more. After worship, the entire youth community will gather for our annual Youth Ministry Banquet, where we will celebrate another full year in ministry, our amazing volunteers, and our graduating seniors. We hope you will hear some of your story as we lead in worship and tell our own!

Pastor Search Committee Process Continues

Thanks to all to who submitted nominations, with detailed information that will be of *enormous* help to the ad hoc committee. We will be meeting right away and will contact those who were nominated by someone other than themselves, ask them if they are willing to be considered, and if so to please complete and return a form with similar information as soon as possible. Should you get such a message or letter, please respond right away -- even if it is to say that you are unable to serve in this capacity at this time.

For your information, the vast majority of nominations were for a person other than the one completing the forms. There were more than forty people nominated, and about a third of those were nominated by more than one person. About half of those nominated were asked about their interest or willingness by the person doing the nominating and have already expressed a positive inclination toward serving if asked, which is very good news. As soon as we have ten nominees confirmed as willing to serve if elected, or to serve as an alternate in case someone has to withdraw, we will post a list of the nominees with information about them, and hopefully photos, and will announce the weekend on which we will do the voting. We don't know right now exactly how long that process will take, but we will move through it steadily, thoughtfully and thoroughly and bring our recommendations to you as soon as we can. Thanks for your patience.

Wednesday Evening Classes for Adults—Spring Term: April 25, May 2, May 9

Contemplative Prayer (Bruce Rogers): While religious institutions argue over doctrine, politicians fight for power, and companies vie for our consumption, we seek to follow the Way of Love. This Way of Love requires an active life—one that is lived amongst a world in need *and* one that is lived amongst the silence in solitude. Thomas Merton writes that contemplative prayer for the urban dwellers feeds the "need for a certain interior silence and discipline simply to keep themselves together, to maintain their human and Christian identity and their spiritual freedom." Amidst busy Wednesday nights, how might we learn and practice contemplative prayer that restores, prepares, and sends us forth? This class meets in the Commons.

Introduction to the Enneagram (Nina Maples): Many people around Highland are talking about numbers, types, and wings, and you may be wondering... what is this "Enneagram" and how do I understand why it keeps coming up? Nina Maples, our resident Enneagram expert, will lead an introductory course to help people new to the Enneagram learn the different types, understand its purpose, and become intrigued with this ancient tool for personal, spiritual, and communal growth. This class meets in Fellowship Hall.

Youth Parents (Perry Dixon): This will be a space for all parents to gather to share wisdom, resources, experiences, hardship and joy in an authentic space. Through this intentional gathering, we will be reminded that we do not parent on an island. Instead, our hope and goal is to be in this together! This class meets in the Fireside Room. **Please note:** This class begins May 2 as youth make final preparations for worship this week.

Earth Day

Bees! Lace wings! Lady Bugs! Seeds! Soil! Plants! Outdoor Quilting! Original Art! Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate Earth Day 2018 with us. The painted banners that inspired worship, the evocative liturgy, the tree planted behind the rental Foree House to shade the parking lot, the Blessing of Seed and Soil event on the front lawn invited us to experience the beauty of our world in many ways. A beauty that is at risk and demands we pay attention. Thank you to Terry Casey for offering a vegetarian way for participants to enjoy a new Earth Day emphasis at Highland Baptist Church.

The Food Justice Team will continue to invite us into greater awareness about our need to support local food sources and farmers, natural foods, and how to reduce food waste. The Environmental Action Team will continue to invite us to consume less natural resources and to invite others into greener lifestyles.

We situate this work in the heart of our faith, celebrating God's call to serve as co-creators. "For the beauty of the earth," we sang in one accord on Sunday. Highland, may our song resonate as the melody of our lives continues to cultivate generosity and thanksgiving.



Barbara Stallard talks with Avalon Gupta VerWeibe, one of the board members of the group launching the food co-op. On the table are seeds provided by Nancy Roberts of New Earth Organic as part of our seed sharing event. We give thanks for these donated items.

Worship Ushers Training This Sunday

Church ushers are the welcoming face and voice of our church family in our three Sunday worship services (8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.). At our Sunday morning services, we have ushers at the doors from the Commons and Lobby, as well as the main front doors off Cherokee Road. A short training session for new ushers will take place in the sanctuary following the 11:00 worship service this Sunday, April 29. Bill Martin, Highland's Usher Captain, will give important information to prospective ushers! Ushers of Highland serve one Sunday a month extending a warm greeting to all worshipers, offering a worship bulletin, and assisting in locating a place for them to sit. Please consider this important way of serving your church family—it's not too late to sign up!

Highland Book Club Meets This Sunday

The Highland Book Club will meet this Sunday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m., in room 103, to discuss Rolling Thunder and Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor. Everyone is invited!

