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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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Deacons Elected

Twelve persons, first nominated by the congregation, and then by the deacon nominating committee, were all overwhelmingly elected this past Sunday to serve Highland as deacons, beginning September 1, 2019. They are: Justin Boldt, Diane Brewer, Larry Davis, Phillip Garrett, David Hartley, Becky Hines, Allison Keenan, Scott Kerr, Patty Martin Nichols, Autumn Reece, Alison Schureck, and Missy Smith. **The service of ordination and installation will be Sunday, September 8, 6:00 p.m.**, and we urge you to put this important service on your calendar now. We express our gratitude to these twelve individuals who are willing to serve Highland in this way.

Lunch & Learn on July 24: Time to Make a Change

Due to Bob Elliott's service, we will not meet this week for our Lunch and Learn. We will meet again July 24 to explore exclusion and reconnection. What compels someone to leave behind traumatizing theology? What are the catalyst moments that lead someone to visit Highland? How does that affect our outreach and welcome to new people? We will gather in the Commons to explore these questions together on July 24. We will gather at noon to eat lunch and then begin formal conversation at 12:20 p.m. All are welcome to join.



Children Travel to VBS Camp This Weekend

This Friday, July 19, 30 children, 2 youth shepherds and 23 adult chaperones will travel to Vacation Bible School Camp at a nearby retreat center in Crestwood, Kentucky. Each year, our children go away for a 3-day, 2-night retreat, where we have all of the traditional elements of VBS—recreation, art, Bible story, mission and snack—while experiencing the gift of building relationships with other children and adults in our community of faith by living life together around the meal table, as we laugh and play at the pool and as we study together in a concentrated segment of time.

This type of community building experience is common for adults or youth at camps or retreats, and many of you have experienced the transformation that happens when you spend time with a group of people in shared experience. It is less common for the youngest ones in our midst to have this type of experience and so we carefully design VBS Camp to create space for deep friendships to blossom and for children to encounter God in many different ways.

As we engage our camp theme, *To Mars and Beyond*, this weekend we hope that you will join us in prayer as we practice going beyond in faith, boldness, thankfulness, kindness and hope. Pray that our children will experience God in a real and present way, not just through knowledge, but through deep awareness that God walks with them. Pray that our chaperones will experience God through leading and teaching children the stories of Jesus. Pray that our entire community of faith will be inspired by the words of scripture, "and a little child shall lead them," and that we might be brave enough to follow when our children's voices speak about our faith community's call to engage God's beautiful world.

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

Were, Are, and Will Be
Now that we have a church profile and a pastor profile to share, we also have a picture of who we have become as Highland Baptist Church Christ followers. Maybe it is good to recall some of how we made this journey of becoming.

When I joined Highland in October 1963, there was a small group of senior adults trying to hold the church together. The number of young families was also small. We were very traditional in faith and practice, and uninteresting.

Very soon my wife, Rose, and several other Highland mothers with small children decided to provide a Highland Baptist Church Mothers' Day Out (MDO). The MDO caught on quickly and grew rapidly as non-members learned about the care and fun children were receiving. While this provided a welcome service to Highland mothers, it also became an outreach to the community. *(continued to page 2)*

Update from Pastor Search Committee

The following are the highlights of recent work by the committee.

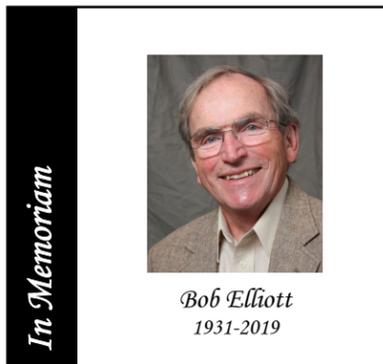
- * We have begun receiving applications for the position and will continue to do so through September 1. If you know of anyone who you would like us to consider, please encourage them to submit an application. *(Information on how to apply is available on the church website.)* We are grateful to the congregation for helping us craft the Congregational and Ministerial Profiles and eagerly anticipate interviewing potential candidates in the immediate future.
- * We want to express our affirmation of and gratitude for our ministerial staff. One of the gifts of this interim period is the ways in which we have seen our current staff step up and lead us with great energy and creativity. Kudos to Carol, Renee, Lauren, Perry, and Kathy, as well as Jim England for helping Highland Baptist Church to thrive during this interim period.
- * Michael DeWhatley and Billy Flood will be leaving us in the coming weeks heading to Texas and Tennessee respectively. They will remain on the committee until they move, while Earl Shelp and Carolyn King (alternates elected by the church) are filing their positions on the committee.

