

Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church



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*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*

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Wednesday Fellowship Meal Update and Details

Wednesday evening programming resumes next Wednesday, August 23, and with that comes several changes for our fellowship meal. The Ministry Council has approved the following recommendations based on research and study by the Wednesday Evening Meal Task Force. The following arrangement will carry us through the end of the calendar year, at which point we will evaluate these meal changes.

Gracious Plenty Catering will provide weekly entrees and all side dishes. Highland volunteers will prepare desserts, beverages and complete all set up and cleanup.

Dinner will be served from 5:20 to 6:00.

The cost of the meal will increase to \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 12, \$21.00 maximum for immediate family. People who are able to contribute are invited to help cover the cost of a meal for members or visitors who cannot afford the cost.

To help us be good stewards of our financial resources, **it's crucial that dinner reservations are accurate and current.** You can create a standing reservation by calling the church office (451-3735) or emailing Becky Martin (becky@hbclouisville.org). Please be sure to add or cancel reservations as needed by Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.

We Need YOU! Join a Wednesday Meal Volunteer Team

Our Wednesday evening meals return on August 23! Rotating teams of volunteers are needed to prepare desserts and beverages each week, set up for the caterers and clean up at the end of the meal.

Flexible Volunteer Times! Dessert and Beverage Crew, Catering Crew and Cleanup Crew for each weekly team will have staggered start times and responsibilities, ranging from 3:30 to 5:45. Crews will also finish at different times, ranging from 5:30 to 6:45.

Contact Becky Martin and let her know that you can help (451-3735 or becky@hbclouisville.org). Please indicate how frequently you would be available, the times that work best and if there is a particular week you would like to volunteer.

Wednesday Night Fall Programming for Children Begins Anew

"Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice! It takes the WHOLE PERSON to sing and Rejoice!"
~ Helen Kemp, 1918-2015

Helen Kemp's teaching motto reminds us of both the challenge and the joy of teaching music to children. Highland is blessed to have a graded children's choir program with adult leadership who are musicians, plus, they know and love children!

Our Wednesday evening programming begins a new year on August 23, and we are ready for the sounds of children busy with play—a child's way of learning new skills, connecting with their peers, and learning of God's love through music and activities.

- **Carol Choir (3's 4's & young 5's), Room 203, 6:00-7:15 p.m.** Musical instruction for the young child through singing, movement and playing of instruments. Mission time with stories of the world in which we live and time to discover together how to care for God's world and how to share God's love with everyone, because God loves us.
- **Choristers Choir (K-5th Grade), Children's Commons and Rooms 201 & 202, 6:00-7:15 p.m.** Musical activities involving movement, speech, singing, literacy, and playing of instruments drawing from folk songs, hymns, scripture, and children's anthems.
- **Children's Handbell Choir, Room 200, 6:45 -7:15 p.m. (Begins Wednesday, August 30)** Handbell instruction is provided for 4th and 5th grade students.



Supper Clubs Sign-ups

All adults are invited to join the fun as we begin forming our fall supper clubs. We will have our kick-off fellowship meal on Saturday, August 26, at 5:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. **It is very important that you attend this meeting as that is when you meet your supper club and set dates for the next three months. Please mark your calendar for this kick-off date.**

What is a supper club?

It is a group of six *people* (not just couples) who meet together for a meal three months in a row.

What is the purpose of a supper club?

The purpose is to allow church members an opportunity to get to know one another better outside of the church building. Each supper club invites two other people to join them each time they meet as a means of outreach. This means there will be eight people who are dining together at each meeting which allows the club the opportunity to invite a person who is new to Highland Baptist Church or someone who is an active prospect.

Where do you meet for meals?

The group decides where they will meet, and some groups have chosen to meet for a Saturday breakfast or lunch after worship. There are lots of options. It can be at the home of one of the members of the group, or it can be at a restaurant if the group chooses.

What if I don't have a space to host 6-8 people?

That is not a problem. If it is your turn to host the dinner you can choose a restaurant where the group will meet. Everyone will pay for their own meal.

