



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church October 1, 2024

Introducing Susan Lockwood, Guest Proclaimer this Sunday



We are thrilled to welcome a familiar face to Highland's pulpit on Sunday, the Rev. Susan C. Lockwood. Susan has been an ordained Baptist minister since August 23, 1983. She has served as Senior Pastor of congregations in Illinois, Georgia, and Connecticut, Associate Pastor of FBC Morehead and Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church, Chicago, and Minister to Single Adults, FBC Gainesville, FL, and Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville. She is currently Minister to Senior Adults at Faith Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY.

Susan was one of the first few women pastors in the SBC in 1983 and faced denominational opposition at the local, state, and national levels. She was instrumental in the establishment of

Baptist Women in Ministry and is featured in the recently released documentary, *Midwives of a Movement*. Her theology is deeply grounded in God's unscrupulous and transforming love that she was taught in SBC Sunday school at an early age and the vision of God's realm as inviting and inclusive.

Following the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center, Susan served as 9/11 Disaster Response Coordinator for American Baptist Churches of Metro NY and as Director of Disaster Planning & Training for New York Disaster Interfaith Services. She has credentials in disaster management and preparedness, compassion fatigue, trauma response, and pastoral crisis intervention.

She is married to Bruce Landis, a Library Technology Consultant, and they share three adult children, five grandkids, and currently just one rescue Springer Spaniel, Katee. They live in Jeffersonville, IN. Susan and Bruce were part of Highland for almost a year before Susan started her new pastoral position, and they consider still consider Highland their spiritual touchstone.

~ Mary Alice Birdwhistell



131 & Not Nearly Done: 2025 Ministry Fund Commitment and Capital Campaign

There's a satisfying joy we experience when we help make good things happen. All of us find a deep sense of belonging in participating in the life of Highland, and we want to help others experience this for generations to come.

We give to what God is doing among us at Highland for so many reasons:

- To support a strong faith community with vibrant Christian worship.
- To encourage an ever-growing fellowship of young adults, parents, children, LGBTQIA+ folks of all ages, senior adults, retired grandparents, and more.
- To bear witness to and embody God's inclusive love that knows no bounds.

- To engage in what God is doing in our community and world, supporting our mission and justice partners like:
 - Kentucky Refugee Ministries
 - Highlands Community Ministries
 - Louisville Youth Group
 - Hope Village
 - CBF Field Personnel
 - Partners in Morocco
 - NA, AA, and Al-Anon Groups
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - La Casita Center
 - And more...

All of us are now asked to make a 2024-25 plan for giving our financial support to the ongoing actions and service of Highland Baptist Church. Please take some prayerful time for this as you review the Giving Pledge Card and Brochure already in the mail to you. If you have not received a brochure, please contact the church office and we can mail one to you. We give thanks for your generosity in this important season in the life of Highland as we seek to join in the work of God, creating a world where justice and love are abundant.

With deep gratitude,
Faithful Giving Ministry Group

Strategic Planning Sunday Postponed to January 2025

Due to some unavoidable scheduling conflicts, we need to postpone our upcoming work with the Center for Congregational Health until **January 2025**.

While this is disappointing news, the timing may end up being better for Highland for multiple reasons. Several members of our strategic planning team and Ministry Council were scheduled to be out of town for the October date, and now we can plan ahead for a date when they can participate. Additionally, our work was originally scheduled to culminate in May 2025, which is a particularly busy time in our local, school, and church calendars. Under this new schedule, our work will likely conclude in early fall, which may be better given the rhythms of our collective calendars.

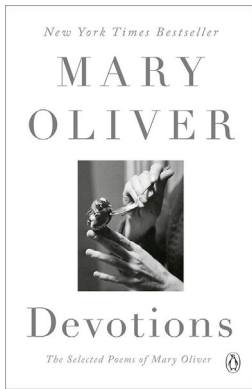
We will return to a normal Sunday morning schedule on October 20, and we will announce a new date in January once we have it confirmed with our leadership team. Thank you for your flexibility!

