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A thinking, feeling, healing community of faith

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Coro Vocati Concert at Highland Tomorrow Evening

Highland welcomes *Coro Vocati* in concert tomorrow evening, February 21, at 6:15. *Coro Vocati* is a group of professional singers based in Atlanta, called to create music at the highest level of choral artistry. Dr. John Dickson serves as conductor and Dr. Jonathan Crutchfield as accompanist. You will want to make a note of this wonderful choral opportunity and also welcome home John who served Highland as Minister of Music, and Jonathan, who served Highland as Organist and as well as Minister of Music. This wonderful choir will be in Louisville to sing at the Southern Division Conference of the American Choral Directors Association. Invite family and friends and join us!



Lent 2018: Beloved Is Where We Begin

If you would enter into the wilderness, do not begin without a blessing. Do not leave without hearing who you are: Beloved, named by the One who has traveled this path before you.

It was late October, 2017 and Highland's Worship Ministry Group was at Gethsemane for a day-long retreat. The day away from our busy lives held time to be together, to pray, and to work for this current Lenten season. We invite you to join in the forty days of the Liturgical Year known as Lent—the forty weekdays from Ash Wednesday until Easter, April 1, observed by Christians as a season of fasting and penitence in preparation for Easter. Lent is a season of soul-searching and reflection, originating in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, we imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days. The poetry and blessings of Jan Richardson found in her book, *Circle of Graces*, will be included in our Sunday morning worship services. Ms. Richardson is also a gift artist and her art will be on our Sunday bulletins. To enrich your Lenten journey, you will receive an email each Sunday evening with the artwork of Ms. Richardson from the morning bulletin, as well as a new poem for your personal reflection. Additional resources of daily devotionals, spiritual disciplines, worshipful practices, theological reflection, and children's resources are on our website at <https://hbclouisville.org/2018/02/13/2018-resources-lenten-journey/>.

HBC Got Skillz—This Sunday!

Doors open and dinner begins at 5:00 p.m.
Show starts at 6:00 p.m.
Highlands Community Ministries
Tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 youth, \$30 family max



Though sign ups for acts are complete (with nearly 20 ready to go!), tickets for HBC Got Skillz this Sunday will be on sale this Wednesday night, Sunday morning, and at the door. This is a community-wide celebration of our church's collective talents—we hope you will come participate in joy with us! Bring your money to vote for your favorite acts, whoever receives the most votes wins! We still need a few people to sign up to bring chili for our potluck dinner, which you can do by following this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0845a5af22a5f94-hbcgot2>. The youth community thanks you for your support of HBC Got Skillz, the funds from which go toward our continued partnership with *Touching Miami with Love* and other mission efforts local and far!

Dream Together with True Colors

This Saturday, at 9:00 a.m., in Fellowship Hall, True Colors invites you to a free breakfast as LGBTQ members and allies gather to dream together about the future of Highland's LGBTQ ministry. This is not a commitment to True Colors, though you may be inspired to jump in with us this year. Rather, it is a way to make your voice known as we look to shape an essential and needed ministry in the life of our congregation! RSVP by Wednesday so we can plan for food at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0949ada729a0fb6-dreaming>. Even if you cannot RSVP, we hope you will join us as we dream! Dress will be casual and families are welcome.



**Weekend Services
Second Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 22
Mark 8:31-38

The Pain of Loving
Jim England, Proclaimer
Congregational Anthem:
Sometimes a Light Surprises
Poetry of Jan Richardson

Highland Welcomes



Becky Antle
(with her children)

Liminal Wonderings ...

