

# Highland Presbyterian Church

"SHARING HOPE FROM THE HEART OF THE HIGHLANDS"

FEBRUARY 2024

A special invitation to our Ash Wednesday service this year!

You might think of February 14<sup>th</sup> as the day love. But this year, it's also the day we contemplate our mortality because Ash Wednesday will fall on Valentine's Day. We hope that you all will join us for a very special Ash Wednesday service to be held in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm.

This service will be a little less formal and at times discussion-based. It will include lots of visual images as we will be learning the practice of Visio Divina. Throughout all of Lent we will be exploring different spiritual practices and Ash Wednesday will kick this off by teaching us the spiritual practice of connecting with the divine through image. Visio Divina, Latin for "divine seeing," is a method of meditation, reflection, and prayer through a process of intentional seeing. One of the images we will be looking at with this intention is attached here. It's called *Gather Us In* by Lisle Gwynn Garrity. What catches your eye as you look over this image? What questions arise in you and what does it make you think about?



At the end of the service, each family with children will be able to take home a set of Activity Eggs. Each egg carton has twelve eggs that your family can open together throughout the seasons of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. There's one egg for each Sunday in Lent; one egg each for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil (Easter Saturday), and Easter Day. And there's one last egg to launch you into the season of Easter.

Each egg has a unique item that corresponds with an activity. These family activities will focus on prayer. It could be a fun Lenten practice to set up a prayer area in your home where you can gather each week of Lent. Treasure hunts are so much fun for kids! Hide each egg and send your kids on a hunt for it. When they find the egg, gather in your prayer area to do the activity and pray together. We hope that this will be a fun way to gather together as a family and prepare for the Easter season.





## Session Summary

### *Report from the January 2024 Session Meeting*

The Session approved the recommendation that the congregation approve July 1 as the annual changeover date for classes of elders and deacons. Current elders and deacons would serve an extra few months (May through June) to facilitate this schedule change.

**From Finance:** The Session adopted the 2024 operating budget.

#### Update on HPI

At lunch in January, Housing Partnership, Inc. (HPI), a leading organization in the effort to build, renovate and sell affordable homes targeted particularly to Black home ownership in West Louisville, reported on the progress being made with the significant help of Highland's 2021 loan of \$500,000. Using Highland's funds, which helped to attract additional financing, sixty single family homes were renovated. All but one have already been sold. The returned funds will be used for a new thirty-six home project. Home buyers are supported by HPI with housing counselors and classes in credit and finance. A home is more than a place to live; owning a home provides stability for children attending school, parents holding jobs and families building equity explained Patrick Cornett, EVP and Chief Financial Officer of HPI.

How many



can you find  
in this  
February issue  
of the HPC newsletter?

#### *In Memorium*

Carolyn Hutto

February 9, 1932 - January 21, 2024

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# Mission and Service



## Dare to Care Food Bank

(Portland) at 9:45 am and **Tuesday, February 20** (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.

**Dare to Care Mobile Food Pantries:** We give great thanks for our on-going relationships with our Dare to Care Food Pantries! We help provide volunteers for two separate food pantries each month. Portland Avenue Community Trust is located at 2508 Portland Ave and Grace Hope (Smoketown) is located at 702 E Breckinridge St. This month, the food pantries will take place on **Tuesday, February 6**

## Nursery and Weekday School

The Nursery and Weekday School is in full swing, no matter the weather! Outdoor play happens daily for the children who love to explore our natural world in every season. January brought us bitter cold and moderate days, too, and we made the most of them all!

If there's one thing that young children teach us every day it's how to PLAY! They don't require expensive toys or materials, but are able to find fun and learning with just about anything. We love to provide children with "loose parts," or collections of items that have no prescribed use, and observe how the children use them. We have been offering the children collections of shiny



objects including costume jewelry, wire and ornaments and observing their play. They are endlessly curious, observing each object from every angle. Additionally, we have been creating paper from recycled paper which has been torn into small pieces then ground to a pulp in a blender with water. The children scoop the paper pulp onto screens, press out the water, then let the new paper dry. It's a process that the children find fascinating. We adults take great inspiration from the ingenuity of the children and their ability to find joy and beauty no matter the materials before them.

