

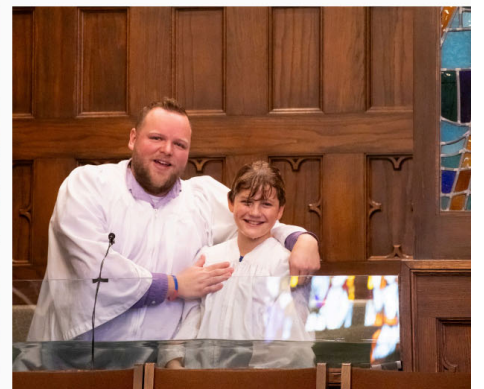


The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church November 20, 2024

Thanksgiving Brunch and Service of Gratitude



This Sunday, November 24, we will gather for brunch in the Fellowship Hall at 10 AM, including a time to share our gratitude with one another as a congregation. There will be no 8:45 service or Bible study classes for any ages during this time to allow the entire church family to participate in this beloved Highland tradition. The deacons invite you to bring a dish to share for brunch that morning. You can [sign up here](#). Thanksgiving Worship will follow brunch in the sanctuary at 11:15 AM.



Christmas Donation Opportunities

The Mission and Justice Ministry Group invites you to join us in supporting [La Casita Center](#) and [Highlands Community Ministries](#) this Christmas season. We are able to do this through both the donations of items they have requested for their communities of care as well as donations of time.



La Casita is collecting household necessity items, rather than toy donations, so that parents have the ability to choose gifts for their own children with the money that would usually be devoted to necessities. These items will go in La Casita December Resource Tuesday bags and are needed by November 25. Please take note that this is earlier than they have requested in previous years. Therefore, **we would love to have all items collected at church on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24, so that we can deliver them to La Casita in time.**

[Here is the link to sign-up](#) for the items HBC has agreed to collect and donate. [They also have this Amazon link](#) where you can order items to be delivered directly to La Casita. If you choose this option, please be sure to still select and claim items that are on our HBC sign-up link above so that we can fulfill our commitment.

The Mission and Justice team is also looking for volunteers to help sort donations after worship on Sunday (November 24) and to transport donations at 9:00 AM on Monday (November 25). If you're interested in helping, please contact [Kathryn Sappington here](#).

La Casita would also welcome the donation of your time as they prepare for their Family Resource Day. If you would like to volunteer, [please use this link to sign up directly with La Casita](#). There are options to volunteer on Friday, December 6, Monday, December 9, and Tuesday, December 10.

Highlands Community Ministries has requested throw sized blankets and \$25 gift cards for Kroger, Target, and Walmart. We will collect these donations during the Hanging of the Green Service on Sunday, December 1.

Thank you for your generosity to our mission partners and our surrounding community this holiday season!

Quarterly Church Conference Tomorrow

Our Quarterly Church Conference is scheduled for tomorrow evening, November 20, shortly after 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. An email was sent out yesterday with all the details for the meeting. The Finance Ministry Group will present the budget for 2025 and we will vote on incoming ministry council members, as well as Church Clerk, Moderator, and Comptroller. Please join us.

Christmas Poinsettias



Our Sanctuary will once again be beautifully adorned with red poinsettias this Advent and Christmas. All members are invited to purchase a poinsettia for \$15 in memory, in honor, or in appreciation of a family member, friend or loved one. You may order poinsettias through our website [here](#). You may also submit payment and information by contacting [Cheryl in the church office](#) or at 502-451-3735. **The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Monday, November 25.**

One Sunday Worship Service for Thanksgiving, Advent, and the Christmas Season

The end of the year includes some beloved traditions in worship at Highland, and starting on November 24, we will consolidate our schedule into **one Sunday morning service** so that we can experience the richness of this season together. There will be no 8:45 worship starting on November 24th through the end of the year, and we will continue with our current schedule of Bible Study at 10:00 AM and worship at 11:15 AM. (The exception to this will be Sunday, December 29

when we will have no Bible Study and one worship service at 10:00 AM). This change is a huge support to our pastors, choir members, musicians, worship leaders, and other volunteers during this busy season, and it allows us to invest more time and energy in the special services we offer throughout Advent and Christmas. Additionally, the Deacons have expressed how meaningful it was for Highland to worship together in one service over the summer, and we hope this change will offer a similar opportunity for us to worship together throughout the holidays as the family of God in this place.

Highland Family Invited to BSK Gathering

Many of Highland's people can attest to how a quality seminary can impact lives for the good of all. While the seminary landscape has changed so much over the past decades, we give thanks that God is still at work through high-quality theological education rooted right here in Kentucky. As trustees, we are excited to unite our love for BSK Theological Seminary with our Highland family through a drop-in gathering that will include some BSK staff, including BSK President Dr. Cassady.



