

Highland Presbyterian Church

"SHARING HOPE FROM THE HEART OF THE HIGHLANDS"

OCTOBER 2023

"This is Charles from the Church"

What a joy since October 2013 to open phone calls to our Highland Presbyterian people with this identification. I will miss it more than I can say.

Communities who watch over each other in love is one descriptive definition of Christian congregations. Parish Associate for Member Care is such a ministry. I have shared member care with our pastors; directors of music, children's, and youth ministry; administrative staff; deacons; Stephen Ministers; and our members at large.

I was a member of the Lutheran World Federation and World Methodist Council dialogue team (1977-1984). Our report to the LWF and the WMC, "The Church: Community of Grace," aided the establishment of full communion between Lutheran, Methodist, and some Reformed churches in Poland, the then German Democratic Republic, and Sweden.

Through the Lord our God's communities of grace all the world is blessed (Gen. 12:3; 28:14). The church extends grace to more and more people (II Cor. 4:15). The church serves God by serving with Christ (Mk. 1:16-20; 6:6-13; 10:45). The church has been entrusted with God's ministry of reconciliation, and God makes God's appeal through the church (II Cor. 5:17-20). As Christ was sent into the world so he sends us into the world (John 17:18).

The church is the body of Christ (Rom. 12; I Cor. 12). Members of this body rejoice and suffer together (I Cor. 12). The church gathers round and supports those whom life has left for dead (Acts 14:20). Members of the church bear one another's burdens because all have a unique load to bear (Gal. 6:2&5).

Mary Ann and I experience Highland Presbyterian Church as community of grace.

Thank you,
Charles from the Church
Charles Brockwell

We of Highland Presbyterian are so grateful for the decade the Rev. Dr. Charles Brockwell has spent ministering to us as Parish Associate for Member Care. Charles has decided to retire at the end of September 2023, and we are glad that he and Mary Ann will continue worshiping with us. On an upcoming Sunday we will celebrate Charles and Mary Ann, thanking God for their gifts among us.

And mark your calendars: HPC will offer a **Blessing of the Animals** service at 4:00pm on Sunday, 8 October 2023, on the front lawn of the Pleune-Mobley Building. It's a chance to thank God for the creatures with whom we share lives, and to highlight God's care for the natural world. Animals on leashes or in carriers are welcome, or you can bring a leash or toy or a photo for a moment of blessing. Invite a friend!





Session Summary
Report from the September 2023 Session Meeting

From Church in the World: The Session approved 3rd quarter mission partner disbursements, previously approved in the budget: HCM, \$5,500; Cabbage Patch, \$3,000; Habitat, \$3,250; KRM (operations), \$2,000; MKP, \$14,000; PACT, \$1,000; KRM (Global Gourmet table), \$1,500; La Casita, \$1,000; Coalition for the Homeless, \$2,000; HPC Community Relief Fund (internal transfer), \$1,000; CEPAD, \$1,000; More Light Presbyterian, \$250; MKP – UKIRK, \$500; LPTS, \$5,000; Briargate Presbyterian Church soup kitchen, \$500.

From Worship and Spiritual Life: After discernment, the Session approved serving communion in worship on the first and third Sundays of each month, beginning 1 October 2023 and continuing through the end of January 2024.

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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, October 3** at 9:45 am; Smoketown – **Tuesday, October 17** 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.

Mission Fair - Join us on **Sunday, October 1st** for a Mission Fair highlighting many of our mission partners! Directly following worship in the fellowship hall there will be snacks and a chance to talk with many of the organizations that your pledge dollars support. You can find out what they have been doing over the last few years and also figure out if they have ways for you to volunteer that fit your time and availability. Come by and say hi!

Medical Debt Relief Update - A simple effort first initiated at HPC in late spring to raise funds to pay off medical debt in Kentucky became a coordinated effort across multiple Presbyterian churches over the summer. We can officially announce this local Mid-Kentucky Presbytery campaign has recently concluded and abolished \$4,577,749.43 of burdensome medical debt for thousands of individuals and families throughout Kentucky! Thanks to all those who contributed. This is further demonstration that we are church members that are more interested in giving than in getting.

Implicit Bias Interactive Workshop October 28, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Anchorage Presbyterian Church
11403 Park Rd, Anchorage, KY 40223

Free lunch included - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register here:
or call 502-245-5818



Led by Dr. Veda Pendleton



Author, Advocate, Consultant, Educator, Parent, and Presbyterian Elder, Dr. Pendleton has published 5 books and 20+ articles. This workshop's goals are to understand implicit bias, to identify ways in which implicit bias causes harm even when unintentional, to name your own implicit biases, and to identify and learn strategies that can help curb implicit biases.

