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*A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith*

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**Gather 'Round—Worship on Sunday, August 18**

Highland's second special Sunday morning service, *Gather 'Round*, is Sunday, August 18. We will all gather in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. for singing the songs of faith, hearing a rousing anthem from Sanctuary Choir, and a good word from Renee Purtlebaugh, Highland's Associate Pastor to Children and Their Families.

Following worship, the doors will open and everyone will be invited to picnic on the church's greenspaces either by packing a lunch for yourself or your family or purchase lunch from a local food truck, *The Crave Café*. They will offer wraps, sandwiches, veggie items, chips and drinks with prices ranging from \$8 to \$10.

*Our regular summer Sunday worship schedule of 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services will not be held on this one Sunday, August 18. Also, there will be no Bible study classes or Worship Care for children so we can all experience worship together.* Children's books and other child-friendly activities will be available in the Commons for



our youngest children accompanied by a family member, should you need space to move about more freely. *Is there a rain plan?* Yes! The food truck will still be on site for purchases and our Fellowship Hall will be open. Make plans to join us!

We couldn't resist sharing Troy Burden's thank-you note following our *Gather 'Round* Sunday in 2018: "Thanks so much for the wonderful worship experience and social time Sunday. It was just what my soul needed. It was a lovely service, I loved having all the kids in the service, and an opportunity to see folks from the other services. I know it took a lot of work, but it was a lot of fun and you all seemed to enjoy yourselves as well. It was the perfect way to end the summer before the school year logistics all begin. Again, thanks so much!"

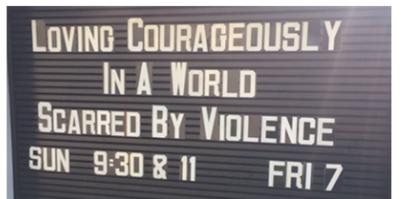


**Weekend Services  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 50  
Luke 12:32-40  
Jim England, Proclaimer  
Baby Dedications:  
Clara Howell Boldt (9:30)  
and Hazel Anna Nally (11:00)  
Deacon Testimonies:  
Justin Boldt (9:30)  
David Hartley (11:00)

**Highland's Word  
To Our Community**

... on NPR: ... *where faith means loving with courage in a world scarred by violence.*  
... on our marquee:



**Wednesday Evening Programming Returns August 21**

We are three weeks away from returning to our regular rhythm of Wednesday evening dinner and programming for all ages. Information about this year's classes will be shared here in our newsletter in the coming weeks. We will mark our first Wednesday evening back with a "Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process" at 6:10 p.m. in the sanctuary for adults. We hope you mark this date on your calendar! It is going to be a wonderful year to grow in faith together through shared meal, fellowship, and growth!

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinners Resume August 21**

We will gather for our first fall fellowship dinner on Wednesday, August 21, and Gracious Plenty Catering will again provide our meal. Highland volunteers will continue preparing desserts, beverages and complete all set up and cleanup. Volunteers are still needed for all roles. Please contact Kathy Belcher for more information.

Dinner will be served from 5:20 to 6:00 p.m. Cost of the meal remains \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 4-11, \$21.00 maximum for immediate family WITH a reservation and \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 4-11, \$24.00 maximum for immediate family WITHOUT a reservation.

To help us be good stewards of our financial resources, it's crucial that dinner reservations are accurate and current. We ask all folks who would like a standing dinner reservation to call the church office or email Deb Ackerson at [deb@hbclouisville.org](mailto:deb@hbclouisville.org) – even if you've had a standing reservation in the past. Please be sure to add or cancel reservations as needed by Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.



**CBF Explores Calling and Nurturing of New Generations**

On July 27 and 28, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) hosted 10 young adults for a conversation as part of their "New Covenant" Commission. The experience was productive and life giving. I certainly hope my attendance at this event is as helpful to the commission as it was to me personally.

The "New Covenant" Commission's actual name is quite the mouthful. Technically, their name is *The CBF Commission on Seeking a New Covenant for the Calling and Nurturing of New Generations of Ministers for our Congregations*. This commission's goal is to examine the way in which ministers are called, educated, and placed into ministry at churches. There are many places where concerns have bubbled up: young people are being called to the ministry in different ways, theological education is experiencing several transitions, and churches (like ours!) are beginning to think that what they want in new ministers might be different now. CBF has identified these concerns as part of a whole and this commission was formed to find ways to move CBF churches into the future.

The conversation weekend which I attended was produced by the "Young Adult Ecosystem" at CBF. The call went out to several groups of young adults who have been part of CBF events and groups in the past. Of the ten who answered that call, I (at 32) was the oldest. Also in the group were multiple young female ministers, several people of color including one refugee, and multiple people who identified as LGBTQ. It was a diverse group who openly shared about our experiences with the church and our hopes and dreams for its future.

