



October 20, 2020



We will have our virtual Quarterly Church Conference tomorrow, October 21, at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. This Quarterly Church Conference will include our regular reports, as we seek to adapt to new avenues of meeting during this season where we're healthy at home. Information regarding the meeting and website information for Zoom will be sent out via email tomorrow morning. Please mark your calendar so that we can make sure we meet our quorum even during this digital age! Agenda items include:

1. Review and Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from August's Quarterly Church Conference
3. Membership Report
4. Finance Reports
5. Update: Concerns regarding PPP funds
6. Update: In-Person Worship Attendance
7. New Business
 - o Reparations Task Force
8. Meeting Adjourned

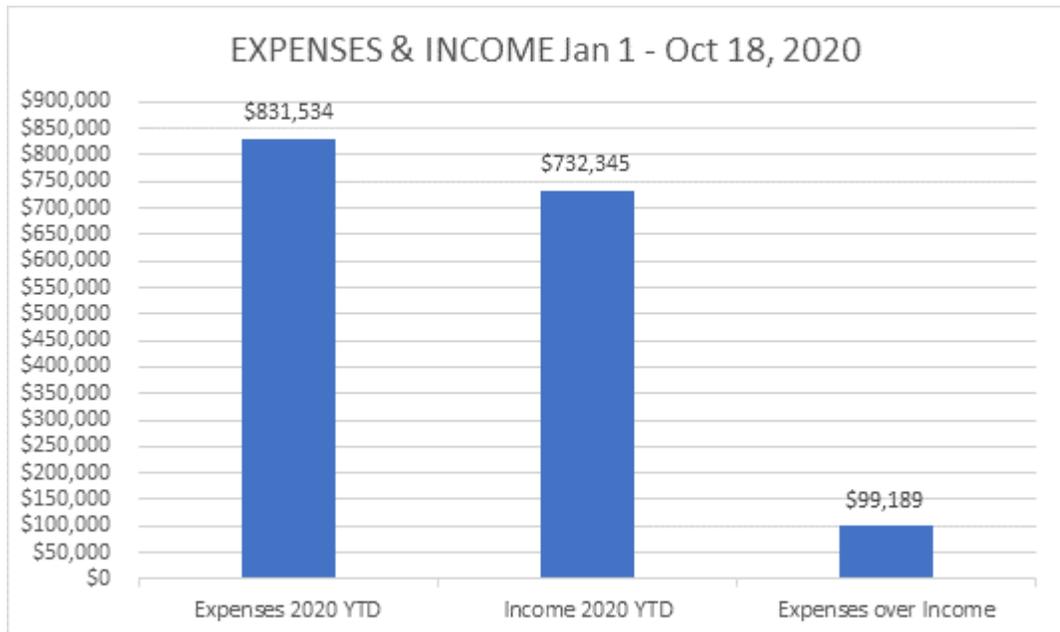
Called Business Meeting to Discuss 2021 Budget

On Sunday, November 8, there will be a called business meeting on Zoom at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the 2021 budget. The budget will be emailed to the church to review prior to this meeting. Please make plans to attend as we work together to discern important ways to move forward with our budget in the coming year.



Update from Finance Ministry Group

- Through October 18, 2020 expenses are \$99,189 over income.
- Pledged Income continues to be very solid at 97.7% (reflects the importance of turning in your 2021 pledge).
- Non Pledged Income is at 37%.



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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 more of you in the days to come. Please note that I will need to meet at Highland (socially distant and masked in the sanctuary or outside on the playground) on weekdays during office hours. On weeknights or weekends when the church building is not open, I am happy to meet outside at another location. As we move into some colder months, here are a few updates to consider:

1. I am more than happy to have you over to the back deck at my house (in Jeffersontown) to meet on weeknights and weekends. I am buying an outdoor heater to allow us to meet outside more comfortably. Please feel free to use this as an option!
2. If you have more flexibility in your daytime schedule, please consider taking a daytime meeting and saving the evening/weekend meeting times for those who can't meet outside of work hours.

I will continue to update this list in the coming months until I am able to meet with everyone. To schedule a time to meet with me, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CA9AC23A0F9C34-meet3>.

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. ~ Mary Alice

Weekend Services

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 90
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Mary Alice Birdwhistell, Proclaimer

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:



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 via Zoom. Several adult Bible study classes are gathering weekly via Zoom which allows connectivity via computer or phone. If your Bible study class would like to begin meeting this way, email Carol at carol@hbclouisville.org or Walter at walter@hbclouisville.org.

Jail Support with Missy Smith

Missy Smith and her husband, Vance, attend 9:30 a.m. worship, when we worship as regularly scheduled. Missy's day job is as a social worker with New Hope Services, Inc., and she and Vance love their two kids, Morgan and Gabriel. Here at Highland, Missy co-leads the anti-racism team with Nathan Marrs, and in the city, she volunteers with Black Lives Matter in a myriad of ways. Most prominently right now, she manages jail support for protestors who have been arrested. Here's a little bit about what this means.



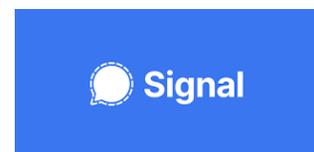
When protestors are arrested, the Louisville Community Bail Fund (LCBF) jail support team begins work behind the scenes to identify those who are incarcerated, those who have bonds that need to be posted, and enlisting volunteers to provide support as each protestor is released. Missy coordinates those volunteers who will provide jail support. Missy also coordinates a post-release support team for those individuals who were awaiting trial and are freed with help from LCBF.

When people are released, particularly those who have spent a considerable amount of time in the Department of Corrections, their material needs are many. Missy gets many requests for help with groceries, personal care and household items, and clothing. Missy also receives requests to cover phone and utility bills. While LCBF has funds to cover some of these needs, any money diverted to these needs takes away from the fund's ability to pay bails and liberate those being held hostage by the system.

If you would like to volunteer or assist Missy with this work, please contact her or Lauren at laurenjm@hbclouisville.org.

Highland Baptist on Signal

Signal is a phone app that enables security encoded texting. Don't know what that means? Essentially it is a fancy way of saying that all messages are secure and private. Signal is a 501c3, so there are not any advertisements or trackers used within the app.



We are going to experiment with Highland members on signal in a group text format. Would you like to be included? It is as simple as this:

- Download the Signal app.
- Create a free account using your existing cell phone number.
- Then text Lauren on signal or email her that you would like to be added to the church group.

This will be a way for us to communicate about jail support needs, protests and marches to which we are invited, and the like. Missy Smith, Ryan Eller, Lauren, and members of the anti-racism team will be the primary chat leaders, and this will enable us to respond quickly about unfolding needs in our city.
