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*A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith*

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**Children Discover God's Presence at VBS Camp**

This past weekend, twenty-six children and twenty-two adults traveled to Camp Kavanaugh for our annual Vacation Bible School Camp. On this sixteenth year of VBS taking place in a retreat format for three days and two nights, we were reminded of God's promise—"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you" Isaiah 43:2.

Together, we were reminded that God's on the river, our journey through life, we can find adventure, acceptance, joy, rest and peace with God. Stories from scripture reminded us of people who experienced God in these ways as Jesus called the disciples into the adventure of following him, as Jesus valued both Martha and Mary, as Jesus walked with Zaccheus, as Jesus shared a special meal with his disciples and as Jesus promised to be with his disciples always. Our children engaged in mission, creating disaster relief buckets that will be shipped to *(continued on page 3)*



*Highland Welcomes*



Allen Coomer



Emily Watts

**Second Summer Fellowship Gathering This Sunday Night**

Our ministers are looking forward to our second Summer Fellowship Gathering this Sunday, July 29, at Lauren Jones Mayfield's home! More information will be sent out to those who signed up to attend.

Miss the sign-ups for our next gathering (August 19)? There are still a few more spots available. You can sign up at <https://hbclouisville.org/2018/06/11/summer-fellowship-gatherings/>.

Summer Fellowship Gatherings are an avenue for our ministers to grow in relationship with the congregation during this interim time. Come party with your pastors and get to know others in this beloved community!

**Second Quarter Giving Statements**

As you may have heard, Highland Baptist Church has recently upgraded our Church Management Software. What does this mean for you? We will be able to send your quarterly Giving Statement right to your email inbox, helping to reduce office expenses for things like postage, printing, paper and employee work time! The second quarter statements were emailed last week. The email was sent from *Highland Baptist Church* and the subject line read "Highland Baptist Church Giving Statement". Your Giving Statement was sent as an attachment. We want you to know that this email is from us, and that it's perfectly safe to open the attached statement.

Folks without an email address in our software had their statement sent via mail. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Financial Secretary, Deb, at [deb@hbclouisville.org](mailto:deb@hbclouisville.org) or call her at the church office. As always, check your Giving Statement for any errors that may have occurred with our software transition.

**Mark Your Calendars: New School Year Begins at Highland this August!**

As of Sunday afternoon, Highland's age-graded ministries have officially ended their summer trips! Over the next few weeks, Renee Purtlebaugh and Perry Dixon will be wrapping up PASSPORT *kids!* Camp, Passport Youth Camp, High School Mission Trip, and VBS Camp in order to prepare for another school year of ministry at Highland. We will be back with Wednesday Night Dinner and Programming on August 22 and we will celebrate Promotion Sunday on August 26. Look for our August 7 newsletter that will include information about upcoming Wednesday evening classes and opportunities to get involved this school year. Until then, we ask for your prayers we expect our upcoming ministries prepare to challenge all to discover, grow, and serve through our life together!

**Weekend Services Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 14  
John 6:1-15

Lauren Jones Mayfield, Proclaimer

Anthem: *Bright Canaan*

Blessing of Food for Highlands Community Ministries

**Deacons Selected to Serve; Vote This Weekend**

Finally, we have a slate of nominees for deacon, and voting will occur this weekend, July 27 and 29. We are a bit late this year, due in part to the process of choosing a Pastor Search Committee, and then vacation season complicated making contacts. But these nominees are worth the wait, and we are happy to nominate Suzanne Busse, Steven Carr, Joey Eubank, Sally Evans, Michael French, Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, Jeff Grey, Doris Hornbuckle, and John Pacyga.

The service of ordination and installation will be Sunday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m., and we urge you to put this important service on your calendar now.

We express our gratitude to these nine individuals who are willing to serve Highland in this way.

**Liminal Wonderings...**

In preparation for last Sunday's sermon, I read an article by Karoline Lewis entitled "The Dew of Compassion." She notes that Jesus had compassion on people because they were like sheep without a shepherd... "so in need of care, of protection, of pasture, of tending, of nurture". She says, "compassion is not just a feeling but a doing." True compassion puts us into motion for someone beyond ourselves. Lewis states, "There is no compassion unless it is known by the other."

Lewis then turns the focus to the person by asking, "Who has compassion for you? Who tends to you? Who makes sure you are protected and safe and loved and nurtured?" She notes that we who proclaim and teach God's love struggle to believe that we are the objects of that love as well.

As we follow Jesus in the work of love, remember we are called to love one another. We give love and we receive love. ~Jim England

## Picnic on the Playground July 25

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 tomorrow, July 25, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 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! A RSVP is not necessary, but please note that if it is raining, we will not gather.