Though the application deadline for the 2024-2025 school year has passed, we have a few remaining openings; if you have friends or relations who might be interested in a school for their little ones (infants - kindergarten), have them give us a call at 456-6991 or check out our website: [hpcweekdayschool.org](http://hpcweekdayschool.org).

We are always happy to share our school with new friends!

**HIGHLAND PRES**

# KIDS' SALE

**FEB 22-24**

Answers To Your Consignment Sale Questions!

**CONTACT US:**

[hpkidssale@gmail.com](mailto:hpkidssale@gmail.com)  
[hpcweekdayschool.org/kids-sale-faqs/](http://hpcweekdayschool.org/kids-sale-faqs/)  
[facebook.com/hpkidssale/](https://facebook.com/hpkidssale/)





# February Birthdays

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

Feb 1: Jane Cox  
Ted Hartog  
Feb 2: Steve Holmes  
Sam Fendig  
Jonathan Luaba  
Feb 3: Bo Schindler  
Karin Soltau  
Feb 4: Mary Charles Collett  
Feb 5: Franklin Foshee  
Scott Morrison  
Gerry Toner  
Erin Wicklander  
Omar Chan  
Feb 6: Madeline Donaldson  
Feb 7: Mark Dobbins  
Tom Raderer  
Feb 8: Stefi Chilton  
Shelby Nodler  
Issac Watkins  
Feb 9: Annie Bird  
Tim Nowak  
Carolyn Hutto  
Larry Sigler  
Noa Ganbrell  
Kathleen Poole  
Feb 10: John Miller  
Feb 12: Alison Cromer  
Melissa Martin  
Becky Morris  
Feb 13: Jane Burbank  
Sallie Coryell  
Carl Soltau  
Haley Palmer  
Feb 14: Amy Fitzgerald  
Paul Troy  
Feb 15: Ella Cullen  
Derek Head  
Pat Riley  
Lee Welsh  
Oliver Parks

Feb 16: Garrett Dering  
Lily Epstein  
Feb 17: Dom Seeger  
Ashley Frizzo  
Feb 18: John Fendig  
Feb 19: Kay Grubola  
Louisa Williams  
Luke Elmore  
Feb 20: Joe Jones  
Steve Osborne  
Cate Peterworth  
Feb 21: Pam Phelps  
Kathryn Tillett  
Feb 22: Kitty Nowak  
Leland Howard  
John Hamlet  
Beau Squires

Feb 23: Robert Young  
Feb 24: John Toner  
Tess Barrick  
Feb 25: Claire Burgess  
Bill Grubbs  
Kathy Hobart  
Feb 26: Lydia Kim  
Charlie Schadt  
Feb 27: Caroline Shutts  
Larry Ethridge  
Charlie Grohmann  
Patti Hartog  
Paulette McClure  
Feb 28: William Dykes  
Henry Neumann  
Feb 29: Katie Pyron

## Memorial Gifts

**GIFTS** have been given in honor of Sheila Welsh's many years of service in HPC's children's Sunday School by Patrick Welsh.

**Highland is most appreciative of these gifts!**

## Sanctuary Flowers

The donation of sanctuary flowers is a meaningful way to remember or honor a loved one, while brightening up the chancel during Sunday morning worship. If you would like to dedicate flowers, contact Kathleen Poole at the church office (502) 451-2910. She will let you know what dates are available, and note how you want the dedication worded. Thank you!





ROOTS, our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade group, will visit the Ronald McDonald House on Sunday afternoon, March 3. We will get a tour of the House as well as take snack bags for families staying there.