Highland Welcomes New Members



Melissa and Dave Weedman joined September 29, 2024

Calling All Creatives: Join Us in Crafting Advent Devotions



The Worship Ministry Group invites creatives to contribute to this year's Advent devotions. We'd especially love to include some personal art and photography submissions, accompanied by thought-provoking prompts or questions to encourage curiosity and meditation. WMG is planning our congregation's latest Advent journey through the lens of Mary Oliver's poetry from her book, *Devotions*. If you have questions or wish to submit an idea for your material, email [Paul Henderson](#) by October 11.

True Colors Open House this Sunday

**TRUE COLORS
OPEN HOUSE**



**OCTOBER 6
4:30 - 6:30 PM**

The Home of Troy Burden: 1322 Navajo Court

COME PARTY WITH US!

True Colors' Ministry Group invites all LGBTQ+ adults and allies of Highland to an open house. Join us for fellowship at the Home of Troy Burden, 1322 Navajo Court, **this Sunday, October 6 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm**. Please bring a snack or dessert to share.

Much of True Colors' work involves coordinating Highland's booth and involvement at Louisville

Pride and Kentuckiana Pride Parade and Festival. This open house is a great chance to connect and socialize. Please let [Troy](#) know if you can join us.

Anti-Racism Challenge from Listen Learn Act



Listen Learn Act is inviting us to join their next online Anti-Racism Challenge, beginning October 4. This is how it works: each week participants receive an email with a list of 10-12 possible anti-racism activities to do on their own. Participants are asked to choose and complete 3 of these. The purpose is to help us stay focused and active in challenging racism in our daily lives. We hope you'll join us in giving it a try! [Sign up here](#).



Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15) has been celebrated in the United States for over 50 years. It is an opportunity to honor and appreciate the history, heritage, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans.

The Anti-Racism Team invites you to learn more about Hispanic Heritage Month, why it's important,

and how you can celebrate it by exploring [this information](#) from the National Museum of the American Latino.

Cream of the Crop News

SENIOR ADULT VISIT TO TRIBE ANIMAL SANCTUARY



Tuesday, October 29

Join us Tuesday, October 29 for a visit to the Animal Tribe Sanctuary located at 2604 Flat Lick Road. **Please meet at 9:15 to car pool or to ride the van.** You may register for this event by emailing [Paul](#) or calling the church office at 502-451-3735. Indicate if you wish to ride the van. \$13 donation is suggested for each participant, payable upon arrival. Following the Sanctuary tour, we will gather for lunch (Location TBA). Watch for more details in next week's newsletter.

Senior Adult Retreat on September 26



The Senior Adult Retreat was so special last week! Led by Tyler and Lauren Jones Mayfield, the group had beautiful and deep conversations on living with uncertainty and change. If you were not able to attend, we hope you'll be able to join us next year for food, fellowship, and energizing discussions!



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 are still in need of one more person each week to help dry dishes.** Volunteers serve one week per month. Contact [Kathy Belcher](#) if you can help.

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](mailto:Kathleen.Gordon@highlandscommunityministry.org) or calling her at the church office, 502-451-3735.

October Menus:

October 2: No Wednesday Night Supper (JCPS Fall Break)

October 9: Shredded Barbecue Chicken, Mac and Cheese, Steamed Vegetables, Mixed Green Salad, Dessert

October 16: Spaghetti with Meatballs and Sauce, Steamed Vegetables, Mixed Green Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert



[Link for Tickets and More Information Here](#)



- October 2 No Wednesday Evening Activities with the exception of Sanctuary choir rehearsal at 6:15 PM
- October 4-6 "Unstructured" Women's Retreat - contact [Ginger Miller](#) if interested.

