

Highland Presbyterian Church

"SHARING HOPE FROM THE HEART OF THE HIGHLANDS"

APRIL 2024

Join us on **Sunday, April 28th**, out at Camp Cedar Ridge (4010 Old Routt Road) for our annual outdoor worship and church picnic! As an Earth Care Congregation, we look forward to every opportunity to be able to worship God in a natural setting. This inter-generational worship service will be a chance to break out of our "normal" worship routine and celebrate all that God is doing outside of the walls of our sanctuary. There will be great worship with music led by Dan and Suzanne Bowman, a wonderful lunch prepared by our kitchen team, and a chance to be in nature either canoeing on the lake, hiking in the woods, or simply sitting and watching it all. This year we will have worship and lunch in the dining hall in case the weather is too cold or rainy. We will still be surrounded by nature, but there is accessible parking and chairs with backs – all positive reasons for everyone to come out to Cedar Ridge for worship. Please note that there will not be worship in the sanctuary this week. We will hopefully be able to live-stream the service in case you are unable to make the trek out to Cedar Ridge. In anticipation of this wonderful creation-filled day, we offer this blessing:

May the heavens bless you.
May the sun shine on you.
May the rain dance on your wellies.
May the stars make you wonder and smile.

May the earth bless you
And may you bless the earth
In planting and protest,
And sharing food.
Amen.





Session Summary

Report from the March 2024 Session Meeting

The Session approved the allocation of additional funds from the Memorial Fund for the renovations to the Walker-Nevin Building. In November of 2023, the Session approved the allocation of \$100,000 from the Memorial Fund to match the \$100,000 that had already been committed by the Nursery and Weekday School. These renovations include new flooring, LED lighting, low-flow toilets and cabinets for classrooms. At the March 20, 2024 meeting, the Session learned of an expected shortfall to the renovation budget of \$200,000. After discussion, the Session approved additional costs not to exceed \$270,000, with the costs in excess of \$200,000 to be split equally with the Nursery and Weekday School.

The Session approved the baptisms of Alexandra and Sylvia Buelt and Jeremiah Luaba to take place on Easter Sunday.

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Mission and Service



Dare to Care
Food Bank

Dare to Care Mobile Food Pantries: We give great thanks for our ongoing 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, April 2**

(Portland) at 9:45 am and **Tuesday, April 16** (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.

Nursery and Weekday School

Spring has arrived and brought with it feelings of being refreshed and renewed. New buds, new blooms, new warmth, new light...the children have been noticing, too, and responding with their own joy! Warmer, more pleasant weather enhances our outdoor play experiences, as we "bake" mudpies in the dirt kitchen, paint in the art garden, dig in the flower beds and wiggle bare toes in the sand pit. This is the time of year that we notice so much growth in our young children, too: new skills that allow them to be sturdier climbers, faster runners and, oh, the blossoming of new language! Our youngest children are suddenly speaking in simple sentences and are enjoying the satisfaction that comes with the ability to communicate their ideas and needs. Spring is a time to marvel at the newness of it all.

Speaking of new, we have completed our enrollment period for next year's new school year. Most spaces have filled, but there are still a few left, including spaces for a few kindergartners. If you are interested in joining us, or just want a little more information, please reach out to us at (502) 456-6991 or by email to director@hpcweekdayschool.org.



Happy spring to all!

April Birthdays

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

Apr 2: David Dobson
Trey VanCleave

Apr 3: Dorissa Falk
Annie Kerman
Joshua Dewar

Apr 4: Carl Thomas
Cooper Osborne
Matt McLaren
Jozy Jones
Jess Rift

Apr 5: Eddy Gilbert
Suzanne Ammerman

Apr 6: Lincoln Weible

Apr 7: Julia Cash

Apr 8: Rudiger Graf
Ben Weible

Apr 9: Carol Pye

Apr 10: Martha Makela

Apr 12: Lynn Coryell

Apr 13: Hayden Brown

Apr 14: Linda Raymond Ellison
Harrison LaJoie
Hardy Oldham

Apr 15: Teresa Flynn

Apr 16: Hank Hoyt

Apr 17: Joyce Metzger
Roger Taylor
Shannon Bostrom

Apr 18: Frances O'Connor
Janice Prichard
Betsy Barrick

Apr 19: Vernon Broyles
Sara Lisherness

Apr 20: Lenna Soltau
Sue Latta
Jocelyn Kirk

Apr 21: Greg Sekula
Scarlett Owen
Jill Ramsey

Apr 22: Cyrus Tucker
Marie Cross
Daniel Burford

Apr 23: Grover Potts

Apr 25: Brad Devlin

Apr 26: Ann Holmes
Courtney McClure
Logan Trentham

Apr 27: Brennen Burns
Henry Pyron

Apr 29: Susan Miller

Apr 30: Beckett Kim

Memorial Gifts

GIFTS have been given to the Rapier Fund in honor of Martha Makela by Angie Moore.

