

Highland Presbyterian Church

"SHARING HOPE FROM THE HEART OF THE HIGHLANDS"

NOVEMBER 2023

Transitions and Thankfulness

In this season of giving thanks, Highland has celebrated the ministry of **Charles Brockwell**, recently retired after a decade as our Parish Associate for Member Care. Godspeed, Charles, and we thank God for you.

Cynthia Welch has served with equal diligence in her long-lasting role as Clerk of Session. That's not a paid position. It's done by a ruling elder who takes minutes at session meetings and at congregational meetings, providing the official reports. The clerk also advises on polity and points of order during meetings, tells session about official correspondence received and sent, and helps prepare annual statistical reports about our congregation which are delivered to the presbytery.

For the past eight years Cynthia has done a fastidious and faithful job of clerking — and earlier on she had served a similar length of time! Usually the Clerk of Session is one of the currently-elected elders. Yet even after Cynthia's session term ended she stayed on as clerk for a couple more years, helping steady the church as we navigated staffing changes and ministry during Covid.

Recently Cynthia told us she's ready to step back from that role, making space for another elder to serve as clerk. As of October, she's clerked her last session meeting. We will miss her warm presence, her wisdom on matters small and large, and her obvious love for the church that shows through in her work. Cynthia, thank you for so capably nurturing the session and its moderators! And we're delighted that you're still part of this wonderful church community.

This month here's one more transition we can celebrate. Following her retirement as Pastor and Head of Staff in 2020, the church granted **Cynthia Campbell** the honorific of Pastor Emerita. Over the last year it's been excellent to have her and her spouse Fred Holper back with us as worshipers. And now the pastors and Personnel Team have arranged with Cynthia for her to serve as our new Parish Associate for Member Care. She'll work very part-time, making pastoral care calls and visits with particular focus on homebound, ill, or aging members, and those in hospital or rehab. We pastoral staff will stay in close communication with Cynthia, helping to keep track of needs and follow-up for our members.

Many Highland folks already know and appreciate Cynthia's pastoral gifts. If you're newer here, or have not yet met her, I hope you'll get the chance. We welcome and celebrate her ministry of care among us.

In Christ's peace,



Nolan Huizenga



Session Summary

Report from the October 2023 Session Meeting

The Session received the following new members: Anne Leigh Elmore, transferring from Beargrass Christian Church in Louisville; and Maggie Riddick and Jordan Paskitti, coming with reaffirmation of faith.

The Session approved the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (ANPC)'s writing of the Minister Information Form (MIF). This will now go to MKP's Commission on Ministry for approval, and the position will then be posted.

The Session also affirmed the Children's Ministry Director job description.

From Church in the World: The Session approved redefining two restricted funds totaling \$5510, originally designated for mission trips to New Orleans, to be made available to mission trips in general.

From Personnel: The Session affirmed Rev Dr Cynthia Campbell becoming a part-time Parish Associate for member care.



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Mission and Service



Dare to Care Food Bank

(Portland) at 9:45 am and **Tuesday, November 21** (Smoketown) at 1:30 pm. This is a wonderful volunteer opportunity because you only have to give an hour to make a big difference in someone's life. As a volunteer, you will be handing out the food that Dare to Care provides. It's a wonderful way to get to know people in other parts of town and provide a service that is greatly needed.

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@hpcloouisville.org



Habitat for Humanity Work Day! Saturday, November 11th will be our next Presbyterian Build Habitat Day. We will join together with Springdale Presbyterian Church to provide another workday on our Habitat house. The workday will be from 8:30-3:00 with lunch provided. Address is: 13516 Park Springs Lane. Scan the QR code with your phone to sign up. If you need help or have questions, please contact Jim Crowley or call the office.

Collections for Highlands Community Ministries - We are once again trying to help out our neighbors during the holidays through Thanksgiving and Christmas drives at HCM. We are collecting canned goods to fill their food pantry through November and December. We are also collecting gift cards to Target or WalMart for \$25 and new throw blankets to give to families for Christmas. **Blankets and gifts cards needed by November 29th.** Please bring gift cards to the office and put in Megan's box. Blankets can go in the blue collections box outside the office. Canned goods can go in the grey bins in the fellowship hall. Let's make the holidays amazing for all those around us!



Little Pantry -
Brad Devlin built a Little Pantry that has been installed on the front lawn of the **Presbyterian Center.** It will be stocked on a rotating basis by staff who will donate items and items will be purchased using HR's benevolence funds.