Sponsored by Mid-Kentucky Presbytery, Highland Presbyterian and Anchorage Presbyterian Churches

Our Community Relief Fund needs your help!

Donations needed! Our Community Relief fund is getting low. This fund helps members and friends in our congregation who experience unexpected or unplanned financial needs. This money has been a blessing to many of our members and neighbors. If you feel called to donate to this cause, please designate your money "Community Relief." Additionally, if you know of someone who might need our financial assistance, please contact Megan McCarty at megan.mccarty@hpclouisville.org



October Birthdays

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

Oct 1: Nancy Reed
Oct 2: Bill Carroll
Brooke Morrison
Kaylee Medley
Oct 3: Jane Welch
John Pyron
Oct 4: Manual Zalbay
Karen Lacy
Patrick Grohmann
Jordan Grantz
Oct 5: Becky Slagle
Dan Arbough
Oct 6: Rebecca Jones
Oct 7: Bill Ellison
Claire Tidmore
Vivian Schnuerle
Oct 8: Barbara Goudy
Liam Miller
William Pyron
Jake Bennett-Lauer
Oct 9: Courtney Schadt
Kathleen Rungwerth
Oct 10: Gage Novak
Marjorie Mays
Oct 11: Tom Reichard
Megan Ward
Forrest McLaren
Oct 12: Melinda Arbough
Oct 13: Benjamin Hall
Bill Juckett
Hannay Shafer
Sarah McClure
Oct 14: Hugo Hall
Oct 15: Tom Owen
Oct 16: Mary Bealmear
Evalyn Head
Abby Sekula
Eric Bartley
Oct 17: Ayden Ethridge

Oct 18: Sandy Bowling
Barbara Juckett
Oct 19: William Fulton
Larisa Gilbert
Thomas Hutto
Oct 20: Charlie Fendig
Neely Jarvis
Benjamin Jarvis
Oct 21: Caroline Bowman
Lizzie Nelson
Oct 22: Warren Wenzel
Duncan Kirk
Oct 23: Benjamin Masticola
Oct 24: Frances Fendig

Oct 25: Eli Harrell
Oct 26: Jeff Hamilton
Oct 27: Emily Burbank
Mary Ellen Harned
Garrett Sams
Frances Millar
Nancy Lacer
Georgia Barrick
Oct 29: John Ferre
Patrick Welsh
Oct 30: Kathy Atwood
Marshall Page
Oct 31: Whitman Barber

Memorial Gifts

GIFTS have been given to the Community Relief Fund in honor of Megan McCarty's birthday by Joyce Straight.

Highland is most appreciative of these gifts!

Communion At-Home Opportunity

The HPC Deacons are happy to offer at-home communion service again. If you are interested in receiving communion at home, please let us know by calling the church office, 502-451-2910, to inform Kathleen Poole. She will give us your name, and then we will contact you to set up a date and time.

Grateful to be in your service,
HPC Deacons



Children's News



ROOTS Lock-In

Saturday, October 14 – Sunday, October 15

An overnighter for our 3rd – 5th grade children will take place on Saturday afternoon October 14 at 3pm and end after Sunday School on October 15.

- Meet in Pleune-Mobley at 3pm.
- There will be a mystery trip involved.
- A normal bed time for that age group **WILL BE ENFORCED!**
- We will walk the kids to their class on Sunday morning and you can pick them up from there after SS.

Details about what to bring will be sent to parents the week before.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND MUSIC



I am having so much fun with the 3rd – 5th graders in Lyric Choir! And the kids are enjoying the time singing and being with each other. Some of our music is challenging and I would love to have a few helpers who would sing with us on a few of our pieces so we can add some descants and harmony. If you have or know a middle schooler who loves to sing and would like to be a helper in Lyric Choir, please let me know. This could be – BUT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE – an every Wednesday commitment. I'll take helpers when I can get them and am willing to work around schedules.

If you think your middle schooler might be interested or if you have questions, I would love to talk with you! Rhonda (rhonda.hibdon@hpcloouisville.org)

Any of you have video making / editing skills?

We are hoping to be able to create videos of our children to be used in worship and shared in the church's weekly email, but we need someone who is willing to help with that. If you have the skills and time and willingness, please let Rhonda know and we'll come up with a plan to make our kids' presence more visible to the whole church.