As always, we appreciate your prayers and support, ~ Pastor Search Committee

**Weekend Services
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Luke 10:38-42
Jim England, Proclaimer

Flute and Clarinet Wind Ensemble:
Finale by Mozart
Hiding in Thee, Sanky, arr. Olstad



In Memoriam

*Bob Elliott
1931-2019*

QCC on July 28

Our Quarterly Church Conference on Sunday, July 28, will be right after church in Fellowship Hall. Due to the brevity of the agenda, there will not be lunch or childcare provided. The agenda will include reports from the Pastor Search Committee, Finance, Congregational Engagement Ministry Group, and Membership.

Evening at Slugger Field on Saturday, August 3

Join us on Saturday, August 3, at 6:30 p.m. for a night at Slugger Field to see the Louisville Bats take on the Toledo Mud Hens. That evening's game will be a special MARVEL Super Hero Night with an opportunity to meet Black Panther during the game. Buy a ticket online at <https://tinyurl.com/y5tx9wom>.

Highland's Word To Our Community

... on NPR: ... *A church dedicated to the transforming nature of mercy and grace.*
... on our marquee:



This Week at Highland

Tuesday, July 16	
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.
Wednesday, July 17	
No Evening Activities/Supper	
Funeral Service for Bob Elliott (Sanctuary)	11 a.m.
Thursday, July 18	
Cream of the Crop Trip (Off-site).....	10:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH).....	7 p.m.
Environmental Action MT (103).....	7 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Group (Off-site).....	7 p.m.
Friday, July 19	
Men's Fellowship Gathering (FS).....	8 a.m.
Friday Church (Sanctuary).....	7-7:45 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (FH)	8 p.m.
Sunday, July 21	
Worship	9:30 a.m.
Bible Study.....	9:30 a.m.
Worship	11 a.m.
Bible Study.....	11 a.m.
Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary).....	12:30 p.m.
Monday, July 22	
HBC Bookends (103).....	2 p.m.
Immigration Ministry Team (Commons)	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 23	
Hope for a Brighter Day (FH)	5:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH).....	10 p.m.

Upcoming Events at Highland

July 17	Funeral Service for Bob Elliott
July 18	Cream of the Crop Trip
July 19-21	Vacation Bible School Camp
July 24	Lunch and Learn
July 28	Quarterly Church Conference; Hymns for the Hymnless
August 1	Theology on Tap
August 8	Table Talk
August 13	Cream of the Crop Potluck and Movie
August 18	Gather 'Round—One worship service at 10:30 a.m.—no Bible study, no childcare, no worship care
August 21	Regular Wednesday programming resumes; Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process
August 25	Promotion Sunday; Regular Sunday morning schedule resumes
September 2	Church Offices Closed
September 5	Theology on Tap
September 8	Highlights Class Begins; Deacon Ordination and Installation Service
September 12:	Table Talk
September 27-28:	Women's Retreat

New Friday Church Sign

Take a moment and admire the new Friday Church sign on the Grinstead Road side of the church, installed by Fred Bogert and designed by Gloria Bogert!



This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Larry Davis (C), Becky Smith (G)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Steven Michael Carr, Michael DeWhatley, Bill Martin (C), Kim Shippey (G)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Cheryl Davis (G), John Foster, Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons (G), Holly Harris

Important Dates to Remember

July 19-21	Vacation Bible School Camp
August 25	Promotion Sunday

Children's Corner

LouCity Soccer

This Saturday, July 20, the Young Adults will attend together the LouCity soccer game. See facebook for more information and ticket pricing.

https://www.facebook.com/events/336499783692670/?active_tab=discussion.

Young Adult
Corner

Hymns for the Hymnless, July 28

On Sunday, July 28, at 7:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, all ages are invited to the next Hymns for the Hymnless, a unique worship opportunity that is planned and led by young adults. Our theme for this service is Immigration.