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: Nicholas Zehnder
Andrew Owen
Evelyn Owen
Nov 3: Leah Plymale
Daniel Ellis
Nov 4: Eli Beck
George Holmes
Hal Hauck
Lillian Mayo
Nov 5: Mary Clyde Hardin
Robyn Sekula
Katie Dykes
Nov 6: Wes Harris
Nov 7: Edward Caruthers
Annie Parks
Andrew Valentine
Nov 9: Jane Beck
Suzanne Bowman
Shannon Endres
Michaela Smith
Nov 10: Bryce Armstrong
Jim Seiffert
Nov 11: Margaret Baker
Tucker Oldham
Sara Gambrell
Julia Burford
Nov 12: Tim Welsh
Margaret Millar
Jack Grohmann
Grant Gahan
Nov 13: Pat Wrege
Linda Moore
Nicholas McClure
Nov 14: Evan Holmes
Kuach Zalbay
Mike Abate
Annie Abate

Nov 15: Katie Crowley
Serena Dobson
Jamie Masticola
Nov 16: Paula Berry
Jenny Siegenthaler
Phyllis Bills
Izzy Parks
Nov 18: Ian Ferre
Cathleen Palmer
Nov 19: Carolyn Cromer
Audrey Schuetze
Nov 20: Mary-Lynn Bundy
Will Hutto
Nov 21: Patrick Anderson
Elisa Benn-Coto
Daniel Rift
Nov 22: Kathy Mounce
Elaine Wise

Nov 23: Lola Carroll
Patti Pinkley
Nov 24: Charles Brockwell
Lily Page
Nov 25: Lisa Thompson
Barbara Bennett
Nov 26: Elizabeth Orr
Lisa Turner-Schikler
Nov 27: Maureen Kirk
Scott Prince
Nov 29: Scott Endres
Nov 30: Theo Nowak
Jim Porter
Marsha Howard
Hannah Stanchfield
Frances Nicholson

Memorial Gifts

GIFTS have been given to the Rapier Fund in memory of Phyllis Owen by Mary Ellen Harned.

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Highland is most appreciative of these gifts!

Sunday
November 5th -
Daylight
Savings
Time Ends



FALL BACK

Turn your clocks back

1 hour

Children's News

ROOTS NEWS (3rd - 5th grades)

Lock-In

Eleven children and four chaperones had a great time at the first ever lock-in for this age group. Thanks to Carolyn, Barb, and Will for helping out. It was AWESOME!



November 5 at Tyler Park

Our next regular ROOTS activity will be Sunday afternoon, November 5 from 3:30-5:00 at Tyler Park. While kids play together, parents have a chance to fellowship with each other.

November 19 at Climb Nulu



Another new experience for this group: on Sunday afternoon, November 19, from 2-4pm, we have our own private room booked for a climbing adventure. There will be an orientation by the staff at Climb Nulu, then we'll have two hours to climb. Parents, watch for details on our weekly eBlast as we get closer to the date.

BULLETINS, BOOKS, WORSHIP BAGS

- **Children's Bulletins and Activity Sheets** can now be picked up in the rear of the Sanctuary on the book rack. Take the two-sided activity sheets you want.
- **Books** are on the book rack for anyone's use.
- **Worship bags** have been moved to the Fellowship Hall (the corner nearest the piano).



ADVENT WORKSHOP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Immediately after Worship

Lunch

Carol sing

Nativity Scene display

(Details about how to include your scene coming soon!)



ALL AGES ARE INVITED!

Youth News

Youth Group for November

Middle School

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

11/5 — Games and All Saints Night

11/12 — Connect with KRM and WOW

11/19 — No Youth Group

11/26 — Advent Party

High School

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

11/5 — Social Justice Night

11/12 — Connect with KRM and WOW

11/19 — TBD

11/26 — Advent Party & Decorate the Burns Center



Sign Up for Middle School Montreat!

Who: Current 5th–7th Graders

Trip Dates: July 17–21, 2024

Cost: \$225

Deadline for Signing Up: November 5, 2023

Greetings from the Youth APNC Committee! We have celebrated a major milestone as a committee in that we have completed the Presbytery's Church Leadership Connection document called the Ministry Discernment Profile (formerly the Ministry Information Form). We have a job description formulated and have met with Session this past Wednesday at the October meeting for approval. We are scheduled to go before the Commission On Ministry for their November meeting for approval and will then be ready to post our position for either an ordained or non ordained Youth Pastor or Youth Director for Youth and Families. We have had several people reach out to us that have heard about the position, and we will continue to move forward from this point in organizing information we have gathered from the youth, families and congregation with starting the process of interviewing candidates.



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@hpcloouisville.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@hpcloouisville.org.

