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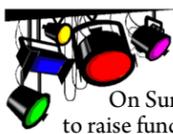
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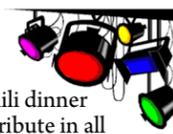
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Congregational Conversation Rescheduled for This Sunday

Please mark your calendars for this Sunday, February 3, when we'll have a Congregational Conversation with Interim Facilitator Chris Gambill about our heritage and values which we will carry forward into the next phase of our journey as a church. The conversations will occur in Fellowship Hall during both our 9:30 and 11:00 Bible study hours.



HBC Got Skillz is Coming!



On Sunday, February 10, we will gather for our church-wide variety show and chili dinner to raise funds for our summer trips and scholarship fund. Youth and parents will contribute in all different ways to pull off the evening of joy for our community and we hope church members of all ages will come! Tickets will be on sale for \$10 each in the Commons after worship this Sunday, February 3. Dinner starts at 5:15 p.m., and the show starts at 6:00 p.m., all at Highlands Community Ministries (1228 East Breckinridge).

Property and Space Ministry Group Meets This Saturday

The Property and Space Ministry Group will meet this Saturday, February 2, 8:30 a.m., to review tasks that have been addressed in the past few months and to look ahead to projects for the coming year. Topics to be discussed include updates to the bathroom in the Pastor's office, storage needs in Fellowship Hall storage room, painting needs around the building, and the resurfacing of the parking lots.

If YOU would like to be a part of this dynamic and hard-working group of women and men, please contact Walter McWhorter at walter@hbclouisville.org or Steve Helm.



Lillian Glover

Men's Fellowship Gatherings, Fridays at 8:00 a.m.

Men in the church are invited to join us for coffee, a light breakfast, and fellowship gathering in the Fireside room at 8:00 a.m. on Friday mornings. Whether you can come each meeting, or just every so often, it is a great gathering for meaningful connection to other men in the church. The topic of conversation this week will be the Providence of God as we have experienced it (or not) each ourselves. No RSVP needed, just come find us if you want a great way to begin your Friday in community with one another. A dollar or two will help our gatherings be sustainable!

Wednesday Night Classes, 6:10-7:15 p.m.

Courage for Caregivers (January 23-30, 6:10-7:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall) It is precisely during the "middle days" of our lives when we learn endurance, perseverance, and purpose. Caregivers live their daily life in these "middle days" as their commitment to a loved one can define their daily rhythms. Caregiving requires a special kind of physical, emotional, and mental energy that can both grant them purpose and leave them drained by day's end. This January, we are going to hear from members who serve as caregivers for family and friends so that we can learn what it means to encourage their work. We will also hear from professionals who work with families who can offer some guidance of how best to support caregivers in our lives.

Courage for the Middle: Prayers for All Those Seeking Justice (January 23-30, 6:10-7:15 p.m., Commons) The Immigration team invites you to join a discussion on how to support our immigrant and refugee community in Louisville. There are many needs. Sassa Rivera of La Casita share an overview of La Casita's outreach and help Highland Baptist Church identify how we will help. We will also discuss other immediate needs identified by the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice (ICIJ). Starting in February, the Immigration team will be providing soup on the last Tuesday of each month to La Casita. We've been asked to bring two 8-10 quart pots of home made soup. This gives us the opportunity to help and to build relationships. If you can help, please join us. You are needed.

Cloud of Witnesses: Profiles in Courage (February 6-20, 6:10-7:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall): Highland's faith community is deeply shaped by the cloud of witnesses—both those in the pews and those in our beloved stained glass windows. This February, you are invited to hear more about the saints in our windows through a three-week Wednesday series on February 6, 13, and 20. Baptist Seminary of Kentucky professors Dr. Mark Medley, Dr. Laura Levens, and Dr. Dalen Jackson will visit us to bring the stained-glass-saints to life by exploring what courage looked like in their day and their life of faith. February 6 will focus on Perpetua and Felicity, February 13 will focus on Pandita Ramabai, and February 20 will focus on Clarence Jordan.

