

## The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church March 12, 2024

The church offices will be closed Friday, March 15.

### **Women's Spring Retreat 2024**

The air outside was chilly and rainy last weekend, but inside Knobs Haven Retreat House on the Loretto campus, Highland women found warmth, poetry, friendship, and lots of tasty food. Our ages ranged from twenties to eighties. Some were first timers, others attend every year.







We mixed well and shared with each other as Lauren Jones Mayfield led us out of our comfort zones, at times, to deeper levels of our souls. We explored variations of what Faith, Hope, and Love mean to each of us. It was holy ground. Thanks so much to Ginger Miller for being chief organizer for this meaningful event each year.

~ Carolyn King



### **Habitat for Humanity Raise the Roof 2024**

On March 7,8, and 9, members of Highland gathered with volunteers from several Baptist churches in the Louisville area for our annual Baptist Build/Raise the Roof. We encountered bright and sunny weather to wet, cold, and muddy conditions as we progressed from a flat foundation to a building with walls, windows and a roof!







Thanks to Diane Endicott, Kim Clark-Endicott, Barbara Fairleigh, Terry Keeling, Mark Sanders, Jesse McClain, David Bannister, Jason Baker, Nick Kimbro, Justin Couch, John Gulden, Bob Cunningham, and Larry Hoover. It was a privilege to share the love of Christ with our community and fellow Baptist churches.

~ Larry Hoover

#### **Easter Lilies**



This Easter we will once again adorn our Sanctuary with beautiful Easter lilies. All members are invited to purchase a lily for \$15 in memory/in honor of a family member, friend, or loved one. The deadline for orders is Monday, March 25. Here is the <u>order form</u> to submit and pay for your order online.

### **Easter Morning Happenings**

Between services on Easter morning, we will gather on the lawn (weather permitting) and in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast, adorning our Easter cross with fresh flowers, and Easter egg hunting for children. There will be no Bible study classes for any ages to allow for this shared time of fellowship, connection, and celebration.





We encourage you to sign up <u>here</u> to bring a breakfast item to share that morning so that we will have plenty of food for guests joining us. You're also welcome to bring fresh flowers throughout the morning to help adorn our Easter cross, created by Chip Miller, outside in front of the sanctuary.

Whether you are new to Highland, looking for a way to reconnect, or with us on a regular basis, we hope you will join us for a beautiful Easter morning with the Highland family!

### **Sacred Space Project Update**

By the end of this week we hope that painting in the sanctuary will be complete! Work underneath the sanctuary continues. The mechanical room beneath the sanctuary should begin to take shape with the construction of walls and digging of the "trenches" under the perimeter of the sanctuary (so that ductwork can be installed) should begin once another round of asbestos abatement is completed.

Pictured below are the bricks to be used in the new mechanical room, and the abatement tent in preparation for the trenches beneath the sanctuary.

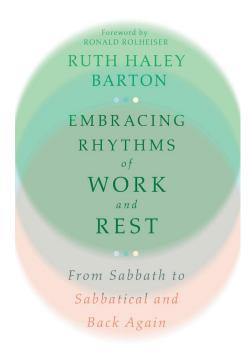




~ Walter McWhorter

# Sabbath-Keeping: Embodying Rhythms of Remembering, Replenishing, and Rising

In a culture centered around productivity, how do we make sense of the rest God takes on the seventh day of creation? In a world where we can't catch our breath between caretaking for young children, caregiving for aging parents and ill spouses, the demands of work, family, home-keeping and activities, how do we approach Sabbath-keeping as a necessary practice we value and prioritize?



Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 PM through March 21 for a refreshing conversation where

we wrestle with sabbath-keeping as embodying rhythms of remembering, replenishing, and rising led by Renee Purtlebaugh.

## Midwives of a Movement – Documentary Showing at Ridgewood Baptist Church

This spring, Baptist Women in Ministry is hosting screenings of their new documentary, <u>Midwives of a Movement</u>, across the country. We are invited to attend a community showing at Ridgewood Baptist Church on Friday, March 22 at 6:30 PM. Meredith Stone, Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry who preached at Highland last fall, will also be present for this screening and conversation following.



This film chronicles the stories of the women who boldly birthed a movement to seek greater visibility and opportunities for women in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and features two of Highland's own: Lela Hendrix and Pat Bailey. Despite great opposition, their courage blazed pathways for advancing women in ministry and leadership among Baptists.

As BWIM shares on their website, "challenging religious patriarchy, and specifically Baptist patriarchy, is not only a subject of the past. It is as relevant today as it was forty years ago.

In this film, audiences today will find heartfelt stories, painful anecdotes, profound insights, and lighthearted remembrances which will inspire continued confrontation of patriarchy and advocacy efforts so that women find equality and equity among Baptists."

We hope to host our own showing of the documentary at Highland later this year after our renovation project is complete in order to highlight the work of Lela, Pat, and so many other women who blazed trails for churches like ours. In the meantime, we hope you'll consider joining us at Ridgewood next week!



**Join us for Wednesday Night Supper!** Dinner begins at 5:20 PM and children's choirs and youth activities begin at 6:00 PM. Adult programming begins at 6:15 PM.

Prices are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children (age 4-11), with a family max of \$35. Children below three years and below eat for free.

Reservations and cancellations are due by noon on Friday each week. Sign up here to reserve your spot. Payments can be made via cash or check as you arrive, but we also encourage paying ahead <a href="here">here</a> (Note: those with standing reservations can make payments for the whole month (or more!).

Any changes to reservations can be made by emailing <u>Paul</u> or <u>Kathleen</u> or calling the Highland Baptist office at 451-3735. If you are in a season of financial hardship that makes paying difficult, you can speak to any of the ministers about assistance for Wednesday Night Supper.

Menu for March 13: Meatloaf / Mashed Potatoes / Cornbread / Dessert

#### **Upcoming Menus:**

March 20 Chicken Fajitas / Rice / Salad / Dessert



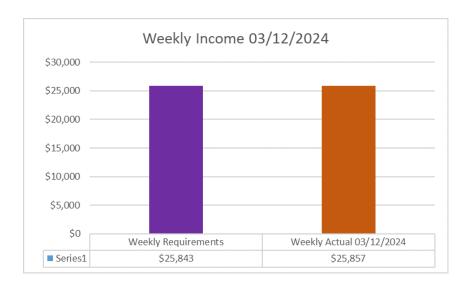
March 24	Palm Sunday Services, 8:45 and 11:15 AM
March 27	Cloud of Witness with Noelle Gulden, Margaret Pennington,
	and Abby Sizemore, 6:15 PM
March 28	Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 PM (please note earlier start time)
March 29	Tenebrae Service, 7:00 PM
March 31	Easter Sunday Worship and Church-Wide Gathering and Celebration

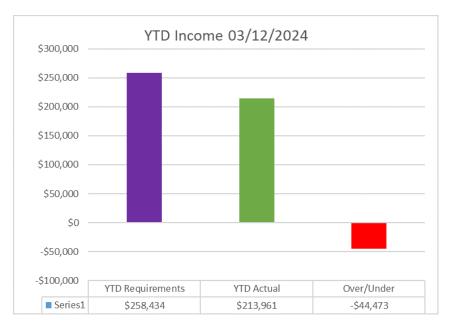
**Sunday, 11:15 AM** 

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### **Financial Reports**







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#### **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.

- Daryasia Wingo, 21, killed March 2
- Larry Walker, 24, killed March 2
- Theodore Brown, 21, killed March 3
- Aubrey Spry, Jr., 57, killed March 4
- Carrion Williams, 20, killed March 5









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