

Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church



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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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This Sunday: American Folk-Hymn Concert

Highland's Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present *My Song in the Night*, a Concert of American Folk-Hymns, this Sunday, October 22, 6:00 p.m. Concert settings of beloved hymns such as *Amazing Grace* and *Softly and Tenderly* will be featured alongside five choral and orchestral arrangements by Mack Wilberg, current music director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The collection includes the well-loved *Down to the River to Pray* as well as music from The Kentucky Harmony collection. Highland's Orchestra will also play *Chorale and Shaker Dance* and *Tenderland Suite* by Aaron Copland. This will be a wonderful evening of music for all ages. Please join us as we celebrate our rich heritage of sacred music.



Tomorrow Evening: Quarterly Church Conference

The church will hold its Quarterly Church Conference tomorrow, October 18, at 6:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. The agenda will include the following items: electing our Church Moderator, Church Clerk, and Church Comptroller; Membership and Financial Reports; a vote on a bylaw change for Ministry Council selections; and a vote to join the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice Mission Statement. The Finance Ministry Group will present their initial iteration of the proposed 2018 budget. There will also be a report from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Task Force; a report on Ministry Group restructure; and a report on Mission and Justice reorganization. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

Compassionate Neighbors Testimony

Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) has been making Kentucky home for refugees since 1990. In our 27-year history, the agency has resettled over 15,000 refugees with over 45 different ethnic and national backgrounds including Somalia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Syria, Iraq, Cuba, Afghanistan, Burma, Bhutan, Sudan, and more. Over half are children. Highland Baptist Church (HBC) has been a strong partner with KRM in providing generous hospitality and program support for over 2 decades. The KRM Family Center is housed on the church campus, and 3 times each week, newcomer mothers and their children participate in ESL classes, pre-Kindergarten instruction, art therapy, financial literacy and more. In a sense, HBC has become their first educational space after arrival in the United States, a significant marker for them in their new journey here in Louisville. It has been a safe space in which they can learn, grow and thrive. Additionally, the HBC mother's group has collected diapers for KRM families. Helping to alleviate this expense means so much to these families as they are trying to become established in their new home. This summer, our staff were delighted and humbled to receive a thoughtful super hero treat basket from the children at HBC in honor of the "heroic" work we do in serving the community. Also, the generous funding KRM has received from the Community Missions Ministry group has made such a difference at KRM from field trip funding for Family Center families, New Beginnings Tutoring/Mentoring Program students, Summer Youth Program students and KRM elders to Family Center staff support and funds for new families. It is hard to imagine KRM without this partnership. Thank you for the work that you do to make Louisville more welcoming, and a genuine thinking, feeling, healing community of faith.



Highlights from Children's Sabbath

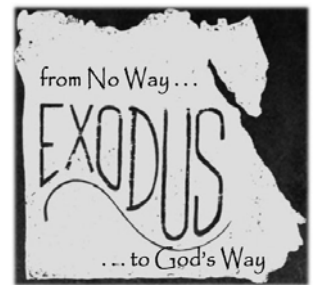


Weekend Services Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

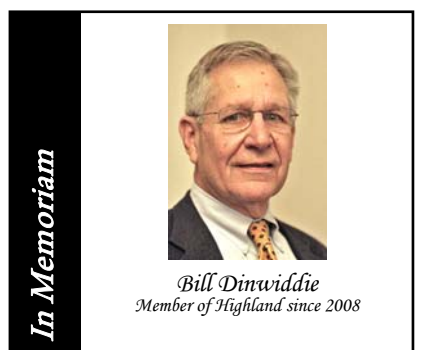
Exodus 33:12-23
Matthew 22:15-22

Exodus: From No Way to God's Way
Joe Phelps, Proclaimer

Anthem:
My God, My Portion, and My Love



Lacy Hudgins



Bill Dinwiddie
Member of Highland since 2008

Candy Donations and Volunteers Needed for AutumnFest

As we move toward our fall festival on October 25, we are in need of 20-25 volunteers to person activity stations, as well as serve on a set up team and a clean up team for the event. In addition, we are in need of candy and preschool snack donations by this Sunday, October 22. If you are able to serve in this way, contact Jennifer Pardon, and any candy donations can be placed in the bin outside the Choir Room!



