



**September 9, 2020**

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## **Who Tells Your Story?**

The Young Adult Ministry invites all members of our community to participate in a night of welcome and storytelling for our new Pastor, Mary Alice Birdwhistell, on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

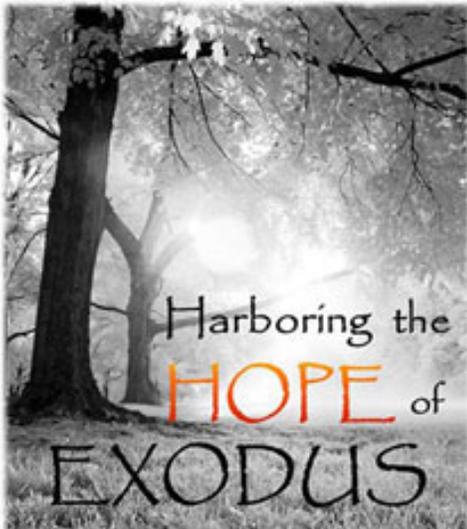
During this pandemic season, we want to share all the ways in which our community has transcended beyond our building to love and support one another through the years. Plan to join us for this unique event as it will be another way for us collectively to introduce Mary Alice to our congregation.

Members of all generations throughout our community are invited to submit pitches to be one of the 8 storytellers on our "stage" for a night that we hope will be unforgettable.

Participants will have the opportunity to work with Steven Michael Carr and other members of the Louisville Storytelling community to hone their stories before the night of the event. Do you have a Highland story to share? We hope so!

The pitch prompt is: Tell us about a time that the community of Highland embodied home for you. For questions regarding the event, or to submit a pitch, please email Rebecca Street Smith at [rebecca.a.street@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.a.street@gmail.com).

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## **Weekend Services**

### **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 114

Romans 14:7-9

Exodus 14:19-31

Mary Alice Birdwhistell, Proclaimer

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## **Please Note:**

All in-person services, activities, meetings and events at Highland Baptist Church are cancelled until further notice.

### **Staying Connected Outside These Walls**

As we live through these days where we are rarely, if ever, physically connected with each other we make use of technology to bridge some of the gaps that exist between us. Below are some of the ways that you may use to stay connected to the community of Highland Baptist Church:

**Worship from the sanctuary on our Facebook page** at 7:00 p.m. on Friday nights and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. These streams also appears on our YouTube page.

**Bible study & children's gatherings via Zoom.** Several adult Bible study classes and Pastor Renee are gathering weekly via Zoom which allows connectivity via computer or phone. If your child would like to connect, email Renee. If your Bible study class would like to begin meeting this way, email Carol at [carol@hbclouisville.org](mailto:carol@hbclouisville.org) or Walter at [walter@hbclouisville.org](mailto:walter@hbclouisville.org).

### **Meet with Mary Alice - New Dates Available**

I am loving my times meeting the Highland family face to face, and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the days to come. Several of you have asked if I will be opening up more meeting times, and the answer is: absolutely! I anticipate that I will continue to do this throughout the fall, until I am able to meet with everyone.

As a reminder, I am working to schedule times to meet in whatever ways you feel most comfortable: masked and socially distanced in Highland's sanctuary, outside Highland in the playground, on your front/back porch, or even on Zoom or by telephone. There are a variety of days and times of the week available to accommodate different schedules.

To schedule a time to meet with me, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA9AC23A0F9C34-meet2>. Please note that I will need to meet at Highland (inside or outside) on weekdays during office hours. On weeknights or weekends, I'm happy to meet offsite and come to your front porch/back porch, have you over to mine, or meet at another outside space.

Know how much I value this time with you, friends! I hope to learn your stories, to discover what you value most deeply about Highland, to listen to your concerns or questions about the future, and to hear your hopes and dreams for our faith community as we journey together in the days ahead.

With gratitude and great hope, ~ *Mary Alice*

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### **Why I Give by Jim Hawkins**

Am I forgetting something? Actually, yes I am. A covid-19 older patient on a ventilator said what he missed most is the touch and hugs from family members, even their presence. For me, it's the touch and presence with my Highland family of faith I missed the most. And, without those touches and presence at church, I am forgetting my offering—giving to our ministries of transforming love. So, I am putting reminders up to be sure I weekly send my offering to the church. Take a moment dear friends, please. Did you forget? Thanks, ~ Jim Hawkins

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### **Highland's Word To Our Community**

... on NPR: ...continuing to nurture our faith community with Friday and Sunday worship services available on Facebook and YouTube.