We need to make at least 56 bags and would love your help in collecting the following:

- XL Ziplock bags
- Individual bags of chips, Doritos, pretzels, etc.
- Granola bars, Nutri-Grain bars, etc.
- Rice Krispy Treats
- Fruit chews
- Small 8oz bottles of water

**ALL SNACKS MUST BE STORE BOUGHT AND INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED.**

**We need items to be donated by February 18** to make sure we have what we need and so we have time to fill bags before our March 3 visit. Donated items may be placed in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

## **ROOTS (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades) Schedule**

February 4, 6pm: All-Church Trivia Night (ROOTS will be a team)

February 18, 3:30-5:00: TBD

March 3: Ronald McDonald House (right after worship)

March 17: TBD



## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**February 14, 6pm**

**Fellowship Hall**



A service for **all ages**.

See article on front page for more details.



Did you know there was such a thing as an HPC pillowcase? Well, there is, and our elementary kids are painting them to include in February's college care packages.

# Youth News

## Middle School Youth Group

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

**2/4** — Lead All-Church Trivia Night (5p)

**2/11** — Pizza & Projects (12–2p)

**2/18** — TBD

**2/25** — Prep for Spirituality Center Night



## High School Youth Group

Regular Schedule: 6:30p – 8:00p in the Burns Center

**2/4** — Lead All-Church Trivia Night (5p)

**2/11** — No Youth Group

**2/18** — TBD

**2/25** — Spirituality Center Prep



## All-Church Spirituality Night

Sunday, March 3rd

5:00p Gathering Experience (Sanctuary)

5:10p Spirituality Stations Begin

6:20p Dinner Begins

Suggested Donation for Dinner: \$5–\$10 | Childcare Available



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## Greetings from your Youth APNC!



We have been busy doing second interviews with great candidates as well as assessing new applications coming in. We met this week to recap, as we had a break in interviews and had a chance to catch our breath and re-assess where we are and create a timeline for the next few months. We are planning to offer face-to-face interviews to three final candidates and have discussed that due to the strength of our current candidates, we feel like we are in a great place. We are currently starting to contact references for those final three. We are still looking at new applications at this point but unless they are equally strong candidates we are not going to be offering them interviews. We will still be gathering information and can open the process as needed. We are excited to meet the candidates we have been getting to know, spend time face-to-face with them, and show them our amazing youth program and HPC!



# 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](mailto:vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org) prior to coming with your child.

- Choir Retreat will be in Clifty Falls from February 2-4. Our theme this year is "home." What does it mean to seek and find a spiritual home, and how does the gift of music relate to our sense of home?
- Please be sure to add these dates to your calendar:
  1. March 24th, Palm Sunday
  2. March 29th, Good Friday
  3. March 31st, Easter Sunday.
- Our last Sunday of the program year will be May 19th, which is Pentecost Sunday.
- First Sunday of Summer Choir will begin June 2nd.

## HIGHLAND RINGERS

Highland Presbyterian Church is a proud owner 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](mailto:vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org).

- Please note that there will be NO REHEARSALS on the following dates:
  1. February 4th (Choir Retreat)
  2. March 31st (Easter Sunday)
  3. April 28th (Cedar Ridge)
  4. May 12th (Mother's Day)
- This year, I would like us to have more of a role during the season of Lent. Therefore, we will play in all the Sunday services of Lent (much like we did in Advent). Please mark in your calendars the following dates of services.
  1. February 18th, Lent 1B
  2. February 25th, Lent 2B
  3. March 3rd, Lent 3B
  4. March 10th, Lent 4B
  5. March 17th, Lent 5B
  6. March 24th, Palm Sunday
  7. March 29th, Good Friday
  8. March 31st, Easter Sunday

## HPC ORCHESTRA

Do you play an instrument? If so, HPC Orchestra is always looking for folks to play with us. Think about it! We have loads of fun! Interested in playing? We tailor the music to fit everyone's level. So come talk to me or shoot me an email, [vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org](mailto:vini.frizzo@hpclouisville.org).

