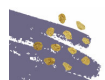




The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church March 25, 2025



How to Help Immigrants and Refugees through Kentucky Refugee Ministries

Leviticus 19:34 says: "The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love them as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." This tenet of welcoming the stranger, the immigrant, occurs 36 times in the Torah—the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, what is called the Old Testament by Christians. That's more than any other teaching. In the Gospels, Jesus identifies with the stranger. In Matthew 25:35 he says: "For I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."

“ WE MUST ADJUST TO CHANGING
TIMES AND STILL HOLD TO
UNCHANGING PRINCIPLES ”

-President Jimmy Carter



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Let's Build a Welcoming Future Together



The policies of the current U.S. president include removing all undocumented immigrants, not just those who have committed crimes. Even some who are legally here and have not committed a crime have been deported. What can we do to support those who are living in limbo about their future?

Highland Baptist Church is a long-time partner of Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM). During the week our building is used for childcare and family education for KRM's clients. Several times in the past HBC has co-sponsored new arrivals with KRM, helping the recent immigrants get settled in their new country. We have HBC members who work at KRM and some who volunteer.

Because the newly passed government funding bill cuts resources for immigrant services and substantially increases funds for ICE and Border Patrol, agencies like KRM are stretched financially. All staff have had either their hours cut or their salaries cut. Though KRM cannot take on new clients now, they continue to provide services for many immigrants already receiving services.

How to give financially to KRM

- Donations of cash or checks: Kentucky Refugee Ministries, 969-B Cherokee Road, Louisville, KY 40204
- credit/debit card - [click here](#)

Other ways to support KRM

- Volunteer to provide tutoring for ages kindergarten through college
- Volunteer with the home visit program for refugees who are shut in and isolated
- Volunteer for the monthly mobile food pantry distribution
- Volunteer to teach clients the bus route to community resources
- Donate gift cards from Kroger, Walmart, or Visa in any amount
- Donate currently needed items: diapers (sizes 3-6), all-purpose cleaning spray, liquid laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels
- [Learn more about volunteering](#) and register for a monthly Info Session & Volunteer Orientation

PLEASE NOTE: KRM asks that before dropping off donations to its office, please reach out to:

- For donating gift cards: [Joseph Caminiti](#) or (502) 702-3891
- To volunteer: [Kristina Lynch](#) or (502) 479-9180, x 568
- To donate items: [Jamilee Vail](#) or (502) 479-9180, x 523

~ Highland's Anti-Racism Team



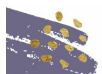
 **Highland Welcomes Kathryn House as This Sunday's Guest Proclaimer**



Rev. Kathryn House, Ph.D., is Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies and Practical Theology and Chair of the Rev. Dr. Lee Barker Professorship of Leadership Studies at Meadville Lombard Theological School. She was previously Visiting Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and a Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellow at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She also served as the Project Director of the Myrtle Collaboration, an Innovation Hub of the Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Initiative, at Louisville Seminary. House received her BA in Religion from Duke University and her MDiv. and PhD in Theological Studies from Boston University School of Theology.

House is co-editor, with Dr. Sara Moslener, of the forthcoming edited volume *Purity Culture and its Discontents* (Routledge Press, Special Issues as Books Program). She has also contributed chapters to *Trauma and Lived Religion: Transcending the Ordinary* (Palgrave Macmillan) and *Faithfully Feminist: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Feminists on Why We Stay* (White Cloud Press), and her writing has been published in journals such as *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, *Pastoral Psychology*, and *American Baptist Quarterly*. Her current project, an expansion of her dissertation *The Afterlife of White Evangelical Purity Culture: Wounds, Legacies, and Impacts*, investigates the theological scaffolding of white evangelical purity culture and its lingering legacies, proposing a Baptist theology of baptism as a practice of solidarity in response. Her teaching and scholarship are generated at intersections of trauma-informed pastoral and spiritual care, liberation theologies, and leadership studies.

House is ordained in the American Baptist Churches, USA, and affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists. She is a member of the First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain (a neighborhood in Boston, MA) and also serves on the Board of the congregation's Centre for Faith, Art, and Justice. She is the past President of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (NABPR) Region-at-Large and has served on numerous committees for NABPR.

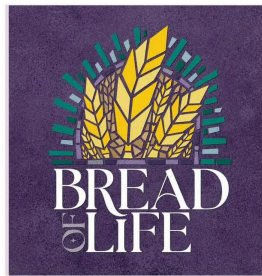


Highland Helps Raise the Roof with Habitat for Humanity!



March 20, 21, and 22, members of Highland gathered together with volunteers from several Baptist churches in the Louisville area for our annual Baptist Build/Raise the Roof. This year we encountered bright, sunny, and chilly weather to go from a flat foundation to a building with walls, windows, and a roof! Thanks to our volunteers: Molly Braun, Kim Clark, Diane Endicott, John Foster, Rhonda Hanson, Rusty McIntosh, John Pacyga, and Natalie Rider. It was a privilege to share the love of Christ with our community and fellow Baptist churches.

