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Summer Lunch & Learn: Traumatizing Theology and the Healing Church Begins Tomorrow

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 this Wednesday, 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 headcount and to receive an email with specific topic for each week's discussion.

Highland Ordains Nathan Marrs to Ministry This Sunday

This Sunday, June 23, at 4:00 p.m., Highland Baptist Church will ordain Nathan Marrs to the ministry of the larger church.



When one receives a call to the ministry, he or she petitions the deacon body for affirmation. The deacons affirmed Nathan this year and moved to form an ordination council, comprised of ministers and lay leaders. This council met with Nathan in early March to hear about his calling and discern whether or not the church felt called to ordain him. The Ordination Council unanimously agreed that the church should affirm Nathan's call to ministry and ordain him.

Ordination at Highland involves the congregation recognizing and celebrating the call of God on an individual's life to serve the church in a unique way. With this affirmation, the church "sets apart" the new leader to equip the people of God through pastoral care and the pursuit of justice.

Nathan serves as a chaplain at Christian Care Communities. He is a graduate of Baptist Seminary of Kentucky and has been a member at Highland since 2014. He is currently finishing his second year as a deacon at Highland. Nathan and his wife, Jackie, are active members at Highland with their children. Nathan teaches the Transformers Bible study class. You can read Nathan's faith story from his deacon testimony here: <https://hbclouisville.org/2017/08/20/faith-story-nathan-marrs/>.

Please join us as we embrace God's call to Nathan, affirm his discernment, and celebrate his courage to serve.

Summer Sunday Schedule Continues Through August 18

Our Summer Sunday Schedule continues during which we have two morning worship services (9:30 and 11:00) and two Bible study hours (9:30 and 11:00). We take this summer to renew our energy before beginning another school year, and we'll resume our three Sunday morning services 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.

Make, Bake and Take for Global Missions

Supporting missionaries around the world can seem like a big job, especially when you are still in elementary school. After hearing the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personal speak at the beginning of June, the discussion of how to raise money came up over the lunch table. Wondering lead to the knowledge that even as a kid one could walk dogs to earn money or what about a lemonade stand! We invite you to stop by Fellowship Hall this Sunday, June 23, after the 11 o'clock service, to see the creative masterpieces of our kids and take home some tasty treats or original creations. All donations given will go to the Highland's Global Mission Offering.

For the Living of These Days—A Word from Carol Harston

Which stained glass window do you notice when you sit in Fellowship Hall at a business meeting or weekly dinners? Which window catches your eye during worship? Do you ever choose a specific seat in Fellowship Hall or the sanctuary just so that you can contemplate that window? Dr. Mark Medley, Professor of Theology at Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, met with our staff last week to ask these very questions. Medley is working on a paper for the Baptist World Alliance's next meeting where he is exploring the concept of the "saints" at Highland Baptist, as shaped by the cloud of witnesses that we find in our stained glass windows. A "saint" is not a perfect person, but a person of faith who is willing to step out in courage and humility to become the person God is calling one to be.

Which "saints" do you find most inspiring? Which "saint-in-progress" exemplifies the wisdom and courage you are seeking for the living of *these* days? The title for our pastoral column this year, 'For the Living of These Days' comes from the hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" written by Harry Emerson Fosdick in 1930. Fosdick penned the words during the Great Depression and between the two World Wars. This hymn placed words upon the lips and within the hearts of a nation a prayer for courage, wisdom, and power. It is a curious prayer that he pinned, inviting the church to consider how it might flourish in this moment of great unrest.

In times of social unrest, we are called to remember that we are not the first people of faith to walk through days like these. Even, *and perhaps especially*, in seasons of political turmoil, we must look to those who have gone before us. The saints encourage us to trust a God who can bring the church's bud to glorious flower when the world needs it the most.

I encourage you to wonder this week—what saint brings you comfort? Who challenges you to act in bold faith? Who inspires you to hope, even when you are convinced that God may have left the building? God of grace and glory, grant us eyes to see the saints that surround us and a courageous heart to become the saints you are calling us to be.

Weekend Services
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 42
Luke 8:26-39

Jim England, Proclaimer

Choral Anthems:
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
As the Deer Longs for Running Streams

Missing Church On Sundays This Summer? Sign Up for Auto-Giving!

It's summer! That means cook-outs and barbecues. Travels to exciting places. Much-needed rest. Many of us will be traveling about for the next few months as we enjoy the sunshine. And because of that, we may not be in church every Sunday (and that's okay).

