



**HIGHLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH**

*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*

***The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church
August 20, 2024***

**Please note we will continue on our "Summer Schedule" this Sunday, August 25.
Bible study at 9:00 AM and Worship in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 AM.**



Following our 11:15 AM worship on Sunday, September 8, the congregation will finally celebrate our traditional “Gather Round” day. With the dog days of summer hopefully behind us and a new fall rhythm in full swing, we will enjoy picnic lunches and games on the lawn. The cost is \$7 per person with a \$21 family maximum.

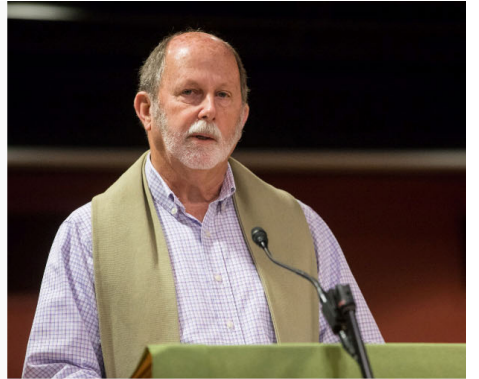
Please use [this link](#) to sign up or call the church office at 502-451-3735 by September 1 to let us know if you're planning to attend. Lunch will include sandwiches, chips, grapes, and cookies. Please specify if vegan, vegetarian, or gluten free options are needed. When you sign up using the link, you will have the option of paying online through our website.

Along with lunch, there will be lawn and outdoor games set up for all to play as we gather round and fellowship together. The playground will also be open for our younger friends. Be sure to bring

some lawn chairs or blankets for sitting outside!

We hope you will come Gather Round with us on September 8!

~ Your Church Staff



Around Highland
on August 18



A Place for Everyone

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Join us Wednesday night, August 21
as we begin a new year of learning and growing together!

School is back in session, temperatures are a little cooler, and the return of Fall programming is upon us. Wednesday evening activities return on August 21 and specific details for each activity can be found below in this week's newsletter. Please note there is also child care available for infants and non-walking toddlers from 5:45-7:15 PM. We hope you will join us as there is a place for everyone!

~ Lauren Blackwell

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners



Meal costs are \$10 per person, \$5 for children, with a maximum of \$25 per family. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity for intergenerational fellowship! We also welcome volunteers to assist with food prep and setup, making desserts, or cleanup. **Contact [Kathy Belcher](#) if you can help or want more information.**

It is important that we have accurate numbers of folks who plan to attend each week. Please make your reservations by Monday at 12:00 Noon for that week's meal. You can either make standing reservations or make them weekly by emailing [Kathleen Gordon](#) or calling her at the church office, 502-451-3735.

August Menus:

August 21: Pizza / Mixed Green Salad / Dessert / Coffee, Tea, Milk, and Water

August 28: Fried Chicken / Baked Chicken / Mashed Potatoes / Green Beans / Mixed Green Salad / Hawaiian Rolls / Dessert / Coffee, Tea, Milk, and Water

Thanks,
~ Wednesday Night Dinner Team

Children's Choirs Resume This Wednesday!



What time? 6:00 – 7:15 PM

Cherub Choir: Walking toddlers – age 3 with a parent.
Music activities 6:00-6:30 with childcare provided 6:30-7:15 PM

Carol Choir: 3's – young 5's

Chorister Choir: Kindergarten through Fifth Grade
The Children's Handbell Choir is for 4th & 5th graders.
Their weekly rehearsal is part of the 6:00-7:15 p.m. time.

Cloud of Witness Returns

Our Cloud of Witness series returns on our first Wednesday night back, August 21 at 6:15 PM! Our speakers for the evening are Lula Reynolds, Susan Lockwood, and Richard Ryan. Please join us as we gather for the 38th session of this program getting to know our fellow saints-in-progress together.

~ Bob Cunningham

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Resume



Highland's Sanctuary Choir kicks off our rehearsal schedule on Wednesday evening, August 21 at 7:15 PM. Our Sanctuary Choir is open to all singers over the age of 18 and is the primary leader of music in the 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM Sunday services. If you have previously sung in a choir and have a love for music, you are encouraged to join us as we lead in worship!

~ Paul Henderson

Wednesday Night Youth Gatherings

On Wednesday evenings, from 6:00-7:15 PM, our youth (6th-12th grade) will gather in the Youth Commons for a time of games, fellowship, snacks, and a short devotional. As we kick off a new school year, our youth are going to look at Micah 6:8 and talk about Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, and Walking Humbly. It is going to be such a great time together and you won't want to miss it!

For the rest of our church family, there is a way you can be involved in Wednesday Night Youth Gatherings as well. If you would like to donate some snacks for our Wednesday gatherings or would be interested in volunteering with Youth on Wednesday nights, please contact [Justin Sizemore](#).