Save the Date: Women's Retreat

Highland's annual Women's Retreat is a time to gather the women of Highland to nurture unity, friendship, support, and encouragement. Our Women's Retreat is open to all for whom our community of women allows their true self to connect with God, grow in faith, and connect with the Body of Christ. This year's Women's Retreat will be March 8-9 at Loretto. More information regarding retreat theme and cost will be shared in an upcoming newsletter.



Weekend Services Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebration of Holy Communion

Luke 4:21-30

Perry Dixon, Proclaimer

Anthem: *The Gift of Love*



For the Living of These Days—A Word from Renee Purtlebaugh

These cold January days seem to drag on, and yet evaporate so incredibly quickly all at the same time. Having the courage to imagine the promise of the future in this barren, leaf-less, bitter cold is beyond challenging. And yet, February will arrive squarely on Friday.

I saw a meme recently that suggested February is the new January. After intense holiday seasons, packing our resolutions and new starts in January seems like a recipe for failure. It honestly just makes sense to give oneself a breather and some grace and begin anew in February. If the church were writing the meme, I wonder if we would have suggested that January is a Sabbath month or a month of renewal. Or as we have called it, a month of *Courage for the Middle*.

So now, as we are hopefully shored up with encouragement and warm memories of snow angels and sledding and hot chocolate, we take one step closer to spring. We move toward a congregational conversation with our Transition Team and Interim Facilitator that will bring increased clarity in our search for new leadership. Our ministry groups continue planning for ways to create a world where justice and love are abundant. We move toward the promise that the middle space will not last forever.

It will take some *Courage to Imagine* our way into this, as there are still wintry middle days to work through. But using these imagination muscles in the coming days will propel us forward, allowing us to wonder with flickers of excitement about what is to come, what will emerge, and where God will call us to go next.

Highland's Word To Our Community



This Week at Highland

Tuesday, January 29

Party with Your Pastors (Off-site) 3 p.m.
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30

Fellowship Supper (FH) 5:20-6 p.m.
 Congregational Safety MT (103) 6:15 p.m.
 Children's Activities 6-7:15 p.m.
 Youth Group (Youth Suite) 6-7:15 p.m.
 Adult Class-Courage for Caregivers (FH) .6:10-7:15 p.m.
 Adult Class-Courage for the Middle: Prayers for All
 Those Seeking Justice (Commons) ...6:10-7:15 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)..7:15-8:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 31

Alcoholics Anonymous (Sanctuary) 7 p.m.

Friday, February 1

Men's Fellowship Gathering (FS) 8 a.m.
 Friday Church (Sanctuary) 7-7:45 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH) 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 2

Property and Space MG (103) 8:30 a.m.
 Interim Team (FH) 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 3

Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Congregational Conversation (FH) 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 Congregational Conversation (FH) 11 a.m.
 Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary) 12:30 p.m.
 New Members MG (103) 12:30 p.m.
 Young Adult Super Bowl Party (Off-site) 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 4

Ministry Council (200) 6 p.m.

Tuesday, February 5

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 Night Menus

January 30

Roasted Pork Loin
 Green Beans
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Spinach and Apple Salad
 Rolls
 Dessert

February 6

Chicken Parmigiana
 Buttered Noodles
 Zucchini/Yellow Squash
 Caesar Salad/Green Salad
 French Bread
 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...

... Congratulations to Jennifer Woosley Saylor and Clinton Saylor on the birth of their son, Shepherd James Saylor, on January 23. He weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz., and was 19 1/2" in length.

