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**Congregational Conversation and Called Business Meeting This Sunday**

Please plan to attend a Congregational Conversation and Called Business Meeting this Sunday, September 23, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will gather in 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 and his colleague Rev. Beth Kennett will outline how Highland can benefit from employing an "interim facilitator"—an outside specialist who assists churches like Highland during an interim transition. You will receive additional information regarding the proposal later this week via email. I hope you will read the proposal and bring any questions you may have to our gathering.

**Why do we need an "interim facilitator"?**

One question which might be anticipated is: why does Highland need an interim facilitator? When you read the proposal prior to the meeting on Sunday, you will see a number of reasons as to why our ministers and lay leaders believe that entering into a relationship with an interim facilitator will not only be a tremendous help during our time of transition, but is truly an investment in the future of our church. With the retirement of two twenty-plus-year-tenure ministers, Highland is finding our way with new relationships, new processes and all the challenges facing churches in today's world. One metaphor I have employed is that of an athlete. Athletes at all levels, including world-class athletes, employ coaches. That is one way to think about why we would seek a relationship with an interim facilitator, as they are like coaches who can offer both expertise and an outsider's perspective. While we are blessed at Highland with a wide range of persons with a tremendous diversity of skills, few of us have extensive experience in church transitions, and Highland last had a pastoral transition over twenty years ago. Chris Gambill and his colleague Beth Kennett will be with us for all three morning services and will offer a presentation at our conversation in which they will explain how they can come alongside Highland during this time of transition. I hope you plan to attend this important event in the life of our church. ~ Roy Fuller



**Weekend Services**

Psalm 1  
Mark 9:30-37  
*Wisdom in Transition*  
Chris Gambill and Beth Kennett,  
Guest Proclaimers

**Tomorrow Evening: A Climate for Change**

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 service tomorrow evening, 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 of the three sessions. The event is free and we hope you can make it!



**For the Living of These Days—  
A Word from Lauren Jones Mayfield**

The reasons pile up when we explore why the voices of Scripture demand over and over again, "Do not fear." God, Jesus, angels, disciples, judges, Paul, James, Naomi, Hannah—they all say it more than once. Why? Because life is scary! In particular, life as a follower of Jesus comes with lots of risk.

A quick *personal* story: I was at a press conference a few years ago as a young clergy-person here in Louisville. Standing among more seasoned colleagues in our robes and stoles, hoping our presence offered support to the point and speakers, I clapped and nodded at all the appropriate moments. After the formal presentation concluded and the reporters started asking questions, I watched my colleagues field the conversation from my out-of-camera, off-to-the-side perch. But then there was that one question that completely related to a book I had just read on the subject, and before I realized it, my feet had carried me to the center, eager to offer a response. My knees were legit knocking. My brain was racing, struggling to offer some cohesive verbal sequence.

Later that night at the dinner table when processing the event with my family, I unexpectedly burst into tears. One of my kids nonchalantly said, "What's the big deal? You talk in front of people all the time." (Fair enough.) "Because I was scared to death!" I implored. "In fact, I'm still scared..." I responded. New experiences, even when called to them, may prompt fear and panic.

A quick *corporate* story: Last night, the deacons met with the new class led by their new chair, Kim Shippey. While I hope that these gatherings do not prompt fear and panic for those whom the church has called to serve (wink!), I witnessed these leaders engage a full agenda of nuanced topics. We are in pastoral transition after all. Just as I am certain there were folks among our circle who were nervous or afraid, uncertain or eager, I also saw this body taking root—rising to the call of courage, centering themselves in love, compassion, honesty, and discernment. There were even a few sacred tears too.

Here's the thing, the risk of rooting ourselves in God's love, in the work of justice, in the hope that goodness will prevail, while a primary identity marker of our church, does not exempt us from fear. Change is scary. The risks are real and life-changing. But the Good News today invites us to release our fears while trusting in God's courage. In turn, God's courage becomes our own, and before we realize it, we find ourselves stepping forward to embrace unexpected and wonderful surprises. Church, take root! Have courage! God is with us!



**Open House for Halter Family, Highland's Supported Missionaries, Sunday, September 30**

Please join us to celebrate and learn more about the wonderful medical work of our own Sarah (Belcher) Halter and her husband Dr. David Halter next Sunday, September 30, 2:00-5:00 p.m. (presentation at 3:00), in Fellowship Hall, hosted by Jean Janes and Emma Leachman Baptist Women groups and Global Partnerships Ministry Team. Sarah is the daughter of Bob and Kathy Belcher and grew up at Highland. Sarah, David, and their children have lived and served in East Africa for three years—with plans to return.