Cream of the Crop Gathering May 24

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

We hope you will join us for a noon potluck lunch at the home of Gloria and Jim McBee (5409 Random Way) on Thursday, May 24. RSVP to Gloria McBee by Sunday, May 20.

A Note of Thanks

Thanks be to God for this community of faith. Thank you for loving my mom, Janie Blair, and our family through her illness and passing. We are touched by all your many expressions of love and sympathy. ~ *Debbie and Tracy Holladay*

Important Dates to Remember

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| May 2 | 3 rd and Final Vacation Bible School Camp Payment Due |
| May 12 | Family Service Projects + Dinner, 5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| May 16 | 3 rd and Final PASSPORT <i>kids!</i> Payment Due |
| June 26-29 | PASSPORT <i>kids!</i> |
| July 20-22 | Vacation Bible School Camp |

Children's Corner

Graduation Celebration May 13

If you plan to graduate this Spring, please inform Lauren soon. Include your degree, the school from which you will graduate, your plans for the immediate future, and an RSVP to Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 13.

Young Adult Corner

Theology on Tap May 3

We begin a new four-month series on Thursday, May 3. Who are you: online (May 3), at church (June 7), at work (July 5), and at home (August 2). Billy Flood, the social media guru among us, will lead the first in this series. All YAs are welcome to join us at Baxter 942 at 6:00 p.m. for free apps. Conversation begins at 6:30 p.m.

Sweat4Syria

Join us as we join with KY Refugee Ministries to raise \$10,000 for local Syrian refugees. We will jog a 5K through Iroquois Park for the low price of \$20. The YAs invite the entire church to this fit and fabulous upcoming event. Learn more, RSVP, and register at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1938956736415543/>. There will be food trucks, live music, and other kid-friendly fun after the race.

Hymns for the Hymnless June 10

Mark your calendars now, the next Hymns for the Hymnless will be Sunday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. Let Lauren know if you'd like to help craft the worship or lead the service.



Meet LACE

The Food Justice Team introduces you to LACE (Louisville Association for Community Economics). LACE exists to support the establishment of the Louisville Food Cooperative. They will focus on these neighborhoods: Shawnee, Old Louisville, Russell, Parkland, and Smoketown/Shelby Park.

LACE meets monthly at their "Ownership Gatherings," a time for a shared meal and conversation.

Childcare is available, and you can read more about it here. www.loufoodcoop.com. Members of Highland's Food Justice team invite you to attend, Tuesday, May 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the dining hall at Joshua Tabernacle Baptist Church (426 South 15th Street). They will be planning a public event for June. Please contact Lauren or a member of the Food Justice team if you would like to attend.



Missions Corner

Trivia at Highlands Community Ministries

On Saturday, May 19, 6:00-9:30 p.m., Highlands Community Ministries will host a night of TRIVIA-FUN-FOOD-SILENT AUCTION at Douglass Boulevard Christian Church (2005 Douglass Boulevard). Cost is \$25/person or \$200/table of 8. Folks will gather to raise money to upgrade the classrooms used for the child care centers. For more information, contact Debbie Smith at 502-458-3045.

Sewing Blitz 2018

On Saturday, July 14, we will be making drawstring bags again for Safe Place. If you have something else you want to make on that day to sew with us, come on. Some of the youth we worked with on their day of service want to sew with us again. Join us for this good time. ~ *Marilyn Sanders*

Family Scholar House Featured in Washington Post

We are proud to see Highland's Cathie Dykstra and her organization, Family Scholar House, featured in a recent Washington Post article! Highland's Missions Teams support Family Scholar House each year to encourage their wonderful work with young parents pursuing their education while caring for their children in a safe environment. To view the article, visit https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/they-were-young-and-homeless-and-moms-now-they-have-college-degrees/2018/04/22/7c9bb5ae-440f-11e8-bba2-0976a82b05a2_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.9fccf90f44aa.

This Week at Highland

Tuesday, April 24
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25
 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—Contemplative Prayer (Commons) 6:10-7:10 p.m.
 Adult Class—Introduction to the Enneagram (FH) 6:10-7:10 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Thursday, April 26
 Environmental Action Team (103) 7 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 7 p.m.

Friday, April 27
 Friday Church (Sanctuary) 7-7:45 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH) 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 29
 Youth-Led Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Youth-Led Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Youth-Led Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study 11 a.m.
 Youth Ministry Banquet (FH) 12 p.m.
 Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary) 12:30 p.m.
 Adult Handbells rehearsal (200) 2 p.m.
 Highland Book Club (103) 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1
 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.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Upcoming Events at Highland

April 25 New Adult Wednesday Night Classes Begin
 April 29 Youth Led Worship; Youth Ministry Banquet
 May 3 National Day of Prayer
 May 6 Deadline to Submit Deacon Nominations
 May 10 Libation Theology
 May 12 Family Service Project and Dinner
 May 13 Graduation Celebration
 May 20 Children's Spring Music Program
 May 23 Handbell/Orchestra Spring Concert
 May 28 Church Offices Closed
 May 30 Last Wednesday of Regular Programming

Wednesday Night Menus

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| April 25 King Ranch Chicken Black Beans Spanish Rice Southwest Caesar Salad Salsa w/ Corn Chips Dessert | May 2 Hot Brown Casserole Asparagus Fruit Salad Strawberry Orange Salad Yeast Rolls Dessert |
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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.