~ Larry Hoover



Holy Week at Highland Baptist Church

Palm Sunday: April 13, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Justin Sizemore, Proclaimer

This service of worship celebrates Jesus' triumphal entry and begins with a traditional palm processional led by the children of Highland. The Carol and Chorister Choirs will sing: *Antiphonal Hosanna* by G. Alan Smith. The people of Highland will also lift their voices in praise to begin Holy Week.

Sanctuary Choir Anthem: *The Ground* by Ola Gjelo



Maundy Thursday Service: April 17, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

This intimate service takes place in smaller gatherings around the Fellowship Hall. Again this year, we will offer a time of fellowship with charcuterie snacks. At 7:00 p.m., we will join in a time of communion, hymns, reading Scripture, and hand washing. Kathey Golightly Sanders will lead our Lenten reflection.

Tenebrae Service: Friday, April 18, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

The Service of Darkness is based on the ancient word Tenebrae (shadows) and remembers Christ's suffering and crucifixion through music and scripture. Highland's Sanctuary Choir provides the music for the service.



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20



Worship, 8:45 and 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

Carol Harston, Proclaimer

Join us for this time of celebration as the Sanctuary resounds with congregational singing, choirs, and brass. Our 2nd and 3rd grade children will process with Easter lilies in the 11:15 a.m. service. Together, we will proclaim that Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Sanctuary Choir Anthem: *Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound* by Julian Wachner

Breakfast, Egg Hunt, and Resurrection Cross on the Lawn: 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a finger-food breakfast in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate the resurrection together on Easter morning. Please sign up via the link below or in the newsletter to bring a breakfast item to share.



We also invite you to bring fresh flowers to help adorn our Easter cross, created by Chip Miller, outside in front of the sanctuary. Children will also have the opportunity to participate in an Easter egg hunt for different age groups.

Whether you are new to Highland, looking for a way to re-connect, or are with us on a regular basis, we hope you will join us. We look forward to a beautiful Easter morning together with the Highland family!

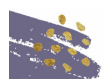


Worship Care for infants-preschool children is available during all Holy Week and Easter services.



Upcoming Sunday Proclaimers

- March 30:** Kathryn House
April 6: Sally Evans
April 13: Justin Sizemore
April 20: Carol Harston
April 27: Children's Sabbath



Easter Lilies

This Easter we will once again adorn our Sanctuary with beautiful Easter Lilies. You are invited to purchase a lily for \$15 in memory of, in honor of, or in appreciation of a family member, a friend, a loved one, or a group of people. You may order flowers by [clicking on this link](#).



You may also order lilies by calling the church office at 502-451-3735. **The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 14.**



This weekend, our youth will travel to Camp Loucon in western Kentucky for our rescheduled winter retreat. During our time together we will explore the theme “Imagine.”

Imagine what it would be like to be still in a world that is constantly asking us to go and do. Imagine what acceptance can really look like in our world. And imagine what justice and change really look like and how we go about doing that work.

I love this time away as it will give us a chance to recharge, refocus, imagine together what God is calling us to do in this world, and grow closer together. I will share tons of pictures and fun from our weekend when we return.

~ Justin Sizemore



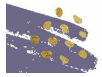
Highland's staff celebrated Lauren Blackwell as she closes out her time as our interim ministry coordinator.



Ordination Service for Paxton Vaughn



We are pleased to announce that Paxton Vaughn's ordination as a minister was unanimously approved during our called business meeting earlier this month. Paxton is a long-time member of Highland and **her ordination service will be held here at Highland at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 6**. We hope you can join us for this important service!



Trans Day of Joy

Friends, you are invited to join the True Colors Ministry Group for the Trans Day of Joy gathering in Frankfort THIS THURSDAY! Joining alongside other congregations and folk from Kentucky, we will gather to celebrate our Trans siblings! At a time when our Trans siblings are under attack and are the subject of laws and litigation, it is so important for us to show up and support them.



TRANS JOY PARTY

Frankfort, KY, Capitol Rotunda
Date: March 27th
Time: 11:00 AM EST

WHY THIS MATTERS

Documenting Trans Joy
The Rotunda will soon be closed for renovations, and we want to ensure that trans joy is visibly celebrated and recorded in this historic space before it becomes inaccessible

Standing Against Fascism

In light of anti-trans legislation and recent statements suggesting protests are illegal, showing up and celebrating our trans identities is an act of peaceful defiance and community strength

WHAT TO EXPECT

Crafts & Creative Expression
Music & Fellowship
Speeches & LGBT+ Children's Books
Family-Friendly Environment

JOIN US

Invite friends, family, and allies

The bigger our gathering, the louder our message of unity and resistance



If you would like to join us in Frankfort, please let [Justin](#) or Kim Clark-Endicott know by Wednesday. Also, there are Trans folk here in Louisville that would love to go but have no ride available. If you would be willing to drive some folks down, please let us know that as well.