This Week's Deacons (Communion)

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Grey (C), John Pacyga, Becky Smith

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Allison French, Tony Dougherty (C),
 Joey Eubank (G), Nathan Marrs

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Steven Michael Carr, Libby Cunningham,
 Michael DeWhatley, John Foster,
 Michael French (C), Jill Ligon Davis,
 Lewis Miller (G)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Suzanne Busse, Holly Harris,
 Doris Hornbuckle, Lewis Miller,
 Sharon Sanders, Kim Shippey (C),
 Ginny Sims, David Tucker, David Wells

Highland's Sanctuary Handbell Choir Has Openings for Additional Ringers



Spread the news: we have two openings in Highland's Sanctuary Handbell Choir! Please contact Kathy Collier if you are interested in joining this wonderful group of adult ringers. Rehearsals are on Sundays, 2:00-3:00 p.m. and they ring in worship throughout the year plus a spring concert. This musical ensemble requires musicians who can read music but if you're interested and cannot read music, please let Kathy know because we are considering creating an ensemble for new ringers who need to also learn to read music.

Family Fun Night February 16

Children's Corner

The winter months are more fun with friends, as the cold and gloom lingers on. Join us on Saturday, February 16, for a Family Fun Night! We'll begin with an indoor picnic at 5:30 p.m., followed by a movie, board game playing and toys (for the littles). Each family is invited to bring their own dinner (no peanut butter please), and a board game to share. We'll have popcorn and some snacks for movie watching, and all activities will take place in the same area, so that parents can have time to catch up with one another. We'll wrap up the night around 7:30ish. RSVP to renee@hbclouisville.org by February 15 in case winter weather affects our plans.

Important Dates to Remember

February 16	Family Fun Night
February 17	Children's Sabbath
March (Date TBD)	Family Service Project
April 14	Easter Festival
May 19	Children's Spring Music Program
June 24-27	PASSPORT <i>kids!</i>
July 19-21	Vacation Bible School Camp

Mark Your Calendar!

Youth Corner

This Wednesday, January 30

Youth Gathering, 6:00-7:15 p.m., Youth Suite

This Sunday, February 3

Bible Study, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Youth Suite

Super Bowl Party This Sunday

Young Adult Corner

Our annual young adult super bowl watching party, known universally for the quantity and quality of cheese dips, is upon us! Please join us this Sunday, February 3, 6:00 p.m. (kickoff is at 6:30 p.m.), at the home of Robert and Kelsey Kahne. Please bring a snack/drink/dessert potluck-style. Children are welcome! Contact Esther Volmer with any questions.

Theology on Tap, Next Thursday, February 7

We will meet at Baxter 942 next Thursday, February 7, at 6:00 p.m. The discussion starts at 6:30. This month's topic is the Theology of Paul, led by fellow young adult and Highland's Personnel Ministry Group Chair, Rev. Laura Barclay.

EmpowerWest City-Wide Book Club: "Never Caught", Thursday, February 7

Missions Corner

Dr. Erica Dunbar, author of *Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge* (2017) will present on February 7 for the EmpowerWest citywide book club. There is a lunchtime event, 11:45 a.m., at St. Matthews Episcopal that will be a conversation with the author as well as with Louisville own's Speed Stodghill and The Rev. Whit Stodghill about what it is like for white people to become conscious of their family's historical connections to slavery. Tickets for the lecture are free. However, you can purchase lunch in advance for \$15. Lunch will be provided by Tazki's Mediterranean buffet-style with beef, chicken, and vegetarian options. There will be an evening presentation at 7:00 p.m. at Crescent Hill Baptist Church. More information can be found online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/empowerwest-citywide-book-read-during-black-history-month-tickets-36408049456>.



Upcoming Events at Highland

January 29	Party with Your Pastors Coffee
February 3	Congregational Conversation during 9:30 and 11:00 Bible study hours Young Adult Super Bowl Party
February 7	Theology on Tap Table Talk
February 10	Vote on Congregational Representatives for Ministry Council HBC Got Skillz
February 16	Family Fun Night
March 3	Youth-Led Worship
March 6	Ash Wednesday Service
March 8-9	Annual Women's Retreat
March 11	Joint WMU meeting
March 29	Friday Church Fifth Friday Fellowship Supper
April 3	No Evening Activities/Supper
April 11	Table Talk
April 14	Palm Sunday; Easter Festival
April 18	Maundy Thursday Service
April 19	Tenebrae Service
April 21	Easter Sunday
May 18	Annual Jean Janes Yard Sale