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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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Celebrate Pride with Highland This June

In celebration of Highland's LGBTQ members across the life span and alongside the broader LGBTQ community, we invite you to join us for the Kentuckiana Pride Festival this June. This Friday, June 14, all are invited to walk with us in the Pride Parade! We will have a booth at the Pride Festival throughout the weekend, June 14 and 15, and will have Highland members joyfully making custom Pride buttons with festival attendees as we spread Highland's voice of inclusion and affirmation. This Sunday, June 16, we will celebrate Pride Sunday in worship, with Rev. Bojangles Blanchard preaching the Gospel and LGBTQ affirmation woven throughout our liturgy. We look forward to a wonderful Pride month this year and hope you will celebrate with us!

Summer Lunch & Learn: Traumatizing Theology and the Healing Church

Now that Carol Harston shared her doctoral research with the church, she is creating space for further conversation to explore our life in relationship to traumatizing theology, how it affects our church, and what it could mean to dive further into care for those survivors, witnesses, and perpetrators of traumatizing theology. We will gather for Highland's *Lunch & Learn* this summer on Wednesday afternoons in the Commons, beginning June 19. All are invited to bring their lunch with them to eat together at 12:00 p.m. We will begin discussing at 12:20 p.m. and wrap up by 1:30 p.m. Email Carol if planning on attending to help with a head-count and to receive an email with specific topic for each week's discussion.

Summer Sunday Schedule Continues Through August 18

Over the summer, life at Highland Baptist ebbs and flows as children and youth leave and return from camp, families travel, and we take a break from our Wednesday night dinner and programming. While we are not a school system, much of our church life follows after the school calendar. Summer is a time to breathe and recollect from a long and busy year filled with ministry and programming. Life together never ceases, but our patterns change temporarily.

This summer, we are trying something for the first time—we are going to have a Summer Sunday Schedule where we will have two morning worship services (9:30 and 11:00) and two Bible study hours (9:30 and 11:00). Those who are affected most by this temporary change are those who regularly attend our 8:30 worship service. We recognize that this will be an inconvenience for those 8:30 worshippers, but we appreciate your patience as we take this time of summer pause to renew our energy before beginning another school year.

A Summer Sunday Schedule is something that Highland's leaders have considered for many years. We feel that this year is the right time to try this summer change as our leadership has been stretched to capacity during this interim year. Ministry Council encouraged Highland's ministry staff to consider some tangible ways that Sunday morning leaders and volunteers might find some rest and refreshment during this interim time. Highland's ministry staff presented this possibility to Ministry Council in early May and they agreed and approved the proposal.

Take heart! This is a temporary change for twelve summer Sundays. We will return to our regular Sunday schedule on August 25, for Promotion Sunday. We look forward to a summer of abundance as we continue to worship, study, live, and rest as God's people on the corner of Grinstead and Cherokee.

For the Living of These Days—A Word from Jim England

Last week, I spoke at a camp for runners held on church grounds in Indiana. The invitation came from a friend, a young woman I met when she was a teenager at a church where I was the interim pastor. Now grown, married, and the mother of two beautiful children, she uses her talent for organizing and love of running to create this camp for children to introduce them to running. I would be last on the program.

I watched the activities. All were fun and used running for that fun. For some of elementary school age, this was their first introduction to running. For the middle schoolers who are already running in competition, it was a chance to learn something new or just be reminded to have fun.

The sun was warm. The breeze was sweet. I had time to watch. I saw a little girl, too young to be a camper, looking around with a look of fear on her face. I asked if I could help her. She said, "My mom said she was coming right back, but she didn't." She stared in the direction of the church building. I looked around, then directed her attention to a group of parents sitting in the shade. "Is that your mom over there?" "Yes!" Off she went. Crisis averted.

A few minutes passed. The same little girl tries working a puzzle, the kind of puzzle with really large pieces. We sat on concrete warmed by the sun and assembled the pieces until a fish emerged. We tossed a ball made to look like a giant tennis ball. A worker asked me to watch her toddler for a few minutes. We included her in the ball tossing. The toddler could hold the ball but lacked the strength to throw it. The older girl throttled her own desire to rip the ball away with only minimal reminding.

I gave my reflection to the whole group about the "birds of the air" and the "lilies of the field" and paying attention to what was around us when we run. And who. Notice one's own feelings and remember others feel the same way. Perhaps that knowledge helps us celebrate with them when they win. Maybe we learn to keep ourselves in perspective.

I don't know what they will remember from my being there. Probably not much. Yet, I wonder if the most important things I did were noticing a child who misplaced her mom or tossing a big ball or working a puzzle on warm concrete. I wonder if I sometimes let the doing of "big" things obscure the value of "little things".

Weekend Services

**Trinity Sunday
Pride Sunday**

Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

*An RC, a Moon Pie,
and the Holy Spirit*

Bojangles Blanchard, Proclaimer

Choral Anthem:

*O God, You Speak Your Beauty
Every Hour*

Highland Welcomes



Brandy Beilke

Global Missions Offering

The Global Partnerships Mission Team invites you to give generously to our mission offering this year. Our goal is \$12,000, and we are confident that with your help, we will be able to raise these funds to support CBF field personnel. Please see the display in the Commons where you will find many resources to help you in prayer for global mission, as well as special offering envelopes. You can also write "Global Mission" on your regular envelope as well. We have currently raised \$3,700.

