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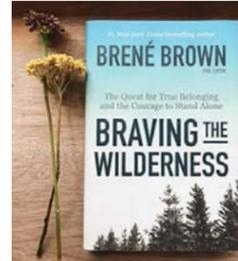
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**“The Courage to Take Root” Continues Wednesday**

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>.



**Highlights Classes Begin This Sunday**

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](mailto:carol@hbclouisville.org).

**Congregational Conversation and Called Business Meeting Sunday, September 23**

Please plan to attend a Congregational Conversation and Called Business Meeting on Sunday, September 23, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and to hear a presentation and proposal from Dr. Chris Gambill, the Director of the Center for Congregational Health. Dr. Gambill will outline how Highland can benefit from employing an “interim facilitator”—a outside specialist who assists churches like Highland during an interim transition. We will send out additional information regarding this meeting and the proposal prior to the meeting.

**Ridgewood and Highland Celebrate 10 Years of Partnership**

We celebrate 10 years of partnership with Ridgewood Baptist Church! Ridgewood is marking this important relationship with a special service this Sunday, September 9, during their 11:00 worship service. Those who were involved in this partnership are encouraged to attend worship of the God who knits us together, no matter the miles between. We give thanks for Matt Johnson (Pastor), Fred Bogert (Minister of Music), Tyler Purtlebaugh (Office Manager), Rebecca Hahn (Director of Youth Ministries), Katie Laird (Childcare), Peggy McFall (Church Custodian), and Nick Wilson’s (Pianist) wonderful service to this faithful church. Those who are unable to attend are encouraged to send notes of celebration to Ridgewood at 6209 Greenwood Road, 40258.

**A Climate for Change, September 19**

Do you ever feel helpless to affect the changes needed to combat climate change? So do we! But there are things that we can do as individuals and families and we can do as a community to make a tangible difference. Highland’s Environmental Action Team has organized a special Wednesday night service on September 19, to teach practical ways to live more sustainably.

You will have three options for breakout learning sessions:

1. Electric Cars: Sunny Gulati of EVolve Kentucky will discuss the joys, challenges and economics of using electric vehicles and the rapid growth of the EV market.
2. Solar Panels: Tim Darst of Kentucky Interfaith Power & Light will share lessons learned from other faith communities that have adopted solar panels and his personal experience with the economics of household solar.
3. Household Waste Reduction: Lynn Quire of Zero Waste Ventures will host a brief workshop on how to reduce your household waste with lots of tips, recipes and product reviews.

You will have the opportunity to attend any two out of the three sessions. We hope you can make it! And don’t forget to make your dinner reservation ahead of time by emailing [deb@hbclouisville.org](mailto:deb@hbclouisville.org) by Tuesday, September 18, at 11:00 a.m. This event is free, but note that the cost of the meal is \$7.00 for adults.



**Deadline to Submit Pastor Search Survey September 10**

A word of thanks to those of you who have completed the Pastor Search Survey. We have received over 270 surveys so far. If you’ve not already done so, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/y8j8fevc> and fill out the survey. The deadline to fill out the survey is next Monday, September 10. Thank you in advance and stay tuned for our sharing a summary of the results as we move toward having face-to-face conversation as a faith community.

We also want to say a huge thanks to Jim England and the current ministerial staff for their leadership during this interim time. From the delightful “Gather ‘Round” worship as one church on August 19, to the best ever Deacon Ordination Service on August 26, Highland remains a wondrous place to be!

**Weekend Services  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

James 2  
Psalm 125  
Mark 7:24-37

*Courageous Vulnerability*  
Jim England, Proclaimer

Anthem: *We Shall Walk Through the Valley of Peace*

**Liminal Wonderings ...**

Church staff gathered about 8:15 a.m. Sunday as usual; a last minute check in with each other and prayer. One reported a call and the caller wanted to know if it would be okay to visit Highland. Of course, the answer is “Of course.”

I first thought that I have never asked permission to attend any religious service anywhere. Never gave asking a thought. I realize my life is one of privilege even as I wonder what kind of church behaviors so wound someone that they do not want/wish to come to Highland until they receive some indication of welcome and safety.

I also wondered who was the person that played match maker? Who knew the person and their pain/fears and recommended Highland as a place for wounded seekers. I want to shake that person’s hand for believing Highland is a refuge and healing place. I want to shake the hand of that one who spoke to someone they know and said, “I know a place for you.”  
~ Jim England

**Highland Welcomes  
Lauren Blackwell to Staff**

You may see a new but familiar face around the office! Lauren Blackwell has been hired part-time to join Highland’s staff as Administrative Coordinator. She will begin tomorrow, September 5. She will be working to help coordinate volunteers and will help our ministers with administrative work. Lauren worked previously on Highland’s staff and we are all excited to have her back on board. Please give her a big hello and welcome when you see her!



