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**World Communion This Sunday**

We join Christians around the world on October 6 in celebrating World Communion in our Sunday morning services. We will hear the readings for the day in different languages and sing hymns that awaken our awareness of the global need for our unity in Jesus Christ and each other.

The idea of a day to celebrate Communion with Christians around the globe began in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA. At that time "the prevailing mood of the world was anxiety—fear about economics, fear about politics and fear about the future...when we all share the Meal where Christ is our Host, we are connected in ways that go beyond our personal preferences, or theological scuffles, as well as transcending boundaries of geography and language." Unfortunately, these same fears and anxieties exist still today so may we put on the reality of our Oneness in Christ as we gather to break bread with the world.

*For everyone born, a place at the table; for everyone born, clean water and bread;  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing; for everyone born, a star overhead.  
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace.*  
~ Shirley Erena Murray



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

One of my favorite songs is James Taylor's "Secret of Life," where he sings, "The secret of life is enjoying the passage of time." Every time I hear it, I nod in agreement, for learning contentment with the ebb and flow of the days continues to be an invitation that sets me free. All of us experience time in different ways. Some seasons feel long, while others fly by. Even while we live into the "fall," summer weather persists. We can need prompting to remember the passage of time when we feel stagnant or complacent.

In the church office, we are beginning to feel the change in seasons. The Pastor Search Committee is hard at work with interviews. Our staff has begun to explore ways we can prepare ourselves, the office, and the congregation for a new pastor that will lead us.

The dictionary defines an "interim" period as the "intervening time." That is to say, the interim time marks the time between what *was* and what *will be*. In the sixteen months since Nina's retirement, we have created routines and rhythms that have carried us through. Even while we have settled into this interim, we know that this is a temporary time.

We invite you to join this wondering as we enter further into the fall. In what ways have you settled into our interim time? How might you anticipate the change to come? How might you prepare to welcome a new pastor in our midst?

It is still months before the Pastor Search Committee brings a candidate to the church, but we've got some mental, emotional, and spiritual anticipatory work to do. Our staff invites you to be in prayer for our Pastor Search (continued on page 3)

**Highland Welcomes**



Jamie Cannon      Emily Robertson

**We Need YOU to Host a Trunk at Trunk or Treat**

This year, the Families with Children Ministry Group hopes to host a Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 30, during our regular programming hour. In order to do this, we need you!

We'll transform our (newly resurfaced and incredibly amazing!) back parking lot into a staging ground for your creativity as you decorate a trunk and offer candy as children and families come by. Please remember sweet, not scary, since our event will have very young children present.

Sign up on Sunday morning in the Commons, Wednesday evening at the check-in table, or by contacting Tanya Cornely.

**Freedom in Generosity Stewardship Season Begins**

At Highland, we express and feel Freedom in many different ways. We care for one another as we live life together on the corner of Cherokee and Grinstead, and we work to create a world where justice and love are abundant for all people.

As we approach our next year of ministry together, we invite each of you to consider how we might support God's work through Highland financially.

Over the next month, you will hear stories in worship from those who have experienced or witnessed the transformative power of God through the work of Highland. May these stories invite you to reflect and to feel Freedom in Generosity: to be inspired to make commitments now for the work ahead.

Soon, you will receive information in the mail about giving opportunities. At the end of October, we will commit our financial resources to our thinking, feeling, healing community of faith.

~ The Faithful Giving Ministry Group



**Gratitude for a Firm Foundation for Chorister Choir**

Highland's Chorister Choir led the Call to Worship and sang a beautiful children's anthem, *Let Us Walk in the Light*, on Sunday but why is this picture from worship only showing the singers from the backside?! That's because Bob Belcher recently renovated and repainted the boxes he made for Highland's young musicians approximately 20+ years ago. Thank you, Bob, for giving our children a safe place to stand so our faith community can see them when they lead in worship!

**Off-Site Parking Update**

We are no longer allowed to park in the lot for Atomic House of Hair at 2201 Grinstead Drive. The owner of the property has requested that we cease parking in the lot and as good neighbors we certainly wish to honor the request.

**Highland's Word To Our Community**

... on NPR: ... celebrating 15 years of Friday Church. A no-frills, no hellfire, no brimstone, casual worship service. Every Friday at 7:00 p.m.  
... on our marquee:



## Trunk or Treat, October 30

On Wednesday evening, October 30, we hope you'll join us for an evening of fellowship, costumes and fun with your church family. We'll have our usual Wednesday night dinner (be sure to make a reservation if you plan to eat) at 5:20 p.m., followed by outdoor fun in the parking lot with decorated trunks and lots of treats from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Costumes are encouraged; however, please remember sweet not scary since we will have young children present.

Children's Corner

## Important Dates to Remember

October 30 Trunk or Treat  
June 23-26, 2020 PASSPORT kids!