Do I have to prepare food for the entire group when I am the host/hostess?

It is up to each group to decide how they will do this. Some options are:

- The meal can be pot luck where everyone brings a dish.
- The host volunteers to do the entire meal.
- The group eats at a restaurant and everyone pays for their own meal.

If you have questions, please contact Nina at nina@hbclouisville.org or (502) 451-3735.

Weekend Services Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 133
Genesis 45:1-15
Matthew 15:1-2, 10-28

The Ever Expanding Gospel of God
Joe Phelps, Proclaimer

Anthem:
We Cannot Measure How You Heal

Thinking Together...

The reverberations from the streets of Charlottesville have come very close to home.

Up the street from Highland in the center of a traffic roundabout sits a statue of John Breckenridge Castleman, an officer in the Confederate army who, later in life, was appointed to the Louisville Parks Board.

Castleman's statue was defaced with paint the night after Charlottesville, presumably because of his Confederate military service.

The next day, a small group of men with rags and chemicals attempted to remove the paint, accusing the defacer of not knowing or appreciating our national history. They argued that Castleman did a lot of good. One young man noted that America was supposed to be the country of second chances, so why would these vandals condemn a long-dead man for the events of the past?

Then yesterday, some 50 people gathered around the statue demanding that Louisville's mayor remove the statue because they see it as a symbol of racism.

Ironically, or perhaps providentially, this Sunday churches across the land will read Psalm 133: "How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity."

Are there ways that people with our convictions against racism can help those who, as Carol Anderson says, are "strung out on the most pervasive, devastating, reality-warping drug ever to hit the United States: white supremacy"?

I don't know. Perhaps we're too far apart.

I know this: We have to try. We have to find ways to be in dialogue with those whose hearts are closed, fearful, angry, greedy, violent.

I also know this: I can't engage in this work of justice and reconciliation without a faith community that clearly focuses my eyes on God. Without it, like Simon Peter in Sunday's reading, I can quickly go from traversing troubles to drowning in them. I need the church to invite me to be my true self in God.

How grateful to God I am for Highland Baptist Church! ~Joe

Highland's Word To Our Community

... on NPR: *...a progressive faith community that contends: Simple joys are holy.*

... on our marquee:



A Note about Worship Care Schedules

Please note that our current Worship Care rotation schedules continue through September 17. The new schedules for the coming year will begin on Sunday, September 24. Please make plans to trade with someone if you will be away, as our structure on Sunday mornings relies on your presence to function effectively.

Children's Corner

Fall Transition Includes Promotion of Sixteen Kindergarten Children

This fall, our ministry with children and their families will welcome sixteen children transitioning from preschool ministry into elementary children's ministry. These children will promote to their new Bible study classes this Sunday, August 20, and will join us in worship for the first time that day. They will receive a Bible marking this important transition. All Kindergarten parents will receive information soon detailing all of the opportunities for their family to engage in as the new school year begins—from a Kindergarten parent breakfast tomorrow, August 16, to our Promotion Sunday picnic this Sunday, August 20. Questions? Please contact Renee Purtlebaugh.

Promotion Sunday, August 20

This Sunday, August 20, Highland ushers in the new school year with Promotion Sunday. On this date, children will move to new classes based on their age/grade for the coming year. Information has been mailed to all children that outlines the classes that your child will be moving to this fall. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Purtlebaugh.

Promotion Sunday Picnic + Water Day This Sunday

All of Highland's children and their families (birth through 5th grade) are invited to join the Families with Children Ministry Group for a picnic and water day at the Farnsley Park sprayground and playground on Sunday, August 20, 4:00-6:00 pm. Each family should bring a picnic meal, chairs/blanket to sit on, and anything needed to play in the water. Highland will provide cookies for dessert! RSVP to renee@hbclouisville.org by this Friday, August 18, if you plan to attend or RSVP on our Facebook event page.

