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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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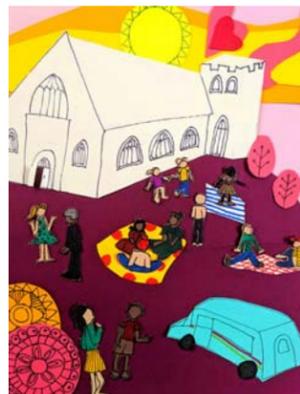
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Gather 'Round: Worship on Sunday, August 19

Highland's hymn, *Look, You Saints, the Cloud of Witness*, speaks of "gathering 'round this sacred place." We have adopted this well-loved text as your invitation to worship on Sunday, August 19, 10:30 a.m. ALL of our faith community will be in the sanctuary for one service. Gathered 'Round, we will sing favorite hymns of faith, experience a children's story, recognize Bible Study teachers from this past year, and hear a word by Perry Dixon, Highland's Associate Pastor to Youth and Their Families. *Our regular Sunday worship schedule of 8:30, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services will not be held on this one Sunday, August 19. Also, there will be no Bible study classes, nursery, or Worship Care for children so we can all experience worship together.* Children's books and other child-friendly activities will be available in the Commons for our youngest children accompanied by a family member, should you need space to move about more freely.

Following worship, the doors will open and everyone will be invited to picnic on the church's greenspaces either by packing a lunch for yourself or your family or purchase lunch from a food truck. *Is there a rain plan?* We're working on that—more information coming soon!



What a wonderful evening with our second Summer Fellowship Gathering last night! Thirty-five gathered at Lauren's home to party with their pastors! We have loved these fun evenings with such a diverse crowd from Highland. We are looking at how we might continue them in the future—keep an eye out for future dates!

Mark Your Calendars: New School Year Begins at Highland This August

We will be back with Wednesday Night Dinner and Programming on August 22 and we will celebrate Promotion Sunday on August 26. Look for next week's 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 as we expect our upcoming ministries prepare to challenge us to discover, grow, and serve through our life together!

We will continue using Gracious Plenty Catering to provide our Wednesday evening entrees and side dishes. Highland volunteers will continue preparing desserts, beverages and complete all set up and cleanup. Volunteers are always welcomed! Please contact Kathy Belcher for more information.

Dinner will be served from 5:20 to 6:00 p.m.
The cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 4-12, \$21.00 maximum for immediate family WITH a reservation and \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 4-12, \$24.00 maximum for immediate family WITHOUT a reservation. People who are able to contribute are invited to help cover the cost of a meal for members or visitors who cannot afford the cost.

To help us be good stewards of our financial resources, it's crucial that dinner reservations are accurate and current. We ask all folks who would like a standing supper reservation to call the church office or email Deb Ackerson (deb@hbclouisville.org)—even if you've had a standing reservation in the past. Please be sure to add or cancel reservations as needed by Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

Update from the Pastor Search Committee

The Pastor Search Committee continues our work with gratitude for your prayers and support. We met a second time with the ministerial staff and again want to affirm their hard work during this interim period. They are a gifted group who offer great hope for Highland Baptist Church as we journey into this next chapter of our story as a community of faith. As we mentioned at the Quarterly Church Conference, we will soon be sending out a survey to hear from you as the church community. We decided to hold off until the consultant comes in mid August to seek his input on the content of the survey. Later, we will be arranging a few times for conversation as a congregation. Thank you again for your patience and support.

**Weekend Services
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 16
John 6:22-35

Lauren Jones Mayfield, Proclaimer

Congregational Anthem:
Joined Together as One Body

Celebration of Holy Communion

Liminal Wonderings ...

No doubt you have seen footage of a person caught in a riptide and struggling, and the quick formation of a human chain of thirty/forty people linking arms to reach into the ocean to grab the drowning swimmer. There was no time to screen these volunteers for their positions on any issue. No background checks about citizenship status or religious beliefs. No racial stereotyping. There was a desperate need and in those few moments, desperate cooperation and a sweet saving.

One of my great concerns is our ever-increasing polarization. We have become a nation so divided that many families ban political conversations from family gatherings. We fear the conversations and the loss of each other. In Louisville, we are East end and West end and we carry our stereotypes. The governor spoke of his surprise about a chess club in the West end. He is not the only one who trips over stereotypes. He just did it publicly. We speak different languages using the same words but with different meanings.

As a result, we pile up fears, create and deepen divisions and suck on anger like a bitter cough drop that won't dissolve. We end up in racism and fear of desperate strangers at our borders, and suspicion of each other.

When I think of faith I hear a call to "do justice and love mercy", to "love my enemies", "not to judge, practice forgiveness, speak the truth in love ...". I find all that easier in the abstract. Yet, I try to hold onto a vision of a human chain locking arms and reaching out to save the desperate. We must find ways to work together to save people.

~ Jim England

**Highland's Word
To Our Community**



Deacons Elected

Nine persons, first nominated by the congregation, and then by the deacon nominating committee, were all overwhelmingly elected this past Sunday to serve Highland as deacons, beginning August 26, 2018, through August 2021. They are: 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, 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.

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.