We invite all our Highland family to Carol's home on Sunday, November 24, between 5:00 and 7:30 PM for a drop-in to celebrate BSK's good work! Before the Thanksgiving celebrations begin, we will enjoy some small bites and drinks to give thanks for all God is doing in our midst. It's a joyous occasion that we look forward to sharing with you! To attend, please [click this link](#) for details and to RSVP.

~ Carol Harston and Larry Gray



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](#) or calling her at the church office, 502-451-3735.

November Menus:

November 20: Fried and Baked Chicken / Mac & Cheese / Green Beans / Salad / Rolls / Dessert
November 27: No Wednesday Evening Activities

annual vigil to remember and
honor victims of violence
against the trans community

International Trans Day of Remembrance

NOV. 20 @ 7PM
IN THE FRONT GARDEN OF
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL
2822 FRANKFORT AVE.

donations to benefit Mandala House

Click Here for Church Signup Links

Sunday, 11:15 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org>

<https://www.youtube.com/@highlandbaptist>

Friday, 7:00 PM

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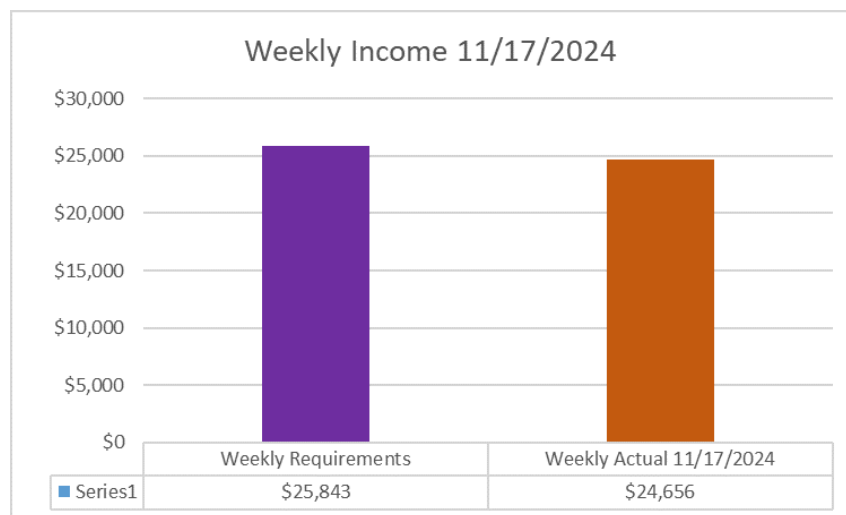
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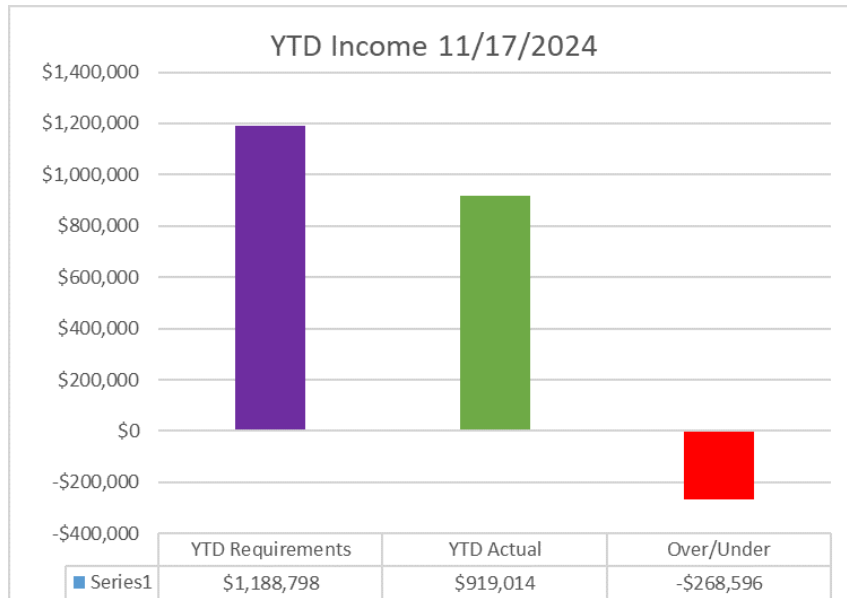


Looking Ahead

- November 20: Quarterly Church Conf. and Budget Presentation, 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall
- November 24: Thanksgiving Breakfast and Worship
- November 27: No Wednesday Evening Activities
- December 1: First Sunday of Advent - Hanging of the Green Service, 6:00 PM
- December 8: Second Sunday of Advent - Children's Advent Service, 6:00 PM

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.



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