Children's Corner

After a wonderful, busy summer of life in ministry together, the youth community at Highland is beginning to turn again towards our fall rhythms and a new academic year. This summer, we have been enjoying fellowship together over ice cream on Wednesdays and having movie nights together on Friday nights. Bible Study each Sunday simply isn't enough! We will get back into our regular Wednesday Night programming, Mentor Groups for Guys, MS Girls and HS Girls, Fall Retreat, and a whole lot more towards the end of August. Until then, we are reflecting, still, on transformative weeks together in Greensboro, NC, for Passport and Washington, DC, in missions. Reflection, for us, looks like you might think, in some ways, but it also looks like gathering where we can (on Bardstown Road, in parks, in homes) to laugh, share, and enjoy God's presence as we find it in one another. We should mention that we cannot wait for a new class of 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth to join us soon!

Youth Corner

### This Week

**Tomorrow, July 25, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Cherokee Park.** Come enjoy some games and ice cream sandwiches in the park with us. We will meet at the Dog Hill Pavilion (Baringer Hill if you want to look it up).

**This Friday, July 27, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Movie Night.** Come watch Black Panther with us in the Youth Suite. We will have popcorn and snacks.

## 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. Our initial gathering will be **this Thursday, July 26, 7:00 p.m.**, at Lauren's home. Email her for more information and to RSVP.

Leslie Townsend and Leslea Townsend Cronin will co-lead this monthly gathering that seeks to make space for authentic community, empowerment, self-acceptance, and vulnerability.

Young Adult Corner

## Theology on Tap August 2

We keep at our monthly gathering for conversation and cordials at Baxter's 942. We gather at 6:00 p.m. and begin discussion at 6:30 p.m. Our Theology on Tap facebook page has all the info: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/130904047593409/?ref=bookmarks>.

We will wrap up a four-month series on "Who Am I?" at online, at work, at church, and now at home! The time will be lively and meaningful. Join us!

## Fall Retreat—Save the Date

We will journey to Camp Pyoca in Indiana this year for our fall retreat, and it is going to be amazing! So, mark the dates on your calendar now—November 9-11. Our theme: "Belong: How to be Yourself in Community" will equip us to understand more fully how our identity as individual children of God equips us to engage one another, family, and culture in ways that create wholeness and health.

Financial scholarships are available. Money should not be a reason to keep you from joining us for this meaningful time of togetherness and fun. Contact Lauren if this is the case. More information on sign-ups, cost, and other detes coming soon.

## Cream of the Crop Gathering August 14

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 on Tuesday, August 14, 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.

## Highland's Word To Our Community

COMMITTED TO  
GRACE AND  
UNYIELDING COMPASSION  
SUN 8:30 9:30 & 11 FRI 7

### Please Note:

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

## August 2: 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, August 2, for our monthly Libation Theology at 6:30 p.m. This month's Libation Theology comes around early as we are accommodating previous scheduled events at Molly Malone's. 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.



## \*\*Collections Continue\*\*

Your generosity continues to offer support to many in our community! So please keep it coming. Help us fill up the collection bins (in the hallway outside the choir room) with cans of tuna, back packs for school kids, black or blue ballpoint pens, and highlighters. These goods support Highlands Community Ministries' food bank and back-to-school ministry for local families.



Missions Corner

## An Invitation from the Anti-Racism Team

Members of the anti-racism team invite you to an informational gathering, sponsored by Louisville Showing Up for Racial Justice (LSURJ) at Central Presbyterian Church. "Did you know that people are being held in our jail simply because they cannot pay their bail? That means if you have money, you get out and if you do not have money, you don't," explains LSURJ.

To see a short video that shows how Cash Bail impacts lives, disproportionately people of color, people who are undocumented, as well as anyone who is poor and trapped in the system, visit <https://vimeo.com/244729509>.



LSURJ  
TUESDAY,  
JULY 31, 6 PM  
AT CENTRAL  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
318 W KY ST, 40203



**This Week  
at Highland**

**Tuesday, July 24**

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) .....5:30 p.m.  
 Committee on MG (200).....6 p.m.  
 Young Adult Retreat Planning (FS).....7 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH).....10 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 25**

No Regular Evening Activities/Supper  
 Picnic on the Playground.....11 a.m.

**Thursday, July 26**

Senior Adult MG (103) .....11 a.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH).....7 p.m.

**Friday, July 27**

Youth Movie Night (Youth Suite) .....6-8:30 p.m.  
 Friday Church (Sanctuary).....7-7:45 p.m.  
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH) .....8 p.m.

**Sunday, July 29**

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.  
 Summer Fellowship Gathering (Off-site).....6 p.m.