Important Dates to Remember

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| August 16 | Kindergarten Parent Breakfast, 10:00 a.m., at Wild Eggs on Breckenridge Lane (RSVP today, 8/15!) |
| August 20 | Promotion Sunday; Children's Worship Returns; Promotion Sunday Picnic + Water Day, 4:00-6:00 p.m., at Farnsley Park |
| August 23 | Wednesday Night Children's Activities Return |
| August 27 | Children's Bible Study Teacher Training, 12:30 p.m., in the Children's Commons |

Last Sunday night, a significant number of 6th and 7th grade youth parents gathered for a potluck dinner at the home of Naomi and Dean Sipe to hear about all that this year will bring for their youth and their families. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship, good food, and a great way to connect at the start of a new year in community together. Many thanks to Naomi and Dean for hosting and to those able to make it! With Promotion Sunday this Sunday, we will welcome a new class of incoming 6th grade youth with recognition in 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship as they come to their first day of Sunday School. We are beginning programming with Film and Theology on Wednesday Nights, Mentor Groups starting in September, and much, much more! We hope you will join us in doing life together this year. ~Perry

Youth Corner

Sundays (9:30-10:30 a.m. Youth Suite)

- August 20—Promotion Sunday
- August 27—Sunday School AM
- September 4—Sunday School AM

Wednesdays (6:00-7:15 p.m. Youth Suite)

- August 23—Back Together!
- August 30—Film + Theology
- September 6—Film + Theology

More This Fall!

One of our main goals will be to increase fellowship and fun! Starting in September, monthly, informal opportunities to eat, hang out and be together outside of normal programming will start happening!

Mark Your Calendars!

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| September | Mentor Groups (schedule to be announced soon!) |
| November 17-19 | Fall Youth Retreat |

Waterfront Wednesday

Save the date—August 30. Iron and Wine will take the stage, so we want to go. The beats start pumping around 7:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more details.

Young Adult Corner

YA Fall Picnic

Save another date—September 9, at 6:00 p.m., we will picnic at Tyler and Lauren Jones Mayfield's home. More details soon!

Fall Retreat

We are headed to a state park for camping and cabin rental-ing (choose which option you prefer) on October 7-8. If you wanna go, let Lauren or Esther know! Again, more details are on their way.

Thursday Adult Bible Study—Summer 2017

You are invited to join us this Thursday morning, August 17, for TABS (Thursday Adult Bible Study). The summer study is based on the theme "God the Worker" and John Hendrix will be our guide as we journey into the Scriptures, mind, heart, and imagination of God. The August 17 session will be about **God the Builder**. Bring a Bible and a friend; and if you are on your lunch hour, feel free to bring your lunch. Beverages will be available. TABS gathers in the Commons of the church (first floor) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, call or text 502-797-9917.

Adult Corner

New Wednesday Classes for Adults Begin August 23

Come Learn Why Baptists Were the First Radicals

One of our newly adopted core values talks about "our radical Baptist heritage." What IS that heritage, anyway, and why would those beliefs be considered "radical"? At a recent Quarterly Church Conference, the church voted to examine our relationship with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) because of their hiring policies. How do we relate the CBF, how do the values of the CBF interface, or not, with our recently adopted Mission, Vision and Core Values? These are questions that will be explored in a six-week class that will focus on what "Baptist things" we think are critical to hang onto, and how each of them affects the way we do and be Church. The class will be taught by Bruce Maples and Roy Fuller, and will meet on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Come be radical with us!

Parenting through a Progressive Faith Lens

Many of us only know what we grew up with, the way our parents parented us. And yet, many of us feel called to parent differently in the world we live in, especially given the shift we've experienced as we have moved and grown from the theology of our childhood into the theology of our adulthood. How do we teach and practice with our children living life with compassion, abundance, nonviolence, equality, Sabbath, community, forgiveness, authenticity justice and joy in our everyday life? Join us as we use *More Than Words: 10 Values for the Modern Family* by Erin Wathen as a challenging and thought provoking jumping off point for conversation about how to do this parenting thing from a progressive faith point of view in practical, thoughtful ways. This six-week class will be led by Renee Purtlebaugh and will meet in the Commons.