~ Justin Sizemore

SENIOR ADULT SPONSORED RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
9:30 AM-3:30 PM

**Living Beautifully with
Uncertainty and Change:
Pema Chödrön and
the 3 Commitments**



Pema Chödrön, an 87-year-old American Buddhist nun, lives and teaches in Nova Scotia. She wonders, “How can we relax and have a genuine, passionate relationship with the fundamental uncertainty, the groundlessness, of being human?...Discomfort arises from all of our efforts to put ground under our feet, to realize our dream of constant okayness...When we embrace the groundlessness of our situation and relax into its dynamic quality, that’s called awakening to our true nature, to our fundamental goodness.”

Retreat attendees will look to Pema Chödrön’s teaching about the three commitments that lead to a deep experience of freedom. We will also consider a few Christian theologians who affirm our groundedness in God. Join us on this experience of collective wondering, tangible practice, and mutual efforts to embrace human groundlessness while loving a grounded God.



Rev. Dr. Lauren Jones Mayfield and Rev. Dr. Tyler D. Mayfield will co-lead the retreat. Lauren serves as the Interim Director of Field Education at Louisville Seminary, where Tyler also works as the Interim Dean and Professor of Old Testament.

We will meet at the Copperfield Subdivision Clubhouse, 406 Wickfield Drive. The cost is \$35, which includes lunch. Call the church at 502-451-3735 or email [Paul Henderson](#) to **SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 18 and let him know if you'd like a copy of Chödrön's book.**

Last Week for Nominations

During this busy season in the life of our church, members have the opportunity to identify folks who will provide leadership for two different groups:

1. Leadership Team for Strategic Planning
2. Ministry Council

This Sunday, August 25 is the last day to return ballots through the offering plate or you may return them this week to the church office. Thank you for participating in this important selection process!

Procter Eubank Nominated to Serve as Honor Deacon



When the deacons met in July, one of our tasks was to nominate our next Honor Deacon. We were looking for someone who has served at least two full terms as Deacon, and shown exemplary leadership, service, Christian maturity, and wisdom over a period of at least 15 years having a profound impact on the life of Highland.

The deacons are pleased to announce our recommendation for Honor Deacon: Procter Eubank. Procter began attending Highland in 1950, when he was just two years old. Procter was baptized in 1958 at the age of 10. Procter graduated from Atherton High School and Western Kentucky University. He is also a former statistician for the U.S. Census Bureau. Procter has served EIGHT terms as deacon and has served as chair of deacons twice. Procter is also an active member of the Senior Adults (also known as The Cream of the Crop) and has served the church in numerous other ways as well, including serving on various ministry groups as well as being a greeter. Procter, thank you for all you have given to Highland!

On Wednesday evening, August 21, those who are gathered at 5:45 PM will enter a Called Business Meeting to affirm the recommendation of the Deacon body that the church name Procter Eubank as an Honor Deacon of Highland Baptist Church.

Following that vote, we will install Procter as an Honor Deacon on Sunday, August 25 at 6:00 PM in our Deacon Ordination Service. We will also ordain Kelly Garrett, Noelle Tennis Gulden, Bonnie Lindsay, Corey Moran, Gene Nisbet, Charlie Suer, and David Swim. Greg Buntin, Bruce Carroll, Roy Fuller, and Gene Streible will also be returning to serve new terms on the deacon body.

~ Tyler Swim, Deacon Chair

Friday Church

Bring the joy! Join the ranks of those who've raised the roof with their music for Friday Church. Come to sing with the congregation or to make some music for them. Last week Mary Littlejohn offered an energetic, heartfelt rendition of *Oh, Happy Day*. Pick up your piccolo, your guitar or whatever instrument you have handy and come share. Piano available. Solos, duets, trios welcome. Let us know how you'd like to participate. We meet each Friday night at 7:00 PM. Contact us [here](#).



**VOLUNTEER
AT PRIDE**

SIGN UP NOW!

Help work the Highland Booth at Louisville Pride!
Sponsored by True Colors, Highland's LGBTQ+
Ministry group

September 14, 2024

11 am - 10 pm

[Click here to sign up!](#)

Critical Need for New Sunday Wall Volunteers!

Do you have one hour per month that you could volunteer at Highland? We have a **critical need** for people to help set up and take down the walls in the Fellowship Hall when we return to our regular schedule. Several of our older and experienced volunteers have been serving for many years and need to step away from this task, so we're especially interested in some of our younger Highland members who can step up to meet this important need. **Having our adult Bible study classes each week literally depends on having enough folks to volunteer for this task.** Please contact [Cheryl Davis](#) at the church office to learn more, 502-451-3735. Thanks to all of our current volunteers for their service!



