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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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Children Discover *Enough* at PASSPORT kids!

Last week, Highland's 4th and 5th graders traveled to Maryville, TN for a week of camp where we explored the theme *Enough*. Enough is an abstract concept for children, and its meaning changes dependent on the context in which the word is used. Our daily themes helped us explore these various meanings of the word enough. *God is enough* reminded us that God is present through all of the situations and circumstances that we encounter. *We are enough* reminded us that each one of us is a person of value and worth in God's eyes, even when we do not feel enough by the world's measures. *There is enough* reminded us that God's intention is for there to be plenty for everyone, and for everyone to have what they need. *Enough already* reminded us that we have agency and voice to say that something we see is unacceptable or unbearable, and that we can do something to change that reality. All of this was experienced through Bible study, learning about the Roma people, playing games, and worship. Many, many thanks to our chaperones: Angela Collins, Michael French, Buddy Lee, Bonnie Lindsay and Renee Purtlebaugh.



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High School Youth Serve in DC with Passport MissionBase

At Highland, we value putting our faith into action, participating in the work God is already doing to bring resurrection and new life into the world! This week, Highland's high school youth are in Washington, DC to partner with Passport for MissionBase DC: a week of service in partnership with local organizations serving those in need. The week includes projects and structure provided by Passport, as well as Highland's own intentional way of getting the most out of the week that we can: relationally, personally, and theologically. It is a unique opportunity to do life together and will be invaluable for those willing to jump in.



Part of the unique opportunity that DC provides will be spending the 4th of July holiday with a free day in our nation's capitol, as well as making an effort to experience the local offerings of history and culture through the lens of faith. What we know but cannot fully predict is the joy and gifts that come in finding the blessing outside of our comfort zone.

Jesus calls us to love and to serve, here in our own city, but out in the world, as well. Please pray for our high school youth: Will, Matt Iler, Jillian Garrett, Emma Martin, Chris, Ben, Paxton Vaughn; and their chaperones: Meredith Bell, Mac Brown, Perry Dixon, Abby Self, and Tyler Swim.

~ Perry Dixon

A Word from our Pastor Search Committee Interim Update Corner

The Pastor Search Committee has begun our work. We've met twice as a group, along with a conversation with the current ministerial staff. We are exploring options for hearing from the Highland community as we move forward—more information on this in the near future. For now, we appreciate your patience and your prayers. We will endeavor to communicate with the church as a whole through the newsletter, leadership groups (Ministry Council, Deacons, Pastoral Interim Committee, Personnel), and at Quarterly Church Conferences. We invite you to contact any of the Search Committee members with comments, while trusting your patience as we go about the task of searching for a new pastor. Thank you for your trust and confidence in us as we begin this journey.

~ Bob Cunningham (Chair) and Alecia Fuller (Vice Chair)

Worship Ministry Group Retreat

It was a HOT June night but Highland's Worship Group imagined winter weather as we leaned into the upcoming Advent season. I am thankful for ministry group members who read and pray over scriptures and resources in advance so our collective imagination and creativity could flow for themes and worship planning. Good food and sweet desserts also helped the process!



**Weekend Services
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Mark 6:1-13
2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Carol Harston, Proclaimer

Anthem: *Immortal Love, For Ever Full*

Please Note:

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, July 4.

Liminal Wonderings ...

Most missed my communion debacle at the 8:30 service Sunday. Though I made several mistakes, one stands out. I spilled the communion bread all over the floor. Taking the plate from the deacon, I turned to place the plate on the table and all of the bread slid off and slopped over the side. I had just finished saying to several people, "This is the body of Christ for you." Now those symbolic portions were on the floor. No five second rule applied.

I remembered taking communion to a Catholic patient several years ago. The daughter was open to a non-Catholic serving them communion. When we finished, she asked me what I wanted to do with the leftover bread. Without thinking I said, "Just throw it away." Her horrified reaction reminded me of the Catholic doctrine of transubstantiation which asserts that the cup and the bread become the actual body and blood of Jesus. I corrected myself by saying I would take it with me and eat it later.

I appreciate our reverence for the elements of communion. While I do not share the view of transubstantiation, I do respect our Catholic friends and their beliefs. For me, what actually becomes the flesh and blood of Jesus is the flesh and blood of other people; specifically those spoken of in Jesus' parables of Matthew 25. Jesus called them "the least". Some call them the marginalized. Some call them the invisible. Others call them dispossessed. What we do to these, good or bad, is the same as doing it to Jesus. They are the body and blood. As strong as my urge to get the spilled elements off the floor quickly, I wonder if my energy really needs to go to lifting these who are the body and blood of Jesus.

