

*Where transformed people are joining the work of God.*



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**“Faithful Giving... for Today and Tomorrow” Stewardship Season Begins**

At Highland, we strive to live with courage through all of the seasons and stages of life. We care for one another as we live life together on the corner of Cherokee and Grinstead, and we work to create a world where justice and love are abundant for all people. This is courageous, God-centered work.



As we approach our next year of ministry together, we invite each of you to consider how we might support God's work through Highland financially—for today and tomorrow, for our present and our future. Over the next few weeks, you will hear stories in worship from those who have experienced or witnessed the transformative power of God through the work of Highland. May these stories invite you to reflect, may you have the courage to hear God's call to be a people who continue practicing generosity, and may you be inspired to make commitments now for the work ahead that we will do together.

Next week, you will receive information in the mail about giving opportunities. On Sunday, October 21, we will commit our financial resources to our thinking, feeling, healing community of faith.

How will you demonstrate your commitment to give courageously to God's work through our community of faith? ~ *The Faithful Giving Ministry Group*



**Weekend Services**

Psalm 22  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

Jim England, Proclaimer  
Anthem: *The Narrow Way*

Highland Welcomes



Ed Huckleberry



Jennifer Neyhart



Jason Martin & Andrea Hunt



Emily & Virginia Noonan

**For the Living of These Days—A Word from Kathy Collier**

*So, in the end, we all leave something that marks us deeply so that we can become both more of it—and less of it at the same time. We find the ground we grew in. We feel again that first sense of certainty that, however difficult it might be, we could take the next step in life alone. An individual is what we are. Community is what we need and want and cannot live well without.* ~ Joan Chittister's October Monastic Way

One of Highland's deacons, Lewis Miller, recently shared this beautiful quote and it resonated with Highland's ministerial staff as we live into our theme of courage and specifically, *taking root*, in this interim season. Wednesday nights on Highland's second floor may not seem like acts of courage compared to all that is going on in the world around us. However, seeds are scattered, roots are deepened, and community is strengthened as our children attend our graded choir program offered for ages three through fifth grade.

On a recent Wednesday night, Highland's children's choir teachers witnessed community in the simple act of one child reaching for a friend's hand to hold. Our goal that evening was to provide the space for our young musicians to discover how to project their singing voices in our beautiful stone-walled sanctuary and prepare to sing in worship *very* early in our choir year. I'm smiling as I write because I wish all we had to teach them was how to sing together! Our teachers give each child the tools to help them stand for a long period of time, share space with other children, point their toes toward the director so our voices can blend together, maintain a singing posture, and sing together at the same time. Chorister Choir is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. This year, we welcomed ten kindergarteners and nine of them are boys! The simple act of reaching for a hand gave two young kindergarteners the courage to learn new skills and do hard things together... and one teacher took their picture. *(continued to page 3)*



**Quarterly Church Conference October 17**

Our next Quarterly Church Conference will be on Wednesday, October 17, at 6:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Topics for the meeting are:

- \* Review of Agenda Items
- \* Approval of July Minutes
- \* Financial Reports and 2019 Proposed Budget Presentation
- \* Membership Report
- \* Formation of Congregational Engagement Ministry Group
- \* Vote to approve church controller, moderator, and clerk
- \* Deacon Letter to Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
- \* Facilitator/Pastor Search Updates



- \* Quarterly Church Conference next Wednesday, October 17, 6:15 p.m.
- \* Commitment Sunday, October 21
- \* Congregational Conversation Sunday, October 28
- \* No Evening Activities/Supper Wednesday, October 31

**Congregational Conversation Sunday, October 28**

We will gather for a Congregational Conversation over lunch following our morning services on Sunday, October 28. The Pastor Search Committee will be leading the first of a two-part presentation of the results from the recent Pastor Search Survey, which will also be discussed in small groups around the tables.

**Meal reservations are required if you plan to attend and must be submitted no later than Wednesday, October 24, by contacting the church office at 451-3735 or [deb@hbclouisville.org](mailto:deb@hbclouisville.org).**

This conversation is part of our preparation for a meeting with our consultant, Chris Gambill on November 18.

If you have questions, please contact Bob Cunningham, Chairperson of the Pastor Search Committee.

