



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church *June 4, 2024*

**A reminder that we have limited air conditioning
in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.**

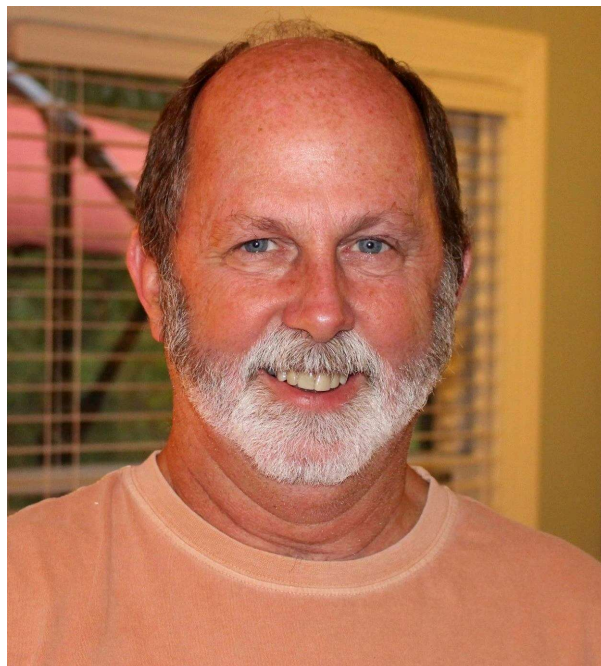
Welcoming Interim Staff Members: Lauren Blackwell and Bob Cunningham

Thank you for your love and care for Lauren Jones Mayfield on Sunday. We shared such a beautiful day of worship and celebration, and it was an inspiring morning for Highland to remember our continued call to the work of love together! Thanks especially to Missy and Vance Smith, Nancy Goodhue, Marilyn Whisler, Abbi Wolfe, Mary Burks, Margaret Pennington, Noelle Tennis Gulden, and the Hospitality Ministry Group for your support making Sunday's events so meaningful. Note that if you would like to give a financial donation toward our collection for Lauren to attend a spiritual retreat in the coming year, you can continue to [give online](#) or in the offering plate through Sunday, June 16. Please write "Gift for Lauren" in the memo.

As we say goodbye to Lauren this week, I'm so grateful to share about two people who have stepped up to serve on staff in interim capacities in the coming days. **Lauren Blackwell** will be working part-time as our **Interim Ministry Coordinator**, and **Bob Cunningham** will be working part-time as an **Interim Associate Pastor**.



Lauren Blackwell has been a member of Highland since 1997 and has served in various capacities with ministry groups, deacon, children's Bible study and choir teacher, sanctuary choir, and is currently the chair of Ministry Council. In her "previous life" as a clinical social worker, she was the Division Director for adult services/programming for persons experiencing psychiatric disabilities with Seven Counties Services until her retirement. Lauren lives with her wife, Diane Brewer, and 2 fur babies – Koki and Zac. In her spare time, she loves to travel, garden, hike, read, and bead. Lauren's work will be more administrative in nature, including helping our staff and deacons to keep track of pastoral care needs across the congregation. Additionally, she will help to coordinate several church-wide events, processes, and initiatives in the fall.



Bob Cunningham has been a member at Highland since 1996. He has served as a deacon a few terms, taught the SALT Bible study class some years ago and currently is one of the teachers of

the Prodigals class. He also chaired the pastor search committee that led to calling Mary Alice as pastor. Bob was a hospital chaplain at Baptist East for 33 years, at Norton Hospital for close to two years, and worked as a pastoral counselor for over thirty-five years. He currently serves as a construction volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Bob is married to Libby and they have two children, Holly and Eli. In his spare time, he is an avid reader and enjoys doing creative writing. Bob will be offering pastoral care across the congregation and assisting with adult spiritual formation opportunities. You will see him monthly in worship leadership as well.