~ Justin Sizemore



Thanks to True Colors Ministry Group



Big thanks to True Colors for loaning their button maker to the Gay Straight Trans Alliances at Ramsey and Echo Trail Middle Schools. We were able to create almost 100 "Support Trans Kids" buttons for teachers and club members to wear the week preceding Transgender Day of Visibility. We so appreciate you!



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!

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.

March Menu:

March 26: Soup, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert

April Menus:

April 2: Spring Break - No Wednesday Night Dinner

April 9: BBQ Pork, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Salad, Dessert

April 16: Meatloaf, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

April 23: Lasagna, Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert

April 30: Pizza, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert



Highlands
Community
Ministries

grow. heal. play.

Lenten Lunch Series

Strength for Today

Hope for Tomorrow

Thursdays during Lent

Noon - 1pm

- **3/13: Deer Park Baptist**
- **3/20: Immanuel UCC**
- **3/27: Unity of Louisville**
- **4/3: Strathmoor Presbyterian**
- **4/10: Bardstown Rd. Presbyterian**

*Free Soup Lunch and a Short Devotional by
Speakers from Highlands Congregations*



HCM's Spring Clean Drive for Personal Hygiene Items

It's that time of year again when we respectfully ask for your help to collect personal hygiene items for our neighbors in need! The following items are most needed:

- Bar Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Pods
- Small/Medium Bottles of Liquid Dish Detergent
- Small/Medium Bottles of Hand Sanitizer

Please drop off items during our food pantry hours, Wed-Thu-Fri, 10am – 1pm.

1228 E. Breckinridge St. at Barret Ave. Front gate/lower ramp or back door at the parking lot.

Thank you for helping us lift up our neighbors in need!



[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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**Streaming
Worship
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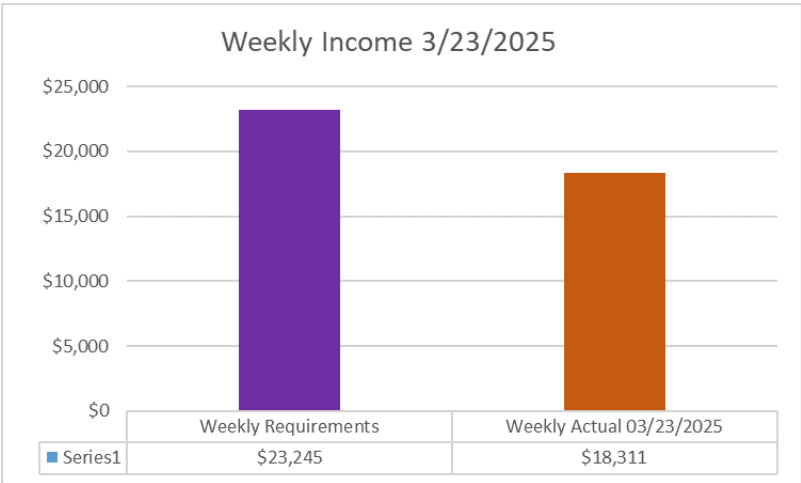


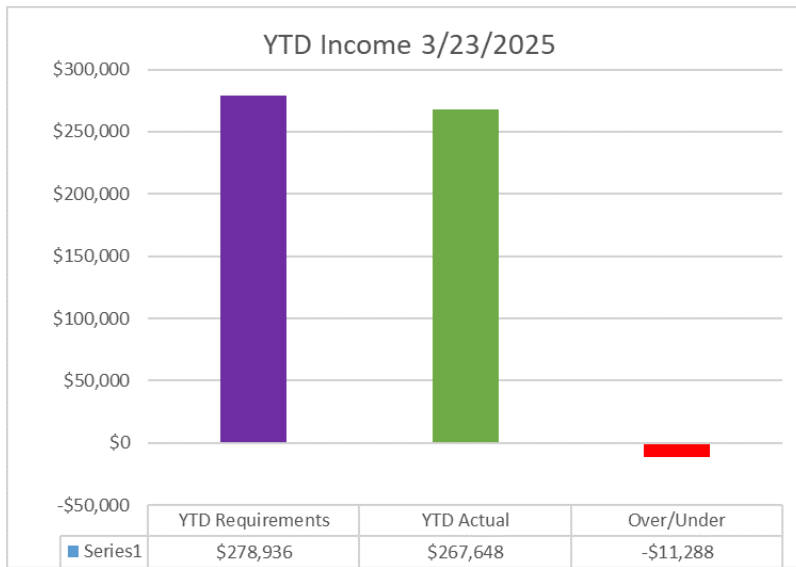


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Financial Reports





**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.

- John Thomas McQuillen, 65, killed March 12
- Quincy Coleman, 19, killed March 12

- Michael Evans, 70, killed March 15
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