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A thinking, feeling, healing
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Deacon Ordination Service This Sunday

Nine men and women have been called by the church to serve as spiritual leaders. This Sunday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m., we will ordain our newly elected deacons and invite all to attend this special service.

Please pray for those being ordained: Steven Michael Carr, Sally Evans, Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, and Jeff Grey; and those being installed: Suzanne Busse, Joey Eubank, Michael French, Doris Hornbuckle, and John Pacyga.



New School Year Begins at Highland

We will be back with Wednesday Evening Dinner and Programming **tomorrow, August 22** and we will celebrate Promotion Sunday on **August 26**. Information about upcoming Wednesday evening classes and opportunities to get involved this school year are listed throughout this newsletter. We ask for your prayers as 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. See page 3 of this newsletter for the menu. The cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 4-11, \$21.00 maximum for immediate family WITH a reservation and \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 4-11, \$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.



Tomorrow, August 22: Cloud of Witnesses Returns

Highland's sanctuary is filled with saints—the ones in the stained-glass windows who have completed the race and the ones in the pews who are still in process. When we assume saints to be perfect people, we miss the truth they have to share. Saints are the ones who wonder if God is up to something and step out in humility and boldness to share their glimpses of the divine. Story-telling by these "Saints-in-Process" makes God visible for the church.



Join us tomorrow, August 22, at 6:10 p.m., in the Sanctuary, for our first Cloud of Witnesses of the semester. Bob Cunningham will facilitate a conversation with David Tribble, Chip Miller, and Carol Harston, who will share their faith journey. *Other dates for this Fall:* September 26, October 24, December 12.

Wednesday Night Fall Programming for Children Begins Anew

"For the children of today, your children, and for these children who will be the church of tomorrow, discover and use to the utmost the great potential of the children's choir." ~ Ruth Jacobs, 1959

Ruth Jacobs founded the national organization of Choristers Guild and her words ring true today—58 years later! Highland is blessed to have a graded children's choir program with adult leadership who are musicians, plus, they know and love children!

Our Wednesday evening programming begins a new year tomorrow, August 22, and we are ready for the sounds of children busy with play—a child's way of learning new skills, connecting with their peers, and learning of God's love through music and activities.

- **Gathering Time** ALL of our Wednesday night children build community by singing together for 5-7 minutes before going to their graded choir activities.
- **Carol Choir (3's 4's & young 5's), Room 203, 6:00-7:15 p.m.** Musical instruction for the young child through singing, movement and playing of instruments. Mission time with stories of the world in which we live and time to discover together how to care for God's world and how to share God's love with everyone, because God loves us.
- **Choristers Choir (K-5th Grade), Children's Commons and Rooms 201 & 202, 6:00-7:15 p.m.** Musical activities involving movement, speech, singing, literacy, and playing of instruments drawing from folk songs, hymns, scripture, and children's anthems.
- **Children's Handbell Choir, Room 200, 6:45 -7:15 p.m.** Handbell instruction is provided for 4th and 5th grade students.



Weekend Services Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 84
John 6: 56-69

The Offensive Jesus
Jim England, Proclaimer

Anthem: *O How Amiable*

Liminal Wonderings ...

Reflecting on Sunday's gathering, I find myself filled with gratitude and warmth. Normally, we are spread over three services. Sunday we were all in the same place at the same time for the same purpose. The service delighted us with its music and sermon and welcome of children. Perry described the "middle table" in his sermon as a place of welcome, belonging and enduring friendship. That's what I felt on Sunday.

Several have asked me about the book Renee read to the children. A wonderful story so gently spoken; it spoke to all of us.

The choir is so good so consistently that we could take them for granted. Week after week, they sing for more than one service providing beauty and heart deepening resonance to worship. The violin solo was achingly beautiful.

Parents and their children led our readings. Long time faith leaders led us in prayer and scripture reading. When children fidgeted, I was reminded of Renee's encouragement to think of the children in the world whose voices are not heard.

Outside, I was offered food from multiple sources. Your generosity was on display. I got to talk to people that I don't always get to talk to.

I am grateful to our church staff for creating this time together. I am humbled to serve alongside them.

~ Jim England

Highlights Classes Offered in September

New visitors and prospective members are encouraged to join us on three Sunday mornings in September for our Highlights Classes! We will gather during the 11:00 Bible study hour on September 9, 16, and 23, to share an in-depth look at Highland Baptist Church so that all may be invited to participate in our congregational life, shared discipleship, and church's mission in the world. Highland's ministry staff will lead the class in conjunction with our New Members Ministry Group. To participate, please contact Carol at carol@hbclouisville.org.

Soul Shop: Ministering to Suicidal Desperation Workshop September 14-15

Soul Shop is a one day training for church leaders aimed at helping people find their best minds in times of personal crisis by addressing suicidal thinking as a regular aspect of ministry.