Youth News

Youth Group for October

Middle School

Regular Schedule: 5:00p – 6:15p in the Burns Center

10/1 — No Youth Group

10/8 — Can Food Scavenger Hunt

10/15 — Prep for All-Church Game Show Night

10/22 — Lunch at Wick's after Worship (Meet at Noon in Fellowship Hall)

10/29 — Lead the Youth-Sponsored All-Church Event (5–6:45p in Fellowship Hall)

High School

Regular Schedule: 6:30p – 7:45p in the Burns Center

10/1 — Dinner Out

10/8 — Featured Speaker: Kathy O'Hearn (Meet @ 5p)

10/15 — Prep for All-Church Game Show Night (Regular Schedule)

10/22 — No Youth Group due to Mystery Trip

10/29 — Lead the All-Church Event Game Show Night (5–6:45p in Fellowship Hall)

HPC's Family Game Show Night

Sunday, October 29th

5–6:45p | Fellowship Hall

Suggest Cost: \$6 to Defray the Cost of Pizza

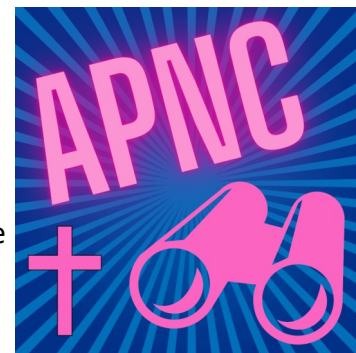
Please join us for HPC's versions of your favorite game shows where YOU get to be included in the fun! The fun night for all ages begins with a pizza dinner and then our youth will lead you in games like Family Feud and Jeopardy. Childcare provided for kindergarten and younger. (Children first grade and older will be engaged in program.)

Reservations suggested, but not required:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DAEA72AA4FCC16-44593719-hpcgame>



Hello from the Youth APNC! By now hopefully you have all received our simple, short poll and we thank you for your answers. We have spent an evening with the middle schoolers getting their input about what they are looking for in their youth program. We also spent an evening with the high schoolers learning about what was special to them about HPC, what they feel youthful group exists for and exploring different models of programs. The insight from both groups was wonderful! We are putting together info from our congregational survey and will be making an appearance at Presfest for anyone wishing to still fill it out as well as to go through the exercise we explored with the high schoolers. We have started the Ministry Discernment Profile form which we hope to complete over the next month and submit to the Session and COM for approval soon.



Music Ministry

Interested in being a part of the music ministry? Check out the information below to see how you can share your talents. Music is a gift we all possess so join us! We would love for you to be part of the sounds of Highland!

CHANCEL CHOIR

Come sing with us! All are welcome and we'd love to have you be a part of the music ministry. Singing in choir is a great place to meet new people and become a part of a rich history of our church. We meet Thursdays at 7pm in the choir room. Childcare can be provided for rehearsals, if needed, please contact me vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org prior to coming with your child.



HIGHLAND RINGERS

Highland Presbyterian Church are proud owners of a 5-octave Malmark Bellcraftsmen set of hand bells as well as a 3-octave set of hand chimes. Highland Ringers meets weekly on Sundays at 1:30pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in ringing, please contact me at vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org.

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 December 17th for Gaudete Sunday. The rehearsal will most likely be Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00pm 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!



Vini Frizzo

Children's Music Ministry

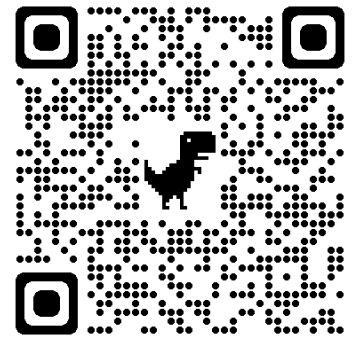
Dear Families,

I hope you have benefited from music for your physical, mental, moral or spiritual health OR ALL OF THE ABOVE. Music's power is equally valuable for children. And so we welcome your children, 4 year olds through 5th grade, each Wednesday night at 6, to sing, to chant, to move, to play! Join us. Martha Makela

"If MUSIC enlivens your prosperity or soothes sorrow, if it thickens the pulses of social happiness, if it can fill the vacancy of an hour that would otherwise be listlessly or unprofitably spent, if it gild with a mild light the checkered senses of daily existence, why then limit its benign and blessed influence? Let it, healing on its wings, enter through ten thousand avenues of the paternal dwelling." *Boston School Committee in support of Music Education*

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 (hplouisville.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.