Highland's Word To Our Community

**ENGAGING
BOTH THE MIND
AND THE HEART**

SUN 8:30 9:30 & 11 FRI 7

This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.
Mary Burks, Libby Cunningham

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Tony Dougherty, Allison French (G), Nathan Marrs, Vicki Runnion (C)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
David Bannister, Michael DeWhatley (C), Bill Martin, Susan Pierce (G)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
Bill Martin (G), Sharon Sanders, David Wells

Highlights from Last Sunday



Upcoming Deacon Nominations

Each year, our church nominates members to serve as Deacons. This year's nominations are due by May 6th. Please look around the congregation and nominate people that you know from Bible Study, Ministry Groups, and social aspects—the deacon body is a blend of new and long time Highland Baptist Church members, young and seasoned and diverse. As our congregation continues to grow, the role of deacons for pastoral care is key.

At Highland, deacons are not an “administrative board,” but rather, servant leaders. They need not be perfect, but must be committed to a walk in humble faith. The primary functions of deacons are listed at the bottom of this sheet. Here are some core qualifications and requirements:

- Spiritual discernment
- Active involvement in worship, Bible study, and personal spiritual development
- Financially supportive of the ministry budget
- Ability and willingness to regularly attend monthly deacons' meeting
- Ability and willingness to care for members through prayer, visits, and other communications
- **Time Commitment:** Ten to twelve hours per month (includes worship)

Deacons serve three-year terms. They must be a member of Highland Baptist Church for one year.

DEACONS ROTATING OFF IN 2018

David Bannister, Kathy Belcher, Mary Burks, Bruce Carroll, Cheryl Davis, Jim McBee, Susan Pierce, Vicki Runnion, Tyler Swim.

DEACONS ROTATING OFF IN 2019

Kristie Abney, Libby Cunningham, John Foster, Holly Harris, Mike McFall, Sharon Sanders, Kim Shippey, Gene Streible, Michael Whatley.

DEACONS ROTATING OFF IN 2020

Tony Dougherty, Allison French, Becky Holloman, Nathan Marrs, Bill Martin, Lewis Miller, Ginny Sims, Becky Smith, David Tucker, David Wells.

HONOR DEACONS

Keith Eiken, Dottie Adams Frank, Dave Nakdimen, Pat Ramsey.

NOMINATIONS

Those listed above are not eligible for nomination at this time as they are already serving or are finishing a term. **Please return your completed form to the church office or place in the offering plate.**

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Please nominate up to 9 people. It would be most helpful if you could nominate at least 5 people.

Deacon Responsibilities

The role of **Deacons** at Highland Baptist Church revolve around these key areas:

Spiritual Discernment - serving as a “sounding board” for the ministry staff on issues affecting the life of the church. Often, these are complicated or potentially divisive issues that need thoughtful and prayerful consideration.

Worship Leadership - greeting in the Sanctuary, collecting offerings, serving communion, and being available to pray with individuals following worship.

Deacon Care Teams - organized into groups designed to meet a variety of needs in our congregation. In these activities and others, the deacons monitor the overall health and needs of the church. These teams are as follows:

- The **New Members Care Team** welcomes each new member; helps to integrate them into the fellowship of Highland and helps to ensure new members find their place of participation and service.
- The **Pastoral Care Team** ministers to members who are ill, in the hospital, or experiencing other needs, through visits, phone calls or notes of encouragement.
- The **Continuing Care Team** maintains contact with members who have ongoing needs, often due to long-term health concerns.

| Weekly Financial Report April 15, 2018 (15 weeks) | | | | | |
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| | Weekly Requirement | Receipts This Week | YTD Requirements | YTD Receipts | YTD Over/Under |
| Contributions | \$24,392.21 | \$10,580.60 | \$313,723.07 | \$289,025.30 | (\$24,697.77) |
| Other Income | \$1,034.14 | \$578.50 | \$15,511.98 | \$17,816.25 | \$2,304.27 |
| Total | \$25,426.35 | \$11,159.10 | \$329,235.05 | \$306,841.55 | (\$22,393.50) |
| Building LOVE | | | | | |
| | 2015 Building Renovation Project | | | | |
| | Contributed this week | \$775.00 | Loan Balance | \$59,865.00 | |