**Highland’s Word  
To Our Community**



## Cream of the Crop Trip, September 13

Cream of the Crop is a group, retirement age and above, that gathers monthly. Our activities range from pot-lucks to trips to local places of interest.

We hope you will join us on Thursday, September 13, as we travel to Huber's for lunch followed by shopping at the store. We will meet in the church's parking lot at 10:30 a.m., and will leave Huber's at 2:00 p.m. to return to church. RSVP to JoAnne Taheri by Sunday, September 9.



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Highland's Orchestra Begins a New Season

Have you ever played a band or orchestra instrument? If so, we've got a spot for you in Highland's orchestra! Rehearsals follow Sunday morning services on the first and third Sundays of each month. Players of all ability levels are welcome with their rule: *play what you can!* The first rehearsal of the fall is Sunday, September 16, at 12:30. Contact Bruce Maples if you want to know more, or to sign up!



Find out more information about the Angela Project (September 14-15 at St. Stephen Church) at <https://tinyurl.com/y7ren97k>.

## 4TH ANNUAL



PRIDE FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

### Please Note:

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

## Families with Children Fall Picnic, September 16

Join us for our annual fall picnic at Farnsley Park! We will gather from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Bring a picnic meal for your family, picnic blankets/chairs and water gear. The sprayground will be available, as will the playground. We will play, eat and get to know one another better! RSVP to [renee@hbclouisville.org](mailto:renee@hbclouisville.org) by Friday, September 7, so that we can communicate with you should weather alter our plans.

Children's Corner

## 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

September 16 Fall Picnic at Farnsley Park, 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
September 23 New Worship Care Schedule Begins

This Sunday, September 9, we are back in action with our Mentor Groups—first up are our groups for MS Girls (with the amazing Sally Evans and Michele Smith) and HS Girls (with the amazing Meredith Bell helping Perry)! On Sunday, September 16, our Guys Group for all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade guys will return, too. If you were to try to define Mentor Groups among all our gathering spaces, you might describe them as spaces of meaningful relationship making and support from peers and adult leaders. It is hard to quantify how fun and meaningful Mentor Groups can be, but the best way to find out is to join in with us. All our groups will be getting out and about in the city to begin, so keep an eye out for communications from Perry for details on Wednesday! ~ Perry

Youth Corner

### Wednesdays

September 5—Youth Fellowship, 6:00-7:15 p.m.  
September 12—Youth Fellowship, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

### Sundays

September 9—Bible Study, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; MS Girls Group, 3:00-4:30 p.m.; HS Girls Group 1:00-2:30 p.m.  
September 16—Bible Study, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Guys Group p.m.; New Youth Parent Gathering, 12:30-2:00 p.m., at Baker home.

## Theology on Tap, This Thursday

We will meet at Baxter 942 this Thursday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. The discussion starts at 6:30 p.m. Theology of Paul, led by fellow young adult and Highland Personnel Ministry Group member, Rev. Laura Barclay.

Young Adult Corner



## Fall Picnic, This Saturday

We will gather at Lauren's home this Saturday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m., for food and yard games. This is a potluck. This is fun. You should attend. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2315713891778857/>.

## Hymns for the Hymless, Sunday, October 7

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

## Adult Bible Study: Meet the Disciples!



*Time & Location: 9:30 Bible Study Hour, Fellowship Hall*

*Class Description: Alive with curiosity, The Disciples are a community of learners who appreciate theological reflection. Roy Fuller seeks to unite the academic world of religious studies (the source of his vocation) with the daily life of The Disciples. Intellectual exploration and biblical discussion exist within this community of learners. Each Sunday, members bring their different backgrounds to explore lectionary text and walk away with new perspectives on our sacred text.*

*Currently: Roy Fuller teaches from the Feasting on the Word curriculum which builds upon the lectionary scripture used in worship.*

*A Word from one of the Disciples: "Roy does an awesome presentation every Sunday.*

*He reads the announcements takes prayer request, and some of us write them down on the day we will take them to God in prayer. In this time we all have a moment to share praise reports or share what is going on in our lives, very helpful for me. He leads us in prayer! Then we read the scripture—each person taking a part in this important time (2 Timothy 3:16,17). The few that we have in this class does not tell the power and knowledge I receive to grow in my mind, spirit, soul, and strength. All this and a cup of coffee. I am a blessed man to have found my Sunday School class." ~ James Coomer*





## This Week at Highland

### Tuesday, September 4

Emma Leachman Women's Group (103) ..... 4 p.m.  
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 G.R.O.W. (103) ..... 6 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 10 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 5

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—Courage to Take Root (FH) ..... 6:10-7:10 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) ..... 7:15-8:15 p.m.

### Thursday, September 6

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

### Friday, September 7

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

### Saturday, September 8

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

### Sunday, September 9

Worship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Mission and Justice NTL Touch Base (101) ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
 Bible Study ..... 11 a.m.  
 Highlights Class (FH Stage) ..... 11 a.m.  
 Families with Children MG (201) ..... 12:30 p.m.

