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The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church March 7, 2023

***Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 12 -
Remember to spring forward on Saturday night!***

Approaching Lent With Heart, Body, Mind and Soul: An Intergenerational Wednesday Evening

Tomorrow night, March 8th, our church family will have the opportunity to experience and live into our Lenten theme of embodiment. This evening will engage our kindergartners through senior adults. We will begin in the Fellowship Hall after supper, split into four smaller groups, and make our way to the second floor of the Education Building where we will encounter four unique stations with multiple opportunities to encounter God and interact with one another.



These stations will provide several ways for members of the group to engage with the stories and themes of Lent in an embodied way. Through our hearts, bodies, minds, and souls, we will listen, pray, and experience the Lenten season together.

The magic of this evening is that we will have the opportunity to learn and grow together. Hearing

the voices of our youngest and our oldest in the same space will be an experience you won't want to miss. Join us!

~ Justin Sizemore



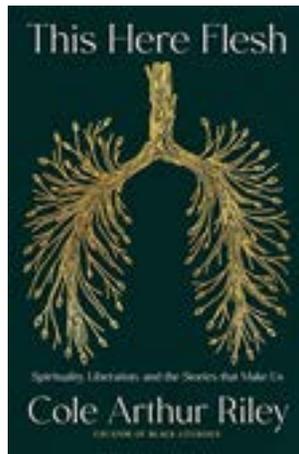
Highland Welcomes New Members



Nathan and Natalie Rider joined March 5, 2023

This Here Flesh, Wednesday Night Series

On Wednesdays March 15, 22, and 29 Mary Alice Birdwhistell and Lauren Jones Mayfield will coteach a class on our Lenten theme: Embodying Wholeness. They will rely on the work of writer and poet Cole Arthur Riley, specifically her book *This Here Flesh: Spirituality, Liberation, and the Stories that Make Us*, as well as her well-known Instagram feed @blackliturgies. We recommend adding this theologically rich book to your shelf; though, it's not necessary to read it to attend the class. Carmichael's usually has it and/or can order it for you.



On a recent Instagram post she writes, “You can have hopes for your future self without degrading your present self. Self-punishment is not love. Self-hatred is not growth. Healing doesn’t come by tearing holes in yourself. INHALE: I know the sound of dreaming. EXHALE: It is not the voice of shame. INHALE: I am doing my best. EXHALE: I will honor the now.”

As we aim toward loving God with our whole selves, with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength, we do well to turn to the sage prophet Cole Arthur Riley for invitation and guidance.

A Prayer from Sunday by Robin Ramsay Lee



God of hope, as I think back on all the dozens of daffodil bulbs Buddy and I lovingly planted, I remember the hope I had...of feeling the joy of daffodils blooming in our yard this spring!

But then...due to unforeseen circumstances...6 tons of soil was dumped on top of the bed they were planted in.And a bulldozer came and pushed that pile of dirt down our hill and into the backyard.

It felt a little bit like life. All hope of spring joy was gone.
And the cold and dark of winter had arrived.

But now, as spring is arriving, little random bunches of daffodils are poking up...all down the hill. It wasn't how we planned it...but after being buried in a mountain of dirt and shoved around and forgotten...You brought forth beauty and life!

Thank You God of winter and bringer of springtime for all your glorious gifts.

Amen

Young Adult Event This Sunday

The word "GODSPELL" is written in a large, bubbly, multi-colored font. Each letter is filled with a different color: 'G' is orange, 'O' is yellow, 'D' is green, 'S' is light blue, 'P' is dark blue, 'E' is purple, and 'L' is pink. The letters have a slight shadow and a soft glow.

This Sunday, the Highland Young Adults will be going to lunch and a show! We will have lunch together following the 11:15am worship service and then go to the musical *Godspell* over at the Henry Clay Theatre on 3rd Street. Cost is \$10. Please let Justin know ASAP if you want to join so we can best prepare for food and tickets. You can email him at Justin@hbclouisville.org

LGBTea TIME, Sunday, March 12



Please join us for our second monthly LBGTea time, after the 11:15 service in the Commons on March 12th. True Colors, Highland's LGBTQIA+ ministry group, hosts this semi-formal time for members of the community and allies to come together for fellowship.

Alternatives to a New Jail in Louisville **Tuesday March 21 at 7:00pm, The Justice Center for All Peoples**



13 individuals have died over the last year in our local jail. Our city's current answer is to invest in a new and larger jail. On Tuesday March 21 at 7:00 pm, guest speaker Kyle Ellison will discuss the state-wide context and alternative solutions to alleviate suffering. Kyle is a former parole officer and staff trainer who has written extensively about the history of prisons in Kentucky. Come and learn about the campaign to stop funding for a new jail. This program will happen in Weston Hall at

All Peoples (4936 Brownsboro Road) and on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/98289657406>.