Highland's Word To Our Community



A "Faith in Action" October

Inspired by Children's Sabbath and our hope to have a mission, worship and fellowship focus surrounding that special day in the life of our community, the Families with Children Ministry Group invites you to participate in a "Faith in Action" project in the month of October. We'll provide a list with several suggestions/options, and you pick one as a family that you will do together. The activities range anywhere from making cookies and brownies and intentionally meeting the neighbors around your home to participating in the Hunger Walk on October 1. You pick the day and time throughout the month that works best for your family. As you participate, we ask you to do three things: 1) take a photo of your family participating! For example, if you are delivering brownies, pose with the beauty of your gift bags or plate of cooling treats before you deliver them, 2) reflect on your experience using the prompts provided on the list of activities, 3) email your reflection and your photo to Pastor Renee and it will be posted on the 2nd floor as a way for us to see the impact we are making in our community this month! For service ideas, visit <https://hbclouisville.org/faith-in-action-october/>.

Children's Corner

AutumnFest Returns on Wednesday, October 25

What better way to recognize the change of seasons than with this year's fall intergenerational fellowship gathering for our entire community of faith?! The Families with Children Ministry Group invites you to join us as AutumnFest returns on Wednesday, October 25, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Think fall festival and join us outside on the front lawn as we set up creative booths for games, face painting, goodies, art projects, a cakewalk, and all the usual festive fall fun for all ages! Costumes and festive fall attire are optional but welcome (please, sweet not scary and no full face masks), as is a bag or basket to collect treats! If you have a child with food allergies, please contact Renee Purtlebaugh in advance to make special arrangements for your child's participation. Please note that our Fellowship Supper will still take place as usual from 5:20-6:00 p.m.

Important Dates to Remember!

October	A Focus on "Faith in Action"
October 25	AutumnFest
June 26-29, 2018	PASSPORT <i>kids!</i>
July 20-22, 2018	Vacation Bible School Camp



Highlights from Fall Day at the Farm



This Saturday: Parking Fundraiser for Touching Miami with Love

All youth are invited to come hang out this Saturday, October 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m., as we charge \$10 a spot for the Halloween Parade and Festival! All proceeds will go to Touching Miami with Love as part of our build up to *Give Miami Day* on November 16!

Youth Corner

Guys Group This Sunday, October 22, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

All Guys 6-12th grade are invited to eat chili, play cornhole or other games, and fellowship with one another at Perry's Parents' House! RSVP to perry@hbclouisville.org so we can plan for food and for the address! Join the Guys for a relaxed evening together!

Fall Retreat at Aldersgate

November 17-19. Cost: \$125. *Are you signed up?*

Sundays

October 22—Bible Study AM, Guys Group Chili Cookout at Perry's Parents' House!
October 29—Bible Study AM, MS and HS Girls Groups PM

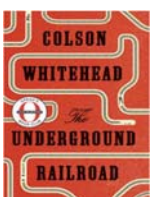
Wednesdays

October 18—Faith in Action! PM in Youth Suite
October 25—AutumnFest - we will go out and participate in the fun!
November 2—Faith in Action! PM in Youth Suite; **Parent Workshop Moved to this Night from 25th**

Love the Hungry

Thanks to all you joined us last weekend to package nearly 10,000 meals that will be shipped to hungry communities overseas. The hairnets were not even the best part of the experience!

Young Adult Corner



Book Club, *The Underground Railroad*

The group will discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead on Wednesday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. RSVP on Facebook so we can find the best meeting space and have enough yummy treats: <https://tinyurl.com/ybeyhpa>.