Two workshops will be held in Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 14, and Saturday, September 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may register for either event at www.eventbrite.com and search Soul Shop for Clergy and Clinicians or Youth Workers and Laity. There is a \$15 registration cost which covers breakfast, lunch and materials. Please email Phillip Garrett with any questions.



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 **this Sunday, August 26**, at 7:00 p.m., in room 103. Everyone is invited!
 ... Congratulations to Ashley and Stewart Abney on the birth of their baby.
 ... Congratulations to Robert and Allesandra La Rocca Link on the birth of their baby.

Promotion Sunday, August 26

On Sunday, August 26, Highland ushers in the new school year with Promotion Sunday. On this date, children will move to new classes based on their age/grade for the coming year. Please watch for more information that will be sent to you via email this week about your child's class. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Purtlebaugh.



A Note about Worship Care Schedules

Please note that our current Worship Care rotation schedules continue through September 16. The new schedules for the coming year will begin on Sunday, September 23. Please make plans to trade with someone if you will be away, as our structure on Sunday mornings relies on your presence to function effectively.

Important Dates to Remember

- August 22 Wednesday Evening Activities Return
- August 26 Promotion Sunday; Children's Worship Returns
- September 23 New Worship Care Schedule Begins

Please Note:

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

Highland's Word To Our Community



A Week of Welcome for 6th Grade Youth

Tomorrow night, August 22, we will welcome our new 6th grade youth into our Wednesday Night Fellowship in the Youth Suite! From 6:00 until 7:15 p.m., we will get to start to get to know one another with some classic Youth Community fun, pizza and some Zombie themed activities ahead of our parking fundraiser this Saturday, August 25. Then, on Sunday, we finally welcome the 6th grade class into Bible study with Promotion Sunday, which will include recognition of our new friends in 11 o'clock worship. We are so excited for the beginning of a new academic year and all that life together has in store!



Sundays

- August 26—Bible Study AM
- September 2—Bible Study AM
- September 9—Bible Study AM, Mentor Groups PM

Wednesdays

- August 22—Fellowship in Youth Suite
- August 29—Fellowship in Youth Suite
- September 5—Fellowship in Youth Suite

Fall Picnic

We will gather at Lauren's home on Saturday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m., for food and yard games. This is a potluck. This is fun. You should attend. More information available soon on Facebook and in the YA Newsletter.



Hymns for the Hymnless, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to help plan our next service, please plan to join us on Thursday, September 13, and/or Tuesday, September 25, both at 7:00 p.m. We will consider a theme for the service, music, and of course, liturgy.

Habitat for Humanity

Are you a Young Adult? Would you like to volunteer with the Habitat for Humanity? On Saturday, September 22, YAs and Highland's Habitat for Humanity and Other Housing Solutions Mission Team will volunteer in the Portland Neighborhood for a few hours that morning. Parents for Progress, bring your kids with you! Ages 6 and up are invited. The YAs will grab a bit of lunch after we finish at The Table. RSVP to Lauren or Steven Michael Carr.

August 29-September 12: The Courage to Take Root

We begin a new year of Wednesday nights in a much different place than we did last August. Within the past year, we have said "goodbye" to two beloved twenty-year pastors and we have entered a time of transition. This year, we will explore what it looks like to have courage for the days ahead. We begin with the **courage to take root**. During these interim days, how do we nurture a sense of belonging that outlasts the uncertainty of our times?



We will explore this question together in our first Wednesday night class for adults (August 29, September 5, September 12) as Carol Harston, Lauren Jones Mayfield, and Renee Purtlebaugh lead us through a study of Brené Brown's recent book, Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone. The well-worn paths have disappeared, and the way forward is uncertain. Join us as we walk this journey towards courageous living together. Should you be interested in reading along with us, Braving the Wilderness can be found online at <https://www.carmichaelsbookstore.com/book/9780812995848>.

Last week at Friday Church, we finished with our usual singing of "God Be with You 'til We Meet Again".

At the end of the song, at the moment when folks began to disperse, I couldn't help but drift into the similar and wonderful beginning to our sweet departed sister Aretha's "Natural Woman". Quietly, gently, members of the band picked up the groove, and the song came to life and found us all. People heard the familiar strain and paused, then picked it up, making the moment a tribute to the spirit of the Queen of Soul. No one dared to sing Aretha's part. Instead, the melody was hummed, passed around, with snippets of words materializing along with momentary harmonies as our common adoration of the mighty Ms. Franklin filled the sanctuary. We swooned together like kids around a campfire. Smiles escaped us all at the closing chords.