- We will play in the service of April 21st, Good Shepherd Sunday
  1. Deadline to participate will be Sunday, February 18th.
  2. Parts will be distributed the week of March 11th. Letting me know by February 18th is critical so I can write you a part by March 11th.
  3. Rehearsal will be Tuesday, April 16th at 7pm.
  4. Warm up on the day of the service, April 21st, will be at 10am on the button.

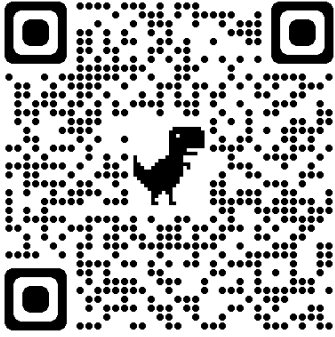
Vini Frizzo

# Stewardship



"Let your generosity be the spark that ignites endless possibilities for generations to come." – Oprah Winfrey

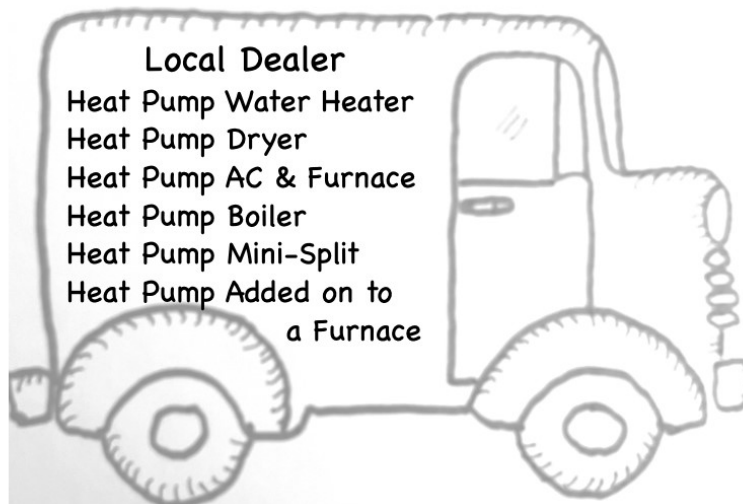
Join us in imagining the endless opportunities through your generous pledge for 2024. Scan the QR code to make your commitment today!



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](http://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.

## Environmental Stewardship

2023 saw air-source heat pump information explode. It's now possible to buy all sorts of heat pump appliances that you may never have thought of – a heat pump dryer (it uses a 120 outlet and needs no vent) comes to mind. Or an EV heated and cooled with a heat pump. It's easy to think that a replacement boiler couldn't possibly be an air-source heat pump, but you'd be wrong. They exist. They're effective and efficient. One company is now developing a U-shaped heat pump that drops into a window opening leaving almost the full window view intact. More products seem to pop up each month. Best of all they work better than ever and typically provide tax credits. When replacement time comes explore the amazing air-source heat pump options.





# Fellowship

**Men's Pub Night** - A group of men will be gathering on **Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00pm** for a beverage and some good conversation at TEN20 Craft Brewery at 1020 E. Washington St. 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](mailto: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](mailto:patti.pinkley@gmail.com) or 419.1003. **Meets February 1 at 1:00pm.**

**WINGS** - meets **Monday, February 12 at 6:30 pm**. All women of the church are invited! Contact Kathy O'Hearn at [kathyreed330@gmail.com](mailto:kathyreed330@gmail.com) for more information.

**HPC Bookclub** - The bookclub will meet on **February 26th at 7pm** in Memorial Lounge. Our book will be *The Phantom Files Twain's Treasure* by our own William B. Wolfe. The book is available on Amazon. Contact Patti Pinkley for more information. 502.419.1003 [patti.pinkley@gmail.com](mailto:patti.pinkley@gmail.com)

**Wednesday Night Dinner - February 21st** - This month, our Wednesday night dinner will take place Wednesday, February 21st. 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, February 19h.