In Memoriam



*Maxine Teel*  
1929-2018

**Highland's Word To Our Community**

**GOD HEARS THE CRIES OF VICTIMS AND THE OPPRESSED**  
SUN 8-30 9-30 & 11 FRI 7

## Pastries for Parents

Join the Families with Children Ministry Group for donuts, juice and coffee in the Children's Commons on October 28, 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

## Important Dates to Remember

October 28	Pastries for Parents
June 24-27, 2019	PASSPORT <i>kids!</i>
July 19-21, 2019	Vacation Bible School Camp

Our summer 2019 adventures are already taking shape! Our youth will head to PASSPORT Missions at Averett University June 16-22. Then, our High School youth will return to work alongside long term mission partner Touching Miami with Love in West Homestead, July 7-13. We celebrate the opportunity for transformative experiences together in the future, even as we continue with a vibrant schedule this fall. Our Fall Youth Retreat sign-ups are open, and we head to Aldersgate November 30-December 2. In the meantime, lots of time together week in and week out as we explore and grow into our faith!

Youth Corner

## Mark Your Calendar!

**This Wednesday, October 10**—Youth Gathering, 6:00-7:15 p.m., Youth Suite  
**This Sunday, October 14**—Bible Study, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Guys Group, 4:00 p.m.

## October 11: 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." Over dinner, participants discuss the news of the day, explore cultural topics, and have time to listen to one another's experiences. Join us this Thursday, October 11, for our monthly Libation Theology at 6:30 p.m. 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.



## October 10: Courage to Take Root – An Exploration of Ruth

Courageous Ruth. Ingenious Naomi. Generous Boaz. Silent God. Join us as we conclude a two-week Wednesday night study of the deceptively simple book of Ruth as we seek courage for our journey. Dr. Tyler Mayfield will lead adults, 6:10-7:10 p.m., in Fellowship Hall.

## 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 fourth session on October 16 will be about The Church in Sardis, Rev. 3:1-6. 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.

## Adult Bible Study: Meet the Simple Community Class!

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

*Class Description:* Simple Community is a dynamic class whose form and content change with the season, the lectionary text, and the passions of the group. There is often opportunity for self-reflection, small group discussion, engagement through the arts and meditation, and fellowship. Justin Boldt and Jill Ligon Davis help create this communal space, but teaching is shared in a rotational model, drawing forth a multitude of perspectives on scripture, theology, and spirituality.

*Currently:* Typically, Simple Community follows the lectionary readings and the teacher prepares a lesson related to this. However, teachers/class members may also choose specific one- or two-time topics. Some that we have done in the past include ministry, science and miracles, trauma stewardship, mindfulness, and Sabbath.

*A Word from the Simple Community Class:* "Simple community is simply my family. We do life together—the good times and the hoping for good again times. From the ritual of monthly brunch to the challenge of discerning questions, Simple Community has made me better and my life fuller."



## Empty Bowls, Highlands Community Ministries

Highlands Community Ministries' 22<sup>nd</sup> annual "Empty Bowls Hunger Benefit" will take place this 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://hclouisville.org/Event.aspx?id=29>.



Missions Corner

Friday Church is such a safe harbor for so many folks who show up storm-tossed and beaten up by the stark realities of daily life. Last Friday was extra cozy. It was wonderful to have the service unfold while folks took turns doting on Jeff and Debbie's infant grandchild, who helped grandma open the service. "Come to me as children" could not have been more accurately manifested. Even the band spun out the music gently, with our prayers being that much deeper as the light of Christ shone forth from that beautiful, innocent face. I love it when God is both so powerful and so gentle.

This week, we have special guests joining us—a fine quartet called "Zion's Best" from Hill Street Baptist will join members of our band and other folks to add music to our worship. Come join us!

Friday Church Corner



**This Week  
at Highland**

**Tuesday, October 9**

Tuesday Adult Bible Study (Commons) .11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Finance MG (103) ..... 6 p.m.  
 Rohr Book Study for Men (FS) ..... 7 p.m.  
 Pastor Search Committee (Pastor's Study) ..... 7 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 10 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 10**

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:  
 An Exploration of Ruth (FH) .....6:10-7:10 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) ....7:15-8:15 p.m.

**Thursday, October 11**

Libation Theology (Off-site) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) ..... 7 p.m.

**Friday, October 12**

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

**Saturday, October 13**

Men's Fellowship Potluck Breakfast (FS) .....9:30 a.m.

**Sunday, October 14**

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.  
 New Members Luncheon (FH) ..... 12 p.m.  
 Families with Children MG (201) ..... 12:30 p.m.  
 Alice Bartley Memorial Service (Sanctuary) ..... 2 p.m.

