Highland Presbyterian Church

"SHARING HOPE FROM THE HEART OF THE HIGHLANDS"

AUGUST 2023

Dear Highland family,

Wow. I've now been serving alongside you all for a whole year! When I first arrived I had no idea this might become a longterm pastoral relationship. But apparently the Holy Spirit went to work on both you and me, and here we are together. I look forward to the installation service at 4:00pm on the 27th of August. That day we'll be joined by colleagues and friends from the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky (and beyond) and with liturgy and vows and prayer my pastoral call to Highland will be formalized. It's the final step in that process from nominee to installed pastor. As we move forward from here, God help us to be a creative, openhearted, adaptively faithful Christian community that blesses the world around us.

We staff also want to say a tremendous thank you to everyone who worked on renovating the church offices and the children's ministry areas. If you haven't been in the office recently, come say hi and enjoy the updated paint, lighting, refinished floors, carpet, furniture, kitchenette, and so much more. For those of us who work in the offices, this is a big quality-of-life upgrade. Our spaces have been transformed from tired and shabby and cluttered to clean and graceful and inviting. And the brilliant volunteer(!) managers of the whole project have been Donna Perry, Susan Grubbs, and Janet Raderer. They have offered masterful communication, efficiency, and clarity of vision. Our enduring gratitude to all three of them!

The offices and children's ministry areas are not only more attractive — now they are far more useable and flexible for doing the work of the church. In that spirit of practical mission, for what other HPC spaces might we find a renewed vision? Kitchen and dining hall? Fellowship Hall? Youth spaces? Sanctuary? (By the way, the sanctuary will get a small upgrade later this year as we hang a couple of microphones from the ceiling to replace the ones on stands in the middle of the sanctuary. We'll also update the audio system for better control of the sound in the room and on the live stream.)

Sometimes the work of the church involves tending microphones and paint. Sometimes it means an intergenerational group gathering to send our middle schoolers off to their retreat at Massanetta. And weekly our work includes worship together and unpacking scripture that helps us become more Christlike. Hope to see you at church soon!

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Nolan Huizenga

Session Summary



A report from the July 2023 Session Meeting will be in next month's newsletter.

Stayed tuned!

In Memorium

Jean Tillett

December 14, 1923 - July 8, 2023

In Memorium

Betty Trousdale

July 27, 1932 - July 17, 2023

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Mission and Service



Dare to Care Mobile Food Pantries - While we do not want anyone to volunteer for something that they do not feel comfortable doing, Dare to Care 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, August 1 at 9:45 am; Smoketown – Tuesday, August 15 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.

Welcoming our Burmese Family! We are once again co-sponsoring a refugee family through Kentucky Refugee Ministries. We have been assigned a Burmese family of 5; mom, dad, and three sons, age 3, 10, and 13. They are set to arrive on Wednesday, August 9th at 7:00 pm. Over the next few weeks we will be setting up their apartment, shopping for groceries, and cooking them a welcome meal. We'll be helping them learn English and navigate their first few months in America. If you have any desire to help with any of this (you can help one time, or on a continual basis) please let Terry Fontenot (tfontenot@gmail.com) or Megan McCarty (megan.mccarty@hpclouisville.org) know.

KRM School Supplies - School is just around the corner and Kentucky Refugee Ministries has seen a massive influx of refugees this year! They would love our help in collecting school supplies for these refugee children. Below you can see the list of what's needed. You can drop off these items in the blue bins in the fellowship hall. Or, if it's easier, you can access their Amazon wish list by scanning this QR code with your phone camera and have the supplies delivered directly to KRM. Needed:



- **Backpacks**
- Folders with pockets
- Notebooks (wide and college ruled)

- #2 pencils
- Small pencil sharpen-
- Packages of loose-leaf paper (wide and college

- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Scissors (blunt point for young children)

- Markers
- Highlighters
- Small bottles of Clip-on hand sanitizer

- Rulers
- Cap erasers
- Ballpoint pens (not red ink)

- Glue sticks
- Reusable Masks
- 3 ring binders

Headphones

HCM Back to School Drive - Highland Community Ministries is once again collecting WalMart and Target gift cards to be able to provide their clients the ability to shop for their own school supplies. If you would like to donate a \$25 gift card to Target or WalMart, please bring it to the front office. If no one is around to receive it, please put it in Megan McCarty's mailbox, located in the front office. Thank you for your generosity!

