

Highland Presbyterian Church

"SHARING HOPE FROM THE HEART OF THE HIGHLANDS"

NOVEMBER 2021



My last interim call was at the First Presbyterian Church of East Hampton, on the east end of Long Island. It is a bit of an understatement to say it was an old church. It was founded 130 years before the American Revolution.

While I was there, I attended a lecture, sponsored by the East Hampton Historical Society, that was about the old 1717 church, (the second sanctuary, which, at the time, was the largest church building in New England). As part of his presentation, the town historian, Hugh King, talked about pew rentals. In that era, members supported the work of the church by paying an annual fee for their pew. It was the custom that the highest priced pews were the ones up front, closest to the minister. In some old colonial churches today, you can still see family names written on the door to the pew. The practice seemed to die out in the late 1880's, but in some churches people still rented their pews into the 1930's.

One day, we found a diagram from the 1920's, which showed which pews were rented to which families. What was fascinating was watching the contemporary church families looking at the diagram to see where their grandparents sat for Sunday services.

What replaced pew rentals was a clearer understanding of stewardship, supporting the church with the gifts of its members in response to the good gifts that God had given. This practice contrasts with the churches of Europe, where church members pay a "religion tax" to support the church. Douglas Hall points out in his book, *The Steward*, that the experience of stewardship in North America offers a clear biblical model of caring out God's desire for the people of God.

As we prepare to dedicate our stewardship pledges in support of the ministry of Highland Presbyterian Church on November 14, we are grateful for the opportunity to be part of God's creative work in our world.

Responding to God's call in our lives is the beginning of a generous stewardship.

*O God, you provide what we cannot purchase or possess,
unlimited love and forgiveness.
These are your gifts to us,
and it is through their wise use
that our faith finds its fullest expression.
As your people,
living in such freedom,
enable us to become generous stewards,
offering our gifts with abiding thanks.
Amen.*

Worship Schedule

November 7, All Saints Sunday. Megan McCarty preaching. Communion will be served.

November 14, "Caring for what God has Planted," Genesis 1:9-13 and Ezekiel 17:1-6. Kent Winters-Hazelton, preaching.

November 21, Reign of Christ Sunday, "To Him was Given Dominion," Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Psalm 93. Kent Winters-Hazelton, preaching.

November 28, First Sunday of Advent, "Waiting in Hope," Luke 21:25-36 . Megan McCarty preaching.



Session Summary

A report from the October 2021 Session Meeting.

The Session welcomed new member Nancy Armstrong, who is transferring from Fort Caroline Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, FL.

Finance. The Session approved creating a sub-account within the Legacy Fund, to accommodate a gift from Betty Jane Mills. This will be used as needed to benefit the Pleune Mobley Center.

Christian Education. The Session approved up to \$5,000 for professional counselors to work with HPC youth.

IN MEMORIAM

MELISSA SMITH KEITH

JUNE 8, 1957 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

MEMORIAL SERVICE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 2PM

IN MEMORIAM

VIRGINIA HANCOCK

MAY 28, 1924 - OCTOBER 23, 2021

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**Turn your clocks back 1 hour
Saturday Night November 6th**

How many **“Be Thankful’s”**
can you find in
this November issue of
the HPC newsletter?

Mission and Service



Dare to Care Food Bank

Dare to Care Mobile Food Pantries - While we do not want anyone to volunteer for something that they do not feel comfortable doing, we want the congregation to know that the two Mobile Food Pantries that we have connections with (Portland Avenue and Grace Hope) are still running once a month. (Portland – Tuesday, Nov 2 at 9:45 am; Smoketown – Tuesday, Nov 16 at 1:30 pm) Dare to Care has

a finely tuned system where all food pick up is non-contact, social distancing is enforced, and LOTS of safety measures are being upheld. This has been crucial for the populations that we serve because it is allowing them free nutritious food in a time when many of them have lost income and are surrounded by uncertainty. We want to thank the volunteers who help keep our partnerships going during this difficult time.

GIFT TREE - We are collecting gift cards and throw blankets as Christmas gifts for the clients of our partner organization Highlands Community Ministries instead of having a traditional gift tree this year. Please help brighten the holiday of a neighbor in need by purchasing a \$25 Walmart gift card, a throw blanket, or both, and bringing them to the church during the month of November. These gifts will be taken over to HCM on December 1, so please shop early!