But did you know that even during your travels you can continue your giving to the mission of Highland Baptist Church through auto-giving? It's easy! All you have to do is call the church and ask to speak with our financial secretary, Deb Ackerson. All she needs is your account number, routing number, and the date you'd like to start giving.

This ensures that while you are on vacation or taking a much-needed rest, we can continue to do our essential and life-giving work.

Many Blessings, ~ Steven Michael Carr, Faithful Giving Ministry Group Chair

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 \$4,182.

Highland's Word To Our Community

... on NPR: ... *working year round for peace on earth and goodwill to all.*
... on our marquee:





*This Week
at Highland*

Tuesday, June 18

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Congregational Engagement MG
 (Youth Suite) 6:30 p.m.
 Transition Team (103) 7 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19

No Evening Activities/Supper
 Lunch and Learn (Commons) 12-1:30 p.m.
 Families with Children Picnic (Playground) 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 20

Senior Adult MG (103) 1 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 7 p.m.
 Environmental Action MT (103) 7 p.m.
 Prayer Shawl Group (Off-site) 7 p.m.

Friday, June 21

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

Sunday, June 23

Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study 11 a.m.
 Nathan Marrs Ordination Service (Sanctuary) .. 4 p.m.
 Highland Book Club (103) 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 24

HBC Bookends (103) 2 p.m.
 Immigration MT (Commons) 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Upcoming Events at Highland

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

Cream of the Crop Trip June 27

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 on Thursday, June 27, for lunch and a tour at the Speed Art Museum. We will meet at the museum at noon and have lunch at the Wiltshire Pantry. The tour begins at 1:00 p.m. Cost for the tour is \$8.00 each for non-members and parking is \$5.00-\$7.00. RSVP to JoAnne Taheri if you plan to attend. If you would like to carpool, indicate that when you make your reservation.

Around Highland...

... We will continue to sell "Courage" t-shirts this Sunday, June 23, in the Commons. Cost for the shirt is \$10.

... Congratulations to Renee Purtlebaugh as she celebrates her 12th year on staff at Highland!



Highland Book Club Meets This Sunday

The Highland Book Club meets this Sunday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m., in room 103, to discuss "The Friend: A Novel" by Sigrid Nunez. Everyone is invited!

This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Jeff Grey (C), John Pacyga

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Steven Michael Carr, Libby Cunningham (C), Sally Evans, Kim Shippey (G)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Guthrie-Graves Fitzsimmons (C), Lewis Miller, Sharon Sanders, Ginny Sims (G)

Evening Family Picnic Tomorrow



Throughout the summer months, we hope to stay connected periodically with opportunities for fellowship and connection! Families with children ages birth through 5th grade are invited to join us tomorrow, 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/ chair to sit on as we engage in conversation and the simple summer joys of being together in community.

Baked Items Needed for Global Missions Project

Reaching our goal for the Global Missions Offering may seem like a big task but many hands often make light work, even little ones. This Sunday, June 23, after the 11 o'clock service, in Fellowship Hall, we are hosting a variation on a bake sale for those little hands to come together to make a big difference. We are asking families who would like to participate to bring in baked items (nut free please) or homemade items this Sunday. After church, we are inviting the congregation to stop by, make a donation, and take home a tasty treat or mini masterpiece. For more information, contact Molly Braun.

Important Dates to Remember

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

Ministry Council Report



Ministry Council met on June 10, at 6:00 p.m. Finance reported that to date the church is \$18,853 expense over income. Pledged income is at 100%, but only 52% for non-pledged income. Finance committee will meet on June 11 and discuss how to close the non-pledged income gap. Kim Shippey reported that the Deacon Nominating Committee is in the process of reviewing nominations, recruiting new deacons, and working to ensure good deacon representation across all demographics and worship services. Ministry Council also heard staff reports regarding the summer schedule, plans underway for the beginning of the school year, PASSPORT, PASSPORT *kids!* and True Colors.

Carol shared that Dr. Mark Medley, professor at Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, is writing a book on saints in Baptist life and wants to include Highland and our Cloud of Witness windows in both the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. The Global Mission offering is going well thus far, and Lauren Jones Mayfield is confident we will reach our \$12,000 goal. The meeting concluded with a discussion of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and their hiring practices. Bojangles Blanchard reported that there has been significant progress in hiring and commissioning LGBTQ chaplains. To date, we are not aware of any discriminatory hiring practices for senior staff. We will continue to monitor this and report to the church.

Highlights from Friday's Pride Parade



Highlights from Sunday's Pride Service