... on our marquee:



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## 2020 WorldFest Features Song by Fred Bogert

*One Voice* is a song written and produced by Fred Bogert, in collaboration with local talented musicians who are also members of the Louisville global community. Initiated and sanctioned by the Office for Globalization, this project originally started out as part of the 2020 Virtual WorldFest celebration and highlights representatives from the international communities sharing their story, their journey and what it means for them to call Louisville home.

Fred, an experienced song writer and active volunteer working with the refugee community at Kentucky Refugee Ministries was able to accurately capture the emotion and life experiences through a handful of conversations by those participating in this project through the well-written lyrics. Local musicians were then invited to represent their different cultures heard through their skills and talents in *One Voice*.

You can listen to the song online at <https://youtu.be/CBHXwFog6xg>.

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## Read About Our New Member

**Scott Blome** was born in Indianapolis. His parents and one sister still live there, while his other sister Mary Beth and her husband Rob live in Columbus, OH. Scott's parents, who are in their late 80s, live in a retirement community and are doing fairly well. His sister Barbara lives in Indianapolis in a residential supported living home with two other clients -- she was born severely multiply disabled and requires 24-hour care. Her health is very good, though! Scott graduated from Purdue University, with a major in English literature. He worked for 34 years at the American Printing House for the Blind on Frankfort Ave. He retired early and is currently looking for work -- a "second career" to bridge over to Social Security age. Scott is very interested in history of all kinds, but especially the 20th century and World War II. He is a big science fiction fan. Janie got him into being a fan of mysteries! They watch a lot of British TV shows. Scott collects vintage toys, especially from his childhood era of the 60s and 70s. Janie and Scott both have Scottish heritage and they enjoy Celtic-style highland games and meeting with the Scottish Society of Louisville. They greatly enjoy the three cats that own them. Scott first heard about Highland many years ago via the Louisville Public Media radio ads. He remembers hearing the phrase "thinking, healing, feeling community of faith" and was impressed by this. Although he is not a person of faith himself, he shares many, many of Highland's core values and is happy to be an Affiliate member. He feels that Highland is a very accepting community for all people. He's met so many wonderful folks at Highland and looks forward to getting to know them better. Scott's family on his mother's side has a strong faith tradition in the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, where he was raised. Scott's grandfather, uncle, and several cousins held or currently hold ministerial positions in the Disciples.



# Children's Corner

## Faith Formation Bag Delivery

If you were not able to pick up your faith formation bag at Drive 'Round, Renee will be delivering bags to you this week! If you are available to come outside for a physically distanced, masked short hello—I would love to see you!

## This Week's Story of God at Home

This week's story of God at home centers around *Listening for God* and sensing God's presence. This can be an abstract concept for children, and even difficult for adults, particularly since we cannot see God. It's a beautiful Quaker story about how God connects with our hearts, how we can hear God when our hearts connect with other people, our five senses, the stories of God from scripture and in the community around worship and service. Over and over again we hear the words, "Then the Spirit helps us know what how to live, what to do and who to be." reminding us that the Spirit plays an active role in in our hearing.

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## Adult Corner

### Zoom to Table Talk

Table Talk will meet this Thursday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m., using Zoom conferencing technology. We shall have an opportunity to check in with each other and meet new people interested in an informal time to build new and strengthen existing relationships within the congregation. Everyone is invited to participate. To join the gathering, contact Marc Dowell, Jim Shelton, or Earl Shelp.

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## Mission Corner

### Global Mission Offering

Church, you did it again! Your generosity extends well beyond the stone walls of our sanctuary and, this time, far into the reaches of the world. We collected \$7,681 for the offering during this pandemic year - this is wonderful! Thank you. And remember, you can give to this offering at any time during the calendar year. So, if you did not get a chance to participate during our emphasis during August, know that it is not to late.

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## Around Highland

- Baptist Seminary of Kentucky announced at its fall convocation last week that BSK has named its library in honor of Highland's own Bill and Joyce Holmes. Read all about the honor at [https://bsk.edu/bsk-library-named-in-honor-of-bill-and-joyce-holmes/?fbclid=IwAR3PCVRRMbDKfxo4INCP-u5Y7oYQfTKBwrYVyt0TpeiXvVB\\_6sSF36F3x8](https://bsk.edu/bsk-library-named-in-honor-of-bill-and-joyce-holmes/?fbclid=IwAR3PCVRRMbDKfxo4INCP-u5Y7oYQfTKBwrYVyt0TpeiXvVB_6sSF36F3x8).
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