GIFTS have been given to the Youth Fund in honor of Michael Harper by Angie Moore.

GIFTS have been given to the Hutto Family Memorial Youth Fund in memory of Carolyn Hutto by Susan Wilburn, Louis & Marjorie Clark, M. Thurman Senn, Thomas & Kelli Adams, Stephen Grissom, Penelope Shaw, Angeline Kinnaird Linn, Barbara & Robert Michael, Forrest Kuhn, Kathleen Reno & Thomas Payette, Jane Burbank, Marshall & Nathalie Cox.

Highland is most appreciative of these gifts!



Children's News

Next Parents' Night Out...April 12

Join us at the church from 6:30-9:00 while parents have a night out with their HPC friends. It's Free!

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4DA5AB2BABF94-48644427-parents>



VBS is June 17-21 from 9:00AM - NOON! Put that date on your calendar and watch our newsletter for more information coming soon! Volunteers are needed...let Amy know if you can help.

ROOTS (3rd-5th grades) will meet again on April 21st.
Watch our weekly children's newsletter for more information!
To RSVP, email Amy at amy.bishop@hpclouisville.org.

JUST FOR KIDS! Check out the kids bookshelf, in the back of the sanctuary, for kids bulletins/activities each Sunday!

We celebrate with the families of the children who were baptized on Easter Sunday:

Alexandra and Sylvia Buel
Jeremiah Luaba



Youth News



Postcard Fundraiser 2024

Each summer, the youth of HPC deepen their faith by traveling to youth conferences that provide opportunities for Bible Study and worship. With a donation of \$50, you'll receive a postcard from both of these trips written by one of the young people on the trip. It's a great way to connect you with the trip that you're investing in!



Donate with a Check:

Send the attached form to HPC with a check for \$50.



Donate with a Credit Card:

Go to hpcloouisville.org, click on gifts, and then click on "Youth Postcards" to make a \$50 gift.

Fundraiser Ends on May 26, 2024

**MIDDLE
SCHOOL**
6TH-8TH

Middle School Youth Group

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

High School Youth Group

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

**HIGH
SCHOOL**
9TH-12TH

Do You Have These Dates on Your Calendar?

May 18th — High School Overnight

May 19th — End of Year Brunch (9:30a)/Senior Recognition Sunday (11a)

June 9th – 15th — High School Montreat

June 17th – 20th — VBS

July 17th – 21st — Middle School Montreat



Please Mark Your Calendar for Our End-of-the-Year Brunch!

Sunday, May 19th

9:15a | PMC Dining Room

We'll be celebrating our graduating seniors and thanking our youth program leaders.

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 vini.frizzo@hpcclouisville.org prior to coming with your child.

1. Our last Sunday of the program year will be May 19th, which is Pentecost Sunday.
2. 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@hpcclouisville.org.

Please note that there will be NO REHEARSALS on the following dates:

1. April 7th
2. April 28th (Cedar Ridge)
3. May 12th (Mother's Day)

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@hpcclouisville.org.

We will play in the service of April 21st, Good Shepherd Sunday

1. Rehearsal will be Tuesday, April 16th at 7pm.
2. Warm up on the day of the service, April 21st, will be at 10am on the button.

Vini Frizzo

Children's Music Ministry

MUSIC HELPS US LEARN OUR FAITH, BUILD OUR COMMUNITY, AND FIND OUR BELONGING WITH GOD.

We have had such good year of music with four year olds through fifth graders. For all who have participated often, or whenever you can make it work, we have LOVED having you! Edward Caruthers is now leading the Lyric Choir, 3rd through 5th graders. Edward has been a vital part of children's music ministry for years. We are grateful for his leadership!

Here is the April schedule. After spring break, parents join us the last 10 minutes of choir each Wednesday to learn **We Are Blessed**. We will sing this together at Cedar Ridge.

Wed. April 3 - NO choirs-Spring Break.

Wed. April 10 - Yeshima, our Orff specialist and drumming expert returns for a drumming night. COME TO DRUM! Bring a friend!