Annual Senior Adult Retreat at Wooded Glen, Registration Open

The Senior Adult Ministry Group would like to invite Highland's older adults (retirement age and greater) our 6th annual one-night, two-day retreat at the magnificent Wooded Glen Retreat Center in Henryville, Indiana, on October 14-15. Tucked away on a hillside, Wooded Glen offers a beautiful environment rich with nature (think fall leaves, rocking chairs on screened in porches, a deck to sit by the lake, amazing food!) to steal away for quiet reflection, community building and prayer. This year, we will be led by Bob and Libby Cunningham. We will gather beginning with dinner on Sunday evening and conclude Monday mid-afternoon. A limited number of single and double rooms are available. The cost is \$95 per person (\$190 per couple), which includes lodging, three meals, unlimited snacks and program. Please contact Renee Purtlebaugh by September 15 to reserve your spot and turn in your registration fee.

Looking Forward to a New Year

In the coming weeks, we look forward to the start of school, our children promoting to new classes here at church, the return of Wednesday evening activities, a transition of teachers and teaching assistants in various children's classrooms and a new rhythm of activities outside of our regular Sunday/Wednesday programming for you to connect with others in children and family ministry here at Highland. Stay tuned!

Children's Corner

Important Dates to Remember

August 22 Wednesday Evening Activities Return
August 26 Promotion Sunday

We have been having a great end of the summer together with Summer Fellowship on Wednesdays and Movie Nights on Fridays. Last week, we had an amazing group show up for "capture the flag" and ice cream in Cherokee Park, followed by our committed movie cohort as we watched Black Panther together on Friday night. We are taking a break this week, but will dive fully into a new year together soon enough. The youth community gives thanks for the ways we find God together, no matter where we are or what we are doing!

Wednesday, August 1—NO Programming
Friday, August 3—NO Programming

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, August 22—New 6th Grade Youth Welcome
Sunday, August 26—Promotion Sunday
Friday, November 30-Sunday, December 2—Fall Youth Retreat

Youth Corner

Theology on Tap This Thursday

We keep at our monthly gathering for conversation and cordials at Baxter's 942. We gather this Thursday, August 2, 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.

Young Adult Corner

This 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, 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.



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



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>.



Tuesday, July 31
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH)5:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)..... 10 p.m.

Wednesday, August 1
 No Regular Evening Activities/Supper
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)6 p.m.

Thursday, August 2
 Theology on Tap (Off-site).....6 p.m.
 Libation Theology (Off-site)6:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH).....7 p.m.

Friday, August 3
 Friday Church (Sanctuary).....7-7:45 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH)8 p.m.

Sunday, August 5
 Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study.....11 a.m.
 Adult MG (FH Stage)..... 12 p.m.
 Worship MG (103) 12 p.m.

Monday, August 6
 Ministry Council (103)6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 7
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH)5:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)..... 10 p.m.

Upcoming Events at Highland

August 2 Libation Theology
 August 11 MensWork Breakfast
 August 14 Cream of the Crop Potluck Lunch/Movie
 August 19 Gather 'Round;
 Morocco Dinner
 August 22 Wednesday activities/suppers resume
 August 26 Promotion Sunday;
 Deacon Ordination/Installation Service

September 3 Church Offices Closed
 September 8 MensWork Breakfast
 September 13 Libation Theology
 September 14-15 Women's Retreat
 September 28-29 Deacons Retreat

October 11 Libation Theology
 October 13 MensWork Breakfast
 October 14 New Members Luncheon
 October 14-15 Senior Adults Retreat

This Week's Deacons (Communion)

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Cheryl Davis (C), Mike McFall, Becky Smith

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Allison French (C), Vicki Rynnion (G), Tyler Swim

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

David Bannister (C), Mary Burks, Bruce Carroll (G),
 Virenee Chatmon, Becky Holloman, Jim McBee,
 Susan Pierce

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Cheryl Davis, John Foster (G), Holly Harris,
 Bill Martin, Kim Shippey (C), David Tucker,
 David Wells



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 next 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@hbclouisville.org) for further information.

Retaining Wall Rebuild

In early June, a section of the 2 ½ foot tall retaining wall between the upper parking lot and the Foree House parking lot collapsed. After receiving multiple bids to rebuild the wall and finally selecting a construction company to perform the work, demolition of the old wall began this week. Approximately 100 feet of wall has been removed and will be rebuilt with a better design and with more reinforcement than the old wall. Weather permitting, the wall will be completed before this weekend so that Sunday parking shouldn't be impacted.



Highland Says Goodbye to Green Van

Twenty-one years and 122,000 miles later, it is time to say goodbye to our Green Van which has served Highland faithfully for many trips. Carrying youth to camp and mission trips, senior adults to Cream of the Crop trips, shuttling the community to church on a Sunday morning, serving needs within our city and beyond. To our Green Van, we say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

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 Wednesday, August 1, we mark eleven years with Carol Harston on Highland's staff! Carol originally served as a Youth Intern 2006-2007 before serving as Minister to Youth from 2007-2016. After a year away in Durham, Carol returned last August to serve as Associate Pastor for Faith Formation and Congregational Engagement. We give thanks for her years of service to Highland Baptist Church!
 ... In last week's thank you to those who helped VBS Camp come to life through the donation of supplies, a few names need to be added to the list. Many thanks also go to Bob and Libby Cunningham and Cheryl Priddy!



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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 July 22, 2018 (29 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$20,024.54	\$15,442.68	\$577,587.25	\$559,727.58	(\$17,859.67)
Other Income	\$1,103.37	\$0.00	\$31,997.53	\$33,127.67	\$1,130.14
Total	\$21,127.91	\$15,442.68	\$609,584.78	\$592,855.25	(\$16,729.53)



2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week	\$337.00	Loan Balance	\$34,248.00
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