August Birthdays

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

Aug 1: Avery Head
Alex Oldham
Donna Perry
Stephanie Smith

Aug 2: Bill MurphyAug 3: Jack MasticolaAug 4: Corky Coryell

Amy Hoyt

Aug 6: Joe Argabrite Eliza Walsh

Aug 8: Jack Miller
Harbin Ethridge
Cullen Williams

Burva Stanley

Aug 9: Peyton Evans
Heather Harrell
Molly Stevens

Debbie Daniel

Aug 10: Amelia Connally
Scott Zehnder
Ben Watkins

Aug 11: Kate LaJoie Sandy Gulick

Louise Ruckman
Aug 12: Eric Hansen

Aug 13: Jesse Turley
Aug 15: Brett Connally

Aug 16: Wayne Brown Jack Mead

Karen Cook

Aug 17: Megan Nelson

Aug 18: Lynn March Sara Callaway

Aug 19: Kathryn Emrich Lenihan

Charly Garner Lincoln Roberson

Aug 20: Wesley Bonner

Aug 21: Alex Novak
Richard Wood
Megan Jones

Aug 22: Lucy Leath

Bob McClure

Aug 23: Angie Andriot

Aug 24: Erich Endres

Bill Wade

Mary Beth Warner

Clara Harper

Aug 26: Owen Hardy

Lucy McDowell

Griffin McLaren

Aug 27: Clay Stevens

David Giesel

Aug 28: Carol Ferguson

Frederick Schadt

Aug 29: Silas Mays

Ben Straus

Mandy Davis

Megan McCarty

Aug 30: Deborah Skaggs

Diana Kaper Robinson

Aug 31: Peter Palmer

Rebecca Wood

Memorial Gifts

GIFTS have been given to the Memorial Fund in memory of John A. McAllister, Sr. by John McAllister.

Highland is most appreciative of these gifts!



Children's News

What: Pizza Party and Planning

When: August 13, 5-7pm

Who: All Families

(childcare for all 5th graders & younger)



The Children's Committee would like to invite you to join us for a Pizza Party and Planning and Sunday evening, August 13. This will be a great time to fellowship with other families, as well as take part in choosing awesome activities and events for our young ones. On the agenda:

- Dinner and Fellowship
- · Peak at the newly renovated children's space
- Brainstorm ideas for family and ROOTS activities

Check your weekly eBlast from Rhonda for the link to sign-up for pizza and childcare.



IT'S HAPPENING... New lights...New paint... New furniture... NEW CHURCH YEAR!!!

The Children's area is getting a much-needed facelift in time for Rally Day...as if you needed another reason to join us on Sunday, August 20 to kick-off the 2023-2024 church year!

We will begin in the Sanctuary with some energizers and information about our Sunday School classes. Each age group will then be dismissed to go with their teachers to their classroom.

See you there!



August 13: Pizza Party and Planning (see above)
August 23: Children's Choir Kick-Off (info on the Music page)



Youth News

Summer Trips Recap

Thanks for all the support for our youth summer trips, which included our high schoolers participating in a Montreat Youth Conference (Montreat, NC) and our middle schoolers participating in a youth conference at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center (Massanetta Springs, VA). Both groups had fun, meaningful experiences where they grew in their faith and paid attention to the Holy Spirit's work in their lives. A huge thanks to our high school trip advisors (Kimberlee Burns, Michael Harper, Steve Holmes, and Kathy O'Hearn), our middle school trip advisors (Michael Harper, Kelli Mattingly, and Beth Troy), and our driving team for the middle school trip (Ann and Steve Holmes).





Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, August 20th is Rally Day! Join us in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour (9:30–10:30a) to launch the new Sunday School year and then join us at 5p for this year's Youth Ministry Kickoff Banquet. More info available soon.

Ready to Help and/or Lead?

We're hard at work finding ways to connect the congregation of HPC with our youth program. We're putting together a set of teams to support various parts of the youth program. Interested in helping, leading, and/or participating in any of these initiatives? Please email Michael Harper (Michael.harper@hpclouisville.org) to let him know.