**Highland's Word To Our Community**



## Focus Groups Begin for Doctor of Ministry Research

Tonight, I begin a seven-week process of hosting nine focus groups (each with 6-8 participants) for research for my Doctor of Ministry thesis through Duke Divinity. These Focus Groups offer the opportunity for voices from Highland to deepen my research and writing around healing for those who have experienced a message of God's shame, banishment, or condemnation. In late August, I invited all those enrolled in Highland's adult Bible study classes to participate. While I wish I could hear from all people, I had to limit focus group participation in order to put some boundaries around the amount of data I collected, as I hope to eventually be done with this doctoral program! Bible study participants are accustomed to reflecting upon faith in a group setting so that is why I set these adults as the possible audience. I ask for your prayer as I begin this endeavor of 40 hours of interviews with 63 of you! I begin this journey with the full belief that academic research is always more powerful when it is in conversation with stories from real people's lives. Thank you for all the ways that you support our communal quest for learning as we seek to be a thinking, feeling, and healing community of faith! ~ Carol Harston

### Please Note:

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

## Highland Book Club Meeting Sunday, September 30

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



### Pastries for Parents This Sunday

Join the Families with Children Ministry Group for donuts, juice and coffee in the Children's Commons this Sunday, September 23, 9:00-9:30 a.m. and 10:30-11:00 a.m. We hope you will take a moment to pause, chat and connect with other parents as we seek to courageously *take root* in new ways this fall!

Children's Corner

### New Worship Care Schedule Begins This Sunday

Please note that our new worship care schedule begins this Sunday, September 23, and the schedule will be sent via email this week! 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.



Families with children gathered at Farnsley Park last Sunday evening for a fall picnic with church friends!

This past weekend, we had a wonderful time celebrating the LGBTQ community at Louisville Pride as Meredith, Morgan, Chris, Livia (and friend Camille), Ava and Madeline all joined alongside adult Highland members at our booth making custom pride buttons—a festival favorite! In Bible Study, our youth explored the different genres present in our sacred text, from poetry to parables, stories to epistles, genealogies to prophecy, and more, seeking out examples of each. 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth parents gathered for tacos and conversation at the Baker home Sunday afternoon, followed by a Guys Group outing to Seneca Park. There is lots going on among the youth community now that life is in full swing—check out the schedule below to see what is next! ~ Perry Dixon

Youth Corner

#### Wednesdays

September 19—Youth Gathering, 6:00-7:15 p.m., Youth Suite  
September 26—Youth Gathering, 6:00-7:15 p.m., Youth Suite

#### Sundays

September 23—Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Youth Suite; MS Girls Group, 4:00-5:30 p.m.; HS Girls Group, 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
September 30—Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Youth Suite; Guys Group, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

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

The Young Adults will gather in Fellowship Hall next month for this 3<sup>rd</sup> worship event. If you would like to help plan our liturgy, join us next Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m., in room 103. We will also consider music, setting the space, and how the realities of our current immigration crisis prompt us, as people of faith, to respond. Contact Lauren or Mary Miller Dwyer for more information. Better yet, plan to join us by simply showing up!

Young Adult Corner

### Tuesday Adult Bible Study - Fall 2018

You are invited to join us for seven Tuesday mornings, September 18-October 30, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., in the Commons, for TABS (Tuesday Adult Bible Study). The fall study is based on the Revelation to John. John Hendrix will be our guide as we discover insights about "The Reputation of a Church." The second session on September 25 will be about The Church in Smyrna, Rev. 2:8-11. Bring a Bible and a friend; and if you are on your lunch hour, feel free to bring your lunch. Beverages will be available. All are welcome. For more information, contact Lela Hendrix or Carol Harston.



### September 26: Cloud of Witnesses

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 Wednesday, September 26, for another Cloud of Witness evening as Bob Cunningham facilitates a conversation with Kathy Belcher, Steve Brown, and Billie Johnson as they share their faith journey. *Other Dates for this Fall:* October 24, December 12.

### Adult Bible Study: Meet the Messengers Class!

*Time & Location:* 11:00 Bible Study Hour, Youth Suite

*Class Description:* Questions are best shared together.

Gathered together on a communal search or more profound biblical insights, The Messengers expand upon the lectionary text they hear in worship and wonder how faith might still be new. The Messengers recognize the way shared fellowship outside of class deepens their ability to walk their faith journey side by side. During the interim time while Jim England (The Messengers' regular teacher) stands in the pulpit, faithful class members Debbie Hoover and Jen Woosley Saylor are filling in as teachers and guides.

