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**Nina Maples Concluding Twenty Years of Ministry**

Nina Maples shared with the congregation last week that she is retiring after twenty years of faithful ministry among us. Sunday, May 20, will be Nina's final Sunday. Nina wrote in her letter, "Transitions can be challenging, but they are also an opportunity for growth and fresh awakenings. God is still at work in the life of Highland Baptist Church, and I trust you will see God's spirit revealing new ways of being church together in the days ahead. You are a strong and committed community of faith, and you will draw on your rich history as you continue to be a beacon of God's love and light." Her letter can be found in its entirety at <https://mailchi.mp/hbclouisville/letter-from-nina-2457365>.

Highland's leadership of Deacons, Ministry Council, Personnel Ministry Group, Finance Ministry Group, Ad Hoc Committee, and Pastoral Interim Committee shared a letter with the congregation on Saturday in an email. "Along with making many lists and some immediate plans to assure that the daily work of the church continues, we will also be making plans to celebrate Nina's ministry among us—too deep and rich and varied to describe in this letter—and to express our gratitude to her, and our blessings as she moves into a new area of ministry.

Once again, we remind ourselves and all of us that, while this is a time of momentous change and more than a few unknowns, we are together as Highland Baptist Church for God's reasons and to do God's work together. We want to encourage ourselves and all of us to draw together in faith, courage, hope, and love, for God's purposes." The entire letter can be found at <https://mailchi.mp/hbclouisville/a-letter-from-the-pastoral-staff-2457369?e=a19b7543c5>.



**Pastoral Interim Committee Update**

Seasons of change—a phrase we are getting used to around Highland! In a short time, after celebrating her ministry, Nina will be officially retired, and we will enter the next phase of our interim period. As chair of the Pastoral Interim Committee, I want to offer you a brief update on our continuing work. When the church approved our committee's initial recommendation for the interim period we committed ourselves to an evaluation of the interim period after approximately four months. We will offer opportunities for the church to gather and offer feedback on the interim period beginning with a Congregational Conversation on Wednesday, May 30. We will also gather feedback via a survey where we will solicit your opinions and observations regarding how we are faring in our seasons of change.

At the last Quarterly Church Conference, I presented a brief summary of worship and Bible study attendance since the beginning of our interim period compared to the previous year. By that measure, and others we might name, Highland Baptist Church is doing well. But the church is more than numbers and assessing how we are doing can come down to feelings, which are not always quantifiable. Many of us are feeling unsettled at all the changes, which while understandable, does not mean it is comfortable. Please know that the Pastoral Interim Committee is exploring options for the next phase of our interim. Continue to support and pray for our ministerial staff as they too are adjusting to new realities. Also know that our committee is always willing to hear directly from members. Pastoral Interim Committee members: Molly Braun, Diane Brewer, Allison Keenan, Chip Miller, John Pacyga, Abby Self, and Roy Fuller, chair.

**Youth Proclaim "We Are Stronger Together"**

This morning, NPR published findings from UCLA that Americans are some of the loneliest in the world. What's more, young people are the ones who carry the burden of loneliness the most. Given how connected we are by technology, social media, school, work, extracurriculars and everything else, this might come as a surprise. But, if we are honest, I think many of us might have a sense of the truth of these findings. Our youth community gathers to live out the proclamation that God calls us out of our loneliness and isolation into wholeness and connection. Last Sunday, our youth led worship by bringing all their gifts into scripture, liturgy, artwork, visioning, preaching and welcome. The theme they selected was "I Am, Stronger Together." Even if the youth articulate their experiences in ways appropriate to their season of life, the questions they raise are universal to us all: *Who am I? Who is God calling me to be? Who are my people? Where do I belong?* In their words, their presence, and their leadership, our youth reminded Highland that their place, and yours, is here. We are loved by God for being precisely who we are. We are stronger together with one another than we ever might be on our own. As Highland moves into a new season, as we lament and celebrate Nina's moving on, the youth have reminded us who we are and whose we are, in profound and resurrecting ways. We are each in this together.

After leading in worship, the community gathered for the Youth Ministry Banquet, an annual celebration of a full year in ministry together. In closing the banquet, after speakers and presentations and celebration of graduating seniors, all those gathered participated in a laying on of hands. Trusting that God will go with our seniors no matter where they may find themselves, the community lifted them in prayer and affirmation, reminding them that Highland will always be their home. ~Perry Dixon



**Help Us Pack a Bag for Morocco: Donations Due Sunday**

Please help the Global Partners Ministry Team supply wound and pain care items to those at our partnership site in Morocco. Workers aide the increasing number of migrants and refugees arriving in Morocco from Sub-Saharan Africa. Brutal treatment on the journey and poor conditions contribute to desperate health needs.

Members of Highland will carry the items with them on a personal trip this May. So, we need all donations by THIS Sunday, May 6. You can leave them in the wooden bin outside the choir room: Large bottles of Ibuprofen (Advil); Large bottles of Acetaminophen (Tylenol); Smallest size Ziplock bags.

**Weekend Services  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 10:44-48  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15: 9-17

Jim England, Proclaimer

Communion Anthem:  
*Holy Banquet, Feast of Love*

**Save the Date: Reception Honoring Nina Maples on May 20**

We will celebrate Nina's twenty years of ministry with a reception on Sunday, May 20, following our morning services. You will be invited to help honor Nina's ministry among us through words and tokens of appreciation. More information will follow with details.