**Red Beans & Rice Cook Off** - Come enjoy our nod to Mardi Gras on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday for our annual Red Beans & Rice cook off! On Sunday, February 11th directly following worship, we'll have a fellowship event taste test of all the red beans and rice that folks bring. Bring your own recipe! Come eat and vote for your favorites! Or just come hang out with us and prepare for Lent. See you there!

## Children's Music Ministry

*"ARTS make life bearable. They aren't a luxury. Like our capacity for understanding, and our experience of love, they are a vitally important part of life."*

Children's Choirs, all three, continue. We are grateful for the wonderful children coming each week. They fill us up! We will keep Wednesday schedule AFTER spring break. Note important dates below:

**Sunday, February 11** - All children join up front for **We Belong To God**, with instrumental accompaniment by children and youth.

**Wednesday, February 14** - Ash Wednesday Family Service-children will sing.

**Wednesday, March 6** - Special night with Yeshima, drumming leader and expert, and master teacher of children's ORFF inspired music. Bring a friend!

**Sunday, March 17** - children sing **WE ARE BLESSED**

**Sunday, March 24** - Palm Sunday **HOSANNA!**

**Wednesday, April 3** - Spring Break. No Choirs. Sing with the daffodils.

**Wednesday, April 24** - Last choir night. Popsicles on the patio!

**Sunday, April 28** - Worship at Cedar Ridge. Most likely, children sing in worship.

We love having children sing in church as part of the service. The opportunities may arise that are not even listed here. STAY TUNED!

## In Other News

**Crafty Spirit Contemplative Arts Circle** - Join us for one of our monthly contemplative arts circles. Activities include painting, drawing, collage, sculpture, doodling, and more. You do not need to be an artist to join! This circle is all about the process, not the product. It's about seeking eudamonia – “that exhilarating encounter between a human being and divine creative inspiration (Elizabeth Glibert). Date: Wednesday, February 28th @ 6:00-8:00pm. Location: Pleune-Mobley Classroom 111. Contact: [angieandriot@gmail.com](mailto:angieandriot@gmail.com) or 765.760.4569. This event is free, but if you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation of \$20 or so to help pay for arts & crafts supplies - or just to support Crafty Spirit - you can do so here on Highland's website. We can't wait to see the beautiful visions you'll create!

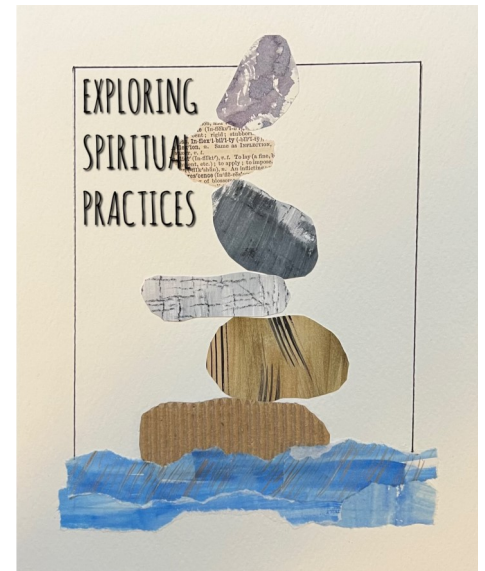
**InkWELL Contemplative Writer's Circle** - This is a space to come together with other writers to support one another and reflect on the writing life. It is not a critique group. We will discuss our projects, how we are organizing our time, what challenges and joys we encounter in our writing, and what our writing brings up for us. Date: Thursday, February 15 @ 6:30-8:30pm. Location: Pleune-Mobley Classroom 111.

For questions about either of these offerings or to RSVP, contact: [angieandriot@gmail.com](mailto:angieandriot@gmail.com) or 765.760.4569  
*Crafty Spirit is part of PC(USA) 1001 New Worshiping Communities and supported by Highland Presbyterian Church.*

### Spiritual Practices: A Lenten Series (Fellowship Hall)

The six weeks of Lent have traditionally been a period dedicated to reflection and exercises that strengthen the spiritual life. To assist this process, the Adult Education committee has scheduled a series on spiritual practices, beginning with an after-worship luncheon on February 18 and including four 9:30 a.m. workshops and the youth-led spirituality night on March 3.