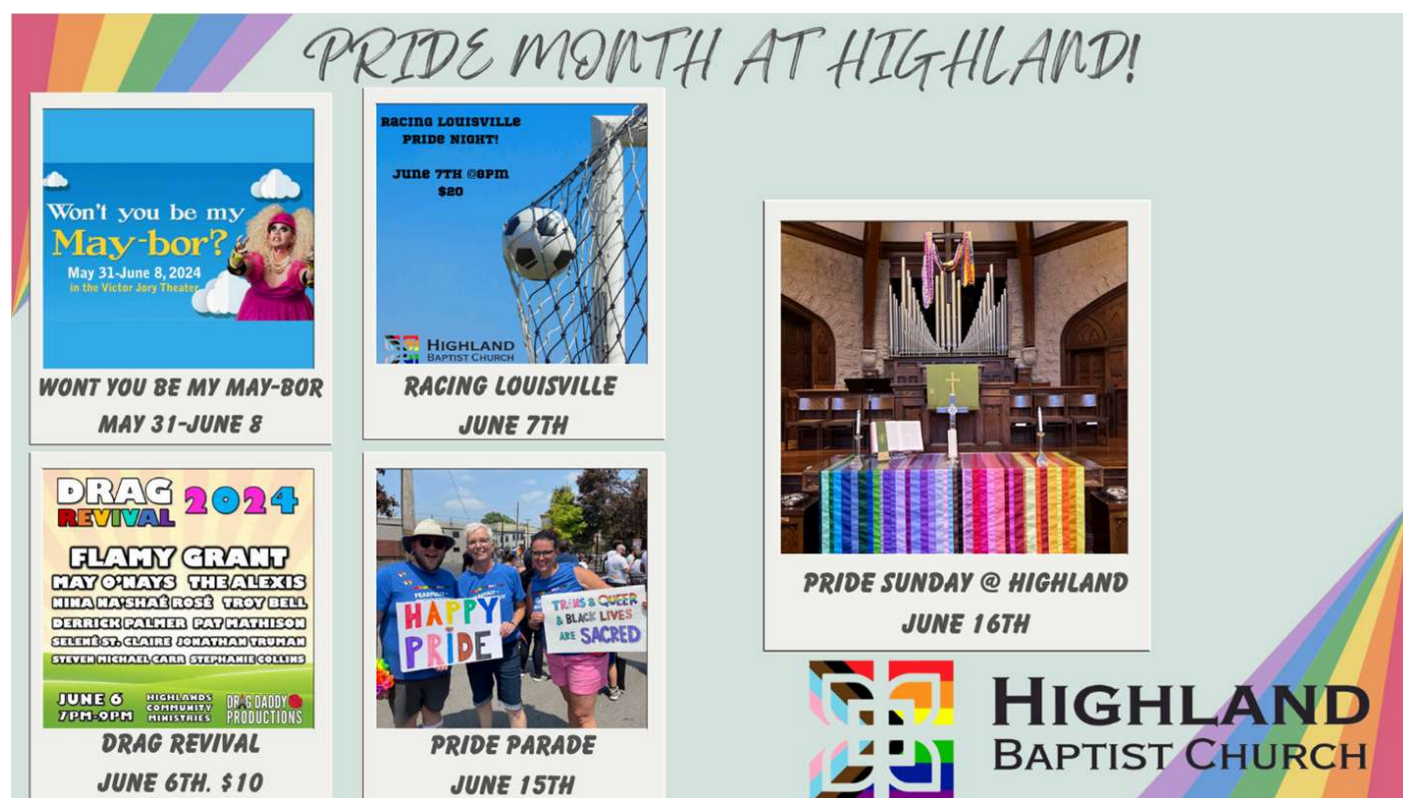
Please join us in welcoming Lauren and Bob to these new roles and offering your support in their work among us in the days ahead!

~Mary Alice Birdwhistell



Pride Month Opportunities

Happy Pride, Highland! There are lots of opportunities for Highland to love our neighbors, be strong allies with and alongside the LGBTQ+ community, and share with others about who we are as a thinking, feeling, and healing community of faith.