Highlands Community Ministries Thanksgiving Baskets – HCM is asking for \$25 gift cards to Walmart or Kroger in lieu of packing our Thanksgiving boxes this year. These gift cards will be picked up at their Thanksgiving food pantry on November 18th, so we need them given to the church office by November 15th. If you would prefer to donate canned or shelf-stable Thanksgiving themed food, we will also take that to their food pantry.

Welcome New Staff

Welcome Melissa Worthey, Intern - In September, I began my second year of courses in the Master of Divinity program at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Returning to the rigors of academic life after so many years of living the life of a military spouse (Go Navy!) has been great fun even if a bit of an adjustment. Coffee is my constant companion along with our Creator-Redeemer-Sustainer God. I feel a strong call into ministry and it is my hope that through our time together I can develop some liturgy writing and delivery skills and increase my pastoral care skills too. Thank you for welcoming me into the life of the Church here at Highland Presbyterian Church (HPC). I am excited to see where God takes us in this time together. Peace and Grace, Melissa Worthey



Welcome Jean Grawemeyer, Church Accountant - I was born in Jamestown, KY, but since the age of five have lived in Louisville. My husband and I have been married for many years. Sadly, we lost our only child, a daughter, in 2013. She left us with two delightful grandchildren, Mercer (named for singer/songwriter Johnny Mercer), who is 13 years old, and Everly (a nod to Kentucky's Everly Brothers) who is 12 years old. They are the lights of our lives! Mercer and Everly live in Beacon, NY. My serious career began with my position as Assistant Controller for Broadway Brown Partnership. I kept the books for BBP on the construction portion of the project to renovate The Brown Hotel and The Brown Building (offices), and to build and develop Theater Square. I left to become Business Manager for St. Francis School in Goshen, KY. That position led me to Louisville Collegiate School. During my 23 years there, I held the titles of Business Manager, Controller, and Director of Business and Finance. Although the titles changed in my years at Collegiate, I was always responsible for the school's accounting and finance. I recognize that I have been so generously blessed in my life. I was baptized into the Christian Church at 12 years old and have remained faithful since that time. I am very happy to be the Accountant for HPC!

November Birthdays

If we ever forget your birthday, or we have it wrong, please let us know!

Nov 1: Kay Orr
Susan Emison

Nov 2: Andrew Owen
Evelyn Owen

Nov 3: Robby Gulick
Daniel Ellis

Nov 4: Eli Beck
James McGovern
George Holmes
Hal Hauck

Nov 5: Mary Clyde Hardin
Robyn Sekula
Katie Dykes

Nov 6: Wes Harris

Nov 7: Edward Caruthers
Gill Holland
Annie Parks
Andrew Valentine

Nov 9: Jane Beck
Suzanne Bowman
Shannon Endres
Michaela Reed

Nov 10: Bryce Armstrong
Jim Seiffert

Nov 11: Margaret Baker
Tucker Oldham
Sara Gambrell
Julia Burford

Nov 12: Tim Welsh
Jack Grohmann
Grant Gahan

Nov 13: Pat Wrege

Nov 14: Evan Holmes
Mike Abate
Annie Abate

Nov 15: Katie Crowley
Jamie Masticola

Nov 16: Paula Berry
Jenny Siegenthaler

Nov. 16: David Kern
Phyllis Bills
Izzy Parks

Nov 17: Jennifer Cowan

Nov 18: Cathleen Palmer

Nov 19: Carolyn Cromer
Mike Reed
Audrey Schuetze

Nov 20: Mary-Lynn Bundy
Will Hutto

Nov 21: Dan Rift

Nov 22: Kathy Mounce
Elaine Wise

Nov 23: Lola Carroll
Patti Pinkley

Nov 24: Charles Brockwell
Lily Page

Nov 25: Lisa Thompson

Nov 26: Elizabeth Orr
Lisa Turner-Schikler

Nov 27: Maureen Kirk
Scott Prince

Nov 28: Sylvia Nelson

Nov 29: Scott Endres

Nov 30: Theo Nowak
Jim Porter
Marsha Howard
Bill Harp
Hannah Stanchfield
Frances Nicholson

Be Thankful!

GIFTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN...

GIFTS have been given to the Memorial Fund in memory of John Reed by Elizabeth Rehm Wachtel.

GIFTS have been given to the Rapier Fund in memory of Eugene Ward by Carrolyn Delarosby.

GIFTS have been given to the Memorial Fund in memory of Robert S. Tillett by Tom & Janet Raderer.

GIFTS have been given to the Rapier Fund in memory of Robert S. Tillett by Tom & Phyllis Owen.

Highland is most appreciative of these gifts.

Pastor Nominating Committee Report

Pastor Nominating Committee - The Presbytery Committee on Ministry approved our Ministry Information Form (MIF). The PNC now enters a busy next phase, receiving and reviewing applications both through the PCUSA Church Leadership Connection matching system and from candidates who directly apply. This will take several weeks. The MIF is posted on the HPC website. Candidates may apply, and congregation members may communicate with the PNC, through highlandpnc2021@gmail.com.

Youth News

Sunday night youth group activities have been suspended for the month of November.

Kevin Burns will continue to teach his Middle School Sunday School Class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 on zoom.

The Youth Committee received authorization from the Session to engage a professional grief counselor. Marriage and Family Therapist Andy Thomas will be leading group therapy surrounding grief starting in November. More information on that opportunity to come.

Youth Music Ministry - As we work through this transition, I encourage everyone to take some time to pause, grieve, and heal. As mentioned above, youth group activities have been suspended for the month of November. As of now, I think it is best to include Sunday evening music activities. I want to ensure we leave the schedule as free as possible for the grief counseling sessions. However, I do believe music is a force of healing as well. Once the meetings with the counselor have been set, music activities will resume outside the times scheduled with the counselor. As mentioned in previous emails and newsletters, Chancel Choir, Highland Ringers (bells), and HPC Orchestra is open to all youth who wish to join us. Until our next meeting, I think of you all often and pray for healing and understanding. Vini Frizzo, vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org



“Not only this, but we also rejoice in sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance, character, and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Romans 5:3-5



Nursery & Weekday School

It finally feels like fall and the children of the Highland Pres. Nursery & Weekday School are enjoying the cooler temperatures and all the treasures autumn provides! Nature walks have produced such gems as buckeyes, sweetgum balls and maple "helicopters" that have worked their way into our art creations, sensory tables and pretend play. Use of natural materials in children's play is a win for everyone: the materials are free, abundant, and children learn more about and form a closer bond with the natural world. The materials are "open-ended" in that they do not prescribe the play, but allow children to decide how to use them. Early Childhood Educators refer to these abundant, open-ended materials as "Loose Parts," and we are always amazed at the hundreds of creative ways children find to use them.

Interested in learning more about Highland Pres. Nursery & Weekday School? Check us out online at www.hpcweekdayschool.org, or on Facebook and Instagram (#hpcnws), or just give us a call at (502) 456-6991.



In Other News

HPC Makes \$500,000 Loan for Affordable Housing

Highland has finalized a \$500,000 five-year, low interest loan to Housing Partnership, Inc. (HPI) to create affordable housing opportunities through HPI's initiative *Beyond 9th: Revitalizing West Louisville through Strategic Homeownership*.

HPI is a Louisville-based nonprofit real estate development organization that has created over 10,000 affordable housing units since its founding in 1990. The vision of HPI's *Beyond 9th* initiative is to significantly increase homeownership rates in predominately Black or African American communities of West Louisville and to provide equity opportunities for historically redlined communities to achieve greater success. HPC's mission-related loan will provide revolving funds to assist HPI in achieving its goal to create 60-100 new homeowners annually.

Approved by Session earlier this year, members of the Race Equity/Antiracism Task Force and the Finance, Investment and Church in the World Committees worked together to implement this loan from the church's endowed funds. This loan is one way the church is able to respond to the call from Black leaders in the community through the *Path Forward for Louisville* (<https://apathforward4lou.org>) and to employ our resources to advance racial equity, hope and opportunity.

