



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church
April 22, 2025



Highland Celebrates Children's Sabbath This Sunday



*Each child belongs to all of us and they will bring us a tomorrow
in direct relation to the responsibility we have shown to them. ~ Maya Angelou*

Join us for our 11:15 AM worship service this Sunday, April 27, as we shed light and love on Highland's youngest – our children ranging in age from birth through the fifth grade. Beginning with a lively and joy-filled processional to the final choral benediction, our children will lead us through music, prayers, and scripture. Come to celebrate and support but also to learn and be changed by seeing God's love through their eyes and action. Highland, they are not only our future – they are our now! They are looking forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday!



Pastor Search Committee Nominees

We have prepared photos and short bios of those nominated to serve on the Pastor Search Committee and you can [find them here](#). We will vote on them electronically April 27-30. When voting, you may vote

yes or no for the entire group or vote individually for each candidate.

~ Robin Ramsay for the Ad Hoc Committee



News from the Interim Pastor Search Committee

We are excited to recommend that Rev. Dr. Chris Caldwell be elected to serve as Highland Baptist's Interim Pastor.



Chris brings over 25 years of dynamic pastoral leadership, a deep alignment with our church's core values, and a passion for progressive, inclusive ministry. Many in our community will recognize Chris from his 15+ years as Pastor of Broadway Baptist Church here in Louisville. He most recently served as Interim Pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Frankfort, Kentucky, and has held leadership roles at Simmons College, including Director of the Office of Church Engagement and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies.

Describing himself as a "bit of a Baptist rabble-rouser," Chris has dedicated his life to preaching and teaching a faith rooted in justice and inclusion, with a strong track record in anti-racism and LGBTQ+ advocacy. In our interview with Chris, he more than answered our questions; he spoke personally and pastorally to each of us. His highly relational leadership style will be a great support to our staff and ministry teams as we move forward together.

Please note updated plans: Chris will share his faith story in both services on Sunday, May 4 and will be available to meet with interested congregants between services in the Commons. A formal congregational vote will take place during a special called business meeting via Zoom on Sunday, May 4 at 4:00 PM (see next article). If approved, Chris will begin his ministry at Highland on Monday, May 5.

Called Business Meeting on May 4

At the request of the Chair of Ministry Council, there will be a Called Business Meeting on May 4 at 4:00 PM via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to have the congregation vote on the candidate being recommended for the position of Interim Pastor, the Reverend Dr. Chris Caldwell. The Interim Pastor Search Committee will be present to respond to any questions not previously answered.

A Zoom link will be emailed on Friday, May 2.



 **Wednesday Evenings Exploring Advocacy with Guest,
Rus Funk**



Have you ever wondered how YOU can make a difference in the world when you are just one person? What about when the problems in our world seem massive and difficult to effect meaningful change?

Enter our Wednesday night series presented by Rus Funk, the Director of the Justice Center at All Peoples UU. For more information about the Justice Center, [visit here](#).

Join us this Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM for our final session on accountable advocacy.

Save the Date - Sunday, June 1!

Congregational Conversation #2 - Moving Forward Together

Our next conversation will be held on Sunday, June 1! All are welcome and details are coming soon.

~ Strategic Planning Committee

Holy Week at Highland



Join Us for Kentuckiana Pride Night with Racing Louisville FC on June 6 at 7:30!



Highland has teamed up with 16 other open and affirming congregations and Racing Louisville FC to reserve **200 seatback tickets in Section 116** for the **June 6 match vs. Utah Royals**, in celebration of **Kentuckiana Pride Night**.

🎫 **Tickets are \$18.38 each (fees included)** and can be purchased directly via the link below.

👥 **Groups wanting to sit together** should have one person purchase tickets for the group and then distribute them through SeatGeek.

👉 [Racing Louisville Pride Night Tickets](#)

👉 [Pride Night T-Shirt Order Form](#)

PRIDE NIGHT TEE SHIRT

Buttery soft tri-blend tshirt with 2 color print on front and a listing of all the open and affirming congregations participating in the event. Kids sizes are also available.

Order by **May 15**

ORDER

Suggested Price

\$20

Profits from shirt sales go to
lgbtq+ non-profit

Partnering congregations include:

Central Presbyterian, Kentuckiana Association UCC, Covenant Community, Middletown Christian, Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral, Crescent Hill Baptist, Strathmoor Presbyterian, Highland Presbyterian, Buechel Park Baptist, The Justice Center at All Peoples, Broadway Baptist, Ridgewood Baptist, Unity of Louisville, Highland Baptist, Calvary Episcopal, and more.