A promotional graphic for Pride Month at Highland Baptist Church. The title "PRIDE MONTH AT HIGHLAND!" is written in a large, stylized, handwritten font at the top. Below the title are five event cards. The first card on the left is for "Won't you be my May-bor?" featuring a woman in a pink dress and a crown, with the dates "May 31-June 8, 2024" and "In the Victor Jory Theater". The second card is for "RACING LOUISVILLE PRIDE NIGHT!" featuring a soccer ball hitting a goal, with the date "JUNE 7TH @8PM" and "\$20". The third card is for "PRIDE SUNDAY @ HIGHLAND" featuring a church interior with a rainbow altar cloth, with the date "JUNE 16TH". The fourth card is for "DRAG REVIVAL 2024" featuring a list of performers including Flamy Grant, May O'Ways, The Alexis, Nina Na'Shaé Rosé, Troy Bell, Derrick Palmer, Pat Mathison, Selene St. Claire, Jonathan Truman, Steven Michael Carr, and Stephanie Collins, with the date "JUNE 6 7PM-9PM" and "\$10". The fifth card is for "PRIDE PARADE" featuring a group of people holding a "HAPPY PRIDE" sign, with the date "JUNE 15TH". At the bottom right is the Highland Baptist Church logo, which consists of a stylized cross made of colorful geometric shapes and the text "HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH".

PRIDE MONTH AT HIGHLAND!

WON'T YOU BE MY MAY-BOR?
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MAY 31-JUNE 8

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MAY O'WAYS THE ALEXIS
NINA NA'SHAÉ ROSÉ TROY BELL
DERRICK PALMER PAT MATHISON
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STEVEN MICHAEL CARR STEPHANIE COLLINS
JUNE 6 7PM-9PM
HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY MINISTRIES DR. GADDDY PRODUCTIONS
DRAG REVIVAL
JUNE 6TH. \$10

HAPPY PRIDE
TRANS & QUEER & BLACK LIVES ARE SACRED
PRIDE PARADE
JUNE 15TH

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

June 6: Drag Revival at Highlands Community Ministries (7:00 PM)

Tickets are \$10 and [available for purchase here](#).

June 7 & 8: *Won't You Be My May-bor?* at Actor's Theatre of Louisville (7:00 PM)

Bob Cunningham and Mary Alice Birdwhistell will be hosting a special post-show discussion with Andrew Newton Schafflein after the show on June 8. [Buy your tickets here](#).

June 8: Pride Night at Racing Louisville Game (Lynn Family Stadium, 8:00 PM)

Highland will join with other local affirming churches and the community to cheer on the Racing Louisville Soccer Club for their annual Pride Night. Highland's section is FULL. Wear your Highland T-shirts!

June 15: Kentuckiana Pride Parade and Festival

Sign up in the Commons to walk with us in the Pride Parade! We will gather in Nulu at 11:30 AM,

Parade begins at Noon. General admission tickets for the festival are available for \$10. [Buy festival tickets here.](#)

June 16: Pride Sunday at Highland, with special guest proclaimer Rev. Jordan Conley, Co-Pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church

Highland Welcomes New Members



Danny and Wayne McKinley joined June 2, 2024

Sacred Space Project Update

Adding the Youth Suite to the new HVAC System was a late addition to the Sacred Space Project, but it's now a part of the larger project. Installing the hardware for that area includes the placement of hardware in the ceiling area of the room, which involved adding supports so that the additional weight of the systems can be safely managed.

As old hardware and ductwork were removed above the drop-panel ceiling, evidence was found of a skylight that used to be in the roof above space! No pictures of the skylight remain, but the studs that framed the light are clearly visible in the picture below. Our building has been transformed in

many ways over the years.



~Walter McWhorter

Celebrating Lauren Jones Mayfield



Calling all of our graduates for the 2024 school year! We want to recognize our college/grad school/other graduates this year on Sunday, June 23! If you would like to be a part of the

recognition during the June 23rd service, [please send your information to Justin](#) by June 20th! We want to celebrate alongside you this graduation season!



This Sunday, June 9th, from 10:00 to 10:30, we will be honoring our amazing Children's Bible study teachers. These dedicated "foundation-builders" show up every week, playing such an important role in shaping our children's faith. We would love for families with children to join us for this brief yet heartfelt reception as we convey our thanks to our teachers and enjoy some light refreshments together in the **Children's Commons**. Following the reception at 10:30, children will return to their classrooms with materials to create cards for their teachers, and parents are welcome to return to their Bible Study classes.