**Monday, July 30**

Leadership Team (Youth Suite) .....6 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 31**

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

**Upcoming Events at Highland**

- July 29 Summer Fellowship Gathering
- August 2 Libation Theology
- August 11 MensWork Breakfast
- August 14 Cream of the Crop Potluck Lunch/Movie
- August 19 Morocco Dinner; Summer Fellowship Gathering
- August 22 Wednesday activities/suppers resume
- August 26 Deacon Ordination/Installation Service
- September 3 Church Offices Closed
- September 8 MensWork Breakfast
- September 13 Libation Theology
- September 14-15 Women's Retreat

**Is Guitar Your Instrument?  
Come and Play!**

If you play guitar, please mark your calendar to join other guitarists for a get-together/play session on Wednesday, August 8, 6:00 p.m. Our hope is to play in worship someday in the not too far off future! If you will be choosing between acoustic or electric, acoustic would be our preference for this inaugural event. Interested but can't make it on August 8? No problem! Please contact Kathy Collier ([kathy@hblouisville.org](mailto:kathy@hblouisville.org)) for further information.



**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 7:00 p.m., in room 103. Everyone is invited!

**This Week's Deacons**

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

Jim McBee, Becky Smith

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

Allison French, Jill Ligon Davis (G), Gene Streible, Tyler Swim (C)

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

Mary Burks (G), Michael DeWhatley (C), Jill Ligon Davis, Susan Pierce

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

John Foster (C), Holly Harris, Bill Martin (G), David Wells

**Children Discover God's Presence at VBS Camp** *(continued from page 1)*

areas of the country dealing with the effects of flooding and making cards for those in our community who have been going through difficult times or celebrating joys in their lives. And of course, we played games, traveled to the pool, and built community through our experiences together. It was a wonderful weekend and we are so thankful for the help of those who made donations of time and supplies to our camp experience!



**Preparations:**

Food and Supply Donations: Amanda Birdwhistell, Linda Campbell, Ashley Cissell, Tanya Cornely, Alexa Cox, Cheryl Davis, Tara Davis, Diane Endicott, Lisa Estes, Allison French, Dianna French, Mark and Kathy Golightly Sanders, Carol and Drew Harston, Ophelia and Steve Helm, Nancy Jurgeвич, Jackie Marrs, Kathryn Martin, Jennifer Pardon, Jennifer Porter, Renee Purtlebaugh, Lula Reynolds, Missy Smith, Cara and Tom Solley, Joanne Taheri.

Supply Transportation Via Mini-Bus: Buddy Lee, Perry Dixon.

Food Shopping: Kathy Belcher.

Decorations: Molly Braun.

Office Preparations: Linda Campbell, Bob Cunningham.

**At Camp:**

Loading and Setup at Camp: Linda Campbell, Bruce Carroll, Vi Chatmon, Kelly Garrett, Steve Helm, Buddy Lee, Robin Ramsay, Jim Shelton, Alyssa Shippey, Jonathan Shippey.

Chaperones: Amanda Birdwhistell, Molly Braun, Anna Marie Brummett, Tara Davis, Tony Dougherty, Laura Escobar-Ratliff, Lisa Estes, Julia Lazaro, Nathan Marrs, Kathryn Martin, Tyler Mayfield, Jennifer Pardon, Autumn Reece, Todd Schureck, Andrea Sinclair, Missy and Vance Smith, Tom and Cara Solley, Katie Williams.

Youth Shepherd: Elise.

Photography: Bill Campbell.

Unloading after Camp: Anna Marie Brummett, Bill and Linda Campbell, Perry Dixon, Laura Escobar-Ratliff, Tom Solley, Lars, Carmen.



**Music Orff Camp Offers Gratitude**

Highland's Youth Suite was filled last week with 22 students from the Louisville area playing xylophones, drumming, moving, and singing each morning with the leadership of three fantastic local music teachers and certified Orff-Schulwerk specialists: Krista Mueller, Ashley Sumner, and Kathryn Wigger. Highland's ministry and support staff were invited to their Friday morning *Musical Informance* and were presented with written and illustrated notes of gratitude for the use of Highland's space. The camp was open for all children who had completed 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Make a note next spring to watch for summer 2019 dates!



**Weekly Financial Report July 15, 2018 (28 weeks)**

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$20,024.54	\$10,653.30	\$557,562.71	\$544,284.90	(\$13,277.81)
Other Income	\$1,103.37	\$1,880.00	\$30,894.16	\$33,127.67	\$2,233.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,127.91</b>	<b>\$12,533.30</b>	<b>\$588,456.87</b>	<b>\$577,412.57</b>	<b>(\$11,044.30)</b>



**2015 Building Renovation Project**

Contributed this week	\$302.00	Loan Balance	\$34,585.00
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