I write this with a mixture of anger, disappointment, and heart-ache. The school shootings have been on my mind as I am sure they have been on yours. I keep seeing the mom with the ashes on her forehead gathering her teenager after the Florida shooting. The Lenten mark of the cross on one who is fearful, grieving and comforting and loving reminds me that our need for inner soul work is so desperately needed by all of us. I do not know how busy she was that day but when the call came, nothing else mattered. Just her children. In crisis love sorts out what matters. Love finds a way to do the right thing.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has announced a "sort of" new policy that yet maintains old biases. Many of our daughters and sons, sisters and brothers have been wounded again. We have a task force examining this. The task force will listen and sort out what matters and how to respond. We are a people with ashes on our hearts as once again our daughters and sons, sisters and brothers are wounded. Love will sort out what matters.

~ Jim England

Candy Donations Needed

Help us fill our Easter eggs and treat bags for the upcoming festival on Sunday, March 25. Donate individually wrapped candy in the bin located outside the Choir Room no later than Wednesday, March 21.



2018 Women's Retreat: Bless Her Heart—Deadline to Register February 25

Highland's annual Women's Retreat will be March 9-10 at Loretto. Cost for the retreat is \$60. Payment can be made on Sunday mornings to Carol Harston or online at <https://hbclouisville.org/give/>. Deadline to sign-up is February 25. The retreat will begin at dinner time on Friday and conclude on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. We set aside time to gather the women of Highland not around shared physical commonalities but around the feminine spirit of unity shared in friendship, support, and encouragement. Our Women's Retreat is open to all for whom our community of women allows their true self to connect with God, grow in faith, and connect with the Body of Christ.

Life's challenges are too overwhelming to endure alone. Life's twists and turns are too disorienting to traverse companionless. Life's joys are too grand not to celebrate together. God blesses us into being and calls us to do the same for one another. For this year's Women's Retreat, we will be inspired by our Lenten theme, "Beloved Is Where We Begin," by gathering around the ancient practice of "blessing."

"Bless her heart" is often spoken as a trite, condescending phrase, but we will take it seriously at the Women's Retreat. In a culture that sows seeds of division among women, we will practice gentleness, enact rituals of forgiveness, and encourage one another's continued growth. We hope that you will join us as we engage our hearts, open our lives, and develop honest relationships so that we might live into calling to give and receive blessing.

Summer Camp Registration Is Open

Information about Highland's summer camps for children went out via email last week. Be sure to register for VBS Camp by February 28 and for PASSPORTkids! by March 7!

Children's Corner

Bible Study Teacher Appreciation Month in February

Join us in February as we find ways to honor our Bible study teachers at Highland, and specifically the teachers who guide and nurture your children in faith each week through Bible study, music, and mission. We invite you to make a donation to help us complete our *Building Love* capital campaign in honor of a beloved Bible study teacher, past or present. Please contact Deb Ackerson in the church office to make that designated donation, deb@hbclouisville.org.

You may want to consider other ways to show your appreciation for our children's teachers. For example, your family might choose to make homemade cards for your child's teachers, write a song or a poem or create a piece of beautiful artwork. Use your imagination as you think on how to honor the teachers in our midst. On the final Sunday of the month, the Families with Children Ministry Group will honor all of our teachers in a unique way.

The best part—you have an entire month to express your gratitude! A class list of Bible study teacher names will be available on the tables in the Nursery, Preschool and Children's Commons areas throughout the building. If you have questions, contact Renee at renee@hbclouisville.org.

Easter Festival, March 25

WHAT: Crafts, games and egg hunt!

WHERE: Highland!

WHEN: Sunday, March 25, 3:00-5:00 p.m., rain or shine

COST: \$5 per child, \$10 max per family

WHO: Birth through 5th grade children and their families

RSVP: By Wednesday, March 21 (Email renee@hbclouisville.org)



Join us for this annual celebration on the front lawn, playground, first and second floor that includes games, crafts, egg hunt, fellowship and fun for all ages. Volunteers are needed to lead activity stations and candy donations are needed as well. Look for a sign in the large bin outside the Choir Room for candy drop-off.