God invites us to imagine a New Day when justice and love abound and we are freed from cynicism and despair. Live as if God's New Day is coming true.

## Theology on Tap October 3

On Thursday, October 3, at Baxter 942 we will gather at 6:00 p.m. for conversation. All young adults are welcome to join us for a casual evening with thoughtful talk and fun. Appetizers are provided. Rev. Perry Dixon will lead us on the Theology of Baptist Identity.

Young Adult Corner

## Service Project at Supplies Over Seas

On Saturday, October 26, we will volunteer for the morning at Supplies Over Seas. This unique non-profit packages and ships unused medical supplies to hospitals and clinics in developing countries. If you would like to join us, please contact Lauren Jones Mayfield at [laurenjm@hbclouisville.org](mailto:laurenjm@hbclouisville.org). Or RSVP online at [https://www.facebook.com/events/840486243020807/?active\\_tab=discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/840486243020807/?active_tab=discussion).

## Intergenerational Mixer

Thank you to all you joined us at our mixer Friday evening. One of the Young Adult Ministry's goals for the year has been to increase intergenerational conversation and relationships. This is only possible when folks are willing to share their time and space for just that—conversation and relationship building. A good time was certainly had!

### Please Note:

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

## Wednesday Night Class: Spiritual Sustainability in Troubling Times

Keeping our hearts, minds, and souls *focused* can be one of the most difficult tasks of faith within troubling times. Our minds can be scattered all over the place as we reach out for help, sustenance, and rest. Samuel Wells calls Christians to consider the most important word of all of scripture: "with." Join us this Wednesday, at 6:10 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, as Samuel Wells' *A Nazareth Manifesto: Being With God* offers a helpful way of thinking theological during troubling times. We will conclude this class next week (October 9) with an exploration of how gratitude changes everything as guided by Diana Butler Bass' *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks*.



## IMMIGRATION Opportunities:



### 1. La Casita Transportation

Many of us feel helpless about how refugees are being treated in our country. If you would like to do something tangible and welcoming to Latino/a refugees who have arrived in Louisville, consider signing up to help transport refugees who have appointments that must be kept but have no car, no money, and no way to get to these appointments.

Highland's Immigration Team has been partnering with La Casita in many ways, like making soup for La Casita clients once a month on Tuesdays. Now Highland and other churches are being asked to offer transportation to the clients who need rides. You do not need to speak Spanish, and you are not expected to say yes to transporting if it is not convenient. La Casita hopes to have a large pool of transportation volunteers so that no one is burdened with too many requests. Right now the need is for appointments that occur Monday through Friday in regular business hours.

You are asked to attend an orientation, where your questions will be answered. The first orientation will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., next Tuesday, October 8, at La Casita Center, 223 E. Magnolia Avenue. Please see or contact Nancy Goodhue or Michael French for more information, to sign up, and if you want to carpool to the October 8 orientation.

Finally, if you are able to cook soup for La Casita, please sign up in the Commons on Sunday.

### 2. Beans and Rice This Sunday

Repeat: THIS SUNDAY, October 6, please bring to worship 1lb. or 2lb. bags of rice and black beans. During our World Communion service, we will collect this special offering, which will be donated to La Casita's food pantry.



### 3. Sanctuary Proclamation at St. William Catholic Church

Next Tuesday, October 8, at 10:00 a.m., St. William is releasing a proclamation that they will be a sanctuary church. Those who wish to stand in solidarity are invited to join Highland's Immigration Mission Team. We will meet at Highland at 9:30 a.m. and travel together. Contact Michael French or Jane Parker for more information.

## Global Partnerships: Joey Eubank Travels to Morocco



Joey Eubank will travel to Morocco with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship KY this week for a ten-day trip with Extreme Build. The team of volunteers will be working at an orphanage in the city of Oujda. Please join us for a commissioning moment THIS Wednesday evening, October 2, when we will bless Joey's travels. Also, if you are planning to bring Tylenol, Advil, or snack size baggies, please do so by this Wednesday as well. Thank you!

## Global Women: Mission-Minded Women (formerly Emma Leachman)

You are invited to participate in a compelling conversation with Courier Journal reporter Deborah Yetter, in the Fireside Room at Highland Baptist Church this Monday, October 7, at 4:00 p.m. She will be attending the upcoming meeting of the *Mission Minded Women's* group (formerly Emma Leachman) to talk about her recent investigative series on child abuse. This 5-part series that appeared in the Courier Journal focused on Kentucky's unfortunate ranking as the No. 1 state in the nation for instances of child abuse and neglect.

The first article in the series, *Why Kentucky can't stop hurting—and killing—its children*, examined cases in the commonwealth so extreme an independent panel determined them to be torture. Other articles focused on the heavy caseloads assigned to the state's social workers, the state's overloaded foster system and the successes of the Jefferson County family drug court.