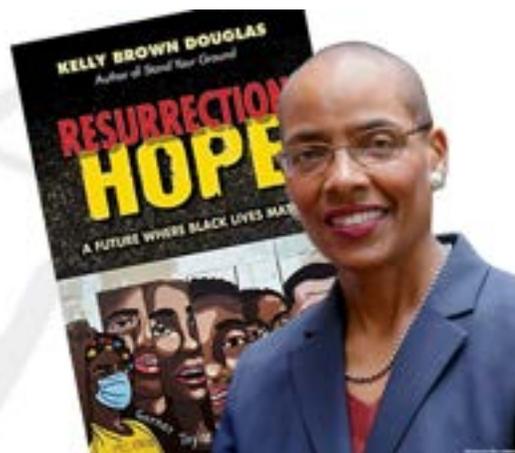
Grawemeyer Lecture, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

Louisville Seminary, Caldwell Chapel

Presented by the 2023 Award in Religion Winner [Kelly Brown Douglas](#), dean of Union Theological Seminary's Episcopal Divinity School in New York City and a canon theologian at Washington Cathedral, is one of the first Black female Episcopal priests in the United States and the first Black person to head an Episcopal Church-affiliated educational institution.

Douglas will speak on her award-winning book, "[Resurrection Hope: A Future Where Black Lives Matter](#)". She wrote the book in response to her son asking, "How do we really know God cares when Black people are still getting killed?" and seeing Black Lives Matter protests erupt nationwide after George Floyd's death.

Join the lecture in person by registering [here](#) or virtually at lpts.edu/watchlive



About The Grawemeyer Award in Religion

The Grawemeyer Award in Religion is made possible by the creative generosity of the late H. Charles Grawemeyer. Louisville Seminary, jointly with the University of Louisville, awards the

\$100,000 prize to honor and publicize creative and significant insights into the relationship between human beings and the divine. The award also recognizes ways in which this relationship may inspire or empower human beings to attain wholeness, integrity, or meaning, either individually or in community. To learn more about the Grawemeyer awards visit: grawemeyer.org



Christian Sympathy extended to former pastor Paul Duke

Christian Sympathy is extended to Highland's former pastor Paul Duke whose wife, Stacey Simpson Duke, passed away on February 27 in Ann Arbor, MI. Paul and Stacey co-pastored First Baptist Church in Ann Arbor. Stacey was diagnosed with cancer in 2018.

Paul was pastor of Highland from 1982 to 1986. Stacey's obituary may be viewed here:

<https://www.rbhsaline.com/obituaries/Stacey-Duke/#!/TributeWall>

We have sent a floral arrangement to the Duke family for Stacey's memorial service with love from Highland.



Join us for Wednesday Night Supper! **This week's menu: Taco Bar.**

March 15 menu: Baked Potato Bar and Salad. Want to reserve a spot for next week, March 15? Complete [this form](#) by Monday, March 13 at noon to make your reservation. If you want to attend all (or most) Wednesday Night Suppers, we heartily encourage making standing reservations.

Payments can be made via cash or check as you arrive, but we also encourage paying ahead via [our website](#).

Note: those with standing reservations can make payments for the entire month (or more)! For any Wednesday Night Supper cancellations, please email [Erin Phelps](#) or call the church office (502-451-3735) by Monday at noon before each week's supper.

~ Erin Phelps

A Note from Betty Jean Scroggins



I want to thank the community of Highland Baptist Church for putting the spark of God's blessing back into the face of Hazel. Your community has accepted us with unconditional love and understanding. We are so proud to be a part of the Highland Baptist Church family! Thank you!
Love, Betty Jean Scroggins

Highlands Community Ministries Seeks Donations



HCM's Spring Clean!

We are seeking donations of the following personal hygiene items as our stock is very low!