Note: If you are interested in being part of the discussion but can't make it on Wednesday nights, email Renee by August 28! We are exploring the possibility of hosting a lunch hour virtual book study every two weeks during September and October.



This Week at Highland

Tuesday, August 15

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

Wednesday, August 16

No Evening Activities/Supper
Kindergarten Parent Breakfast (Off-site) .. 10 a.m.-noon

Thursday, August 17

TABS (Commons).....11:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (FH)7 p.m.

Friday, August 18

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

Saturday, August 19

Visitation for Linda Barber (Commons).....1-3 p.m.
Memorial Service for Linda Barber (Sanctuary)....3 p.m.

Sunday, August 20 - Promotion Sunday

Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Bible Study9:30 a.m.
Worship..... 11 a.m.
Bible Study 11 a.m.
Picnic for Children and their Families (Off-site)...4 p.m.
Global Missions MG (103)5:30 p.m.
Meditation Circle (Commons)7 p.m.

Monday, August 21

Young Adult MG (FS).....5:30 p.m.
Youth MG (Youth Commons).....6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 22

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

Upcoming Events at Highland

August 17 TABS (Thursday Adult Bible Study)
August 20 Promotion Sunday; Highlights Class
August 23 Wednesday activities/suppers resume
August 26 Film Viewing at Speed Art Museum (sponsored by Justice MG)
August 27 Deacon Training; Deacon Ordination; Highland Book Club
August 30 Young Adult Waterfront Wednesday
September 4 Church Offices Closed
September 7 Theology on Tap
September 14 Libation Theology

Wednesday Night Menus

August 23	August 30
Hamburgers	Grilled Chicken Breast
Hot Dogs	w/ Lemon Beurre Blanc
Hash Brown Casserole	Buttered Noodles
Baked Beans	Zucchini and Yellow Squash
Slaw	Classic Vinaigrette Salad
Dessert	Rolls
	Dessert

Adults: \$7; Children 0-12: \$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.

Goal: \$1,800,000.00
Total pledged: \$1,619,880.00
Paid this week: \$6,042.00
Total paid to date: \$1,417,234.00



This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Kathy Belcher (C), Mike McFall

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Kristie Abney, Bruce Carroll,
Vicki Runnion (C), Tyler Swim (G)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

David Bannister (G), Tony Carney,
Libby Cunningham, Jim McBee (C)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Kristie Abney, John Foster (G),
Holly Harris, Kim Shippey (C)



Meet Our New Part-time Custodian

We welcome Rob Yates to our support staff. Rob works on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays in the evening. If you see him, be sure to make him feel welcome!

Meditation Circle Continues

Meet us in the Commons on Sunday evenings at 7:00, to sit in community. If you are curious about the group, please contact Lauren Jones Mayfield for more information, or better yet, simply show up! It's a casual, intimate, and still space for folks of any age. Bring your own cushion or yoga mat, or use the chairs provided here at church.



Every day is a great day to celebrate God's wonderful works! Birthdays are a great opportunity to celebrate one of God's most wondrous creations and the gift of life! We celebrate the passing of a calendar year, thanking God for what He has done in the past, and looking forward to the celebration of God's goodness in the future.

However, for many of our Friday Church attendees, their birthdays go unrecognized.

This Friday, we will celebrate the attendees born in August. We celebrate by having a special book reading. They will also receive a Bible and a Highland Baptist Friday Church T-shirt. We hope that they may feel the Lord's loving presence in every moment of this special day and every blessed day to come.

We invite you join us this Friday at 7:00 p.m. as we celebrate God's most wondrous creations and the gift of life followed by an inspirational message.