Wed. April 17 - Regular choir night

Wed. April 24 - Last Children's Choir Night. Popsicles on the patio at 6:15 to celebrate a very COOL year!

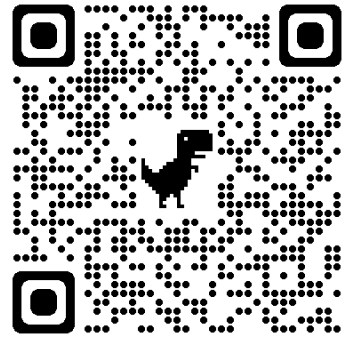
Sunday, April 28 - ALL Children's Choirs and parents sing **We Are Blessed** at Cedar Ridge service.

Until we meet again, keep singing! YOU belong to God, AND to HPC!

Children's Music Ministry Staff - Martha, Suzanne, Edward and Vini

Stewardship

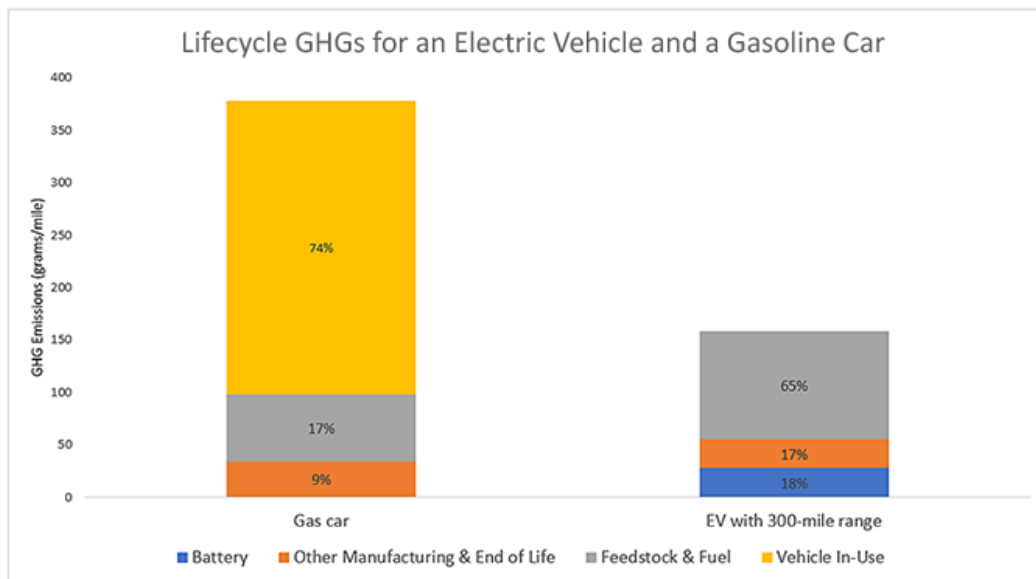
Giving just got easier, whether it's a regular donation or a one-time event. This QR Code will take you to a selection of 18 different categories that allow you to donate. You can also go to the Highland Presbyterian Website (hpclouisville.org) and click on "give" at the top of the page. Either method 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.



Environmental Stewardship

MYTH: Electric vehicles are worse for the climate than gasoline cars because of battery manufacturing.

FACT: The greenhouse gas emissions associated with an electric vehicle over its lifetime are lower than those from an average gasoline-powered vehicle, even when accounting for manufacturing.*



Vehicle battery longevity is longer than people realize. This writer's hybrid car battery is healthy into its 17th year (143,000 miles). Some car manufacturers **guarantee batteries** in new EVs for ten years. **EV batteries also outlive their vehicle** by providing next generation use as reliable energy storage for solar and wind energy, which is not calculated in the climate impact graph above.

*Source: <https://www.epa.gov/greenvehicles/electric-vehicle-myths#Myth2>

Fellowship

Men's Pub Night - A group of men will be gathering on **Tuesday, April 9 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.



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 April 4 at 1:00pm.**

WINGS - meets **Monday, April 15** at 6:30 pm. All women of the church are invited! Contact Kathy O'Hearn at kathyreed330@gmail.com for more information.

BOOKCLUB NEWS - Our selection for April is *Reading Genesis* by Marilynne Robinson. Ms. Robinson is the acclaimed author of *Gilead* and other books of note. The book is just out and has received excellent reviews. We will meet on Monday April 29th at 7:00 pm in Memorial Lounge. After April we will be on hiatus until September. We will then return to read books by more HPC authors. Contact Patti Pinkley for more information 502.419.1003 or patti.pinkley@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Dinner - April 17th - This month, our Wednesday night dinner will take place Wednesday, April 17th. 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, April 15th.

