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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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**HIGHLAND BAPTIST MUSIC MINISTRY
ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT
Wednesday, May 22 ■ 6:15 p.m.**



All ages from preschoolers through adults are welcome to attend the concert. Childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers. Our regular Wednesday evening meal will be served 5:20-6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact the church office by 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21, for a dinner reservation.

**Tomorrow, May 8:
Traumatizing Theology and the Healing Church**

Carol Harston has spent the past year exploring the possibility that theology has the power to traumatize people in ways that echo other forms of trauma as researched by Judith Herman, Bessel van der Kolk, and others in the field of trauma theory. Upon the heels of submitting her thesis to Duke Divinity's Doctor of Ministry program, Carol is eager to share her research with the congregation as it has been inspired by her time at Highland and informed by the focus groups she conducted with Bible Study members last fall. Carol will teach about her research on May 8 during our Wednesday night programming from 6:10-7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will explore what the healing church looks like as it opens its doors to all those who have been impacted by traumatizing theology. All are welcome to attend.



This Thursday, May 9: Table Talk

Table Talk is a relaxed time to eat together, meet new people, strengthen bonds with friends, and enjoy meaningful conversations on topics of collective or individual interest. Table Talk will gather this Thursday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., at North End Café (1722 Frankfort Avenue) in the Clifton neighborhood. Inquiries may be directed to Marc Dowell, Earl Shelp, and Jim Shelton.

Donations Now Being Accepted for Annual Yard Sale

Bring us your good, bad and ugly. The Jean Janes Mission Group is collecting items for their 41st annual yard sale. Items can be placed in the storage area at the end of the Fireside Room hallway. The sale will be held on Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Please Note: Items in the lost and found cabinet and dishes that have been left in the kitchen will be donated to the yard sale if not picked up by May 15.

Church Gathers for Annual Picnic on Wednesday, May 29

We celebrate the beginning of summer with our annual Church Picnic on Wednesday, May 29, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Willow Park at the intersection of Willow Avenue, Cherokee Road, and Cherokee Parkway. Cost is the same as Wednesday night meals: \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for kids ages 4-12, and \$21 max per household. We will take reservations on Wednesday nights (beginning May 15) and on Sunday mornings in the Commons (beginning May 19). Volunteers are needed to help transport supplies from church to the park, set-up, serve food, clean-up, and return supplies to church. Please contact Carol Harston if you are able to lend a hand!



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

My neighbor has spent the last several years nursing a beautiful garden in her front yard. The hostas canvas the ground; the Lenten roses bloomed huge this spring, and the hot pink azalea captivates those who drive by it. So, you can imagine how sad we are that the underground water pipes need replacing. A backhoe spent the entire day yesterday turning her beautiful work into a giant pile of dirt.

It has me wondering about the courage to flourish. My neighbor was doing everything right for her garden: pruning, watering, and fertilizing, only to have her investment of time and grit, not to mention money, interrupted by something buried deep out of sight.

Life mimics this at times, does it not? Consider Brené Brown's opening line in her new Netflix special, "Time is the big precious unrenewable resource." To this end, we work to take care of where and how we spend our time and energy.

Yet, when life happens, or unwanted news arises, or interruptions cause pain, or systems are threatened, it might leave us feeling like we have just been spinning our wheels. Or worse, like our hard work is all for naught, especially if at the end of the day everything seems to be nothing but a pile of rubble. Does this render the beauty insincere?

I think not! As an Easter people, we place our hope in new life and the power of regeneration, healing, and resplendent growth... even when life is dirty and messy, or on the surface a waste of time. Like Brené Brown reminds us, the courage to flourish comes from the power of vulnerability. That is our ability to risk it all for that which we believe. To live big. To aim high. To go strong. We do this not ignoring the threats, but with the intention of not being held captive by them.

Just as my neighbor's garden will regrow with her watchful care, so too, does the promise of resurrection inspire us to keep tilling and watering our own lives with courage and love.

**Weekend Services
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 23
John 10:22-30
Jim England, Proclaimer



Congregation Celebrates Pay-Off of Renovation Loan

In the midst of worship and a reception after morning services this past Sunday, Highland celebrated the pay-off of the \$400,000 loan taken out to enable us to embark on the project we called *Building Love*. The project encompassed re-envisioning and re-creating our children and youth space and created the lobby area in 2013-2014.

In January 2019, the final check was cut in the amount of \$3410.20, paying off this loan 5 1/2 years early. The primary reason the time has been shorter has been your incredible financial generosity. The combination of financial pledges fulfilled and surpassed—both to the project and through our annual budget—legacy and estate gifts from Leigh Bell, Francesca Allen, Edie Hoeing, and the generosity of those who joined us by giving along the way, having never seen what the space looked like before, have brought us to this moment!

While not able to attend the festivities this weekend, former Pastor Joe Phelps writes "Congratulations to Highland for paying off the *Building Love* debt! We send our greetings to the church on this occasion and look forward to seeing many of them at the church picnic in a few weeks." Former Senior Associate Pastor Nina Maples also sent her greetings and congratulations on this celebration and accomplishment as well.

Many thanks to all who dreamed about and committed to this work, and whose stewardship of resources has made retirement of this debt possible in such a short time frame. We celebrate the completion of *Building Love*, even as we renew our promise to be builders and beacons of God's love for all people in all places.