Important Dates to Remember

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| February | Teacher Appreciation Month |
| February 28 | Vacation Bible School Camp Registration Deadline |
| March 7 | PASSPORTkids! Registration Deadline |
| March 25 | Easter Festival, 3:00-5:00 p.m. |
| May 12 | Family Service Projects + Dinner, 5:00-7:00 p.m. |
| June 26-29 | PASSPORTkids! |
| July 20-22 | Vacation Bible School Camp |

Lunch at El Nopal—EVERY WEEK!

Yes, you read that correctly! The Young Adults will have lunch together every Sunday from here until the end of time, or at least until we cannot say the words "cheese dip" anymore. Spread the word. Find us at the one on Baxter Avenue (across from Wicks Pizza) at 12:15 p.m. by following the cactus.

Young Adult Corner

Hymns for the Hymnless, March 4

Save the date. More information coming soon. If you want to help plan/lead, email Mary Miller Dwyer or Lauren Jones Mayfield (laurenjm@hbclouisville.org).

Theology on Tap, March 8

We will continue our three-part series on the Trinity. Carol will guide discussion about the Redeemer in March, and Nina will point the way to the Sustainer in April. ***Note the date change for March only—this is the second Thursday of the month, not the first.

Wednesday Night Adult Programming

Lenten Term: February 28, March 7, March 14

Developing Faith (*Renee Purtlebaugh*): The life of a child is constantly changing and evolving, which means that the parent's life is the same. Renee will explore child development in order to share previews of what is to come on this crazy adventure of raising God's people. What is next—in faith, in life, and beyond?

The Cross & the Lynching Tree (*Dr. Tyler Mayfield*): James Cone will receive the 2018 Grawemeyer Award in April from the University of Louisville and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary for this work, which unites the first-century cross with the twentieth-century lynching tree. Resident LPTS professor Dr. Tyler Mayfield writes of Cone, "By connecting the suffering of Jesus to the suffering of black men and women, he provokes us to ponder death, terror, and ultimately liberation." In this Lenten season, let us approach the cross through a new lens that might convict, challenge, and change us come Easter morning.

Wholeness in Body and Spirit (*Terry Casey*): Health is more than our physical temperature, movement of joints, and hospital assessments. Dr. G. Scott Morris, the founder of the Church Health Center in Memphis, America's largest faith-based clinic for the uninsured, has written *Health Care You Can Live With* which leads the church to be equipped to care for both the physical and spiritual aspects for our life. New to Highland, Terry Casey is a nurse practitioner who has experience in parish nursing programs, will call us towards a grander vision of wholeness.





Tuesday, February 20

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Richard Rohr Book Study for Men (FS) 7:30-9 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Wednesday, February 21

Fellowship Supper (FH) 5:20-6 p.m.
 Nursery and Carol Choir 6-7:15 p.m.
 Youth Group (Youth Suite) 6-7:15 p.m.
 Coro Vocati in Concert (Sanctuary) 6:15 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal (Choir Room) 7:30-9 p.m.

Thursday, February 22

HBC Bookends (103) 2 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 7 p.m.

Friday, February 23

Friday Church (Sanctuary) 7-7:45 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous (FH) 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 24

True Colors Breakfast (FH) 9 a.m.

Sunday, February 25

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.
 Personnel MG (Youth Suite) 12:15 p.m.
 Adult Handbells rehearsal (200) 2-3 p.m.
 HBC Got Skillz (Off-site) 5-8 p.m.

Monday, February 26

Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice (FH) 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27

Hope for a Brighter Day (FH) 5:30 p.m.
 Richard Rohr Book Study for Men (FS) 7:30-9 p.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) 10 p.m.

Upcoming Events at Highland

- February Teacher Appreciation Month
- February 21 *Coro Vocati* Choral Concert
- February 25 HBC Got Skillz
- March 4 Highland Book Club; Hymns for the Hymnless
- March 8 Libation Theology
- March 9-10 Annual Women's Retreat
- March 10 MensWork Breakfast
- March 25 Palm Sunday; Easter Festival

Wednesday Night Menus

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| February 21 | February 28 |
| Egg Casserole | Fizzy Chicken |
| Bacon | Orzo Pasta |
| Hash Brown Casserole | French Green Beans |
| Biscuits & Gravy | Oriental Salad |
| Mixed Greens w/ Citrus | Rolls |
| Fruit Bowl | Dessert |
| 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.