Environmental Stewardship

Celebrate Indigenous People's Day

Advocating for the environment also requires us to support the well-being and livelihoods of people, especially groups that have too often gone suppressed and voiceless. While Monday, October 9th marks Indigenous Peoples' Day for the U.S. and focuses on Native American communities, the day is meant to recognize, celebrate and honor the traditions, cultures and histories of all Indigenous people worldwide. Indigenous Peoples' Day also makes an effort to acknowledge past injustices and uplift Indigenous communities.

Through their close relationships with nature, Indigenous groups have provided invaluable wisdom and insight on how to live more harmoniously with the planet and each other. Listening to and supporting Indigenous communities is an essential part of achieving global sustainability.



On **October 9th**, you can show your solidarity by reading Indigenous literature or shopping at Indigenous-owned businesses. Here's a list of 22 books by Indigenous writers: <https://chireviewofbooks.com/2019/11/18/22-books-by-indigenous-writers-to-read-right-now/>. There are also wonderful Indigenous-owned businesses you may shop at like: Thunder Island Coffee Roasters, Satya skin care, Whispering Winds gifts, Urban Native Era clothing, or Eight Generation art.



Fellowship

Men's Pub Night - A group of men will be gathering on **Tuesday, October 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.



Attention Bridge Players: Highland hosts bridge on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm. If you would like to be included on our player list, please call or email Patti Pinkley at patti.pinkley@gmail.com or 419.1003. **Meets October 5th at 1:00pm.**

WINGS - meets **Monday, October 9 at 6:30 pm**. All women of the church are invited! Contact Kathy O'Hearn at kathyreed330@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesday Night Dinner - October 18th - This month, our Wednesday night dinner will take place Wednesday, October 18th. 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 Monday, October 16th.

Talk Saves Lives - September is suicide prevention month and October is mental health awareness month. In an effort to educate ourselves more on the ongoing issues of mental health, the deacons will be offering quarterly mental health lunch presentations open to the entire congregation. You are invited to join us on **Sunday, October 15th at 12:15** in the fellowship hall for a presentation on suicide prevention. This lunch program and power point will cover the general scope of suicide, the research on prevention, and what each of us can do to fight this local problem. It also touches on the help and community support available to those who have lost someone to suicide. The presenter, Gage Donohue, has been actively involved in suicide prevention in Louisville through AFSP (American Federation for Suicide Prevention) and will share stories about how each of us can identify when a friend or family member is suicidal and how suicide prevention looks in action.

Presbyterian Union

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

TOPIC: "Justice and Community Engagement"

SPEAKER: Louisville Metro Police Chief Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaroel



Jacquelyn Gwinn-Villaroel is a powerful law enforcement officer protecting and serving Louisville. She began her law enforcement career with the Atlanta Police Department in 1997. In 2020, Atlanta promoted her to the rank of Major. Chief Gwinn-Villaroel knew she was destined to become a police officer when she was five, while she was watching Westerns like *The Lone Ranger*. Louisville Mayor Craig Greenburg selected Gwinn-Villaroel to become Louisville's permanent police chief on July 20, 2023. During her tenure as Interim Chief, she created new initiatives including, but not limited to: continuous work of implementing police reforms, establishing the Non-fatal Shooting Squad, implementing the Stop the Violence Community Outreach Program and expanding of the Louisville Metro Police Activities League. Chief Gwinn-Villaroel earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Public Safety Administration. As an ordained pastor, Chief Gwinn-Villaroel is passionate about community engagement and being a servant leader in her capacity as a law enforcement officer, as well as an executive police manager. She attributes her strong faith to her father the late Reverend Macon Gwinn, Sr., Pastor of First Gethsemane Baptist Church, Atlanta. She is a wife, mother and founder and Senior Pastor of Unstoppable Praise Ministries in Atlanta.

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

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

When: **TUESDAY, October 3, 2023** at 11:30 a.m.

RSVP: If you will attend, please notify by 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 2 (if accepting). E-mail Ann or Ivan Schell at adschell@bellsouth.net or phone 894-8440.

In Other News

New Liturgical Arts Group! Do you have an interesting in creating art to add to our worship services? We are putting together a new liturgical arts group to plan for the upcoming Advent season. Our first meeting will be Monday, October 9th at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary so we can dream what we might create in the space. If you cannot make this meeting, but still want to be involved, please contact Megan McCarty.

Crafty Spirit* Updates - Join Crafty Spirit for our contemplative arts group! This month we will be making something spooky (TBD).