**Liminal Wonderings...**

So much changes over time. Our bodies, communities, churches, relationships all change. With those changes come pain and grief and possibility and newness. Some changes we mark with ceremonies like graduation, weddings or funerals. Some huge changes come with huge responsibilities we feel unprepared for. For example, the birth of a child. I recall saying the same thing I have heard other new parents say, "They forgot to send a manual home from the hospital with us so we would know how to put this child together."

With change, we may feel the frustration of not knowing what to do, of feeling inexperienced and unprepared. Yet, we survive. We find our way. We cope. We develop new ways of being in a changed world. We find our faith can deepen. Highland has been through lots of changes over decades and the roof has not caved in. There are new people at Highland who have been welcomed and have blessed all of us in return. So many of you continue to practice steadfast love and kindness no matter the change or circumstance. You fill me with hope that again we will find our way to a new pastor and that we will continue to practice love in a world of constant change. ~Jim England

**Highland's Word To Our Community**



## Highlights from Last Sunday



### An Evening of Family Service Projects

The Families with Children Ministry Group invites you to join us for an evening of family service projects followed by dinner! We will gather on Saturday, May 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall to put our faith into action in care of refugees and immigrants in our community through connections with Kentucky Refugee Ministries. After our projects are complete, we will have a meal together. This gathering is designed for whole families with children of all ages. RSVP to [renee@hbclouisville.org](mailto:renee@hbclouisville.org) if your family plans to attend!

Children's Corner

### Important Dates to Remember

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

### 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 10

We begin a new four-month series on Thursday, May 10. Who are you: online (May 10), 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 May 19

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.

### Wednesday Evening Classes for Adults Continue Through 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.



**This Week  
at Highland**

**Tuesday, May 1**

Emma Leachman Women's Group (103) ..... 4 p.m.  
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 10 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 2**

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.  
 Adult Class—Youth Parents (FS) .....6:10-7:10 p.m.  
 Church Picnic Planning (103) ..... 6:15 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) ....7:15-8:15 p.m.

**Thursday, May 3**

Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 7 p.m.

**Friday, May 4**

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

**Sunday, May 6**

Worship .....8:30 a.m.  
 Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
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 Worship MG (103) ..... 12 p.m.  
 Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary) ..... 12:30 p.m.  
 True Colors MG (FS) ..... 12:30 p.m.  
 Adult Handbells rehearsal (200) ..... 2 p.m.  
 Highland Book Club (103) ..... 6 p.m.

**Monday, May 7**

Ministry Council (103) ..... 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 8**

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Finance MG (Pastor's Office) ..... 6 p.m.  
 G.R.O.W. #1 (103) ..... 6 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 10 p.m.

**Upcoming Events at Highland**

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 Celebration for Nina Maples;  
 Children's Spring Music Program  
 May 23 Handbell/Orchestra Spring Concert  
 May 28 Church Offices Closed  
 May 30 Last Wednesday of Regular Programming;  
 Congregational Conversation  
 June 6 Church-wide Picnic at Hogan's Fountain  
 June 15-16 Annual Pride Festival and Parade

**Wednesday Night Menus**

<b>May 2</b>	<b>May 9</b>
Hot Brown Casserole	Meat Lasagna
Asparagus	Zucchini & Yellow Squash
Fruit Salad	Caesar Salad
Strawberry Orange	Italian Garden Salad
Salad	Garlic Bread
Yeast 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 (Communion)**

**Friday, 7:00 p.m.**

Kathy Belcher, Cheryl Davis (C), Becky Holloman

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m.**

Kristie Abney (C), Vicki Runnion,  
 Sharon Sanders, Tyler Swim (G)

**Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**

David Bannister, Bruce Carroll (C),  
 Libby Cunningham, Michael DeWhatley,  
 Jim McBee (G), Susan Pierce, Sharon Sanders

**Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**

Kathy Belcher (C), Cheryl Davis, John Foster,  
 Holly Harris, Kim Shippey, David Tucker

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST MUSIC MINISTRY  
 HANDBELL & ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT  
 Wednesday, May 23 ■ 6:15 p.m.**



All ages from preschoolers through adults are welcome to attend the concert. Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers. Our regular Wednesday evening meal will be served 5:20-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact the church office by 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays for a dinner reservation.

**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.

**Around Highland...**

... The Highland Book Club will meet on Sunday, June 3, at 6:00 p.m., in room 103, to discuss Salvage the Bones: A Novel by Jesmyn Ward. Everyone is invited!

**Upcoming Deacon Nominations**

Each year, our church nominates members to serve as Deacons. This year's nominations are due by this Sunday, May 6.

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 22, 2018 (16 weeks)**

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$24,392.21	\$38,699.82	\$338,115.28	\$327,725.12	(\$10,390.16)
Other Income	\$1,034.14	\$1,370.89	\$16,546.12	\$19,187.14	\$2,641.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,426.35</b>	<b>\$40,070.71</b>	<b>\$329,235.05</b>	<b>\$346,912.26</b>	<b>(\$7,749.14)</b>



**2015 Building Renovation Project**

Contributed this week \$294.00      Loan Balance \$59,571.00