~ Sally Evans



**OFFERING FOR
GLOBAL MISSIONS**

BECAUSE **PRESENCE** MATTERS

We have raised \$3,200 toward our CBF Global Missions Offering goal of \$10,000. Please consider supporting Global Missions in the work of helping and serving people here and abroad. You may give online through the [Highland Baptist Church website](#) or by check, noting Missions Offering on the memo line.

Young Adult Lunch

Young Adults are invited to join us for lunch this summer! On June 23 and July 21, we will go to lunch following the 11:15 AM worship service.



HCM Summer Food Drive

Please bring your food drive donations to the brown bins located outside the choir room. We will collect them until June 23. Thank you!



We are seeking donations of the items below to help families get through the summer while school is out.

Main dietary items are needed, but also things to round out a meal like milk (shelf-stable), condiments, chips, and crackers.



- Pasta & Sauce
- Canned Ravioli
- Shells & Cheese (no milk needed)

- Beef Stew
- Hearty Soups
- Chili

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Beef



Highlands
Community
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Juneteenth 2024

The Emancipation Proclamation was signed on January 1, 1863. This proclamation did not mean freedom for all who were held in captivity and bondage; enslavers kept the news of the change in laws from those they enslaved for many years after. On June 19, 1865, Major General [Gordon Granger ordered](#) the final enforcement of the [Emancipation Proclamation](#) in Texas. In 2021, June 19th, known as Juneteenth, was recognized as a federal holiday to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States.

Highland Baptist member and Anti-Racism co-lead Missy Smith is a co-organizer for the Jeffersonville Juneteenth Block Party. This second annual event will be held on Friday, June 14 from 10:00 AM-9:00 PM on Michigan Avenue. The Juneteenth Block Party will promote the Black/African American history of Southern Indiana, educate the public about the importance of Juneteenth, and highlight the positive impact of the local African American culture. This event further allows opportunities for the full and inclusive community to learn and celebrate Black history, engage in commerce with local businesses, craft vendors, and local artists. Plus, there will be bounce houses, great food, and great music!



Highland Baptist Church, in its commitment to furthering equity in our community, has chosen to sponsor this important event. We invite you to show your support by sharing the event information, volunteering, and attending the celebration!

[Click here](https://commonconvo.tv/juneteenth) for more information.

~ The Anti-Racism Team



Guns to Gardens

Safe-surrender event turns unwanted guns into garden tools

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks..." Isaiah 2:4

Church of the Promise/The Table

1800 Portland Ave., Louisville, KY 40203
(Go to parking lot of Falls Art Foundry across the street)

HOW: Anyone can bring unwanted guns. Those bringing guns are anonymous. Each person surrendering one or more guns will receive a \$50 Kroger gift card.

- Guns must be unloaded prior to entering church property and placed in trunk or rear of vehicle. Skilled personnel will remove firearms from vehicles and take them to a chop saw for disabling while the person bringing the gun is present.
- Serial numbers will be recorded to document the gun's destruction.
- Ammunition will not be accepted.
- The gun pieces will be forged into tools, art, or jewelry at a later date.

WHY: Many guns in our community are no longer wanted for a variety of reasons:

- There is concern that the gun might fall unintentionally into the hands of children or grandchildren in the home.
- The gun may have been used in a suicide or accident.
- Someone can no longer handle guns safely because of age or disability.
- A person inherited a gun but does not want it or know how to use it.

WHO: This event is organized by a coalition of individuals

from faith and community groups concerned about gun violence in Louisville. It is part of a national Guns to Gardens movement launched in cooperation with [RAWtools](#) and [Presbyterian Peace Fellowship](#).

Guns to Gardens is a step toward reducing gun violence, a path for people to take action to reduce the number of guns in our homes and communities

Cosponsored by the Owsley Brown II Family Foundation



For more information: guns2gardenslouisville@gmail.com

Looking Ahead

- June 6 Drag Revival: A Family-Friendly Spiritual Night of Music and Joy (Highlands Community Ministries, 7:00-9:00 PM)
- June 7 Racing Louisville Game (Lynn Family Stadium, 8:00 PM)
- June 15 Kentuckiana PRIDE Parade and Festival (NULU and Waterfront Park, Parade begins at 12:00 PM)
- June 16 Pride Sunday at Highland, with special guest proclaimer Rev. Jordan Conley, Co-Pastor of Crescent Hill Baptist Church
- June 20 Senior Adult Luncheon aboard the Mary Miller Riverboat (12:00 PM)
- June 23 Young Adult Lunch (Following 11:15 Worship)
- July 21 Young Adult Lunch (Following 11:15 Worship)
- July 21 Party with your Pastors (Purtlebaugh House, 4:00-5:30 PM)