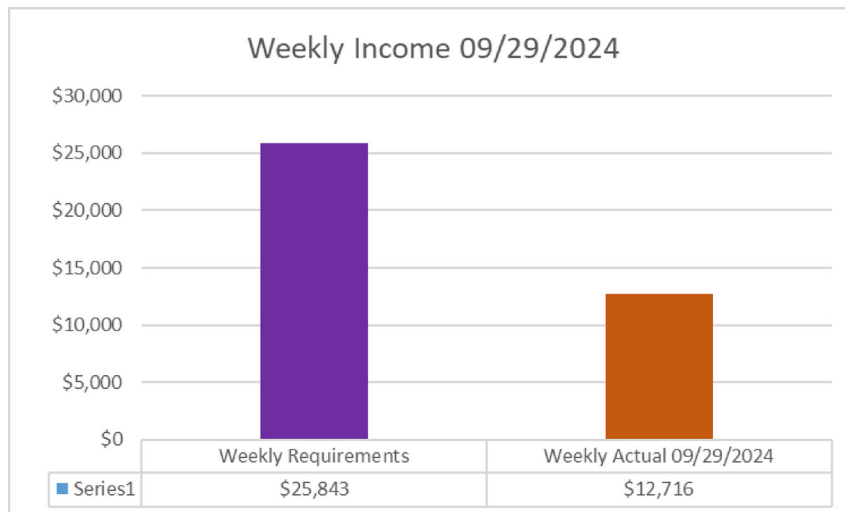
- October 9 Cloud of Witness with John Gulden, Emmanuel Maize, and Jess Smith, 6:15 PM
- October 11-12 Young Adult Fall Retreat, Troy Burden's Family Farm - contact [Justin Sizemore](#) if interested.
- October 13 Empty Bowls 2024, Highlands Community Ministries, 4:30-7:00 PM
- October 16 Wednesday Night Series Begins: Christian Nationalism
- October 27 Fall Festival on the Front Lawn, 3:00-5:00 PM
- October 29 Cream of the Crop visit to Tribe Animal Sanctuary, 10:00 AM

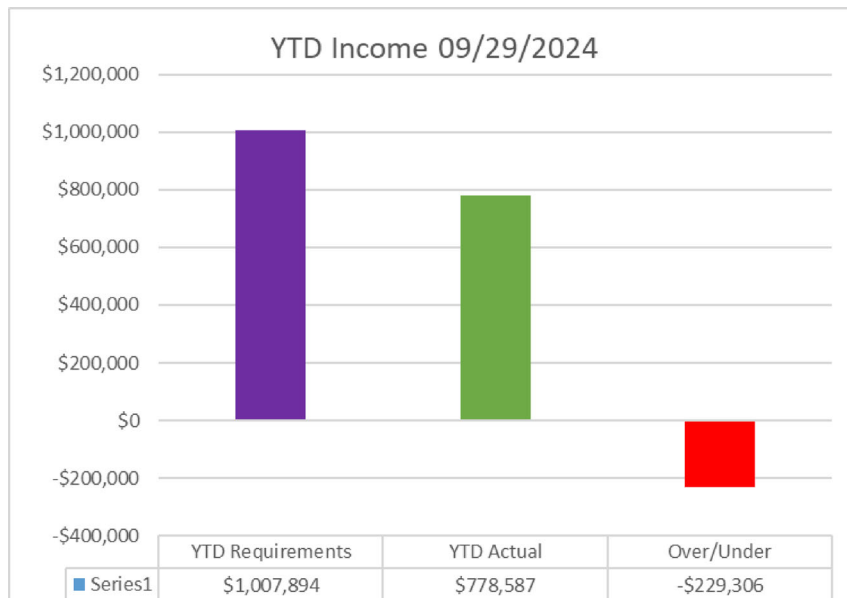
Sunday, 10:15 AM
<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>
<https://www.youtube.com/@highlandbaptist>
Friday, 7:00 PM
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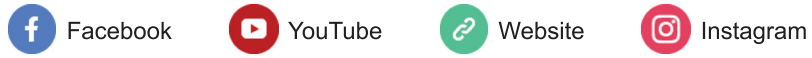
**To make a donation from your phone, text "give2hbc" to 502-747-1212
and open the link or use the QR code below.**



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.

- Elvis Montenegro Gonzales, 24, killed August 27
 - Juanita Watkins, 52, killed August 28
 - Jamal Churn, 29, killed September 2
 - Charles Watkins, 33, killed September 8
 - Jerrick Young, 18, killed September 13
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