Youth Ministry Opportunities

- **Sunday Volunteers.** We're in need of adults who can help with Sunday School, Confirmation class, and/or middle school youth group on a regular basis.
- Parent Gatherings. Parenting teens takes a lot out of you. This team will host a few parent gatherings throughout the school year so parents can connect and support each other.
- **Social Justice Squad.** Our young people are eager to put their faith into action in the world and need help making that happen.
- Care Team. You were a teenager once, so you know the ups and downs that come with adolescence. This team will respond when any of our kids need some extra support and care.
- **Connections Crew.** This group will meet our youth where they are and help them find ways to connect with the congregation.
- **Engagement Team.** It's important that we're always reaching out to youth and families who may not be able to regularly participate in HPC programming.
- Burns Center Updates. It's time to update our amazing youth ministry space to make it more welcoming and more functional.
- **Fundraising Team.** Taking young people safely on summer trips can get expensive. This team will help raise money for these transformational experiences.

Music Ministry

ARTS ON THE CORNER CONCERT SERIES

We have two upcoming concerts that you will not want to miss!



We are kicking-off the new season on **Sunday, August 20th at 12:30pm**. Hora Certa (meaning 'Right Time') celebrates the music of Brazilian masters. Specializing in the many varied styles and rhythms unique to Brazil, this award-wining ensemble will feature music from their two recently released CDs - Fotografia and Hora Certa. So come to Fellowship Hall right after service and enjoy free food and the amazing sounds of Brazilian life.

Members of Hora Certa: Mike Tracy – Saxophones, Winton Reynolds – Keyboard, Camron Gooden – Bass, Terry O'Mahoney – Drum Set, Kiko

Sebrian – Percussion, Diego da Silva – Percussion/Guitar

On Sunday, **September 24th at 12:30pm**, Zoe Speaks will be performing at our very own PresFest near the corner of Highland Ave. and Cherokee Rd. Deeply rooted in the family music making and storytelling lineages of Eastern Kentucky, Zoe Speaks offers a fresh and progressive view of Appalachia. With the banjo, guitar, dulcimer, fiddle, and traditional flatfoot dancing, they connect audiences to the stories where music is a part of daily life and singing goes hand in hand with working. Come get lunch at one of the food trucks available, grab a seat in the shade, and enjoy an early autumn afternoon to the music of our land.

SUMMER CHOIR - Only a few Sundays left to sing in Summer Choir. Our last Sunday will be August 13th. Don't miss out! Summer Choir meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in preparation for the 11 am service. All are welcome, and the music is fun and accessible! Don't read music? Don't worry, if you can read words, you'll be just fine! This is an excellent tradition that offers another opportunity to be a part of the music ministry, and it is open to anyone ages 11 and up. If you would like to know more or express interest in participating, please contact me at vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org or just show up!

CHANCEL CHOIR - Come sing with us; all are welcome! We are currently on summer break but restart Thursday, August 17th at 7pm. We also traditionally do a Saturday morning kick-off, which will be August 19th at 9:30am. We'd love to have you be a part of the music ministry. Childcare can be provided for rehearsals, if needed, please contact me vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org prior to coming with your child. Until then, please come sing with Summer Choir!

BOWLING FOR BELLS - Did you just bowl a strike? Well kudos to you, you get to hear a bell peal. Gutter ball, better eat a bell pepper! Highland Presbyterian Church is kicking of the bell program with Bowling for Bells! We'll meet at 1:30pm on Sunday, September 3rd. Exact location? Not sure yet, but I heard a guy in choir had their wedding at a bowling alley, so I'll talk to him to get the deets. More to come very soon! Aren't in bells but love bowling, come join us! Shoot me an email so I know you're interested. Are in bells but not around Labor Day weekend, no worries, our first rehearsal will be Sunday, September 10th at 1:30 in the sanctuary.

HPC ORCHESTRA -Do you play an instrument? If so, HPC Orchestra is always looking for folks to play with us. We are scheduled to play for service on August 27th (4pm Installation service for Nolan Huizenga). September 24th (Music Festival Sunday), and December 17th (Gaudete Sunday). The rehearsal for August 27th Installation Service will be Sunday, August 13th at 1:30pm in the sanctuary. Interested in playing? We tailor the music to fit everyone's level. Think about it! We have loads of fun! So come talk to me or shoot me an email!