Music Ministry

ARTS ON THE CORNER VIRTUAL CONCERT

Arts on the Corner presents “I, Too, Sing America,” a virtual concert. Due to additional COVID related setbacks, we were unable to meet our October deadline for release. However, I am happy to report that all the recordings have been made, and I am fully immersed in video and audio editing. I expect the release date to occur early this month. A link to the concert will be sent via email as well as posted on our website. The concert will be available to watch for several months. Therefore, you will be able to watch it all in one sitting or in parts. You will also be able to watch sections repeatedly if you wish.



CHANCEL CHOIR

Do you sing tenor or bass? If so, Chancel Choir needs you! This is a great opportunity to volunteer your time and talent to bring beautiful music to our worship service. Chancel Choir is a fantastic community of wonderful and caring people, who want to make music with you. Though we welcome all who want to sing, we are especially calling for tenors, baritone, and basses. Do you need to be able to read music? No, you do not, but over time, you will naturally learn. It is one of the many positive outcomes that come from singing. We rehearse Thursday evenings at 7pm, and childcare can be provided if needed. Please email me for further details, vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org.

HIGHLAND RINGERS

The bell choirs are up and running. We meet Sunday afternoons at 1:30 and 2:30. If interested in ringing with us, please email me, vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org.

HPC ORCHESTRA

HPC Orchestra will be playing during All Saints' Sunday November 7th. We are rehearsing Monday, November 1st at 7pm in the sanctuary. If you play an instrument and would like to join us, please email me, vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org. We would love to have you join in upcoming performances.



Vini Frizzo vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org

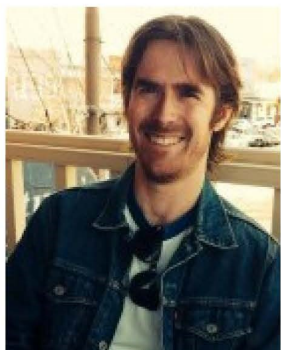
Be Thankful!

Environmental Stewardship Moment

Moment for Environmental Stewardship – As a country, we have some distorted views surrounding how much protein we actually need. We also have distorted views around where that protein comes from. The bottom line is, we eat too much meat. The livestock sector — raising cows, pigs, and chickens — generates as much greenhouse gas emissions as all cars, trucks, and automobiles combined. Cattle ranchers have clear cut millions of square kilometers of forests for grazing pastures, decimating natural “carbon sinks.” We’re not advocating that everyone turn into vegetarians tomorrow. But we all must develop meat consciousness and reduce the level of meat in our diets. Shifting to more plant-based foods is essential to combatting climate change, soil, air, and water pollution, ocean dead zones, and myriad other problems caused by industrial livestock production. If we decide to eat fewer meals with meat or dairy each week, we can have a huge impact on our collective health and the health of the planet. Buying sustainable organic produce from local sources is another area where we can do our collective part to care for creation that has been entrusted to us.

Environmental Stewardship – This month we will form our Environmental Stewardship Committee to start the exploration process of becoming a PC(USA) Earth Care congregation and finding ways to make our buildings more environmentally friendly. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Megan McCarty at mega.mccarty@hpclouisville.org

Culture Conflicts & Christianity



Dr. Darren Grem

Assistant Professor of History and Southern Studies, University of Mississippi; Author of *The Blessings of Business: How Corporations Shaped Conservative Christianity*

“How Corporations Shaped Conservative Christianity”

November 21, 2021 4:00 pm

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All presentations will take place on Zoom



Presbyterian Union

*A Monthly Discussion Group Sponsored by
Second Presbyterian and Highland Presbyterian Churches*

On the first Tuesday of each month (usually), people gather downtown for the fellowship of a lunch, followed by a speaker and discussion around a wide variety of topics - church and culture issues, faith questions, the changing face of Louisville, topics of personal interest. Think of it as a quick retreat with some friends from different places to think about the world of work and living from a different direction. All are welcome, so please invite guests.

TOPIC: “Update on The University of Louisville”
SPEAKER: Dr. Neeli Bendapudi, President, University of Louisville

Neeli Bendapudi is the 18th President of the University of Louisville. Selected by the UofL Board of Trustees in April 2018, Bendapudi came to Louisville from the University of Kansas where she served as Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor.

