



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church November 4, 2025

Highlands Community Ministries Holiday Drive

This season, our congregation is proud to partner with Highlands Community Ministries (HCM) and other Highland congregations to bring warmth and joy to families in need. Our goal is to contribute to HCM's mission by collecting gift cards and cozy throw blankets — with a collective target of 500 gift cards and a blanket for every family.

We're excited to be part of this meaningful effort, and we invite you to join us in making a difference!

Donations will be collected on Sunday, November 30, during the *Hanging of the Green* service.

Specific items needed:

- \$25 gift cards for Kroger, Target, or Walmart
- NEW throw-sized blankets

~ Naomi Sipe



Highlights Class for Visitors and New Members on November 9

If you are new to Highland, whether as a new member or visitor, please join us on Sunday, November 9 from 12:30-3:00 PM for our Highlights Class in the Fellowship Hall. This brief overview of Highland provides lunch and space to meet with fellow newcomers, as well as long-time congregants.

We will hear from one another what brings us to this wonderful and unique community of faith, and we will learn a bit more about what it means to be a progressive Baptist. Attending the Highlights Class is also a requirement for membership at Highland. If you plan to join us, please RSVP to [Cheryl Davis](#) no later than tomorrow, November 5. Childcare will be available with a reservation.



Quarterly Church Conference Scheduled on November 12

Our quarterly church conference is scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 12, shortly after 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. During this time, the Finance Ministry Group will present the budget for 2026. Please join us in person next Wednesday.



Friday Church News

Friday night, Halloween, we celebrated a God who is not done yet, a God who is still creating, and who walks beside us even in difficult times. Through personal testimony and the Lord's prayer, we celebrated God's hallowed (sacred/holy) name. Through cobbler and candy, fun and fellowship, we celebrated the sacred, hallowed moments in the here and now. In community, we remembered and named the saints (hallowed souls) who have sustained us and who sustain us still. And we remembered, in the words of another Highland saint, even though we may be a hot mess, we are God's hot mess.



~ Bill Campbell



Join Us for the Senior Adult Mini-Retreat on November 18



Join the senior adults on Tuesday, November 18 from 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM at Gilda's Club, located at 2440 Grinstead Drive (near the church). The cost is \$35, which includes boxed lunches provided by Kingsley's. Our speakers will be Bob Cunningham (Spirituality) and Todd Metcalf and Lee Cave (Financial and Estate Planning). [Please email Paul Henderson here](#) to reserve your spot!



Highland Begins Partnership with the Louisville Solidarity Project

We were so fortunate to hear from Dr. Mario Ransan about his work with the Louisville Solidarity Project last Tuesday, and to learn the way that the community is coming together to serve those who are affected by the current moment. This project collects needed items and shuttles them where they are needed using nothing but willing folks. Highland has named itself a willing partner, and will be collecting donations

as long as the need exists. The Anti-Racism Team has a large list of items that are being collected for local high schoolers, and if you want a copy of the long list feel free to reach out to any member of our team. Right now we are going to focus on collecting the items that are most requested: **dried beans, bags of rice, diapers, and menstrual pads.** Please deposit donations in the boxes outside of the choir room.

The project also needs drivers to shuttle the items from school to school and other locations. [Please reach out to me](#) if you are willing to transport donations. There will be folks to help load and unload in most cases, and requires nothing larger than a typical car/passenger vehicle.

We are here for such a time as this, friends. Thanks be to God for a community of faith who is willing and able to meet the moment.

~ Missy Smith



Highlands Community Ministries Food Pantry Update



The response from our church family and community has been incredible. So many people have shown up to help fill the shelves at the HCM food pantry that we are, quite literally, overflowing right now. This is a wonderful problem to have, and we are so grateful. To stay organized, we are asking groups who have not already scheduled a delivery time to hold off until **Thursday or later**. We expect many families to come through on Wednesday when the pantry opens, which will help us make room again.

If a group already has a time set to drop off food, they should absolutely keep that plan. We just want to make sure we have the space and volunteer capacity to receive everything well.

It is truly because of this kind of generosity that we can meet the growing needs in our neighborhood.

~ Steven Michael Carr, Development Director



Check here for sign-ups beginning next week to bring food for the brunch.



Foree House Plaque

The plaque that previously adorned the front of the Foree House now resides in our Archive Cabinets located in the hallway outside the church offices.



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 [Kathleen in the church office](#) or at 502-451-3735. **The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Monday, November 24.**



Room in the Inn – Winter Shelter Volunteers Needed

Room in the Inn Louisville is a winter shelter ministry run by local congregations to provide safe overnight housing for our unhoused neighbors during January and February.



This year, two church sites will host guests each night. Volunteers are needed to serve in teams of two for three types of shifts: Evening (5–10 PM), Overnight (10 PM–5 AM), and Breakfast (5–7 AM).

[Learn more here.](#) See Alan Spade or [email him here](#) if you're interested in helping.



Festival of Faiths

The *Festival of Faiths* is an annual event in Louisville celebrating all faith traditions and it's almost here!