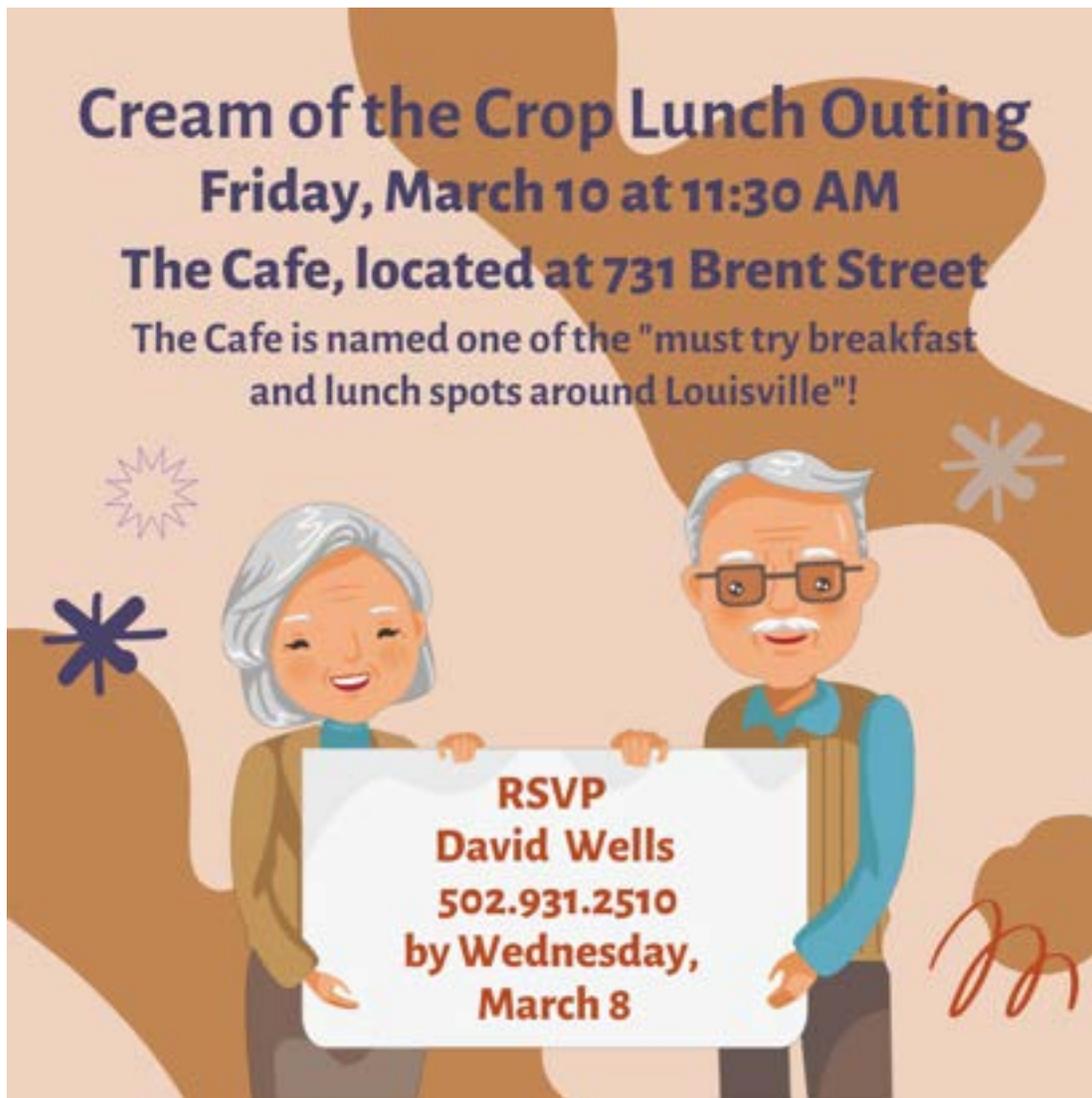
Drop off to our food pantry on Wed-Thu-Fri, April 5-6-7 between 10 am and 1pm: 1228 E. Breckinridge St.

- Bar Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Pods
- Small bottles of Dishwashing Detergent
- Hand Sanitizer

Habitat for Humanity Spring House Build



Highland is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build. Together we will work with other local churches to construct a new home near Cane Run Road. The dates are March 9, 10, 11. We normally work from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM and lunch will be provided. No experience required. You may help any day that fits your schedule. If interested, contact Larry Hoover at larryehoover@att.net.



HCM's Lenten Lunch Series ***Being a Beloved Community***

- Thursdays during Lent, noon - 1pm
- March 2nd - 30th
- Highland Baptist Church

Join HCM during Lent for a meal of soup and bread with a short devotional by speakers from our Member Congregations on the theme of "Being a Beloved Community".

Thursdays during lent, starting March 2nd and ending March 30th.

All lunches will be held at Highland Baptist Church.

Free event!



Looking Ahead

- Wednesday, March 8: Intergenerational Wednesday Evening
- March 10-12: Women's Retreat (contact Ginger Miller for wait list, 502-599-6569)
- Wednesday, March 15: Lenten Conversation on *This Here Flesh* by Cole Arthur Riley (continuing March 22 & March 29)
- Thursday, April 6 Maundy Thursday

- Friday, April 7: Good Friday
- Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday
- Saturday, May 13: Jean Janes Yard Sale

Streaming Worship Links

Below are the links to stream the worship services each Sunday at Highland. Please bookmark them since they remain the same from week-to-week!

Sunday, 11:15 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>

<https://www.youtube.com/@highlandbaptist>

Friday, 7:00 PM

<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>

Financial Reports





Louisville Homicides

Please join us in prayer and action as we remember those who have been killed in recent weeks in our city. We grieve with those who mourn, while we also maintain a hope that one day, all things will be made new.
