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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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Highland's First Pride Sunday

This Sunday will be an historic day in the life of our church as we celebrate the LGBTQ community in love and affirmation during Pride Sunday in all of our worship services. The work toward full inclusion and equality is ongoing at Highland and spans decades. Long before True Colors, LGBTQ church members and allies began laying the groundwork for a more just future in their own ways. True Colors formed in 2011 to work for wider inclusion and more explicit affirmation. True Colors has been and continues to be an invaluable ministry at Highland, while the LGBTQ community at Highland is far larger and more diverse than any one ministry might contain. Pride Sunday is a dream of True Colors, but it is not True Colors' day. Rather, it is a day by which the whole congregation will affirm the LGBTQ community inside our own walls and the world outside through our worship, our prayers, our preaching, and a litany of blessing for those who will march in the Kentuckiana Pride Parade on June 15.

On this day, we will name the fullness of God's love for LGBTQ church members and allies, among whom families with children, youth and their families, Deacons, young adults, parents, staff, grandparents, Ministry Council members, couples, spouses, senior adults, lay leaders, and faithful members are all included. We hope you will join us in worship, wearing your brightest colors or expressing your Pride in the ways you feel led. We give thanks that *all* are called into the work of the Gospel and loved fully and freely by a God who has created, celebrates and cares for the LGBTQ community with joy.



Celebrate Summer with Invitation to Church Picnic This Wednesday

Come celebrate summer with us at our annual Church Picnic! This Wednesday, June 6, 5:00-9:00 p.m., we will gather at Willow Park for dinner and summer fun. Reservations are now closed but all are still encouraged to attend. If you missed the deadline, bring your own picnic dinner and join us! For those who made reservations, our picnic dinner will include fried chicken, baked beans, chips, veggies, fruit, and dessert. Bring chairs, games, and a blanket to share so that you might fellowship with long-time friends and develop some new ones. You'll find Willow Park at the intersection of Cherokee Road, Cherokee Parkway, and Willow Avenue.



Pastor Search Committee Elected

Highland Baptist Church voted on Sunday for seven active members for our Pastor Search Committee: Kathy Belcher, Noah Cooksey, Bob Cunningham, Michael DeWhatley, Billy Flood, Alecia Fuller, and Tyler Swim. They have a first meeting date set for June 19, at which time they will choose a chairperson, and begin their work. Carolyn King, Alana Maddox, and Earl Shelp will be available as possible alternates, should one be needed along the way. Thanks to all of them for their willingness to serve in this way.



Summer Fellowship Gathering: Dessert with Staff

Renee, Carol, Lauren and Perry want to reconnect with you and get to know you. As we have been focused on age based ministry, we recognize that there are many of you we don't know as well as we should! In this interim period, we want to intentionally grow in relationships with the whole church. You are invited to sign up for the first of three scheduled Fellowship Gatherings to enjoy coffee and dessert with the pastoral staff. The first one will be held at Carol's home on Sunday, June 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Sign ups will be in the Commons and space is limited to 30! First come, first serve, but we will have more on the calendar soon as we continue to pursue meaningful connection with each of you!

**Weekend Services
Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Mark 3:20-35

Perry Dixon, Proclaimer

Anthem: *Beautiful Savior*

Liminal Wonderings...

I have lately heard the word "anxiety" used often in describing this interim time. We have used that word enough that some have asked if there is something about which they should be anxious. I think not. I think of anxiety as fear that lacks focus. So the question becomes, "What am I anxious about?" When we can name that fear, we begin to control the fear and relax. A colleague once said, "Naming the fear is half the battle."

Perhaps our fear is that our church life will not be as good in the future as it has been in the past. I was the interim pastor here over twenty years ago. Highland already had a rich history. There were struggles all around us. There were misunderstandings among us as well. We emerged from that time with two decades of growth in our thinking and being. We are more inclusive and justice seeking. Worship remains a rich experience. We look back and affirm we were led by the Spirit. Faith says we are being led now, too.

One fear I have heard is that Highland in the future may not be the church I joined. Highland is not the church I joined either. It is better. Your presence makes it better. Your vision fills me with hope. I believe we can be and will be better still.