**Monday, October 8**

Young Adult MG (FS) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Youth MG (Youth Suite) ..... 6 p.m.  
 Deacons (Commons) ..... 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 9**

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**

October 11 Libation Theology  
 October 14 New Members Luncheon; Memorial Service for Alice Bartley  
 October 14-15 Senior Adults Retreat  
 October 16 Tuesday Adult Bible Study  
 October 17 Quarterly Church Conference  
 October 20 Sanctuary Choir Retreat  
 October 21 Commitment Sunday #1; Memorial Service for Maxine Teel  
 October 23 Tuesday Adult Bible Study  
 October 24 Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Progress  
 October 28 Commitment Sunday #2; Congregational Conversation; Highland Book Club

**Wednesday Night Menus**

**October 10**

Chicken Pot Pie  
 Green Beans  
 Orange Jell-O Salad  
 Wedge Salad  
 Rolls  
 Dessert

**October 17**

Honey Glazed Ham  
 Mixed Greens/Broccoli  
 Roasted Sweet and Red Potatoes  
 Cobb Salad  
 Cornbread  
 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.**

John Pacyga, Becky Smith (C)

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

Tony Dougherty, Michael French, Nathan Marrs (C), Gene Streible (G)

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

Steven Michael Carr, Libby Cunningham, Allison French (C), Bill Martin (G)

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

Suzanne Busse, Bill Martin (G), Ginny Sims, David Wells (C)



**Highland Book Club Sunday, October 28**

The Highland Book Club will meet on Sunday, October 28, at 6:00 p.m., in room 103, to discuss And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini. Everyone is invited!



**A Renewed Season of Men's Ministry at Highland**

The Men's Ministry is taking root in a new way at Highland this fall, looking toward new life in the journey ahead. The Ministry seeks to provide Christian fellowship, welcome, growth, and support for all who identify as men at Highland Baptist Church. Two important announcements are at hand!

**First, this Saturday, October 13,** at 9:30 a.m., in the Fireside Room, we will host a pot luck **Men's Breakfast** for all men in the church age 18 and up. This will be a great time to get to know one another, make new connections, and reaffirm familiar friendships. This breakfast will recur monthly and is the foundation for the Men's Ministry, but it is not the only dreaming we are doing together. RSVP to Michael French.

**Second,** Perry is looking to bring back Friday morning gatherings for men in the church to gather for breakfast, fellowship and prayer. These particular gatherings will be for, but not exclusive to, more seasoned men in the church looking for ways to connect. If you are interested in receiving information about our first **Friday Men's Fellowship** gathering later this month, please call the church office to ask to speak to Perry!

With Perry moving into a role as liaison for the ministry, we will continue with clergy support as we offer book studies and smaller, focused groups, while also exploring new opportunities as the men in the church feel led.

The leadership team for the Men's Ministry currently includes: Michael French, Phillip Garrett, Billy Flood, Eric Cutler, and Ben Self. Please speak with them, or with Perry, if you would like to hear more about the Men's Ministry in this new season together.

**For the Living of These Days—A Word from Kathy Collier** *(continued from page 1)*

In the midst of living in this interim, I encourage you to find a hand to hold... maybe not literally, but come to worship and in that hour find the courage

- to greet more people during the Exchange of Peace.
- look others in the eye and welcome them with a hand shake or hug.
- sign the register and view the names of those who sit with you.
- take the bulletin home to repeat the prayers, read the scriptures, and sing the hymns.

I delight in seeing each of you in worship on Sundays from the best seat in Highland's sanctuary. Come to worship and root yourself in this faith community on the corner of Grinstead and Cherokee. Take root with us as we do the work of God's love in the world.

**A Note of Thanks**

Thank you, church family, for your concern and prayers during Jim's recent treatments and surgery. Each card, email, text, call, and visit was an encouragement to both of us. We felt profound peace that could only have come from God as we faced this serious surgery. Recovery is slow and steady and there are more treatments ahead, but we look forward to being back at church in a few weeks. ~ *Gloria and Jim McBee*



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*A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith*

**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 September 30, 2018 (39 weeks)**

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$21,846.91	\$10,574.00	\$784,303.26	\$723,790.03	(\$60,513.23)
Other Income	\$1,103.37	\$825.67	\$43,031.19	\$43,987.12	\$955.93
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,950.28</b>	<b>\$11,399.67</b>	<b>\$827,334.45</b>	<b>\$767,777.15</b>	<b>(\$59,557.30)</b>



**2015 Building Renovation Project**

Contributed this week	\$573.00	Loan Balance	\$16,260.00
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