Parents for Progress

Kate and Hollan Holm welcome Young Adult parents to this new Bible study class that meets in the Youth Commons during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour. Together, the class explores how you parent and how to engage in social justice work as a family. Questions? Comments? Show up on Sunday to meet the group and find out more!

Jack-o-Lantern Spectacular!

The No Reservations Bible Study class will travel to Iroquois Park this Thursday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m., for the famous pumpkin walk. If you want to go, let people know on Facebook. Jenny Falcone will meet you there! <https://tinyurl.com/y73svrsj>. You can purchase tickets in advance at <http://www.jackolanternlouisville.com/>.

This Week at Highland

Tuesday, October 17

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH, Stage).....5:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18

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.
Quarterly Church Conference (FH)6 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:15-8:45 p.m.

Thursday, October 19

Senior Adult MG (103)2 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)7 p.m.

Friday, October 20

Men's Small Group (122) 7 a.m.
Highland Men Gathering (FS)..... 8 a.m.
Wedding rehearsal (Sanctuary)5 p.m.
Friday Church (Sanctuary).....7-7:45 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous (FH)8 p.m.

Saturday, October 21

Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra rehearsal
(Sanctuary/Commons/Choir Room) 9 a.m.
Wedding (Sanctuary).....5:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 22

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.
Community Missions MG (103)..... 12:30 p.m.
Adult Handbell rehearsal (200)2 p.m.
American Folk-Hymn Concert (Sanctuary)6 p.m.

Monday, October 23

Personnel MG (103)5:30 p.m.
Technology MG (103)7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH, Stage).....5:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Wednesday Night Menus

October 18

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

October 25

Beef & Bean Chili
Chili Toppings
Hotdogs
Buns
Salad Bar
Cornbread/Crackers
Dessert

Adults: \$7; Children ages 4-12: \$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.

SIMMONS COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY PRESENTS

THE WEST LOUISVILLE FORUM

SOLUTIONS FOR URBAN AMERICA

NOVEMBER 1, 2017
AT 12 NOON

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:
THE EVILS OF PAYDAY LOANS:
EXPLOITING THE POOR

GUEST SPEAKER:
REVEREND STEPHEN REEVES
Associate Coordinator for Advocacy and Partnerships
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT FREDERICK'S

Goal: \$1,800,000.00
Total pledged: \$1,629,211.00
Paid this week: \$850.00
Total paid to date: \$1,431,017.00



This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Jim McBee, Mike McFall (C)

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Tony Dougherty (C), Allison French (G),
Nathan Marrs, Vicki Runion

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Bruce Carroll (C), Jim McBee,
Mike McFall (G), Becky Smith

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Kathy Belcher (C), John Foster,
Ginny Sims (G), David Wells

Opportunities for Direct Action

CBF Hiring Policy: While the deadline to sign this petition urging the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to eliminate the policy against hiring LGBTQ persons has technically passed, folks are still invited to sign their names at <http://tinyurl.com/cbf-petition>.

Soccer Stadium and West Louisville Development: Louisville is proposing a \$30 million investment in a soccer stadium in Butchertown. WFPL invites feedback about Metro Council's upcoming decision. Complete this form at <https://tinyurl.com/y76g5nly> to offer your opinion and/or to suggest the money be used for economic development in West Louisville.

Highland Missionaries at Work in Louisville

La Casita: Last week members of the Justice Ministry Group attended the fundraising and cultural dinner at La Casita and participated at the sponsorship level. La Casita exists to empower Latinx families in Louisville through direct services. You can read more about their work at <http://www.lacasitacenter.org/>.

Americana: In two weeks members of the Justice Ministry Group will also attend a fundraising dinner at Americana World Community Center. You can read more about their work at <http://americanacc.org/>. Members of Highland Baptist direct and work at Americana while others serve on the board of directors.