HCM 2018 Lenten Lunch Series
 Join Highlands Community Ministries (HCM) for the Lenten Lunch Series, a simple lunch of soup and bread, served by HCM member congregations with a short devotion for the Lenten Season, Thursdays, noon-1:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Dynamic Duos". For more information, visit <http://www.hcmlouisville.org>.

| Date | Location |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| February 22 | Deer Park Baptist Church |
| March 1 | Highlands Community Campus |
| March 8 | Strathmoor Presbyterian Church |
| March 15 | Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church |
| March 22 | St. Paul United Methodist Church |

This Week's Deacons

Friday, 7:00 p.m.
 Kathy Belcher, Becky Smith (C)

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
 Kristie Abney (C), Tony Dougherty (G), Nathan Marrs

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
 Mary Burks (C), Bruce Carroll, Mike McFall, Susan Pierce (G)

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
 John Foster (G), Kim Shippey (C), Ginny Sims, David Wells

Cream of the Crop Trip, March 17

Cream of the Crop is a group, retirement age and above, that gathers monthly. Our activities range from pot-lucks to trips to local places of interest. We hope you will join us on Saturday, March 17, as we travel to General Butler State Park. We will meet in the church's parking lot at 11:00 a.m. RSVP to Billie Johnson by Wednesday, March 14.

Fellowship Hall Wall Crew Volunteers Needed

Our teams that set up and take down the Walls in Fellowship Hall each Sunday are in need of more volunteers. The time commitment is about 45 minutes once a month. If you might be willing to serve, please contact Walter McWhorter at walter@hbclouisville.org or at the church during the week at 502-451-3735.

Black History Month Display

The Anti-Racism Team and the Youth Community have shared resources and energy to facilitate a Black History Month display in the stone entrance to the building leading up to the Children and Youth spaces. Photographs accompanied by brief biographical information highlight transformative black figures from past history all the way through present day. Highlighted are *Ruby Sales, Recy Taylor, Bree Newsome, Ta-nehisi Coates, Bayard Rustin, and James Baldwin*. Some of these are names you might recognize, but you are encouraged to come view the display to increase your own understanding of black history no matter your level of familiarity. Ruby Sales, for example, is one of just 50 people spotlighted in the new Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. She lives in Atlanta, where she runs the nonprofit, Spirit House Project. Her life and activism are firmly rooted in her deep faith. You can listen to Sales' interview with Krista Tippett about her life and public theology from *On Being* here: <https://onbeing.org/programs/ruby-sales-where-does-it-hurt-aug2017>.

Around Highland ...

... Congratulations to Elise for being chosen by audition to sing this week in the American Choral Directors Southern Division Children's Honor Choir. Singers from 11 states will gather this week for rehearsals and concerts in honor choirs.
 ... The Highland Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 4, 6:00 p.m., in room 103, to discuss *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson. Everyone is invited!

Highlights from Ash Wednesday



Highlights from Sunday



| Weekly Financial Report February 11, 2018 (6 weeks) | | | | | |
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| | Weekly Requirement | Receipts This Week | YTD Requirements | YTD Receipts | YTD Over/Under |
| Contributions | \$19,421.68 | \$12,269.30 | \$120,499.44 | \$128,149.42 | \$7,649.98 |
| Other Income | \$1,034.13 | \$2,091.99 | \$6,204.78 | \$5,622.86 | (\$581.92) |
| Total | \$20,455.81 | \$14,361.29 | \$126,704.22 | \$133,772.28 | \$7,068.06 |

| 2015 Building Renovation Project | | | |
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| Contributed this week | \$205.00 | Loan Balance | \$72,133.00 |