In the face of contemporary, global, and local concerns, this year the festival will explore our interconnectedness with the theme *Sacred Belonging* November 12-15. Together we will gather to discover a joy that honors our differences as we seek true belonging! [You can find a full schedule, speakers, and tickets here.](#)



You can also hear more from our festival speakers and theme on our new podcast *Holy Echoes: Listening to Prophets Then and Now* wherever you like to listen!

~ Sally Evans



Join Us for Wednesday Night Dinners



We hope you can join us for Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners! We ask everyone to make a reservation so that we have an accurate count for meal preparation. **Please make your reservations by Monday at 12:00 Noon for each 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. Meal costs are \$10 per person, \$5 for children, with a maximum of \$25 per family. Dinners can be [paid online here](#), by check, or cash at the door. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity for intergenerational fellowship!

November Menus

November 5: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

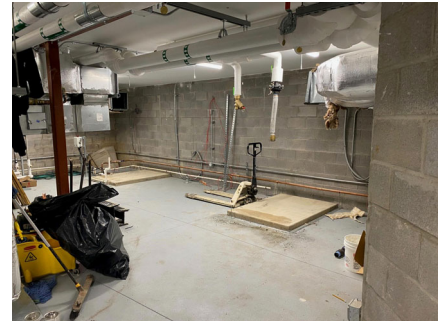
November 12: Soup, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert

November 19: Fried Chicken/Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert



Work Resumes on the Sacred Space HVAC Project

This Monday work resumed on replacement of the two 10-ton Heat Pumps beneath the sanctuary. You will recall that the incorrect units were ordered and installed by one of the subcontractors, and the replacement units are being installed this week. This process represents another significant step forward in completing the project. (The pictures below show new hardware being unloaded from the delivery truck and then being moved into the building. The final picture shows the temporarily empty mechanical room beneath the sanctuary, before the new heat pumps are moved into position.)



~Walter McWhorter



Fence Staining

Many thanks to Bob Belcher, Larry Davis, John Pacyga, and Mark Golightly Sanders for their work in staining the new fence behind the building. Please express your appreciation to this crew the next time you see them!



~ Walter McWhorter

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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
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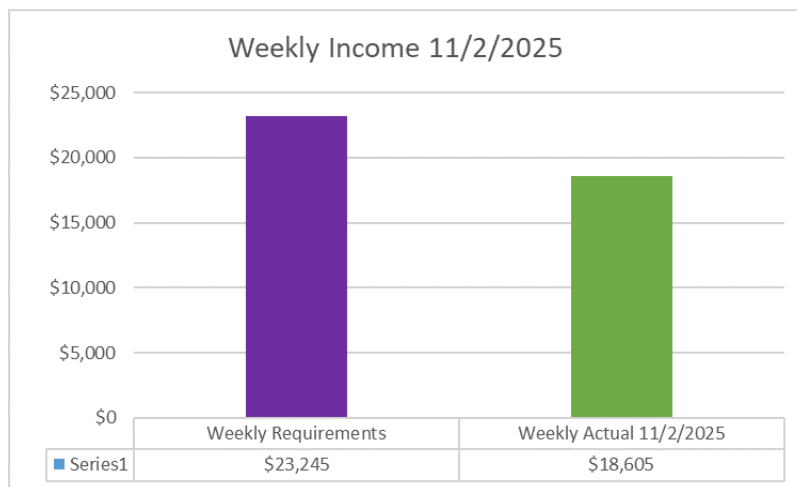


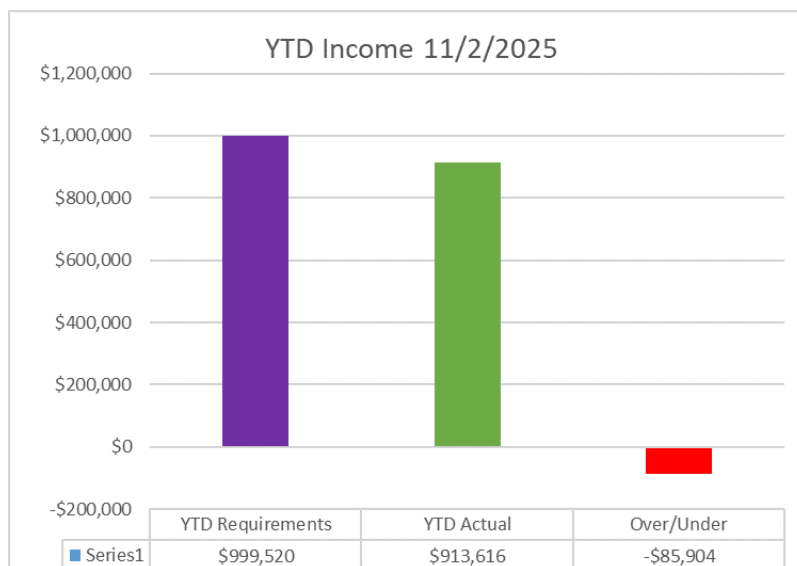
Looking Ahead

- November 9: Highlights Lunch and Class for New Members and Visitors, 12:30-3:00 PM
November 12: Quarterly Church Conference and Budget Presentation, 6:15 PM
November 18: Senior Adult Retreat, Gilda's Club, 10:30 AM
November 23: Thanksgiving Brunch, 10:00 AM
November 30: Hanging of the Green service, 6:00 PM
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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.



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