Sunday, 11:15 AM

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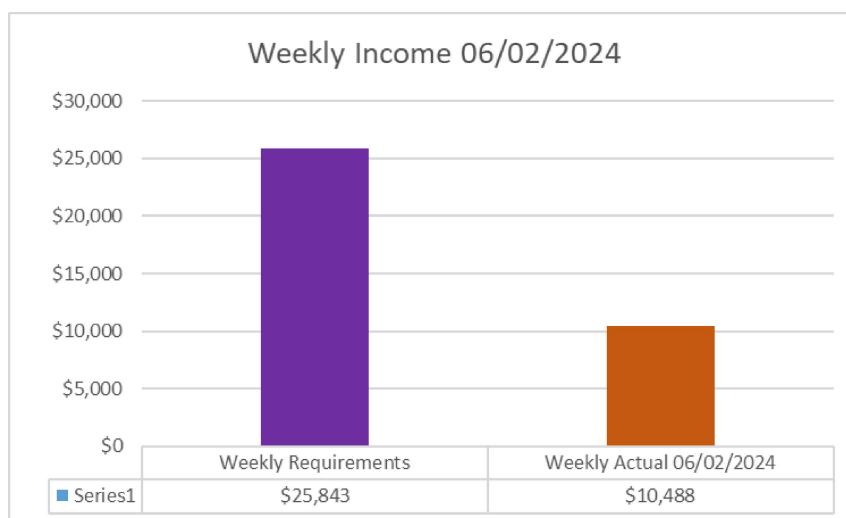
Friday, 7:00 PM

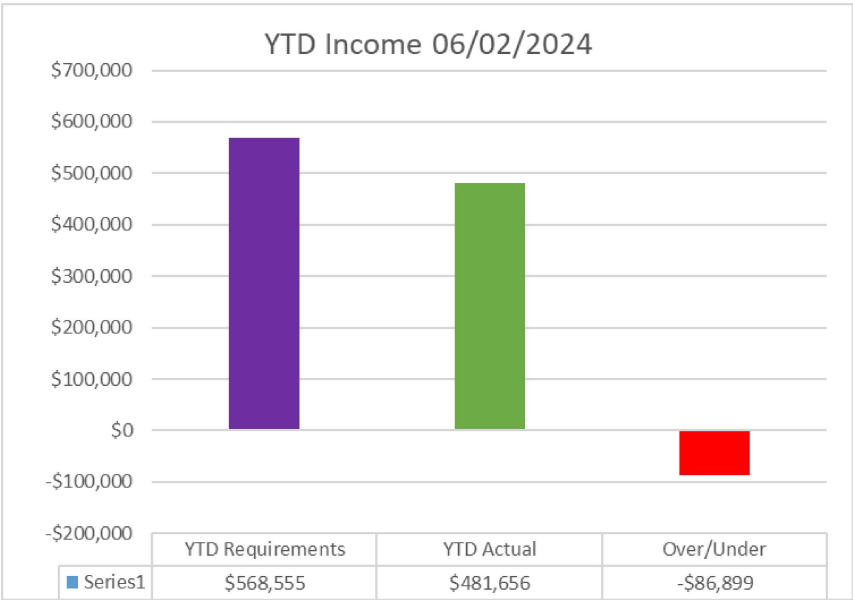
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Financial Reports





To make a donation from your phone, text "give2hbc" to 502-747-1212 and open the link or use the QR code below.



Louisville Homicides

Please join us in prayer and action as we remember those who have been killed in recent weeks in our city. We grieve with those who mourn, while we also maintain a hope that one day, all things will be made new.

- Warren Egan, 59, killed April 15
- Shawn'Tae'Veon Bullitt, 17, killed May 1
- Dakoven Ford, 27, killed May 11
- Johnathon Rodgers, 14, killed May 21
- Nicolas Wedding, 34, killed May 21