~ Jim England

**Highland's Word
To Our Community**



Quarterly Church Conference Sunday, July 15

The church will hold its Quarterly Church Conference on Sunday, July 15, following 11:00 worship, in Fellowship Hall. There will be a light lunch provided and preschool childcare is available. The agenda will include the following items: new members, finance, and reports from our Pastoral Interim Committee and Pastor Search Committee.

July 10: Information Meeting/Training for Encourager Program

Simmons College of Kentucky, a Historically Black College located in Louisville, is looking for volunteers to serve as encouragers for first year students in the fall of 2018. Volunteers who become encouragers are asked to offer words of encouragement and celebration through notes, cards, social media, goodie bags and an occasional meet up with student participant. An information meeting/training for volunteers will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 6:00-8:30 p.m., in the Commons.

For more information, or to sign up and register for the information meeting/training, call or text: Susan Lockwood, 606-465-1504, Darrell Adams, 502-541-7683, Carolyn Allaby King, 502-541-9636; or email encouragesimmons@gmail.com.

Cream of the Crop Upcoming Trips

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

July 18—We hope you will 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 sailing time is noon. The cost for the lunch cruise is \$30 per person. RSVP to Joanne Taheri by Tuesday, July 10.

August 14—Join us for a potluck lunch and a movie in Highland's Fellowship Hall. We will gather at noon to eat, followed by the movie around 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Joey Eubank by Sunday, August 12.

Vacation Bible School Camp Donations Needed by July 17

VBS Camp is just around the corner! This year, we are using Sign Up Genius to help us avoid duplicates of needed items. Included on our list are items that we need for meals, snacks, art projects and mission projects. Go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C4FA4A92FA7FA7-vacation2, choose the item(s) that you want to contribute, click "sign up" and enter your name and contact information (so that we can send you reminders!).

All contributions need to be dropped off at Highland no later than Tuesday, July 17. You can drop off your donation in the church office during the week, or in the wooden bins outside the choir room on Sundays. If you have any questions, contact Renee at renee@hbclouisville.org. Thank you so much for bringing camp to life for Highland's children. We are grateful!

School Supplies for HCM

It is never too early to celebrate the fun and joy of school supplies. We join Highlands Community Ministries' Back-to-School preparation. We invite you to donate packs of black ball point or gel pens, highlighters in any color, and backpacks. Please leave them in the wooden bins outside the choir room. Donations are due by Sunday, July 29.

In previous years, HCM has provided over 100 children their grade-specific school supplies. In addition to the supplies, each child receives a \$25 gift card to offset the cost of clothing and additional needs. HCM provides these through the help of their 23 partnership churches—we are one of those! Be generous and go wild at the school supply display in Target or your local retailer. Thanks in advance for your generosity.



Picnics on the Playground Continue July 11

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, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: 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

July 11 Picnic on the Playground
July 20-22 Vacation Bible School Camp

Theology on Tap This Thursday

The next in our series of Who Are You? Dr. Drew Harston will lead the conversation about "Who are you at Work?" We will meet at 6:00 p.m. this Thursday, July 5, at Baxter's 942. (That's also the address.) Conversation begins at 6:30pm. 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. Lauren will contact you next week. If you aren't on her list, get on it now!

July 12: 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 next Thursday, July 12, for our monthly Libation Theology at 6:30 p.m. 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.



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 Total

Your generosity will extend well beyond the walls of our sanctuary. We surpassed our Offering of Global Mission \$10,000 goal. Our total so far this year is \$10,853.60. If you have not yet had a chance to contribute, it is not too late. Simply write "global mission offering" on your check or give through our website. The Global Partnerships Ministry Team thanks you!

Eleventh Annual Sewing Blitz, Saturday, July 14

Women will gather on Saturday, July 14, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, to sew and assemble hygiene kits for Safe Place, an outreach of Louisville YMCA, a place where teens and young adults can leave difficult situations and seek assistance.

All are invited, some to sew, some to string cord, some to assemble. Donations of fabric pieces at least 1/3 yard, travel sizes of hygiene items, and non-perishable snacks are welcome. Any questions, please contact Marilyn Sanders.



**This Week
at Highland**

Tuesday, July 3

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

Wednesday, July 4

Church Offices Closed
No Regular Evening Activities/Supper

Thursday, July 5

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

Friday, July 6

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

Sunday, July 8

Worship8:30 a.m.
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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.