*Currently:* We use the lectionary series supplemented by resources from <http://textweek.com/>.

*A Word from the Messengers:* "After joining the church in May this year, and gentle encouragement from Gloria McBee, my wife and I decided to attend Bible study following the 9:30 church service and landed in the Messengers class. How can you articulate, in a few words, something that has impacted your life so deeply and in a short span of time? The Messengers Bible Study is a place to better understand and apply the sermon and scripture to our daily lives. We share our personal joys, concerns and fears, we take on mini-missions outside of Highland Baptist Church, we laugh and cry, we share our love for Jesus, and our wonderful teachers help us to make sense and apply the scriptures we explore through open discussion. I am grateful for the enrichment this micro family, inside my larger church family, provides." ~ Diane Endicott





## This Week at Highland

### Tuesday, September 18

Tuesday Adult Bible Study (Commons) .. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) .....5:30 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 10 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 19

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.  
 Climate for Change Event (FH) ..... 6:10-7:10 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) .....7:15-8:15 p.m.

### Thursday, September 20

Senior Adult MG (103) ..... 11 a.m.  
 Pastor Search Committee (Pastor's Study) .....7 p.m.  
 Environmental Action Team (103) .....7 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) .....7 p.m.

### Friday, September 21

Wedding rehearsal (Sanctuary) .....4:30 p.m.  
 Friday Church (Sanctuary) .....7-7:45 p.m.  
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH) .....8 p.m.

### Saturday, September 22

Habitat for Humanity Project (Off-site) ..... 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
 Wedding (Sanctuary) .....5 p.m.

### Sunday, September 23

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 (Commons) ..... 11 a.m.  
 Congregational Conversation and Called Business meeting (FH) ..... 12 p.m.

### Monday, September 24

HBC Bookends (103) ..... 2 p.m.  
 Immigration Ministry Team (Commons) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Leadership (Youth Suite) ..... 6 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 25

Tuesday Adult Bible Study (Commons) .. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) .....5:30 p.m.  
 Rohr Book Study (FS) ..... 7 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 10 p.m.

## Upcoming Events at Highland

September 19 Climate for Change Event  
 September 22 Habitat's Love Your Neighbor and Home Repair Projects  
 September 23 Highlights Class; Congregational Conversation and Called Business Meeting  
 September 25 Tuesday Adult Bible Study; Rohr Book Study  
 September 26 Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Progress  
 September 28-29 Deacons Retreat  
 September 30 Halter Open House; Highland Book Club

## Wednesday Night Menus

### September 19

Vegetable Lasagna  
 Steamed Broccoli  
 Italian Vegetable Salad  
 Fruit Salad  
 French Bread  
 Dessert

### September 26

Autumn Chicken  
 Baked Rice Pilaf  
 Grilled Vegetable Platter  
 Spinach & Apple Salad  
 Yeast Rolls  
 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.

## This Week's Deacons

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

Jeff Grey (C), John Pacyga

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

Joey Eubank, Allison French (C), Nathan Marrs, Gene Streible (G)

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

Bruce Carroll (C), Michael DeWhatley, Sally Evans, Bill Martin (G)

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

Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons (G), Kim Shippey, Ginny Sims, David Wells (C)

## Report from Louisville Pride Event

Highland members, youth, families and adults, celebrated at the Louisville Pride Festival last Saturday with our famous custom button maker for Festival attendees. From 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., Highland's booth was in full operation with countless Pride attendees, children, youth, parents, and adults of all ages finding joy and welcome at our table. We give thanks to: Helen Hinton and Pam Ratcliffe, Lee Cave, Michele and Ron Smith, Scott and Janie Blome, Mark and Kathy Golightly Sanders, Larry Farr, Troy Burden and Chris, Vance and Missy Smith, siblings Gabe and Morgan, Ava, Madeline, Livia (and friend Camille), Meredith, Amy Farnsley, Joanna Morse and Aaron Watkins, for staffing our booth with love. We hope you will join us for Kentuckiana Pride and Louisville Pride next year, as well as True Colors ongoing efforts for LGBTQ inclusion, affirmation, and outreach!



## Dare to Care Hunger Walk

### September 23, 2:00 p.m., Waterfront Park

Did you know: 15.8 % of people in Louisville have food insecurity—not having access or money for healthy or adequate food. Those who live in the downtown (including east and west of the city center) are in a "food desert"—a geographic area without stores to obtain healthy or fresh food. Food benefits such as SNAP are being downsized and eliminated for many. Louisville ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in peer cities and 83<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for people experiencing hunger and food insecurity. Last year Dare to Care and partners provided over 15 million meals in Jefferson County.