### Monday, September 10

Ministry Council (Commons) ..... 6 p.m.  
 Anti-Racism Team (Commons) ..... 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 11

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

September 8 MensWork Breakfast; YA Fall Picnic  
 September 9 Highlights Class  
 September 13 Libation Theology  
 September 16 Highlights Class; Families with Children Fall Picnic  
 September 23 Highlights Class  
 September 26 Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Progress  
 September 28-29 Deacons Retreat

## Wednesday Night Menus

### September 5

Meatloaf  
 Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
 Southern Style Green Beans  
 Pear Salad  
 Rolls  
 Dessert

### September 12

Grilled Chicken Breast  
 w/ Lemon Beurre Blanc  
 Buttered Noodles  
 Zucchini & Yellow Squash  
 Vegetable Salad  
 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.

## Around Highland...

... We raised \$610 at our last tamale sale. All contributions go directly to the maker, a local refugee friend. Thank you for your generosity, Church. Special thanks to Becky Martin for her work as our interpreter.

... The Highland Book Club will meet on Sunday, September 30, at 6:00 p.m., in room 103, to discuss *The Excellent Lombards* by Jane Hamilton. Everyone is invited!

## This Week's Deacons

### Friday, 7:00 p.m. (Communion)

Jeff Grey, John Pacyga, Becky Smith (C)

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

Tony Dougherty (G), Nathan Marrs (C), Gene Streible, Tyler Swim

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

Steven Michael Carr, Michael DeWhatley (C), Susan Pierce

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

John Foster (C), Bill Martin (G), Sharon Sanders, Ginny Sims



## 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 to RSVP, contact Lela Hendrix.



## Missions Corner

## Voter Registration

Our Anti-Racism Team invites anyone interested to join us in voter registration canvassing in West Louisville with members of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. Canvassers are going door-to-door in pairs every Thursday from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. and every Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the month of September.

A short training will occur before beginning the canvassing. We will register anyone regardless of party affiliation. We will meet at different locations on different days, and anyone signing up will receive an email with the location before their day to canvass.

Sign up this Sunday in the commons or contact Missy Smith or Nancy Goodhue.

## Save the Date, Immigration Team Luncheon

On Sunday, November 4, the Immigration Mission Team invites you to a luncheon that will raise funds for La Casita Community Center. More information coming soon. (Word to the wise, you won't want to miss it. Plan to purchase your tickets as soon as they are available.)

## Jean Janes Global Women Group

The Jean Janes women invite you to join them in their annual food collection. All donated items will help stock the food pantry at Simmons College. In addition to non-perishable food items, they also welcome personal care items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Please leave donations in the wooden bin outside of the choir room. Contact Dr. Marilyn Sanders for further information.

## Volunteers Needed for Habitat's Portland Neighborhood Initiative

Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring a "Love Your Neighborhood" (LYN) event Saturday, September 22. This Portland LYN initiative focuses on community development and repair through partnerships with homeowners and community stakeholders.

Highland's Habitat for Humanity and other Housing Solutions Mission Team is soliciting your help to beautify the Boone Square Park which is an Olmstead park. This historic park was opened to the public on July 1, 1891 and is in the middle of the Portland neighborhood. We want 30 or more volunteers from Highland to participate! Sarah Wolff with the Olmstead Conservancy will be helping. Scope of work includes: weeding and removing landscaping; edging walkways; mulching and painting playgrounds; painting picnic shelter; painting bleachers, backboards, and goals at basketball court. All equipment and supplies will be provided. If there are plenty of volunteers and/or the work goes quickly, there is a vacant lot across the street that needs lots of brush removal and weeding.

**The event is open to all age groups.** Families can participate in activities such as flower pot painting, mulching, playground clean-up, repair and painting. The decorating and planting of the flower pots that are given to the neighbors to put on their porch is a vital part of showing love to the neighborhood. Children under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian with them.

We are also excited about sponsoring a **Home Repair** in the Portland neighborhood! We need 10-15 adult volunteers to work on this part on the LYN event.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Duncan and 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Work will start around 9:30, break for lunch, then finish by 3:00-3:30 p.m. A wonderful lunch for the volunteers and neighbors will be provided by HFH.

Sign-ups and more information will be available in the Commons on Sundays, September 9 and 16, or contact Jim McBee.

## Highland Highlights



## Weekly Financial Report August 26, 2018 (34 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$19,364.23	\$11,798.80	\$675,068.71	\$639,086.29	(\$35,982.42)
Other Income	\$1,103.36	\$749.00	\$37,514.34	\$37,750.74	\$236.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,467.59</b>	<b>\$12,547.80</b>	<b>\$712,583.05</b>	<b>\$676,837.03</b>	<b>(\$35,746.02)</b>



### 2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week \$405.00      Loan Balance \$30,962.00