Highland Book Club Meets Sunday, June 23

The Highland Book Club will meet on Sunday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m., in room 103, to discuss "The Friend: A Novel" by Sigrid Nunez.



Everyone is invited!

Highland's Word To Our Community

... on NPR: ... *walking proudly with our LGBTQ siblings this evening in the Kentuckiana Pride Parade.*
... on our marquee:





**This Week
at Highland**

- Tuesday, June 11**
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Finance MG (103) 6 p.m.
 Young Adult MG (FS) 6:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 12**
 No Evening Activities/Supper
 Congregational Safety Patrol (103) 5:30 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir party (Off-site) 6-9 p.m.
- Thursday, June 13**
 Table Talk (Off-site) 6:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 7 p.m.
- Friday, June 14**
 Men's Fellowship Gathering (FS) 8 a.m.
 Wedding rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5 p.m.
 Friday Church (Sanctuary) 7-7:45 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH) 8 p.m.
- Saturday, June 15**
 Wedding (Sanctuary/Commons/FS) 6 p.m.
- Sunday, June 16**
 Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study 11 a.m.
- Monday, June 17**
 Youth MG (Youth Suite) 6 p.m.
 Deacons (Commons) 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 18**
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Congregational Engagement MG
 (Youth Suite) 6:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Upcoming Events at Highland

- June 12 No evening activities/supper
 June 13 Table Talk
 June 14-15 Annual Pride Festival and Parade
 June 16 Pride Worship Service at 9:30 and 11:00
 June 16-22 Youth PASSPORT Camp
 June 19 No evening activities/supper; Families with
 Children Picnic on the Playground
 June 23 Ordination Service for Nathan Marrs;
 Highland Book Club
 June 24-27 PASSPORT kids! Camp
 June 26 No evening activities/supper
 June 30 No 8:30 a.m. Worship
- July 4 Church Offices Closed
 July 19-21 Vacation Bible School
- August 21 Regular Wednesday programming begins
 August 25 Regular Sunday morning schedule begins;
 Promotion Sunday

This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

John Pacyga (C)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Libby Cunningham, Sally Evans (C),
 Michael French, Gene Streible (G)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Suzanne Busse, John Foster (C),
 Doris Hornbuckle (G)

Please Note:

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

Evening Family Picnic, June 19

Throughout the summer months, we hope to stay connected periodically with opportunities for fellowship! Families with children ages birth through 5th grade are invited to join us next Wednesday, June 19, on the playground for a picnic and playground fun from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. Bring your own meal and a blanket/chairs to sit on as we engage in conversation and the simple summer joys of being together in community.



Important Dates to Remember

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| June 19 | Families with Children Picnic on the Playground |
| June 24-27 | PASSPORT kids! |
| July 19-21 | Vacation Bible School Camp |
| August 25 | Promotion Sunday |

Table Talk This Thursday

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, June 13, 6:30 p.m., at North End Café (1722 Frankfort Ave.) in the Clifton neighborhood. Inquiries may be directed to Marc Dowell, Earl Shelp, and Jim Shelton.



Young Adult Ministry Group Meeting

Will meet tonight, June 11, at 6:30, in the Fireside Room.



Pride Parade

See elsewhere in the newsletter for updates and information about our involvement with the Pride march and festival this year, June 14-15.



Special thanks to the Emma Leachman group for their lovely hospitality and the good conversation we shared about mine and Tyler's trip to Morocco last October. We are now selfie experts! Warmly, Lauren



**Missions
Corner**



Highland Baptist members Carolyn King and Hollan Holm at the Louisville Gun Sense rally last week.

March to End Cash Bail

Tomorrow, June 12, at 12:30 p.m., the anti-racism team invites you to gather at 100 Witherspoon Street, in front of the Presbyterian Church National Office, to march. It is an act of solidarity to call attention to the injustices of the cash bail system.

Jails around the country are full of people being held on minor offenses, unable to pay cash bail. The PC(USA) and those who march are calling for an end to the cash bail system, which unfairly criminalizes poverty. Many people have no ability to pay bail for even minor offenses, and this has been a driving force in the increase in mass incarceration over the last 15 years, resulting in job loss, mounting fines and child custody issues.

The march will conclude at Metro City Hall. Questions? Contact Lauren or Missy Smith or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1243426135825765/>.

Around Highland...

... "Courage" t-shirts will be on sale this Sunday, June 16, in the Commons. Cost for the shirt is \$10.

... Bill Holmes recently had an op-ed in the *Courier Journal*. You can read it online at <http://louisvillecourierjournal.ky.newsmemory.com/?publink=0d2ee7144>.

... Joe Phelps and his ongoing work with EmpowerWest were recently part of a *Courier Journal* article on slavery reparations: <https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/religion/2019/06/06/louisville-southern-baptist-leaders-reject-slavery-reparations/1350801001/>.

... Blessings to former Ridgewood Baptist Church Pastor Matt Johnson, his wife Clare, and their children. The Johnson family is moving to Spartanburg, SC, where Matt has accepted a job as pastor at Fernwood Baptist Church. We will miss you all!