**Highland's Word
To Our Community**

... on NPR: ... *professing a faith that both challenges and heals.*

... on our marquee:





Tuesday, May 7

Hope for a Brighter Day (Commons)..... 5:30 p.m.
 G.R.O.W. (103)..... 6 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)..... 10 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8

Fellowship Supper (FH) 5:20-6 p.m.
 Congregational Safety MT (103)..... 6 p.m.
 Children's Activities..... 6-7:15 p.m.
 Youth Group (Youth Suite)..... 6-7:15 p.m.
 Adult Class—Traumatizing Theology and the
 Healing Church (FH)..... 6:10 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:15-8:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

Young Adult MG (FS) 5:30 p.m.
 Theology on Tap (Off-site) 6 p.m.
 Table Talk (Off-site)..... 6:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)..... 7 p.m.

Friday, May 10

Men's Fellowship Gathering (FS)..... 8 a.m.
 Transition Team (Pastor's Study) 5:30 p.m.
 Friday Church (Sanctuary)..... 7-7:45 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH) 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

Transition Team (Pastor's Study) 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 12

Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study 11 a.m.
 Families with Children MG (201) 12:30 p.m.

Monday, May 13

Anti-Racism MT (Commons)..... 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

Hope for a Brighter Day (Commons)..... 5:30 p.m.
 Finance MG (103)..... 6 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)..... 10 p.m.

Wednesday Night Menus

May 8

Honey Glazed Ham
 Mixed Greens/Broccoli
 Roasted Sweet and Red Potatoes
 7 Layer Salad
 Corn Bread
 Dessert

May 15

Pork Tenderloin with Mustard Sauce
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Vegetable Medley
 Apple Spinach Salad
 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.

Sally Evans, Jeff Grey (C)

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Larry Davis (C), Tony Dougherty,
 Allison French (G), Nathan Marrs

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Steven Michael Carr, Libby Cunningham,
 Michael DeWhatley (C), Jill Ligon Davis (G)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Suzanne Busse (G), Steven Michael Carr,
 Kim Shippey (C), Ginny Sims

Gardening Group Meeting and Potluck May 14

All gardening enthusiasts are invited to the next meeting of the Highland Baptist Church Gardening Group. We will meet on Tuesday, May 14, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Tom Ketterman. After a tour of the garden, we will have a potluck dinner and a discussion about shade gardening. Please call or text Tom at 502-263-3534 with any questions.

Cream of the Crop Gathering May 21

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

We hope you will join us for a noon potluck lunch at the home of Gloria and Jim McBee on Tuesday, May 21. RSVP to Gloria McBee by Sunday, May 19, if you plan to attend.

Important Dates to Remember

May 15 3rd PASSPORTkids! Camp Payment Due;
 3rd VBS Camp Payment Due
 May 19 Children's Spring Music Program + Popsicles on the Playground
 June 24-27 PASSPORTkids!
 July 19-21 Vacation Bible School Camp



Youth Banquet Sunday, June 2

As a full academic year comes to a close, the Youth Community will have its annual Youth Ministry Banquet on Sunday, June 2, at 12:30 p.m. We will celebrate graduating seniors, our amazing volunteers, and all of our youth and their families with a meal and brief program. Mark your calendar and look for more details next week!



Theology on Tap This Thursday

Join us at 6:00 p.m. this Thursday, May 9, at Baxter's 942 for a riveting debate on the Theology of Violence. Lauren and Rev. Dawn Cooley, former minister of First Unitarian Universalist Church here in Louisville will consider the sides of pacifism (non-violence) and necessary violence. Together the group will explore nuances like privilege and class alongside sacred texts in a variety of traditions. Conversation begins at 6:30 p.m., appetizers will be served. Contact Erin Phelps with questions.



Andria Eadens' 20th Anniversary at Highland

Last week, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of Andria Eadens working at Highland Baptist Church. For the last two decades, Andria has managed the office, overseen publications, coordinated membership data, and a myriad of other things that are so vital to the day-to-day operations of our church. If you haven't already, please express your thanks to her the next time you're in the office. We wouldn't be who we are today without her!

Letters of Appreciation

What a sweet surprise to receive gifts of appreciation and encouragement at Sunday's *Building Love* reception! We give thanks for the kind words and the tangible tokens of gratitude the congregation shared with us. Indeed, we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses during this interim season that we have been able to flourish with your support. For your love and support, we give thanks! ~ *Kathy, Perry, Jim, Carol, Lauren, and Renee*

Thank you so much for the beautiful array of flowers and cards gathered on Sunday morning to celebrate my 40th birthday! It was a beautiful surprise and such a bright and joyful way to celebrate this milestone life moment. So grateful to be on this journey of life with each of you! With deep gratitude, ~ *Renee*

Apologies to Jason Baker for omitting his name from the "thank you" for the Memorial Garden installation in last week's newsletter. Jason was a huge part of the preparation of the bed for the planting!

Highlands Community Ministries thanks everyone who contributed so generously to our Spring Drive for Personal Hygiene Items: our Member Congregations, HYR Sports Teams, HCM's Childcare Parents, and all our Volunteers, Friends, and Neighbors. Our shelves are stocked better than ever! Your support makes it happen!

Upcoming Events at Highland

May 9 Table Talk; Theology on Tap
 May 18 Annual Jean Janes Yard Sale
 May 19 Children's Choir Spring Service
 May 22 Orchestra Spring Concert
 May 27 Church Offices Closed
 May 22 Last Wednesday of regular programming until Fall
 May 29 Church Picnic at Willow Park
 May 31 Friday Church 5th Friday Fellowship Supper
 June 13 Table Talk
 June 16-22 Youth PASSPORT Camp
 June 24-27 PASSPORTkids! Camp
 July 4 Church Offices Closed
 July 19-21 Vacation Bible School
 August 21 Regular Wednesday programming begins