The conversation was revelatory and made me feel as though the path Highland Baptist Church has set itself upon over the past year is a good one. The conversation pointed to a desire for the church to be more relational—a place where all people can come, feel safe, serve others, and listen to the call of God as we become the people of God. Several times, points were raised by other members of the group which mirrored conversations our church have had in the past year.

I believe that CBF is asking the right questions now, and this commission is a good step towards building the church of the future. I also believe Highland Baptist has already begun this process, and that we will look back on this season of our church's life as time well spent towards pointing ourselves in the right direction. ~ Robert Kahne

## Looking Forward to a New Year!

In the coming weeks, we look forward to the start of school and the return to our school year rhythms here at Highland on August 25. Here are some important things to make note of regarding that important date in the life of our congregation particularly for children and their families:

## Children's Corner

- *Rising Kindergarteners* – There are 13 kindergarten children transition from preschool ministry to elementary children's ministry! This brings shifts to Sunday morning rhythms for each child, including the opportunity to become full participants in worship with their families. In this sacred space, children will experience God in new ways through the gathering of community, witnessing baptisms and baby dedications, participating in Communion and congregational singing.
- *Bible Study Classes* – Children will move to new classes based on their age/grade for the coming year. Watch for more information sent via email that will let you know which class your child will be moving into this fall.
- *Worship* – Children entering Kindergarten will be recognized in worship services, receiving an important gift from the congregation. Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will also be recognized, as they will begin attending worship for the entire hour.
- *Pastries for Parents* – Between services, we will also gather with pastries and coffee for parents to have opportunity to chat and get to know one another! We hope you will take a moment to pause, chat and connect with other parents as we seek to build relationships within our community of faith this fall!

## Important Date to Remember

August 18	No Children's Bible Study or Worship Care
August 21	Wednesday Dinner + Children's Activities Return
August 25	Promotion Sunday
September 15	Fall Picnic at Farnsley Park Playground/Sprayground, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

## Mark Your Calendars!

- Join us for Bible Study this Sunday, August 11, at 9:30 a.m., in the Youth Suite!
- Starting August 25, we will be off and running with our full year together. Mentor Groups, Wednesday Nights, and much more are on the way!

## Youth Corner

## 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. This month's Table Talk is this Thursday, August 8, 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.



## 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.

We meet in the Commons, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., on August 11, 18, and 25.



## Missions Corner



## La Casita Soup Ministry

Highland's Immigration Team is thankful for your continued support of the La Casita soup ministry. Because of the urgent need, the team has increased its commitment to 3 pots of soup in June and continue to provide that number each month, continue to provide that number the fourth Tuesday of each month.

If you would like to become part of this ministry, we have openings beginning in August and each month through the remainder of the year. To sign up or if you have questions, contact Jane Parker or Michael French.

## Training for Allies and Accomplices, Saturday September 14

Chanelle Helm, leader of the Louisville chapter of Black Lives Matter, will be presenting a training to interested members of Highland and the surrounding faith communities on the issue of cash bail. To build transformative communities, we must perform transformative acts of liberation. Cash bail is one of the aspects of the criminal justice system that keeps communities wrapped up in systemic slavery and in debt. The need to end cash bail is not new.

Thanks to the Ferguson Uprising and the Kalief Browder story, we know that the bail system creates financial barriers for those who find themselves against the criminal justice system. One of the largest barriers is not being able to afford bail.

The Louisville Community Bail Fund (LCBF) exists to not only bail out folks but provide post-release support to get them from jail, fed, and to a situation of safety. LCBF also maintains a focus on preventative measures for those targeted by law enforcement and threatened with incarceration. While we work with national networks, we are also one of the only bail funds that rely entirely on support from individuals in our social justice community and impacted community.

September 14 is a training for white allies and accomplices to support the Louisville Community Bail Fund's keep outs, bail outs and support services network.

Allies and accomplices will receive information on the Louisville Community Bail Fund, The Movement for Black Lives demand to end cash bail, and pre-trial detention and ways to plug in.

The training is \$25. All funds raised go to LCBF. Sign-ups will be in the Commons the next three Sundays.



**This Week  
at Highland**

**Tuesday, August 6**

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 G.R.O.W. (103) ..... 6 p.m.  
 Children's Choir Teachers (Children's Commons)  
 .....6-9 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)..... 10 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 7**

No Evening Activities/Supper  
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room).....6-7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, August 8**

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

**Friday, August 9**

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

**Saturday, August 10**

50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Party for  
 Jim and Mary Helen England (FH) ....2-5 p.m.