- August 21 Wednesday Night Activities Return
 - August 25 Deacon Ordination Service, 6:00 PM
 - Sept. 8 Gather Round Sunday
 - Sept. 14 Louisville Pride
 - Sept. 15 Cole Arthur Riley visits Highland on Sunday Evening, 6:00 PM (registration required)
 - Sept. 26 Senior Adult Sponsored Retreat, Copperfield Sub. Clubhouse, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
 - October 4-6 "Unstructured" Women's Retreat - contact [Ginger Miller](#) if interested.
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Sunday, 10:15 AM

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Friday, 7:00 PM

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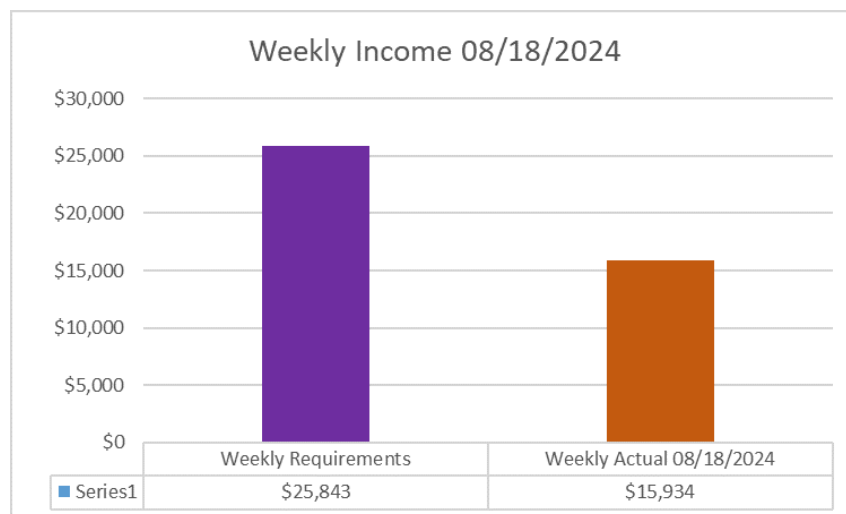
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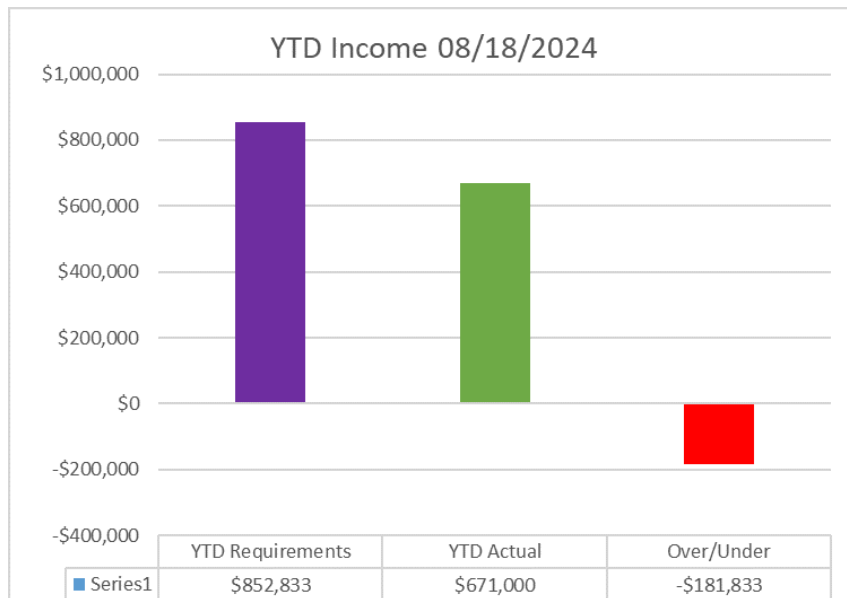


Looking Forward to Advent

Realizing sometimes we may leave out people with beautiful writing skills and strong voices, the Worship Ministry Group is looking for volunteers to write Advent devotions this year. We would also love to include personal art and photography submissions, with some guided thoughts or questions attached to encourage curiosity and meditation. WMG is currently working on the details of our congregation's latest Advent journey through the lens of Mary Oliver's poetry from her book, *Devotions*. Email Paul Henderson [here](#) if you have questions or if you are interested in submitting your material and he will contact you as quickly as possible.

Financial Reports





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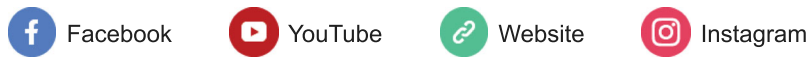


Louisville Homicides

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.

- Warren Egan, 59, unknown date of death





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