HPC ORCHESTRA

Do you play an instrument? If so, HPC Orchestra is always looking for folks to play with us. We tailor the music to fit everyone's level. We have loads of fun! So come talk to me or shoot me an email, vini.frizzo@hpcloouisville.org. We are scheduled to play **December 17th** for Gaudete Sunday. The rehearsal will be Monday, **December 11th at 7:00pm** in the sanctuary. Please note, this is one day earlier than originally planned due to scheduling conflicts.



Vini Frizzo

Children's Music Ministry

To every child-I dream of a world where you can laugh, dance, sing, learn, live in peace and be happy.

Malala Yousafzai

WE BELONG TO GOD is the new song being sung in worship. We invite all children forward each week to help lead this piece, written by Highland Children's Choir last year. On Wednesday evenings, one might find the youngest children playing this sweet tune on xylophones. 5 simple notes create a beautiful song. Watch this grow as we make it part of our worship.

Children's Music Ministry continues Wednesday evenings at 6:00 for children ages 4 through children in 5th grade. As fall sports wind down, we hope you might join us. We will NOT meet Thanksgiving Eve, November 22. Beautiful Christmas Pageant music has begun - ***Somebody's Talkin' Bout Jesus!***

'We sing because we're happy', or perhaps we sing to be calmer, more inspired, more in community. We welcome you and your children.

Martha Makela



Stewardship 2024—Imagine the Possibilities



“Each Christian has a calling to serve in Jesus’ name: a mission from the Spirit, a purpose in God’s reign.” This is the first verse of David Gambrell’s hymn *Each Christian Has a Call*. I just love this verse and all it implies. There are many ways each of us can serve God. We are all different in so many ways yet there are needs that each of us can fulfill in God’s plan. Our Church reaches out in all directions, you just have to find what makes your heart warm. Whether it’s mission work, refugee aid, building maintenance, youth mentoring, assistance in worship service, singing in the choir, liturgy, bells, teaching sewing skills, teaching Sunday schools, building homes, feeding people, or church leadership, like deacons



and elders, all this work is part of our call to be good Stewards. I like what it says in 1 Peter 4:10, “like good Stewards in the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” There are countless ways to be good Stewards in our Church... find your passion, feel it in your heart, and get out there and help somebody!

Tim Daniel

Environmental Stewardship

You may have noticed all the work happening around the church with our HVAC systems. That’s because the church has switched to green heat and green AC! Air-source heat pumps – which have been around for years – have improved dramatically in the last decade, now efficiently heating a whole home even in cold weather. The same air-source heat pump also replaces your AC compressor, cooling your home with near silent efficiency.

Green your heat with an add-on heat pump! An add-on heat pump is an air-source heat pump designed to be installed onto a forced air furnace heating system. The forced air furnace can be new or existing.

How does it work? An add-on heat pump works with your existing heating system. In the summer it works like a central air conditioner, transferring heat from your house to the outside air. In the winter, it transfers heat indoors from the outside air. (Really! Look it up!) The existing forced air furnace provides booster heat during extremely cold winter weather, although this is often not needed. The add-on heat pump works automatically with the forced air furnace to provide continuous temperature control. **Although the initial cost of an add-on heat pump is usually more than a central AC unit, an add-on system will provide savings over time.**

Information courtesy of energy.gov, Consumer Reports, and Cornhusker Public Power.

Coming up in December: ways to add green AC and heat to additions, attic remodels, and homes without air ducts.



In Other News

Crafty Spirit - Our contemplative arts group will not meet in November because it's the evening before Thanksgiving. However, please join us for InkWELL, our contemplative writer's group! 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. Time: Thursday November 16 @ 6:30-8pm. Location: Pleune-Mobley Classroom 111 Contact: angieandriot@gmail.com or 765.760.4569.

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

Noshing with Nolan! Your deacons have organized some opportunities for you to get to know Nolan Huizenga that we are calling "Noshing with Nolan"! There are currently three dates chosen with more dates and time options to come in the future. The evening will include appetizers and drinks with no agenda other than fellowship time. Hosts have asked that you sign up since spaces are limited. Please use the Sign Up Genius link or call or email the office to let us know which event you are coming to. The two times currently available are: Saturday, November 11th from 5-7 at Kathy O'Hearn's house (address listed in Sign Up Genius), and Sunday, December 10th from 5-7 at Dale Peterson's house (address listed in Sign Up Genius.) We hope you will join us in welcoming Nolan to Highland Presbyterian Church and deepening our relationships with him. Sign up for these events here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4EA5AD2AA1F49-45419207-noshing>.