Let's fill the section with pride and presence!



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.

April Menus:

April 23: Lasagna, Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert

April 30: Pizza, Salad, Vegetable, Dessert

 **Senior Adult Luncheon on Friday, April 25**

Join us for good food and fellowship on Friday, April 25 at 12:00 noon at Gustavo's Mexican Grill on Hurstbourne Lane. Please call Paul Henderson for reservations at 502-451-3735 or [email him here](#). We hope to see you there!

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

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

Streaming
Worship
Links

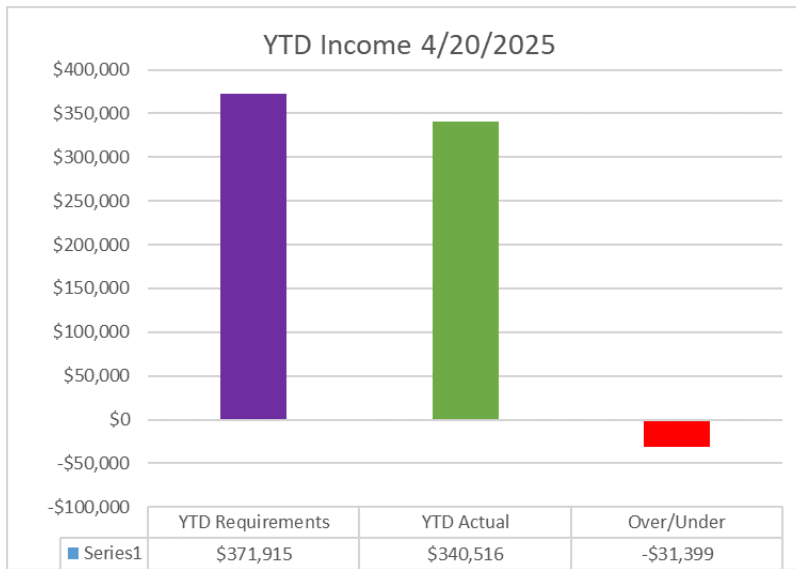
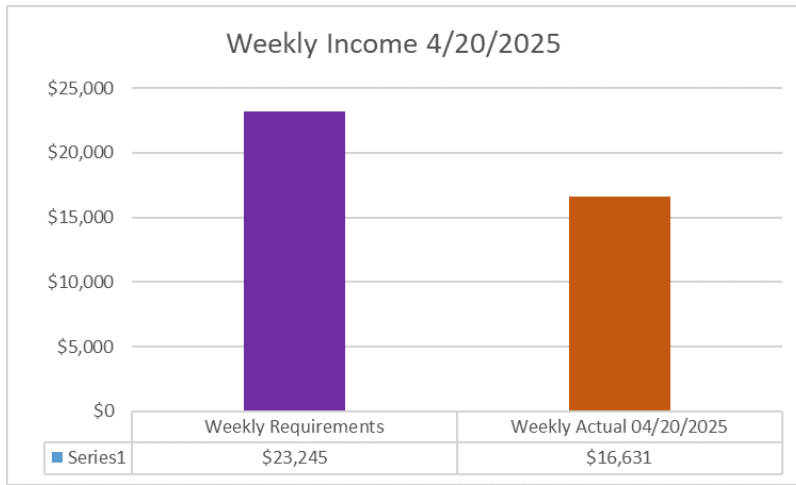


Looking Ahead

- April 25: Senior Adult Luncheon at Gustavo's Mexican Grill, 12:00 PM
- April 27: Children's Sabbath during 11:15 AM worship
- May 4: Meet Chris Caldwell, Interim Pastor Candidate, during morning worship
Called Business Meeting via Zoom at 4:00 PM to vote on interim pastor candidate
- June 1: Congregational Conversation #2
- June 6: Kentuckiana Louisville Racing Pride Night, 7:30 PM
- July 12: Trivia Night & Dessert Auction for the Sacred Space Campaign, 7:00 PM - **note new date**



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.

- Robert Auter, 37, killed April 8
 - David Clark, 49, killed April 8
 - Mallory Cox, 37, killed April 8
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