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**The Generosity Challenge**

How might the practice of offering unexpected kindness AND receiving unexpected kindness shape the living of your days? Diana Butler Bass suggests in this season's Highland Reads book, *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*, that gratitude is more than a feeling—it is a practice. We are curious: Just how powerful is the practice of generosity?

We challenge you to keep a generosity log this October and November as a transformative spiritual practice for the season. Take note each day of a moment when you were able to either offer some gesture of generous kindness to another person (maybe it is even yourself!) or when you received a gesture of generous kindness was made towards you. Write it down in your calendar and keep track.

What do you notice as you go through this season? How is God revealed in generosity?

Talk about it in your Bible study classes, around dinner on Wednesday nights, or with a friend. Share about it on social media. Start a conversation about the real challenges of sharing kindness in a world that desperately needs it. In November, look out for an invitation to share your generosity log with others.

*Together, we are joining the work of God, creating a world where Love is abundant.*



God offers us far more than what is necessary or expected, setting us free from selfish desire. Practice generosity and prepare to see God revealed through acts of kindness.

**Weekend Services  
Eighteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

Psalm 111  
Luke 17:11-19

*Nine Out of Ten Lepers Agree*  
Carol Harston, Proclaimer

Anthem: *Hymn of Assurance*

**October 23: Quarterly Church Conference**

All church members are asked to attend the upcoming Quarterly Church Conference on Wednesday, October 23, 6:10 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.



**For the Living of These Days—A Word from Kathy Collier**

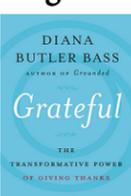
Gordon Hempton is an acoustic ecologist who collects sounds from around the world. In his interview with Krista Tippett for the podcast, On Being, he defines “real quiet” as presence—not an absence of sounds but an absence of noise. He goes on to remind the listeners how picture-centered our world is but sound is so important that every higher vertebrate species has the ability to hear. The podcast was fascinating since we live in a noise-filled world. I would argue Highland's worship services have sacred absence of sound in worship every Sunday. These moments of sound-filled silence occur after the singing of hymns, reading of scripture, corporate voicing of prayers, and words from the proclaimer. The silent moments are important. Maybe an example is best now—Highland's Chorister Choir sang in worship on September 29 and worshipers were invited to wait after the final sung note for their sounds to reach all worshipers' hearts and minds. It's probably stating the obvious but it's not easy keeping children still and waiting for the most subtle sound: *ahh...* but wait they did and that quiet sound was all they needed to know their gifts of worship to a loving God had been received: sound-filled silence.

I can't resist another example—Sunday's anthem to celebrate World Communion was a setting of the well-loved contemporary hymn, *For Everyone Born*, with text by Shirley Erena Murray, a New Zealand hymn writer. Addie Hotchkiss was our guest cellist for the morning and after hers and the choir's final note, you could feel the notes traveling to every worshiper and beyond the windows. I think holy breaths were exhaled when hearts were filled. That silence was holy—not an absence of noise.



Our GROW group met at Kim Waller's home for October. Highland's GROW group gathers each month to send cards and reach out to those who are visiting our congregation. To find out more about the group, reach out to Joey Eubank. Highland is grateful for their faithful welcoming work!

**Highland Reads: New Book for October and November**



We can't always gather in the same room to explore ideas, but we can grow by exploring books in common. 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. For this season (Freedom in Generosity), our adult book is *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass. We will have several copies of this book in the Commons this Sunday for sale. Otherwise, shop at your local bookstore to find a copy!

**Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks by Diana Butler Bass**  
If gratitude is good, why is it so hard to do? In *Grateful*, Diana Butler Bass untangles our conflicting understandings of gratitude and sets the table for a renewed practice of giving thanks. Gratitude is more than a feeling but a radical practice that is needed most in these divisive times. As Diana Butler Bass suggests that freedom comes when we pass on gifts without expecting anything in return. Found on Amazon at <https://www.amazon.com/Grateful-Transformative-Power-Giving-Thanks/dp/0062659472>.