**Sunday, August 11**

Worship.....9:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship..... 11 a.m.  
 Bible Study ..... 11 a.m.  
 Mission and Justice MG (Youth Commons) 12:15 p.m.  
 New Members MG (Commons) ..... 12:15 p.m.  
 Families with Children MG (201) ..... 12:30 p.m.  
 Viewing of *When They See Us* (Commons) 6-7:30 p.m.

**Monday, August 12**

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

**Tuesday, August 13**

Cream of the Crop Potluck and Movie (FH)..... 12 p.m.  
 Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
 Finance MG (103) ..... 6 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)..... 10 p.m.

**Around Highland...**

... We are missing MOST of our tablecloths and table toppers from the hospitality closet. If you have any of them, please return them to the church as soon as possible.



PLEASE JOIN US  
 TO CELEBRATE *the golden*

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IN HONOR of

**JIM & MARY ENGLAND**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

2-5 PM

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

*No gifts, please*

**This Week's Deacons**

**Friday, 7:00 p.m.**

John Pacyga (C), Becky Smith

**Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**

Libby Cunningham, Larry Davis (C),  
 Bill Martin, Gene Streible (G)

**Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**

Suzanne Busse (G), Joey Eubank (C),  
 Kim Shippey, Ginny Sims

**Cream of the Crop Gathering August 13**

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 Tuesday, August 13, for a potluck lunch and a movie in Highland's Fellowship Hall. We will gather at noon to eat, followed by the movie "Quartet" around 1:00 p.m. Bring a salad of any kind to share with the group (chicken, tuna, fruit, vegetable, lettuce, etc.)! RSVP to Ginny Sims by Sunday, August 11.

**Free Breakfast for LGBTQIA Youth and Young Adults September 21**

Highland will host our first free breakfast for LGBTQIA youth and young adults the morning of the Louisville Pride Festival. On September 21, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., LGBTQIA youth, young adults, and those seeking to be allies are invited to serve one another and enjoy a free breakfast with a welcoming menu for vegetarian and vegan friends alike. Louisville has space to grow in the services it provides for LGBTQIA youth and young adults. With this breakfast, we seek to create a safe, unique space for connection, fellowship, and affirmation. We will need donations of food and time—sign up in the Commons after worship if you are willing to help!

**My Faith Statement**

I want to be baptized because Jesus loves me all the time. I believe in you Jesus. I love you. God made me a human being. I was born on Easter, when Jesus died on a cross, when he rose from the dead

All people are good; same as all people are equal. Together in this our church, we become healthy and stronger. Miss Kathy helped me sing songs about the Gospel. Miss Renee took me to Passportkids! camp and we learned about God. Be brave and strong to help you to fear less! To fear less, we went to Passport, our youth camp.

I am following the Ten Commandments. I don't want any violence, it is a bad thing. Do this—love your enemy.

I believe in Jesus. Thanks be to God! ~ Emily



**Upcoming Events at Highland**

- 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 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 21 Habitat for Humanity Love Your Neighbor Event
- September 27-28 Annual Women's Retreat
- October 3 Theology on Tap
- October 10 Table Talk
- October 13-14 Senior Adult Retreat
- October 20 New Members Luncheon



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**Our Mission**

God's Love compels us to cultivate a safe, welcoming community of faith where all are challenged to discover, grow, and serve, as together we boldly live out the worship that is our very lives.

**Our Vision**

We dream of being an engaging, vibrant Christian church, where transformed people are joining the work of God, creating a world where justice and Love are abundant.

**Our Values**

- We value a **deeply spiritual, Christ-centered faith** that opens us to life, equips us to serve, and calls us to action.
- We value a **courageous, progressive theology** whose relevance extends from the pew to the street, that engages both the mind and the heart, and that welcomes everyone from the skeptic to the devoted.
- We value **all people**, not in spite of, but precisely because of all that makes each one unique.
- We value **being doers of the word**, living out what Jesus taught: showing hospitality to strangers, confronting injustice, giving voice to those who have been silenced.
- We value a **healthy community**, where honest relationships provide all people safety, encouragement, acceptance, and healing, and challenge us to practice gentleness, forgiveness, and continued growth.
- We value **embracing challenge and change**: naming hard things, asking questions, and leaning into tensions and ambiguity.
- We value **growing together across the lifespan**, through multi-generational and intergenerational relationships and ministries.
- We value being rooted in our **distinct and radical heritage** that compels us to breathe new life into bedrock Baptist principles.
- We value **broad and deep worship** that invites us into the mystery of a loving God.
- We value **being good stewards** of all we have been given, discerning together how best to use our financial, physical, human, and spiritual gifts to follow Jesus and carry out our mission.