There are times when God's love shines through and shows us the power of unity that transcends all our differences. This was certainly one of them. Thank you, Friday Church. Thank you, Aretha. Thank you, God. ~ Fred Bogert



Help Needed for Fellowship Dinner

We are in need of side dishes and desserts for the Fifth Friday Fellowship Dinner. If you are willing to help, you may drop off your side dish or dessert during church office hours and place in the kitchen (please be sure to label it "Friday Church"). Or, you may come after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 31. We would love to have stay and join us for dinner and fellowship. Thank you!

Please Join Us For "Fifth Friday Fellowship"



Everyone Welcome! Great Time For Fellowship!

When: Friday, August 31, 2018
We will begin serving dinner at 6:30pm

Where: Highland Baptist Church
1101 Cherokee Road
Louisville, KY

What: We will be serving Barbecue with all the sides, singing-along to great music, and hearing an inspirational message!



This Week at Highland

Tuesday, August 21

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

Wednesday, August 22

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—Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-In-Progress (Sanctuary)6:10-7:10 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)7:15-8:15 p.m.

Thursday, August 23

Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)7 p.m.

Friday, August 24

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

Sunday, August 26

Worship8:30 a.m.
Worship9:30 a.m.
Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Missions and Justice NTL Touch Base (101)10:30 a.m.
Worship11 a.m.
Bible Study.....11 a.m.
Tamale Sale (Commons).....12 p.m.
Deacon Ordination/Installation Service (Sanctuary) 6 p.m.
Highland Book Club (103).....7 p.m.

Monday, August 27

HBC Bookends (103).....2 p.m.
Leadership (Youth Suite).....6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 28

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

Upcoming Events at Highland

August 22 Wednesday activities/suppers resume
August 26 Promotion Sunday; Deacon Ordination and Installation Service

September 3 Church Offices Closed
September 8 MensWork Breakfast
September 13 Libation Theology
September 28-29 Deacons Retreat

Wednesday Night Menus

August 22—Cook-out

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions
Fries
Slaw
Watermelon
Dessert

August 29

King Ranch Chicken
Black Beans
Spanish Rice
Southwest Caesar Salad
Salsa with Corn Chips
Dessert

Adults: \$7; Children ages 4-11: \$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.

Annual Senior Adult Retreat, Registration Open

The Senior Adult Ministry Group would like to invite Highland's older adults (retirement age and greater) to 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. Cost is \$95 per person (\$190 per couple), which includes lodging, three meals, unlimited snacks and program. Contact Renee Purtlebaugh by September 15 to reserve your spot and turn in your registration fee.

This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Becky Holloman (C), Jim McBee

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Tony Dougherty, Nathan Marrs (G), Vicki Rynnion, Gene Streible (C)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

David Bannister, Bruce Carroll (G), Libby Cunningham, Michael DeWhatley (C)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

John Foster (G), Holly Harris, Bill Martin, Kim Shippey (C)

CBF Kentucky...

Hosted Sunday evening the I Love Morocco dinner. Karen Thomas Smith shared a moving presentation about the ministers serving the protestant churches throughout the country. The Highland sanctuary choir offered a hymn of welcome. A lovely meal was shared among representatives from each of KY's partnering churches. We donated over fifty bottles of acetaminophen and ibuprofen, which will serve the migrants arriving in the country.

One of the ways that this partnership so beautifully reflects the generous spirit of Highland is the interdenominational presence of the churches there. Like Karen reminded us, "When you are just one church in a country, you have no choice but to get along." Charismatics, alongside Episcopalians, next-door to Disciples of Christ, serving with Baptist. We offer thanks to our Global Partnerships Team for their hospitality and continued leadership in this mission.



Missions Corner



Delicious Tamales...

Will once again be available in the Commons, this Sunday, August 26. The tamales are made and served with care by our friend whom we have welcomed before. Donations made on Sunday will go directly to her needs. They will help her pay rent and other living expenses. She will also pop into the 11:00 service this week to introduce herself to us. Please stop by at noon and enjoy this generous contribution to our community.

The World's Largest Potluck

The Mission and Justice Ministry Group invites you to attend the Global Human Project's "World Largest Potluck" dinner on Sunday, September 16, at 5:00 p.m. in Iroquois Park. Members from Friday Church and several Bible studies will gather at this wonderful, annual Louisville event. If you have questions or would like to RSVP, contact Lela Hendrix.



Highlights from Sunday's Gather 'Round Service



Weekly Financial Report August 12, 2018 (32 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$19,364.23	\$14,896.30	\$636,340.25	\$609,652.33	(\$26,687.92)
Other Income	\$1,103.36	\$2,065.00	\$35,307.62	\$36,982.95	\$1,675.33
Total	\$20,467.59	\$16,961.30	\$671,647.87	\$646,635.28	(\$25,012.59)



2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week	\$215.00	Loan Balance	\$31,517.00
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