**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 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.



**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: ... *trusting that peace can rise from the discontent and anger in our polarized world.*  
... on our marquee:





## Highland Book Club October 20

The Highland Book Club will meet on Sunday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m., to discuss There, There by Tommy Orange. Everyone is invited! Stay tuned for the meeting place!



### 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!*

### 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).

Young Adult Corner

### Volunteers Needed for Simmons Community

A couple of years ago at an Empower West Book Club event, Dr. Kevin Cosby was speaking about Simmons College of Kentucky and made the comment to the audience that "Simmons students need you". As a result, the need was identified that students, for many reasons, often find it difficult to remain in school and continue their education. In response, the Encourager Program was born. The idea is to pair students with someone from the Louisville community who will commit to be a person the student can turn to when they need enCOURAGEMENT. This "encouragement" can take varied forms as relationships develop and individual needs arise. It really doesn't take much time, but that time is life changing. Many of the relationships that began last fall, continued into the spring semester and some are already committed to continue into the 2019 fall semester. The Simmons community has asked that the program be expanded! However, to do that, we must find more community volunteers!

This is where you come in. Please enthusiastically consider this important request and valuable opportunity! An information meeting will be held next Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m., in the Commons, to clarify expectations and answer questions. Please consider attending to learn more. RSVP to Emily Cash or Nathan Marrs.

### Spiritual Sustainability in Troubling Times: Final Class Tomorrow

We end our series on *Spiritual Sustainability* tomorrow, October 9, by exploring this season's Highland Reads' book, *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass. Join us tomorrow night, at 6:10 p.m., in Fellowship Hall, as we consider how gratitude is more than a feeling but a spiritual practice that can sustain us during troubling times.



### Cloud of Witnesses on October 16

Highland's sanctuary is filled with saints—the ones in the stained-glass windows who have completed the race and the ones in the pews who are still in process. When we assume saints to be perfect people, we miss the truth they have to share. Saints are the ones who wonder if God is up to something and step out in humility and boldness to share their glimpses of the divine. Story-telling by these "Saints-in-Process" makes God visible for the church. Join us on Wednesday, October 16, 6:10-7:15 p.m., for another Cloud of Witnesses evening as Bob Cunningham facilitates a conversation with Bill Campbell, Lauren Jones Mayfield, and Lela Hendrix, as they share their faith journey.

### IMMIGRATION Opportunity



#### La Casita—Transportation and Soup

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. Please contact Nancy Goodhue or Michael French for more information or to sign up.



Missions Corner

### Jean Janes Global Women Meeting This Monday

Jean Janes Global Women group will meet this Monday, October 14, 7:00 p.m., at home of Marilyn Tucker. Members and guest welcome. Guest speakers are Steve Clark and Annette Ellard, Field Personnel of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Their ministry is with Karen peoples who came to Louisville from Myanmar.



## This Week at Highland

### 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, October 9

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 10

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

### Friday, October 11

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

### Sunday, October 13

Worship..... 8:30 a.m.  
 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.  
 Adult Handbells rehearsal (200).....2 p.m.

### Monday, October 14

Jean Janes Mission Group (Off-site).....7 p.m.  
 Ministry Council (200).....6 p.m.  
 Anti-Racism MT (Commons).....6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 15

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

October 10	Table Talk
October 13-14	Senior Adult Retreat
October 16	Cloud of Witnesses: Stories from Saints-in-Process
October 19	Sanctuary Choir Retreat
October 20	Commitment Sunday; New Members' Luncheon
October 23	Quarterly Church Conference
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
November 14	Cream of the Crop Trip; Table Talk
November 17	Vote on 2020 Budget

## Wednesday Night Menus

### October 9

Chicken Pot Pie  
 Green Beans  
 Orange Jell-O Salad  
 Wedge Salad  
 Rolls  
 Dessert

### October 16

Honey Glazed Ham  
 Mixed Greens/Broccoli  
 Roasted Potatoes  
 Cobb Salad  
 Corn Bread  
 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

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

Larry Davis, John Pacyga (C)

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

Michael French (G), Bill Martin,  
 Alison Schureck, Allison Todd (C)

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

Justin Boldt (G), Steven Michael Carr,  
 Larry Davis (C), Michael French

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

Suzanne Busse, David Hartley,  
 Becky Hines (G), Doris Hornbuckle (C)

## Why I Give by Erin Phelps

I'm usually in the 11:00 service, so for those of you I've not met, here's a little bit of info about me: my husband, Charlie, and I started attending Highland about a year and a half ago. I am also currently serving on our Young Adult Ministry Group and I recently became the chair of our Mission and Justice Ministry Group.