Debby is a Pulitzer Prize winning reporter who has worked at the Courier Journal since 1984. She also has worked as an editor and editorial writer and currently covers health, human services and state government. She has focused extensively on child abuse and problems with the child welfare system.

## True Colors: LGBTea+ This Sunday

Join us this Sunday, October 6, in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship for our second LGBTea+. This is a casual group open to members of the LGBTQ community and their allies for conversation and relationship building. Contact Lillian Glover with questions.



**Tuesday, October 1**

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

**Wednesday, October 2**

Fellowship Supper (FH)..... 5:20-6 p.m.  
 Children's Activities.....6-7:15 p.m.  
 Youth Group (Youth Suite).....6-7:15 p.m.  
 Adult Class—Spiritual Sustainability in Troubling Times (FH) ..... 6:10-7:15 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:15-8:15 p.m.

**Thursday, October 3**

Theology on Tap (Off-site) .....6 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) .....7 p.m.  
 Prayer Shawl Group (Off-site) .....7 p.m.

**Friday, October 4**

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

**Sunday, October 6**

Worship..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship..... 11 a.m.  
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 Worship MG (103)..... 12 p.m.  
 LGBTea+ Time (FH) ..... 12:15 p.m.  
 Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary) ..... 12:30 p.m.

**Monday, October 7**

Emma Leachman Group (FS) .....4 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 8**

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

**Wednesday Night Menus**

**October 2**

Egg Casserole  
 Bacon  
 Hash Brown Casserole  
 Biscuits & Gravy  
 Mixed Greens w/ Citrus  
 Fruit Bowl

**October 9**

Chicken Pot Pie  
 Green Beans  
 Orange Jell-O Salad  
 Wedge 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 (Communion)**

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

Cheryl Davis, John Pacyga, Becky Smith (C)

**Sunday, 8:30 a.m.**

Larry Davis (C), Tony Dougherty (G), Phillip Garrett, Lewis Miller

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

Diane Brewer, Steven Michael Carr, Cheryl Davis, Sally Evans, Phillip Garrett, Allison Keenan, Nathan Marrs, Bill Martin (C), Autumn Reece, Missy Smith (G)

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

Suzanne Busse, Cheryl Davis, Guthrie Graves-Fitzsimmons, David Hartley, Becky Hines, Doris Hornbuckle (G), Scott Kerr, Patty Martin Nichols, Lewis Miller (C)

**For the Living of These Days—A Word from Carol Harston** *(continued from page 1)*

Committee as they give countless hours to prayerfully consider candidates. We invite you to pray for all the candidates, seeking God's wisdom, courage, and contentment as they consider a significant life change. We invite you to pray for our staff as we open our hearts, minds, and congregational vision to new leadership. We invite you to pray for our congregation that we all might be patient and expectant of how God might be leading us in the future.

With all of these invitations to prayer, it is clear that we have work still left before us during this "intervening time." While the voices of fear can cause us to shudder at times of uncertainty, God calls us to be people of great assurance. Liminal spaces are where we can thrive as we open our hands out to receive whatever the new day holds. May our trust in one another be a witness to God's wisdom and courage granted for the living of these interim days.

**Highland Reads: Engaging Both the Mind and Heart Through a Shared Library**

We can't always gather in the same room to explore ideas, but we can grow by exploring books in common this year. During each season of our Year of Freedom, we are recommending a book for adults and for children that can help spark conversation and ignite curiosity. This season's adult book is *Learning to Speak God from Scratch* by Jonathan Merritt and the children's book is *What Do You Do with An Idea* by Kobi Yamada. Both books can be purchased online at <https://smile.amazon.com>.

**A Note of Thanks**

To My Fellow Church Family,

Thank you for your expression of love by bestowing on me the status of honor deacon. While serving my terms on Highland Baptist Church's deacon board, I grew spiritually. As a member of this church of almost 59 years, I consider this honor a highlight. Sincerely, ~ *Billie Johnson*

**Upcoming Events at Highland**

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|---------------|--|
| October 3     | Theology on Tap                                    |
| October 6     | World Communion Sunday                             |
| October 9     | Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process |
| October 10    | Table Talk   |
| October 13-14 | Senior Adult Retreat                               |
| October 16    | Quarterly Church Conference                        |
| October 19    | Sanctuary Choir Retreat                            |
| October 20    | Commitment Sunday; New Members Luncheon            |
| October 27    | Commitment Sunday                                  |
| October 30    | Trunk or Treat                                     |
| November 7    | Theology on Tap                                    |
| November 8-10 | Young Adult Fall Retreat                           |
| November 13   | Special Business Meeting to Discuss 2020 Budget    |



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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.