Meanwhile, the work of love goes on. Loving one's self overcomes guilt and shame. Loving each other unites us. Loving our community helps establish justice. Loving God banishes fear.
~ Jim England

Highland Book Club Meets This Sunday

The Highland Book Club will meet this Sunday, June 10, 6:00 p.m., in room 103, to discuss *Salvage the Bones: A Novel* by Jesmyn Ward. Everyone is invited!

Highland's Word To Our Community



Picnics on the Playground Begin June 13

As a way to stay connected through the summer months, families with children are invited to gather on the church playground for picnics through the summer! We will gather on the following Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: June 13, June 20, June 27; July 11, July 18, July 25. Bring a picnic lunch for your family (no peanuts/tree nuts please!), sunscreen, and a blanket or chairs to sit on. Children will have the opportunity to play with one another, while adults have time to fellowship. Bring a friend and join us for a time of fun and fellowship! An RSVP is not necessary, but please note that if it is raining, we will not gather.

Children's Corner

Important Dates to Remember!

June 13	Picnic on the Playground
June 26-29	PASSPORT <i>kids!</i>
July 20-22	Vacation Bible School Camp

Interim Update Corner

As part of an effort to evaluate our interim season, the **Pastoral Interim Committee seeks your feedback.** Please offer your responses at <https://goo.gl/forms/NYmraQVwYaRbUzzq2> or scan this QR code.



The Youth have been learning and thinking together about prayer on Sunday mornings with a curriculum written by Perry called *Our Daily Bread*. In progressive churches, we sometimes struggle with our prayer lives for a couple of reasons: (1) we just don't do it enough and (2) we haven't become comfortable with what we think it means to pray. Our first Sunday we thought theologically together about what prayer is and how it works. Last Sunday, we put it into practice, praying specifically for our church and for our world in response to the morning's news headlines. Here is the prayer written by the Middle School youth in response to stories coming from India and Palestine:

Youth Corner

Dear God, Please help the LGBTQ community in India and everywhere. Help them to be strong and keep fighting and help the world accept inclusive change. Please help the Palestinians end violence with peace. Please protect innocent people and free them from worry. Comfort those in Palestine and Israel. We pray for people around the world peacefully protesting government violence. Amen.

Upcoming Trips

Youth head to Passport in Greensboro, NC: June 17-23
High School Youth head to Mission Trip in Washington, DC: June 30-July 7

Theology on Tap This Thursday

The next in our series of Who Are You? David Bannister and Steven Carr will lead the conversation about "Who are you at Church?" We meet this Thursday, June 7, 6:00 p.m., at Baxter's 942. (That's also the address.) Conversation begins at 6:30 p.m. All young adults are welcome to join us.

Young Adult Corner

New Women's Group

Are you a young adult who identifies as female and looking for a way to connect through conversation and quality time? Then, you may want to check out the new women's group. Stay tuned here for more information or let Lauren know of your interest.

Next 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." Join us this Thursday, June 14, for our monthly Libation Theology at 6:30 p.m. This month, we will explore the challenge we face as we seek to support the church during the interim—how do we offer our time and talents to the church while also balancing the obligations, opportunities, and interests we have in other areas of our life? What does balance look like as a member of the Body of Christ? 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.



Thank You!

The Habitat for Humanity and Other Housing Solutions Mission Team gives great thanks for the good folks who helped at the worksite last Saturday. Twenty Highlanders (young adults and team members) painted, caulked, landscaped, nail-gunned, sawed, ate a delicious lunch provided by the Emma Leachman group, and had an all-around, fabulous time on this day of service.

Missions Corner



Highland Community Ministries—Summer Food Drive

Our congregation is participating in HCM's Summer Food Drive. Dare to Care gets depleted during the summer due to higher demand, which creates shortages in the local food pantries by the time school starts. We will provide cans of tuna fish. Please leave them in the wooden bins outside the choir room. You will also find collection barrels inside the Highlands Kroger and ValuMarket in the Mid-City Mall.



Global Mission Offering

Our global mission emphasis continues throughout the month of June. While we had a festive celebration with our guest preacher, Jason Coker, Sunday, please remember to keep your offering donations coming. The monies collected directly support at CBF field personnel.