Throughout this month, you'll hear stories about why people give to Highland. My husband and I give a designated amount every week, and we decided to make this financial commitment because of the wonderful things this church brought us after several years in the spiritual wilderness after a departure from Catholicism.

I'll be honest...I'm not able to give the traditional 10% of my income that many grew up with as a standard. But my husband and I give regularly because we consider it an investment in this space, in the social justice work of the church, and in safe community Highland is able to bring others. We believe in this church and what we can accomplish in this city and the greater global community.

Since taking on my committee roles in the church, I've also seen precisely what these funds can do. Tithes and financial gifts can buy appetizers at Theology on Tap for young adults like me who were burned by bad theologies in the past and want a safe place to explore faith again. Money given to the church becomes part of our mission budget, which touches lives in Morocco and hearts at Immigration events in our own backyard. Our dollars provide the resource to keep up day to day systems here at the corner of Cherokee and Grinstead.

If you already give faithfully, let me say THANK YOU. Your gifts have already made such a difference in countless ways, and I call on you to prayerfully consider whether there is more you'd like to contribute for the programs that make your soul happy here. If you're not regularly giving, please think about what Highland does that you're most grateful for, and consider giving back when and if you are able.

Thank you for letting me share with you today.



## Why I Give by Gene Streible



I have been a member of Highland for over ten years, I am just rotating off from being a deacon for the past three years. I am on the worship and greeter ministry groups. I am in the Nomads Bible study class and I attend the 8:30 service.

When Steven Carr asked me to do this, I told him I would but it was very simple and short.

We didn't attend church when I was a child (mostly just Easter Sunday!) but when we did, my mother always gave me a dollar to put in the collection plate. I remember being very happy to do that on one hand, and sad on the other. In my young child mind, I was thinking if everything belonged to God why did he need my dollar? I could go out and get a matchbox car with that buck! But thankfully, giving did stay with me into my teen years when I started going to church on my own, and into adulthood! Remembering always that you give back to God!

Why do I give to this Church? Well, their are the obvious reasons—to keep the lights on, the staff paid, parking lot paved, the grass cut. But also because I love this church and for the love and welcome it's given to me. I feel I can give back so other groups like the many justice ministry groups that reach out to help others (one being the True Colors ministry). Also sending the Youth to work in *Miami with Love* and the children to Vacation Bible School camp. There are so many more reasons. But it all takes money. Sometimes, I can't give as much as I want to...but I try to give what I can! I think that's all God expects from us! So, as I said, it's short and simple but I thank you for letting me share it with you.

## Why I Give by Esther Volmer

I have been a member of Highland for five years now. When I first visited, I was not looking for a church and was at a point in my life where I had little to no interest in attending church or being a part of a faith community of any kind. I reluctantly returned, and I kept returning and kept returning.

What I found here was a vibrant community of people passionate about each other, the city of Louisville and the world. It wasn't the beautiful music, a gorgeous sanctuary, or the service on Sunday that drew me back each week, it was you, the people. I had never been in a place so filled with hospitality, compassion, generosity, caring, and love. Some of my most god filled moments have been found around a camp fire on a young adult fall retreat, wrapping gifts at the Christmas store, engaged in life giving conversations, deepening relationships and forging new ones with friends and strangers alike.

I give to Highland so that we as a church may continue to foster community building and relationships with each other, our city and the world. From Supper Clubs, to retreats, and Bible studies, the Christmas Store, our partnerships with Kentucky Refugee Ministries, La Casita and others working to support refugees and immigration reform, to our support of ministry partners abroad, our financial gifts ensure this important work can continue to grow and flourish.

I invite you to join me in this season of faithful giving by sharing your financial resources as we work to deepen our relationships with each other, engage in and support our local community and people across the globe. This good and important work would not be possible without your support and your generous gifts.



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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.