KY Interfaith Power and Light: Members of our new Sustainability Team will attend this fundraising and awards dinner as Highland remains committed to environmental justice. We have two tickets still available for October 24. If you would like to attend, contact Ben Self or Lauren Jones Mayfield. You can read more about their work at <http://www.kentuckyipl.org/>.

Hunger Walk: Members of the Justice Ministry Group and Food Justice Team walked with many others from across the city at Dare-to-Care's annual Hunger Walk earlier this month. Thanks to those of you who donated time and money for this fun and important opportunity. Picture is Carolyn King and Sam Rose!



Food Justice Team

This team of committed folks will meet again on Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 p.m., in the Commons. They are dreaming about a food summit in April, partnerships with organizations in food deserts around town, and how we can support local farmers through direct shares as a congregation. They need your help if this interests you! Show up or email Doug Lowry or Alana Maddox for more information.

Sustainability Team

Three feasibility assessments were conducted last week by various solar panel companies. Good news!—the roof can support solar panels. Now comes the tough work of constructing a legitimate proposal for the congregation's consideration about if and how we might move forward on this project. If you'd like to help, this team needs both creative and administrative types who seek to respond to the taxations of global warming by rectifying unsustainable church habits. Ben Self and others on the team welcome you. The next gathering is Thursday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Terri Connolly Travels to Morocco

She leaves tomorrow to represent our church at the annual, international meeting that addresses ongoing support to the Protestant Church in Morocco and their ministry efforts to refugees. We financially support this work on an on-going basis as well. Terri will carry with her not only Highland Baptist love but also a whole slew of medical supplies and other goods not readily available. Be sure to tell her thank you when you see her again, and pray for her as she travels. We give thanks for you, Terri, and for the Global Mission Ministry Group's faithful commitment to this work!

A Note from Renee

Sunday was such a beautiful day as we marked Children's Sabbath together as a community, made even more special by the celebration for my 10th anniversary here at Highland! My gratitude overflows for the reception you organized, the child-centered centerpieces, the gorgeous flowers, the gift of nourishing food and cake and drink, your gracious, loving words and your incredible generosity of gift-giving. Thank you so much for inviting me to join you on this journey of living out our faith together 10 years ago. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of walking with you through your life experiences and for walking with us through ours; it has been and will continue to be holy ground that we stand on together. For the joys, sorrows, and everything in between that is the life we share together, my gratitude abounds. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Around Highland...

... A memorial service will be held for Bill Dinwiddie on Saturday, December 2, at Highland Baptist Church. Watch this space for more detailed information.

... Congratulations to Kathryn Wigger for being named JCPs Music Teacher of the Year! Kathryn teaches music at Tully Elementary and was honored at the ribbon cutting assembly for Tully's new music and art rooms.

... Highland's Worship Ministry Group (pictured right) enjoyed a retreat on Saturday at Gethsemani Abbey. They began dreaming and planning for our 2018 Lenten Season before attending Vespers service and ending the day with dinner together in Bardstown. Many thanks to Larry Davis for driving the church bus. In attendance were Gene Strible, Lou Ann Iler, David Tribble, Kathy Golightly Sanders, Cheryl Collier, Leslie Townsend, Marc Dowell, and Ben Self.

... Will, a member of Highland Baptist Church's youth group, led members of a Boy Scout Troop and the HBC youth group (pictured below) in repainting the parking lot retaining wall, and the wall outside Fellowship Hall. The project, held on Saturday, October 14, was one of the final steps to complete Will's Eagle Scout designation. Youth group participants included Rachel and Elise.



Weekly Financial Report October 8, 2017 (40 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$23,747.50	\$26,607.18	\$861,452.43	\$768,538.26	(\$92,914.17)
Other Income	\$664.58	\$3,227.23	\$26,583.28	\$35,118.76	\$8,535.48
Total	\$24,412.08	\$29,834.41	\$888,035.71	\$803,657.02	(\$84,378.69)