Where: Vincenzo’s, The Courtyard Room, 105 South 5th Street

Lunch: Buffet salad and entrée, dessert, iced tea

Cost: \$16.00, includes gratuity

When: TUESDAY, November 2 at 11:30am

RSVP: If you will attend, please notify by 4:00 pm Monday, November 3rd (if accepting) E-mail Ann or Ivan Schell at adschell@bellsouth.net or phone 894-8440



Fellowship

Men's Pub Night - A group of men will be gathering on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 7:00pm for a beverage and some good conversation at TEN20 Craft Brewery at 1020 E. Washington St. Plenty of socially distanced outdoor seating. Come join us. No agenda, just conversation in good company. If you would like to be added to the list for announcements about the upcoming men's pub nights, please email Ralph Bowling at ralbow87@gmail.com.

**WINGS Annual
Fall Retreat**
was held Sunday,
10-24-21 at The
Parklands Turkey Run
Park. WINGS welcomes
all women of the
church to join us!
Contact Kathy Reed or
Laurie Anderson for
more information.



WINGS-Giving, Nov. 8th, 6:00pm – 8:30pm

WINGS Women's group is sharing a Thanksgiving meal together in the Pleune-Mobley Center Dining room. Each member is to bring a favorite dish made from a "secret family recipe." Then we will share a story about the dish and the family member who lovingly made it so special! WINGS is open to all Women at Highland Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in joining, please email Laurie Anderson at laurie2420@gmail.com or Kathy Reed at kathyreed330@gmail.com to get more details. Hope to see you!



WINGS Christmas Party, Dec. 13th, 6:00pm – 8:30pm



WINGS Women's group is having their Annual Christmas Party in the Pleune-Mobley Center Session room. Wear your favorite Christmas attire and come ready to play games and share a Christmas feast! WINGS is open to all Women at Highland Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in joining, please email Laurie Anderson at laurie2420@gmail.com or Kathy Reed at kathyreed330@gmail.com to get more details. Hope to see you!



November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Sun.: 9:30 - Sunday School 11:00 - Worship 1:30 - Bell Rehearsal 2:30 - Bell Rehearsal Tues.: 9:30 - Staff Meeting		Weekly Meetings: Wed.: 6:30 - Race Audit Thurs.: 10:30 - WOW 7:00 - Chancel Choir					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	11:30 All Saints Day Service (Cave Hill) 7:00 Orchestra Rehearsal	9:45 PACT Mobile Pantry 5:00 Property Committee 6:45 PNC	5:00 Fellowship 6:30 Church in the World	1:00 Bridge Club		2:00 Melissa Smith Memorial Service	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
12:00 Chili Fest	6:00 WINGS	4:00 Personnel Committee	2:00 Horizon's Bible Study 4:30 Worship Committee 5:00 Adult Ed	7:00 Men's Pub Night		9:00 Workday	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	5:00 Finance Committee	1:30 Smoketown Mobile Pantry 6:45 PNC	6:00 Session Meeting	5:30 Deacons			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
4:00 Culture Conflicts & Christianity				<i>Thanksgiving</i>			
				<i>Church Office Closed</i>	<i>Church Office Closed</i>		
28	29	30					

Be Thankful!

Worship

All Saints Day Service at Cave Hill – Join us at the outdoor chapel at Cave Hill Cemetery on All Saints Day, November 1st. We will gather for a worship service (rain or shine!) at 11:30 am. We will be celebrating and naming all the saints of our church as well as the personal losses we have experienced this year. If you would like your loved one to be named out loud and they are not a church member, please contact Megan McCarty. Directions to the outdoor chapel at Cave Hill coming soon. This service will be recorded so those unable to attend in person may request a link from Rob Miller in the church office.

HPC Contemplative Photography Group

toured Cave Hill Cemetery 10-23-21, led by our own Edie Tidwell, taking (“receiving”) photos as we enjoyed fellowship and God’s beautiful world.

Anyone interested in photography (using cell phones or DSLR cameras) is welcome to join us, contact Patti Hartog for more information.



Deacons Preparing College Student Care Packages



Halloween Candy

If you have any candy left over from Halloween (or just any candy you don’t want), please drop it off in the church office during regular business hours before Thanksgiving. We’ll use the candy for our college care packages.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



ALL SOULS

Chili Fest

HPC Patio

November 7th after worship

Come grab a bowl of chili on the patio following church and have some outdoor socially distanced fun

Icons: skull and crossbones, skull wearing a blue face mask.