HIGHLAND MUSIC MINISTRY TO MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE 2024 - Have you ever attended before? If not, come make the pilgrimage to one of the most beautiful places in this country to worship. Nestled in the mountains near Black Mountain, NC, you can sing in a 400+ member choir or work with David Harris, director of the Raleigh Ringers. Classes, lectures, and activities for all ages encompassing all aspects of worship and music makes it a wonderful family experience. Right now, we are just in the "seeing who is interested stage." If you are interested, please send me an email with any questions and detailing which week you could be available to attend, Week 1 June 16-21 or Week 2, June 23-28.

Stewardship

Giving just got easier, whether it's a regular donation or a one-time event. This QR Code will take you to a selection of 18 different categories that allow you to donate. You can also go to the Highland Presbyterian Website (hpclouisville.org) and click on "give" at the top of the page. Either method will take you to the following giving categories; **Pledge Payment**, Youth Trivia Night Fundraiser, Gift, Community Relief, KRM – Music for a Purpose, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Rapier Fund – Worship, Memorial Fund Gift, Grace Children Scholarship Fund, Kevin Youth Scholarship Fund, PCUSA – One Great Hour of Sharing, PCUSA Pentecost, PCUSA – Peace & Global Witness, PCUSA – Christmas Joy Offering, Youth Postcards, Youth Activities, Youth Summer Trips, Advance Pledge, Capital Campaign Pledge.



Children's Music Ministry Fall 2023 - WELCOME BACK!

MUSIC IS THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF ALL MANKIND. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Children should be immersed in musical experiences! Research confirms that the benefits of music extend far beyond the art itself, serving as a catalyst for learning and brain development. Our goals include multisensory approaches to music making based on active participation, repetition, and creative input. Beyond these vital values, we believe singing songs together is a way of learning about God and is another way of building community, praying, and learning to worship.

WELCOME BACK KICK OFF Wednesday August 23, 5:30-PIZZA dinner first, then choir 6-6:45.

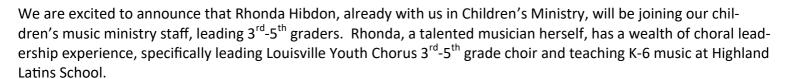
Mark your calendars now! We will be back to 3 choirs this year to support the developmental needs of each age group, all the while striving for the best core values we can offer children, joyful, music experiences of all kinds, AND music participation in worship as another way of including children. Our team now includes Vini, Edward, Martha, Rhonda, Suzanne and a wealth of loyal youth and adult volunteers who make each week better!



Joyful Noise Choir: 4-year-olds, 5-year-olds and kindergarteners.

Hallelujah Choir: 1st and 2nd graders.

Lyric Choir: 3rd-5th graders.



FINALLY, add these dates on your calendar:

Sunday, September 24- Music Festival Sunday (all children's choirs are invited to sing) PRES FEST to follow!

December Children's choir- **Sunday mornings ONLY in December**- during Sunday School hour, in preparation for the Pageant! No Wednesday choir nights in December.

Sunday, December 24 in 11:00 worship -Christmas Pageant

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Fellowship

Men's Pub Night - A group of men will be gathering on Thursday, August 10 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.





DID YOU KNOW????? There is a Highland Pres Bridge Group that meets each month! If you are a bridge player, the Highland Bridge Group would love for you to join us! We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 in the Memorial Lounge. We would be happy to have new members join us. If you are interested, you can contact Janet Raderer at traderer@bellsouth.net or 897.5986 or Patti Pinkley at patti.pinkley@gmail.com or 419.1003. We can contact you the week before each gathering to ensure that we fill up our bridge tables each month! **Meets August 3 at 1:00pm.**

WINGS - meets **Monday**, **August 14 at 6:30 pm**. All women of the church are invited! Contact Kathy O'Hearn at kathyreed330@gmail.com for more information.

Nolan's Installation - You are all cordially invited to attend Nolan's installation service on **Sunday, August 27th, at 4:00 pm!** There will be a reception to follow. Installation services are a time of celebration for the whole church! While this is a time to celebrate Nolan and his family, it's much more about us as a congregation and the joy we all share in affirming Nolan's call as our pastor. We hope you will be able to attend this wonderful celebration of Highland Presbyterian Church!