Time: Wednesday October 25 @ 6-8pm

Location: Pleune-Mobley Classroom 111

RSVP: angieandriot@gmail.com or 765.760.4569

Contemplative Writers' Group - Also, announcing Crafty Spirit's NEW contemplative writers' group!

Writing can be lonely. It's just you, your thoughts, and a blank page. Hanging out with other writers can be a breath of fresh air for your creativity. It's a chance to chat about your process and your work with folks who love this craft as much as you do. Find community and support in your writing through our contemplative writers' circle. This is a space to come together with other writers to support one another and reflect on the writing life. It is not a critique group. We will discuss our projects, how we are organizing our time, what challenges and joys we encounter in our writing, and what our writing brings up for us. Hosted in partnership with Louisville Literary Arts.

Time: Thursday October 12 @ 6-8pm

Location: Pleune-Mobley Classroom 111

RSVP: angieandriot@gmail.com or 765.760.4569

*Crafty Spirit is part of PC(USA) 1001 New Worshiping Communities and supported by Highland Presbyterian Church.

Nursery and Weekday School


Happy autumn from the Highland Pres. Nursery & Weekday School! October is here and school has been in session for a full month now. The children have acclimated to the new routines and structures and have grown more confident and competent in the art of "doing school." We are always amazed at the incredible learning that takes place in the first month of school. For children, simply learning to be in a space with a group of other children is new, as is learning to share materials, wait for a turn, exercise patience, try new ideas, form relationships and build trust with others outside one's family. The list goes on and on, but through repeated tries, coaching from skilled teachers, experience and success, children find reward in this hard work. Even joy! We do, too. We love to watch this process unfold, year after year, and marvel at the growth and persistence children exhibit as they navigate this new environment. We are so proud of this work and the support this school provides to children and their parents as we observe children's growing competencies and reflect them back to the children and parents; it's an amazing and rewarding process!

Our kindergartners have been busy around this church campus, keeping the Little Pantry stocked for anyone in need. Our school families are donating items for the pantry, and our kindergartners are realizing the joy of service as they check the pantry daily, and strive to refill it when it's low. We love the ways our school and church are in partnership!

Looking for a beautiful early education experience for a young child in your life? Highland Pres. is a wonderful option for just that. Please reach out to us for more information!



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sun.: 9:30 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 1:30 – Highland Ringers 5:00 – Middle School Youth Group (8 th & 15 th) 6:30 – High School Youth Group (8 th & 15 th) Mon.: 12:30 – Staff Meeting 7:00 – Bell Quartet						
Weekly Meetings: Tues.: 10:00 – STITCH Wed.: 6:00 – Children’s Music Ministry Thurs.: 10:00 – STITCH 10:00 – WOW 7:00 – Chancel Choir						
						
1 12:00 Mission Fair 3:30 Roots 6:30 High School Dinner	2 6:00 Anti-Racism Committee	3 9:45 PACT Mobile Pantry 4:00 Property Committee 5:30 Fellowship	4 4:00 Adult Ed 6:30 Church in the World	5 1:00 Bridge Club 6:00 Choir Fellowship	6	7
8 4:00 Blessing of the Animals	9 6:30 WINGS 7:00 Worship Arts Committee	10 4:30 Personnel Committee 7:00 Men’s Pub Night	11 4:00 Adult Ed 5:30 Worship Committee	12 6:00 Contemplative Writers' Group	13	14 9:00 Workday Habitat for Humanity Roots Lock-In
15 12:15 Suicide Prevention Presentation Roots Lock-In	16 5:00 Finance Committee	17 1:30 Smoketown Mobile Pantry 6:00 Anti-Racism Committee	18 9:15 NWS Board Meeting 5:00 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:15 Session	19	20 High School Mystery Trip WINGS Retreat	21 High School Mystery Trip WINGS Retreat
22 12:30 Middle School Lunch High School Mystery Trip WINGS Retreat	23	24	25 6:00 Crafty Spirit	26 5:30 Deacons	27	28 9:00 Implicit Bias Workshop – Anchorage Pres. 9:30 Choir Rehearsal
29 5:00 Game Show Night	30	31				

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS - The Peace & Global Witness Offering, one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), supports our global partners and empowers individuals and congregations to become peacemakers. It funds ministries that fight hunger and poverty and work for racial justice through education, empowerment of women, prison ministries and other efforts. The offering will be collected **World Communion Sunday, October 1.**

Special offering envelopes will be in the sanctuary pew racks for your convenience. *Please give generously!*