- Sunday, February 18      Luncheon: Overview of Spiritual Practices
- Sunday, February 25      9:30: Bells, Smells, and Prayer
- Sunday, March 3          5 pm: All-Church Spirituality Night
- Sunday, March 10        9:30: Tai Chi
- Sunday, March 17        9:30: Labyrinths
- Sunday, March 24        9:30: Yoga and Mindfulness




## We are Hiring

**We're hiring an energetic, experienced person to serve as Facilities Manager!** The Facilities Manager will be responsible for oversight and maintenance of the buildings and grounds, equipment, building systems, general security, and housekeeping on our campus. Those interested in applying can find specific details about qualifications and responsibilities on the church website and should submit a cover letter and résumé via email to [louisvillehpc@gmail.com](mailto:louisvillehpc@gmail.com).

**We are also hiring a Director of Children and Family Ministries!** Check this link to the position description: <https://hpcloouisville.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2023/11/HPC-Childrens-Ministry-Director-Description-10-2023.pdf>.

**And we are hiring a Director of Ministry with Youth and Families OR Associate Pastor for Youth and Families .** Check this link for more information about the position: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DirybA0-wPuGBLptIVqBn6vHYYIdIER26cGHIh9rxjE/edit?usp=sharing>.

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sun.:</b> 9:30 – Sunday School 11:00 – Worship 1:30 - Highland Ringers 5:00 – Middle School Youth Grp (not 4 <sup>th</sup> or 11 <sup>th</sup> ) 6:30 – High School Youth Grp (not 4 <sup>th</sup> or 11 <sup>th</sup> ) <b>Mon.:</b> 12:30 – Staff Meeting <b>Tues.:</b> 10:00 - STITCH						
<b>Weekly Meetings:</b> <b>Wed.:</b> 1:00 – Ministerial Staff Meeting 6:00 – Children’s Music Ministry (not 14 <sup>th</sup> ) <b>Thurs.:</b> 10:00 – STITCH 10:00 – WOW 7:00 – Chancel Choir						
				1 1:00 Bridge Club	2 Choir Retreat	3 Choir Retreat
4 Choir Retreat 6:00 Trivia Night	5	6 9:45 PACT Mobile Pantry 4:00 Property Committee	7 4:00 Green Team 5:30 Worship Committee 6:30 Church in	8	9	10 9:00 HPC Work- day
11 12:15 Red Beans & Rice Cook-off 12:15 Middle School Lunch	12 3:00 Adult Ed 6:30 WINGS	13 4:30 Personnel Committee 7:00 Men’s Pub Night	14 6:00 Ash Wednes- day Service	15 6:30 InkWell Writ- ers Group	16	17
18 12:15 Adult Ed Luncheon 3:30 Roots	19 5:00 Finance Com- mittee	20 1:30 Smoketown Mobile Pantry 6:00 Anti-Racism Team	21 9:15 NWS Board Meeting 5:00 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:15 Session	22 5:30 Deacons NWS Kid’s Sale	23 NWS Kid’s Sale	24 NWS Kid’s Sale
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## Trivia Night Fundraiser!

Sunday, February 4th

@ 6p

Fellowship Hall

**It's Time to Sign Up for Trivia Night!** Join us for Trivia Night at 6p on Sunday, February 4th, in the Fellowship Hall. This annual event is sponsored by HPC's youth.

**Dinner:** Pizza & Salad (Suggested contribution is \$5 per person)

**Childcare:** Childcare provided for third grade and younger. Fourth through six graders can join our Roots trivia team.

**Teams:** We'll be playing in teams of six to eight people. You can sign up as a team or request to be placed on a team.

Sign up by calling Kathleen in the church office (502-451-2910).

Last day to sign up is Thursday, February 1st.