Bruce Reyes-Chow book tour stops at Highland! Join us on **Thursday, April 11th at 5:30 pm** for a book signing presentation from Bruce Reyes-Chow! Bruce Reyes-Chow is a speaker and writer on topics of faith, culture, politics, race, and technology. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a former moderator of the PC(USA). His new book is titled *Everything Good About God is True*. Bruce says, "There is a more loving, more genuine vision of God than the one we see being performed around us, and this book helps us find it." Please come enjoy hearing Bruce speak on his new book and get your own copy signed!

CAKE! There's lots to celebrate in the coming weeks! On Sunday April 14th, directly following worship, we will officially welcome Amy Bishop into her new role as Director of Ministry with Children and their Families with a reception and time to get to know her a little better. Then, on Sunday, April 21st directly following worship, we will celebrate the end of our internship with LPTS student Mary Mitchell. We hope to see you at these beautiful celebrations!

Worship and Church Picnic at Cedar Ridge. Join us Sunday, April 28th out at Cedar Ridge for creation-centered worship, lunch, and hiking and canoeing! All are welcome to come out to Cedar Ridge for a day of worship and fun at our annual church picnic. This will be a chance to worship God in the beautiful creation of Cedar Ridge, to gather in wonderful fellowship over a delicious lunch and then to spend some more time in nature canoeing, hiking, or just sitting in the woods. We hope to see you there! **Please note, there will not be worship in the sanctuary this day.**



In Other News

In the spirit of openness and shared mission, your 2024 Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) welcomes your input. Each year the church commissions the CNC to discern and present to the congregation a slate of nominees for deacons and elders who will lead us in the church's ministries. If you, or someone you know, might be called to leadership, we want to know. With Nolan Huizenga and Megan McCarty as staff liaisons, this year's elected CNC members are:

Ken Burgess
Jane Burbank
Sara Gambrell
Steve Holmes
Jack Mead
Patti Pinkley
Janet Raderer

Please contact any of us in person, by email, or by phone if you have names for our consideration. Thank you!

InkWELL Writer's Group will not be meeting in April due to a scheduling conflict, but it will be back in May! Contact Angie Andriot for more information at angieandriot@gmail.com.



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!



April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sun.: 9:30 – Sunday School (not the 28 th) 11:00 – Worship (not the 28 th) 1:30 - Highland Ringers (not the 7 th or 28 th) 5:00 – Middle School Youth Grp 6:30 – High School Youth Grp 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						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		9:45 PACT Mobile Pantry 4:00 Property Committee 5:30 Fellowship	5:30 Worship Committee 6:30 Church in the World	1:00 Bridge Club 6:00 Choir Fellow- ship		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	3:00 Adult Ed Com- mittee	4:30 Personnel Committee 7:00 Men’s Pub Night		5:30 Bruce Reyes- Chow book tour at Highland!		9:00 HPC Workday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	5:00 Finance Com- mittee 6:30 WINGS 7:00 Children’s Ministry Team	1:30 Smoketown Mobile Pantry 4:30 Green Team 6:00 Anti-Racism Team	9:15 NWS Board Meeting 5:00 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:15 Session			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
3:30 Roots				5:30 Deacons		
28	29	30				
11:00 Cedar Ridge Worship & Picnic	7:00 Book Club					



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From the Children’s Ministry Search Committee:

*Jessie Anderson (co-chair), John Pyron (co-chair), Ainsley Jones,
Martha Makela, Rebecca Mead, Nancy Owen, Paul Troy*

We are overjoyed to introduce Amy Bishop as the Director of Children’s Ministry for HPC. Over the past seven months the Children’s Ministry Search Committee has had the privilege to get to know many candidates for this position. After considering all of the candidates, our seven-person committee came to the unanimous decision that God was calling Amy to our church.



Amy brings 18 years of experience as Director of Children’s Ministry in two large Louisville churches (so many children registered for VBS at her current church that attendance was capped at 200!). She exudes joy, vibrancy, and compassion for this work, and loves HPC’s mission-driven philosophy. Amy comes to HPC as a three-day-threes teacher at the Weekday School, an active volunteer with KRM, and a board member of Portland Promise Center. She and her husband live in the Highlands where they raised three children, the youngest of which is a high school senior, bound for University of Cincinnati’s engineering program.

We are so excited for Amy to join the HPC family and eagerly anticipate the vibrant next chapter in our church’s children’s ministry. Welcome, Amy!