Monday, July 9

Anti-Racism Team (Commons) 6 p.m.
Interfaith Coalition on Immigrant Justice (FH)7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, July 10

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
Finance MG (103) 6 p.m.
Encouragers Program Information and
Training (Commons) 6 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Upcoming Events at Highland

June 30-July 7 High School Youth Mission Trip

July 4 Church Offices Closed
July 9 Interfaith Coalition on Immigrant Justice
July 10 Encourager Program Information/Training
July 12 Libation Theology
July 14 MensWork Breakfast; Annual Sewing Blitz
July 15 Quarterly Church Conference
July 20-22 Vacation Bible School Camp
July 29 Summer Fellowship Gathering
August 11 MensWork Breakfast
August 14 Cream of the Crop Lunch and Movie
August 16 Libation Theology

This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m. (Communion)
Mike McFall, Becky Smith (C)

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Tony Dougherty (C), Nathan Marrs,
Vicki Rynnion (G), Gene Streible

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
Michael DeWhatley (C), Jill Ligon Davis,
Mike McFall (G), Susan Pierce

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
Kathy Belcher (C), Mary Cooksey,
Holly Harris, Kim Shippey (G)

Please Note:

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

My Turn

Thoughts from the Bedside: From Medicine to Chaplaincy and Beyond

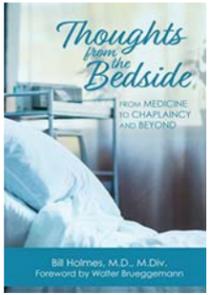
Highland's own Bill Holmes recently published reflections from his time as a pediatric and adult neurologist and now an ordained chaplain. Highland ordained Bill in 2012. Bill's book can be found at <https://www.amazon.com/Thoughts-Bedside-Medicine-Chaplaincy-Beyond/dp/163528032X>. Hear more about Bill's recent work in his own words...

Most of this book was not written with a book in mind. I made notes during the quiet of the evening or early morning hours while reflecting on the encounters of the day. Over the years I have kept my notes in a loose-leaf binder labeled "Scribblings," my thoughts from the bedside of those struggling to find meaning in the midst of suffering. I intend "bedside" to be a metaphor for that place where we are called to engage all that we are on behalf of the one who is in a place of disorientation, where things are not as they were and likely never will be again. In some cases things have never been as they should be, for injustice has made its mark on the one who sits in front of me. In all such places hope struggles to be redefined. It is at such times that questions arise concerning death, dying, afterlife, miracles,



What ultimately generated my desire to write this book was an emerging awareness of the intertwining of my life with all who take this journey. Sharing in the suffering of others has given my life a deeper meaning than it might have otherwise attained. The nature of the suffering might be a physical or medical condition such as cancer or disabilities, coping with loss, depression, social injustice (including racism), as well as living in isolation or in a void created out of collusion between humankind and technology.

Life is a psalm; it begins with crying out mixed with the joy of being and ends with thanksgiving. The in-between is a journey marked by giving and receiving, doing good and not-so-good, faith and doubt, rethinking and rebirth, repentance and grace, hope, and love.



A Note of Thanks

Thank you, Highland friends, for your prayers, visits, cards and other acts of kindness shown me during my recent hospital stays. I am now recovering at home and doing quite well. Please keep Howard and me in your thoughts and prayers as we face our journey of life. ~ Maxine Teel

Around Highland...

... For the summer, the Highland Book Club will be reading two books, both by James Baldwin: The Fire Next Time and Giovanni's Room. We will discuss these books on Sunday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m., in room 103. Everyone is invited!



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Our Mission

God's Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

Our Vision

We dream of being an engaging, vibrant Christian church, where transformed people are joining the work of God, creating a world where justice and Love are abundant.

Our Values

- We value a **deeply spiritual, Christ-centered faith** that opens us to life, equips us to serve, and calls us to action.
- We value a **courageous, progressive theology** whose relevance extends from the pew to the street, that engages both the mind and the heart, and that welcomes everyone from the skeptic to the devoted.
- We value **all people**, not in spite of, but precisely because of all that makes each one unique.
- We value **being doers of the word**, living out what Jesus taught: showing hospitality to strangers, confronting injustice, giving voice to those who have been silenced.
- We value a **healthy community**, where honest relationships provide all people safety, encouragement, acceptance, and healing, and challenge us to practice gentleness, forgiveness, and continued growth.
- We value **embracing challenge and change**: naming hard things, asking questions, and leaning into tensions and ambiguity.
- We value **growing together across the lifespan**, through multi-generational and intergenerational relationships and ministries.
- We value being rooted in our **distinct and radical heritage** that compels us to breathe new life into bedrock Baptist principles.
- We value **broad and deep worship** that invites us into the mystery of a loving God.
- We value **being good stewards** of all we have been given, discerning together how best to use our financial, physical, human, and spiritual gifts to follow Jesus and carry out our mission.

Weekly Financial Report June 24, 2018 (25 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$19,365.52	\$14,655.89	\$521,881.29	\$496,545.59	(\$25,335.70)
Other Income	\$1,034.13	\$80.00	\$25,853.30	\$28,773.89	\$2,920.59
Total	\$20,399.65	\$14,735.89	\$547,734.59	\$525,319.48	(\$22,415.11)



2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week	\$385.00	Loan Balance	\$40,419.00
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