Meal Train - If you would like to take part in our Meal Train, please let Steve Holmes or Megan McCarty know. Meal Trains are a great way of showing our support for one another as a congregation. When someone has surgery, or a new baby, when there is a death in the family, or any time someone may be struggling and in need of some meals, our Meal Train steps in. It's very simple — when there is a need, you'll be sent an email with a link to access the person's Meal Train. You will see how many people you are cooking for, if there are dietary restrictions, or any pertinent information, as well as dates that you can sign up to provide a meal. You sign up for when you want to cook (there's no obligation to sign up if one doesn't work with your schedule!) You contact the person and arrange a drop off time. If you love to cook and care for folks in this way, please let us know if you would like to be involved!

Wednesday Night Dinner - August 16th - This month, our Wednesday night dinner will take place Wednesday, August 16th. Dinner and fellowship starts at 5:00 pm in the dining room. Come enjoy good food, and good fellowship! RSVP to Kathleen in the church office by noon Tuesday, August 15th.

Presbyterian Union

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

TOPIC: "LEARN ABOUT RISKS CREATED BY LOCAL WILDLIFE: PRACTICAL REMEDIES"

Also learn about fishing & boating regulations

SPEAKER: Bryan Cobban, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) regional

private lands wildlife biologist and coordinator. Bryan Cobban has been the private lands biologist in the Bluegrass region for the KDFWR since April 2018. He previously worked for the KDFWR as a Fish & Wildlife Technician in the Big Game program primarily assisting with deer research in Eastern Kentucky. Mr. Cobban has also worked as a biologist for the USDA's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services in Wildlife Service to eradicate feral swine and to reduce nuisance wildlife issues in Illinois and Vir-

ginia.

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

Lunch: Buffet salad and entrée, dessert, iced tea **Cost:** \$25.00 including gratuity

When: TUESDAY, August 1, 2023, at 11:30 am





August Sunday **Tuesday** Wednes-**Thursday** Monday **Friday** Saturday day **Weekly Meetings:** 9:30 - Sunday School (begins 8/20) Tues.: 10:00 - STITCH 11:00 - Worship Wed.: 6:00 – Children's Music Ministry (begins 8/23) Mon.: 1:00 – Staff Meeting Thurs.: 10:00 - STITCH 10:00 - WOW 7:00—Bell Quartet (starts 8/21) 7:00 - Chancel Choir (begins 8/17) 2 1 3 5 4 9:45 PACT Mobile Pantry 1:00 Bridge Club 6:30 Church in the World 4:00 Property Committee 5:30 Fellowship 8 9 6 10 11 12 4:00 Adult Ed 9:00 Workday 4:30 Personnel 5:30 Worship Committee Committee 7:00 Men's Pub Night 7:00 Refugee Family Arrival 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 NWS -Kindergarten 9:30 Chancel 5:00 Finance 1:30 Smoketown 5:00 Wednesday 5:00 Pizza & begins Choir Kick-off Committee **Mobile Pantry Night Dinner Planning** (Children's fami-6:15 Session 6:30 WINGS lies) 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 Rally Day 12:30 Arts on the **Corner Concert** 5:30 Children's 5:30 Deacons Music Ministry Kick-off 5:00 Youth Kickoff Banquet 27 28 29 30 31 NWS – Nursery & 4:00 Nolan Huiz-Preschool begins enga's Installation Service



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Environmental Stewardship

Sarah Lynn Cunningham taught a class on Greening Your Home and Church during the Sunday School hour on July 16th. During this presentation, she gave many good ideas on how we can each lessen our carbon footprint, and – possibly, even more important – how we can save money. Her number one starting point was "sealing the envelope." This means, finding the cracks in your home that are not keeping it insulated well and seal them. If we can create a tight seal first, then we can move on to accessing resources for environmental sustainability in our homes

and businesses. The next simple step might include getting a programable thermostat so that you use less energy while you are away or at night and then are able to have it more "comfortable" while you are at home. With this heat wave, there are lots of little things that we can do before we crank down the entire HVAC system. Remember to check the weather stripping and fix your windows if needed, replace your HVAC filters, use your blinds and curtains to keep the interior space cooler, utilize fans, and don't run unnecessary appliances — try cooking with a crock pot or instant pot instead of the oven. To learn more about the small steps you can take to make a big impact, visit: www.louisvillecan.org.