Friday Church Corner



Ministry Council Report

The Ministry Council met on Monday evening, August 7. They heard a report from the Wednesday Night Meal Task Force and approved the Task Force's recommendation to try the new catering company. The Ministry Council approved a draft of a Courier-Journal immigration op-ed that Joe Phelps was requested to sign and support, along with other community churches. The Ministry Council received a report from the Sanctuary Movement Task Force. From an amended motion made at the July 9 Congregational Conversation, the Ministry Council has formed a task force to investigate Highland Baptist Church's relationship with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) in response to their policies and practices relating to LGBT people. The members of this CBF Task Force are the Task Force Chair, Jim England, along with Bojangles Blanchard, Steve Brown, Mary Burks, Lee Cave, Robert Davis, Perry Dixon, Billy Flood, Alecia Fuller, Kathey Golightly Sanders, John Pacyga, Terri Phelps, and Anita Roper. The CBF Task Force had their first meeting on August 9. They will be providing monthly updates to the Ministry Council as they investigate and research. The Ministry Council approved a request from Transwomen National to hold their monthly meeting at Highland Baptist Church pending approval from Property and Space Ministry Group. Ministry Council heard a report from Nina Maples and Lauren Mayfield Jones on how ministry groups can be restructured as to better support Highland Baptist Church's core values, vision and mission statement. Suggestions from the Ministry Council were made and a revised report will be presented at the September Ministry Council meeting.

Church Business Corner

Film Viewing with Justice Ministry Group at the Speed

The Justice Ministry Group will travel to the Speed Art Museum Cinema this Saturday, August 26, at noon, to view "Whose Streets? Ferguson Uprising and Aftermath." This documentary is co-sponsored by the Anne Braden Institute and screened in conjunction with the national social justice program The Seventh Art Stand: Uplifting Black Voices.

If you would like to attend with the group or one of the additional showings, tickets can be purchased at the Speed Museum website at <http://www.speedmuseum.org/cinema/whose-streets/>. Tickets are \$9 or \$7 for Speed members. Further, members of the Anti-Racism Team will be attending at various times, and Lauren Jones Mayfield and Tyler will attend the August 27 showing.

The goal: get there if you are able! This documentary offers poignant look at a new resistance initiated by young people in the face of military grade weaponry. As we Highlanders continue to do our internal, educational work about our privilege and why Black Lives Matter, this film will be an excellent resource for us and for our community!

Angela Project

Our pastor, Joe Phelps, and the Highland Anti-Racism Team invite you to attend the Angela Project Conference on Monday, September 11, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., at the Galt House. Click here for tickets. The event is free; you can purchase lunch for \$35. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/angela-project-conference-2017-tickets-35427580848>.

The Angela Project is a three-year movement commemorating the 400th anniversary of black enslavement in America. The National Baptist Convention, The Progressive National Baptist Convention, The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, in conjunction with Simmons College are hosting the event and slate of speakers.



Missions Corner



Around Highland...

... The Highland Book Club will meet next Sunday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss "Dracula" by Bram Stoker. Everyone is invited!

... Congratulations to Michelle and Kevin Buck Sr. on the birth of their baby.

... Congratulations to Danielle and Jonathan Palmer on the birth of their baby.

... Family Scholar House, led by Highland's Cathe Dykstra, announced the building of its fifth Scholar House in the Louisville area. This one is part of a larger development in the Riverport area. One of the new streets will be named after our beloved Mary O'Connor, who died in 2011. It will be called, appropriately, Mary O'Connor Way. Mary's way was to connect people to each other, to God, and to their best selves. The planners also have a street named Cathe Dykstra! We are proud of and grateful for these two beautiful women of faith, hope, and love.

Weekly Financial Report August 6, 2017 (31 weeks)

	Weekly Requirement	Receipts This Week	YTD Requirements	YTD Receipts	YTD Over/Under
Contributions	\$20,714.48	\$30,250.86	\$662,529.91	\$609,326.14	(\$53,203.77)
Other Income	\$664.58	\$2,401.42	\$20,602.06	\$24,803.73	\$4,201.67
Total	\$21,379.06	\$32,652.28	\$683,131.97	\$634,129.87	(\$49,002.10)