Nursery and Weekday School



Fall has officially arrived and has brought with it the beauty and drama of seasonal change. The children have turned their attention to studying the details of the changing colors of the leaves and enjoying the crispness of a clear fall morning. Chilly weather has not slowed their pace a bit as they continue to wonder, explore and gather new information about the world around them. Now that the children are settled and accustomed to the predictable routine of school and friends, we have begun offering tours to new, interested families. If you are looking for a rich and developmentally-appropriate, play-based infant, toddler, preschool or kindergarten program, now is the time to schedule a tour with us. We would love to show you our school, where children's voices and ideas are heard and respected and exploration and discovery is encouraged. Give us a call at (502) 456-6991 or email us at

director@hpcweekdayschool.org.

Come see the magic of children learning together!



Fellowship

Men's Pub Night - A group of men will be gathering on **Tuesday, November 14 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 November 2nd at 1:00pm.**

WINGS - meets **Monday, November 13 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 - November 15th - 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.

PACT Donations and Volunteers Needed - Portland Avenue Community Trust is in need of casual clothing donations, most specifically men's clothing of all sizes. If you have any clothing to donate, please bring it to the grey bins in the Fellowship Hall marked "PACT" or to the "Donations" bin outside the double doors leading to the office. PACT is also looking for more volunteers to help during the week to sort and stock clothes and food. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Megan McCarty.

Presbyterian Union

*A Monthly Discussion Group Sponsored by
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TOPIC: "Meet the 11th President of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary"
SPEAKER: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, President of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary



The Rev. Dr. Pomerville was the Assistant Vice President for community and the founding director of the Center for College and Community Engagement at Alma College. He was also the college's Senior Chaplain. At Alma College, he co-led efforts to raise \$2 million to renovate the historic chapel. He was ordained in the PC (USA) 2007. He served at the Church in the Hills (Bellaire, MI) where he created a community youth center and established a monthly free meal within the county. He was head of staff for The People's Church of East Lansing. While at the People's Church, Pomerville started new ministries that focused on ecumenical partnerships, racial justice and active involvement in city and state planning. He also served as Chaplain for the Police Department in Lansing. The Rev. Dr. Pomerville was named one of ten Church Financial Leadership Coaches. He was awarded the Executive Certificate for Religious Fundraising from the Lake Institute for Religious Fundraising. He has been a champion for anti-racism policies and LGBTQIA+ affirming practices in education and in the church. He received a Bachelor's degree in history from Alma College, a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary/University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He holds a certificate in Adaptive Leadership from Michigan State University's College of Business.

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, November 7, 2023** at 11:30 a.m.
RSVP: If you will attend, please notify by 4:00 p.m., Monday, November 6 (if accepting). E-mail Ann or Ivan Schell at adschell@bellsouth.net or phone 894-8440

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sun.: 9:30 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 1:30 - Highland Ringers 5:00 – Middle School Youth Group (Not 19 th) 6:30 – High School Youth Group Mon.: 12:30 – Staff Meeting Tues.: 10:00 - STITCH						
Weekly Meetings: Wed.: 1:00 – Ministerial Staff Meeting 6:00 – Children’s Music Ministry Thurs.: 10:00 - STITCH 10:00 – WOW 7:00 – Chancel Choir (not the 23rd)						
			1 6:30 Church in the World	2 1:00 Bridge Club 6:00 Choir Fellowship	3 8:00 Music for a Purpose Concert	4 4:30 Wedding
5 <i>All Saints Sunday</i> <i>Clocks fall back 1 hour</i> 3:30 Roots	6 4:00 Adult Ed 6:00 Fellowship 6:30 WINGS	7 9:45 PACT Mobile Pantry 4:00 Property Committee	8 5:30 Worship Committee	9 6:00 Worship Arts	10 <i>Presbytery Meeting at Harvey Browne</i>	11 8:30 Habitat Work Day 9:00 HPC Work-day <i>Presbytery Meeting at Harvey Browne</i>
12 12:15 Lunch & Learn	13 5:00 Finance Committee 6:00 Anti-Racism Committee 7:00 Worship	14 4:30 Personnel Committee 7:00 Men’s Pub Night	15 9:15 NWS Board Meeting 5:00 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:15 Session	16 6:00 Contemplative Writers Group	17	18
19 9:30 Thanksgiving Worship by Children 3:30 Roots	20	21 1:30 Smoketown Mobile Pantry	22	23 <i>Church Office Closed</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	24 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	25
26	27	28	29 3:30 Earth Care Committee	30 5:30 Deacons		



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John Kramer
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Edward Caruthers
Baritone



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November 2nd
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