Food and School Supply Collections for Highlands Community Ministries



Missions
Corner

Highlands Community Ministries needs help stocking their food pantry. All local churches participate in this annual drive. We here at Highland Baptist are tasked with **collecting cans of tuna** for the month of July. Please place your donations in the brown bin outside the choir room.

Additionally, we join them in their annual school supply collection. This year, we are responsible for **backpacks, markers, and scissors**. We need oodles of all of this. Thank you in advance for your repeated generosity!



Anti-Racism Team, Viewing of *When They See Us*

The Anti-Racism Team and Young Adults will be sponsoring a screening of *When They See Us*, a dramatic television miniseries based on the lives of a group of teenagers who became known as the

Central Park Five. The miniseries explores the lives of five African American and Hispanic American teenagers who were wrongly convicted of rape and other assault charges after a string of violent crimes in Central Park in 1989. In 2002, only after the Central Park Five had already served their full sentences, the true assailant was identified through confession and DNA evidence.

When They See Us highlights some of the terrible effects of systemic racism in the criminal justice system, in the media, and in everyday life. Over a series of four evenings, Sundays during the month of August, we will watch all four episodes of the miniseries while incorporating time for guided questions and reflections. This is a free event open to all age-appropriate viewers. Parental discretion strongly advised.

Cream of the Crop Trip, July 18

Join us for a tour of the American Printing House for the Blind followed by lunch at Ramiro's Cantina on Frankfort Avenue. We'll meet at the Printing House at 10:30 a.m. (if you'd like to carpool, please indicate that when making your reservation). You may also just join for lunch at noon if you wish! RSVP to Ginny Sims.

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

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Some parents were so impressed they decided to see what kind of "church" would care so much about its children. Young families began to join Highland. Children's ministry grew as a focus of our identity. Does that sound familiar?

In those days a new pastor came on board, Don Burke. His ministry and legacy to us was, and is, our meaningful, thoughtful, engaging, musically grounded worship. Our sanctuary's beauty and its many worship features are also a part of that legacy.

Don's leadership included teaching us how and why our forms and acts in worship lead us to a deeper experience of the Creator, Christ, Spirit. Frequently, our worship included invited rabbis, Catholic priests, and Episcopal ministers. We learned to appreciate their faith traditions and the connections to ours. Today, our members include many who grew up in those traditions and now find a degree of comfort in our worship times.

Along this journey as other pastors led us, such as Paul Duke, Phil Christopher, and especially Joe Phelps, we discovered some ways we could be a healing place. Persons thwarted from their perceived call from God needed a place and a fellowship to grieve and begin anew. Others searching for sanctuary from abuse in its many masks found a home and love—some for the first time.

Thus evolved the defining phrase "a thinking, feeling, healing community of faith." There are now many of us "long-in-the-tooth" who made this journey and can now rejoice in who we have become. We know how to wait for what comes next. The psalmist tells us to fret not for the Creator, Christ, Spirit is creating a good future in us.

A Note From Joy Berger, Former Organist

Joy Berger served as organist at Highland Baptist Church from 1989 to 1991.

I'm still over at the Episcopal Church Home—my place of Sunday ministry/worship—now for 25 years! I keep up with Highland Baptist through these emails, friends, and occasional visits for special events.

I just downloaded the "Ministerial Profile" and "Congregational Profile." I feel such deep gratitude for Highland Baptist Church's Community—past, present, and future.

Know of my prayers and support through this Pastor Search. How grounding, to be aware of your leadership these recent years with Joe Phelps, Nina Maples, Kathy Collier, Carol Harston, Austin Echols, and so many others (whom I haven't had the pleasure to know). How encouraging, to know that you all continue to be in the gracious, wise hands of Jim England (my long-time hospice colleague and friend). How inspiring, to read the visionary and day-to-day descriptions in your "Ministerial Profile."

Reading the "Congregation Profile," I burst with joy for Highland Baptist Church's thinking, feeling, healing community of faith! THANK YOU for being who you are, where you are, especially through these changing times in our Louisville city and global world.

Blessings from before and for yet ahead, ~Joy