Offering funds can be given throughout the year, although we have a \$10,000 goal for this month! So, give big and generously. Special offering envelopes are available in the Commons. You can also give through our website at <https://hbcloouisville.org/give/donate/>. Please be sure to select "CBF Offering for Global Missions". If donating by check, please write "global mission offering" on the memo line. The Global Partnerships Team looks forward to updating you on our collections!

This Week at Highland

Tuesday, June 5

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, June 6

Church-wide Picnic at Willow Park.....5-9 p.m.

Thursday, June 7

Theology on Tap (Off-site) 6 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 7 p.m.

Friday, June 8

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

Saturday, June 9

MensWork Breakfast (FS).....8:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 10

Worship.....8:30 a.m.
 Worship.....9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study9:30 a.m.
 Mission and Justice NTL Touch Base (101) 10:30 a.m.
 Worship..... 11 a.m.
 Bible Study 11 a.m.
 Families with Children MG (201).....12:30 p.m.
 Highland Book Club (103) 6 p.m.

Monday, June 11

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

Tuesday, June 12

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Finance MG (103) 6 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Upcoming Events at Highland

June 6 Church-wide Picnic at Willow Park
 June 7 Theology on Tap
 June 10 PRIDE Worship Service
 June 14 Libation Theology
 June 15-16 Annual Pride Festival and Parade
 June 17-23 Youth PASSPORT Camp
 June 24 Summer Fellowship Gathering;
 Hymns for the Hymnless
 June 26-29 PASSPORT kids! Camp
 June 30-July 7 HS Youth Mission Trip

July 4 Church Offices Closed
 July 8 Watermelon Social
 July 14 Annual Sewing Blitz
 July 15 Quarterly Church Conference
 July 20-22 Vacation Bible School Camp
 July 28 Environmental Action Team
 Extravaganza

August 22 Wednesday activities/suppers resume

This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Kathy Belcher, Becky Smith (C)

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

David Bannister (G), Libby Cunningham,
 Michael DeWhatley (C), Bill Martin

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Holly Harris, Bill Martin (G),
 Kim Shippey (C), David Wells

Cream of the Crop Upcoming Trips

We hope you will join those of retirement age and older for our upcoming trips!

June 14 – Join us for a day trip to Farnsley-Moremen Landing, followed by lunch at Mike Linnig's. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and take the mini-bus to our destination. Upon arrival at the landing, there will be two options of participation. Those who wish to take a 40-45 minute tour may do so, beginning at 10:30. The cost will be \$4. Those who do not wish to take the tour can enjoy a serene view of farmland that has remained untouched for over 100 years from rocking chairs. Following the tour and enjoying the scenery, we will travel to Mike Linnig's for lunch.

RSVP to Gloria McBee by Sunday, June 10. If you would like to only join the group for lunch at Mike Linnig's, please note that when you make your reservation. Hope to see you there!

July 18 – Join us for a lunch cruise on the Mary Miller Riverboat on the Ohio River. We'll gather at the church at 10:45 a.m. and take the mini-bus downtown. Boarding time on the Mary Miller Riverboat is 11:30 a.m., and the sailing time is noon. The cost for the lunch cruise is \$30 per person. RSVP to Joanne Taheri by Tuesday, July 10. We hope you can join us!

Do. Love. Walk. Mission and Justice with Highland

Wahoo! The mission and justice showcase event Sunday was a wonderful time! Thanks to each of you who housed a booth, visited the tables, signed up for more information, and decided to join a team!

Attention! Attention! **SALLY EVANS** you are the lucky winner of the Environmental Action Team's sustainable picnic basket. You may claim your prize in the workroom.

If you have further questions about how to get involved, please contact Kim Waters or Jill Ligon Davis.



Highlights from Kristie Abney's Ordination Service



Weekly Financial Report May 27, 2018 (21 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$20,477.93	\$12,810.00	\$444,419.21	\$419,479.43	(\$24,939.78)
Other Income	\$1,034.13	\$423.73	\$21,716.78	\$25,450.32	\$3,733.54
Total	\$21,512.06	\$13,233.73	\$466,135.99	\$444,929.75	(\$21,206.24)



2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week	\$550.00	Loan Balance	\$46,068.00
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