The Food Justice Mission Team invites you to this yearly event organized by Dare to Care and Interfaith Paths to Peace. Raised funds provide meals throughout the year in Jefferson County. Please join members of Highland as we walk to fight hunger in our city. Register at [Daretocare.org](http://Daretocare.org) or at the walk. Registration is free, but a donation is suggested. \$1 will provide 3 meals.

## Mayfields to Morocco

Rejoice with us, the Global Partnerships Ministry Team, in sending our Associate Pastor to Young Adults and Mission, Reverend Lauren Jones Mayfield and her husband, Professor Tyler Mayfield, as they offer their wealth of talents and gifts to our ministry with migrants in Morocco.

They will represent Highland in our unique ministry, the annual national gathering of churches providing support to those who find themselves in dire, vulnerable, and desperate situations in Morocco (CEI of the EEAM). They will travel in mid-October. Please attend as we bless their going in the name of Christ in worship on October 7.

## "Tools for Troubled Times," Sowers of Justice

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sowing A Nonviolent City conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hotel Louisville (120 West Broadway). Sowers of Justice Network brings together people of good faith and good will to inspire all of us to live in active nonviolence with an exciting array of speakers and workshops for this year's Sowing A Nonviolent City Conference. "Tools for troubled Times" offers tools to resist personal and systemic violence and the opportunity to network with others and includes lunch.

Outstanding, thoughtful speakers from Louisville and beyond will provide powerful testimony speaking to the active nonviolence and ways to address it. Speakers include Chanelle Helm, Cory Lockhart, LSURJ, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, and more.

The price for early bird registration of \$20, which ends this Friday, September 21, includes lunch. After September 22, registration is \$25 and \$35 at the door. Registration and sponsorship information is available at <http://www.sowersofjusticenetwork.org/> and at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tools-for-troubled-times-tickets-48949431066?aff=erelexpmlt>. Scholarships are available. Contact Carolyn King for more information.



## Empty Bowls, Highlands Community Ministries

Highlands Community Ministries' 22<sup>nd</sup> annual "Empty Bowls Hunger Benefit" will take place Thursday, October 11, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., at Bellarmine's Frazier Hall. Empty Bowls is an effort to help feed the hungry in The Highlands. The bowl and simple meal of soup, bread, cheese, and fruit stand as a reminder that many of our neighbors suffer from food insecurity. HCM's food pantry and senior nutrition programs help those in need, and the demand grows every year. To reserve your spot, visit <http://hcmlouisville.org/Event.aspx?id=29>.

## ICIJ, September 25

The Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice meets next Tuesday, September 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Contact Ryan Eller, Carolyn King, or a member of our Immigration Mission Team for more information. This ecumenical coalition exists to support local migrant and refugee people as well as other organizations in our city offering support services.

## "Soul Shop" Conference Hosted by Men's Ministry Team

As part of the National Suicide Prevention Week, Highland's Men's Ministry Team hosted a day long workshop on suicide prevention this past Friday. Phillip Garrett, one of the team leaders, brought the training to Highland out of a concern for white men between the ages of 45-65 in our community who comprise 7 out of every 10 completed suicides in the US each year.

The training was led by Michelle Snyder, founder of the Soul Shop Movement, an organization equipping congregations to recognize and respond to suicidal desperation. Soul Shop helps create Soul Safe communities in which members' suicidal desperation is addressed in all aspects of congregational life, normalized and gives voice to their hopes and fears. Michelle challenged the participants to use the word suicide in their congregations in order to save a life. The participants were various community clergy, representatives of the men's ministry team and survivors of suicide.

Highland is grateful to the Kentucky chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for providing a generous grant to make the training possible.

If you are considering suicide or you know someone who is considering suicide, please contact the ministry staff. You may also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or contact the Crisis text line by texting TALK to 741741.



## Weekly Financial Report September 9, 2018 (36 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$21,846.91	\$23,281.59	\$718,762.53	\$676,029.73	(\$42,732.80)
Other Income	\$1,103.37	\$3,204.52	\$39,721.08	\$41,653.71	\$1,932.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,950.28</b>	<b>\$26,486.11</b>	<b>\$758,483.61</b>	<b>\$717,683.44</b>	<b>(\$40,800.17)</b>



### 2015 Building Renovation Project

Contributed this week \$905.00 Loan Balance \$25,549.00