



## The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church May 20, 2025

Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, May 26  
in observance of Memorial Day.



### Preparation for Congregational Conversation #2

*"You wanna find a Baptist church that loves everyone? I've got the church for you!"*

1. Read this and other comments from the community at large and from Highland members [in this link](#). Casey Boggs from Reputation US (and Highland member) will review the results of HBC's reputation survey during the June 1 conversation.
2. Do you wonder what your staff values about HBC and what their challenges are? The Center for Congregational Health consultant, Michael Cheuk, will report on his interviews of current and former staff at the June 1 meeting. Here is his [summary report](#).
3. The Strategic Planning Committee has been working hard since January to analyze feedback and start to develop priority areas of action. We will continue to build on this document with your input on June 1. [Here is the link](#).

Conversation #2 will be held on June 1 in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 -11:00 AM. All are welcome to join in this process. Coffee and sign in begins at 8:45 AM. Child care is available.

**Please note there is no 8:45 worship service that day**, but please join us for the 11:15 worship service

following the congregational conversation.

All reports will remain available online for you to review.

A poster for a congregational conversation. It features a dark blue background with two large, overlapping speech bubbles on the right side: a smaller orange one in front of a larger yellow one. In the top left, white text reads 'FROM YOUR STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:' followed by a short orange horizontal line. The main title 'CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION #2' is in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below it, 'YOUR VOICE MATTERS IN THE FUTURE OF HIGHLAND!' is in smaller, bold, yellow capital letters. At the bottom, white text states 'Facilitated by the Center for Congregational Health' (with a small logo to the right), 'SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025', and 'FELLOWSHIP HALL'.

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**



## Highland's Sanctuary Choir to Sing in England!

In the spring of 2024, the Louisville Master Chorale, Second Presbyterian Choir, and our very own Sanctuary Choir had the honor of being invited to sing in the Royal Chapel of St. George's, Windsor July 17-24, 2025! Since then, nearly half of our choir has committed to go on this once in a lifetime experience.



Our Louisville choir, named Coro Louisville, will present a sacred music concert before joining groups from the United Kingdom to present a larger concert conducted by Welsh composer, Paul Mealor. Near the end of our week together, Coro Louisville will present a lunchtime concert at Winchester Cathedral, to be followed by a chamber group from within leading an Evensong later that afternoon. We are grateful to have our own John Dickson conducting Coro Louisville's concerts.



We are so excited to share our love of ancient and modern sacred music with others across the pond! We ask for your prayers as we prepare, travel, and make unforgettable memories with new friends!

*~ Paul Henderson*



## Deacon Nomination Process Concludes Tomorrow

Each year, our church nominates members to serve as Deacons at Highland. Our Deacons are not an "administrative board," but rather servant leaders who invest themselves in the life of the church and care for our community of faith in a variety of ways. The deacon body is a blend of new and long-time Highland Baptist Church members, young, seasoned, and diverse. You are invited to nominate up to 10 people to

serve as Deacons at Highland in the coming year. More information can be found on this [online nomination form](#).



Deacon get-together at Mile Wide Beer Company

For those who do not have online access, we ask that you call the church office to make your nominations (502-451-3735). Paper ballots are also available on Sundays. Nominees are considered by a subgroup of deacons who then proposes a list of names to the congregation for approval. **The nomination deadline is this Wednesday, May 21.**

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## Highland's Orchestra presents "A Dance Recital"



Have you ever been to a dance recital? Well, here's your chance! The Highland Baptist Church Orchestra will present their spring concert, "A Dance Recital," on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary.

From a Shaker dance to a waltz to a Ukranian folk dance, this program has it all. (Except actual dancers.) Join us for this lively program of music both light and serious. See you then!

~ Bruce Maples

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## Intergenerational Game Night a Success!



This past Sunday evening, the Young Adults partnered with the “Cream of the Crop” group for a rousing intergenerational game night. The event was designed to build relationships across age groups and strengthen community through the power of board games and snacks. Fun was had by all!

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## Fourth Annual Drag Revival, June 5, 7:00-9:00 PM



Highland is joining eleven other congregations in sponsoring the Fourth Annual Drag Revival at Highland Community Ministries, 1228 E Breckinridge Street. The Drag Revival is a family friendly, interfaith evening to celebrate the relationship between LGBTQ+ folks and faith. **Tickets are free this year**, thanks to a generous grant from the Fund for the Arts. [Click here](#) for tickets and more information.

Headlining this year is singer songwriter, Heather Mae. Heather writes genre-defying anthems for outsiders, survivors, and seekers of radical joy. Her music is an unflinching mirror reflecting the raw realities of mental health, queer liberation, survivor empowerment, and the fight for justice. Opening for Heather Mae are some of your favorite local drag performers. Bring the whole family to sit down for an evening of heart warming entertainment enhanced by a bake sale and freshly popped popcorn! This is a fundraiser benefiting Camp Beacon, Kentucky's only summer camp with the mission to create a safe, inclusive summer camp experience for LGBTQ+ kiddos around the state, free of charge.

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## 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](#)

**Partner 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!

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**Click Here for Church Signup Links**

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**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**



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*Looking Ahead*

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| May 21:  | Spring Orchestra Concert, 6:00 PM                                |
| June 1:  | Congregational Conversation #2 - see article above for details   |
| June 5:  | Drag Revival 2025 - Highlands Community Ministries, 7:00-9:00 PM |
| June 6:  | Kentuckiana Louisville Racing Pride Night, 7:30 PM               |
| June 15: | Pride Sunday in worship, 8:45 and 11:15 AM                       |

June 21: Kentuckiana Pride Parade and Festival  
June 22: Quarterly Church Conference via Zoom, 4:00 PM  
July12: Trivia Night & Dessert Auction for the Sacred Space Campaign, 7:00 PM - **note new date**

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## Financial Reports Return Next Week

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.

- Kevin Beach, 57, killed May 3
  - Bradley May, 32, killed May 4 (Highland member Abby McHenry was Bradley's neighbor and requests prayer for his family)
  - Isaiah White, 44, killed May 4
  - Latasha White, 49, killed May 7
  - Laith Rajha, 18, killed May 8
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