



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

*A thinking, feeling, healing
community of faith*



The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church January 13, 2026

**Please note: the church office will be closed next Monday, January 19, in observance
of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.**



An Update from the Pastor Search Committee

The pastor search committee is pleased to announce that we have narrowed the field of candidates down to two finalists. We are having day-long in-person interviews with each candidate this month. We are so very grateful for the prayers and support of the congregation and ask that you continue those prayers for the candidates and the search committee.

~ *Kathey Golightly Sanders, Co-Chair*



A Note from Highland's Immigrant Support Team

Thanks to all of you who contributed holiday gifts of needed supplies to La Casita and the Solidarity Project in November and December! Both organizations were hugely thankful for your generosity.

As immigrant detention and deportation continues to rise, and now with the death of an immigrant supporter, Renee Macklin Good, at the hands of an ICE officer, our immigrant population needs even more solid support. We on HBC's Immigrant Support team join with others across the nation who condemn the inhuman tactics being used by many ICE officers, including Jonathan Ross, the officer who shot and killed Ms. Good, and we mourn her tragic death.

Our concern continues to focus on the immigrants in Louisville. What can we do? Organizations like Kentucky Refugee Ministries and La Casita can always use financial support, and both of these list on their websites specific items their clients can use.

For those of you who want to be more involved, consider joining the Community Defense Network of LSURJ (Louisville Showing Up for Racial Justice) as some HBC members already have done. Members of the network are trained to respond to calls for accompaniment, serve as eyes and ears at vulnerable gatherings, meet-ups, and centers that accompany directly impacted communities, show up at court hearings, and more. The next training is Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please contact one of us if you are interested. (The site will be sent to those who register a little later.)

You may also want to attend the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice (ICIJ) gathering on January 20. Find more information about that event below.

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Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice

1.20.2026... One Year In Local Realities for Immigrant Justice

6:30-8:00 PM
The Olmsted at Masonic Homes
3701 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ICIJ-one-year>



A community panel hosted by the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice, as we consider what has unfolded, how our community has responded, and where we go from here.



[Registration is requested here.](#)

Last year, the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice (ICIJ) gathered the community to reflect on what we might expect from the newly inaugurated Trump administration. Now—one year in—we return to the conversation with the experience of a year behind us.

Please join us for One Year In, a community panel hosted by the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice, as we consider what has unfolded, how our community has responded, and where we go from here. Six panelists will reflect on the impact of the past year on immigrant communities in Metro Louisville, guided by three key questions:

- What has the impact been?
- How have we responded?
- How do we move forward?

Location & Parking

The Olmsted at Masonic Homes
3701 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40207

The Masonic Homes campus is large and tree-lined, with a gated entrance off Frankfort Avenue. Once you enter the grounds, The Olmsted building is near the main entrance. Look for the historic red-brick building surrounded by open green space — originally designed as the centerpiece of the campus landscape. Parking is available on the grounds near the venue. The venue is wheelchair accessible.

Highland's Got Talent Sunday, February 22 at 6:00 PM

Next month *Highland's Got Talent* returns after a six year hiatus, better than ever! Formerly known as HBC Got Skillz, this fundraising event truly emphasizes **FUN** and aims to encourage connection between various groups at Highland including but not limited to new members, not so new members, folks from different services, the young and the young at heart. The winner of Highland's Got Talent will be awarded a trophy and bragging rights for at least a year! And by talent, we mean anything from shadow puppets to bird calls to Sunday School class dance offs.

Highland's *got* **Talent**

If you or your group would like to take the stage, please complete [THIS SIGN UP FORM](#) by Wednesday, February 11. We ask that you fit all the goodness of your act into 3-5 minutes. Group acts are encouraged! In the coming weeks, stay tuned for upcoming opportunities to volunteer and contribute to the awesome Chili Dinner. Tickets to attend are \$5 each and the event will take place at Highland Community Ministries, 1228 E. Breckinridge. All proceeds go toward our Capital Campaign. Come to laugh! Come to perform! Stay for the culinary delights!

Questions? Feel free to ask a member of the planning team including Sally Evans, Troy Burden, Emily Edwards, or Kim Fritschi.

Join Us as Children's Choirs Continue!



When? Wednesday, January 14

What time? 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Cherub Choir: Walking toddlers – age 3 with a parent.

Music activities 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Childcare provided 6:30-7:15 p.m. by RSVP only.

Carol Choir: 3's – young 5's

Chorister Choir: Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact:

[Kathy Collier](#), Children's Choir Coordinator



Save the Dates for Highland's Summer Camps for Children!

2026 SUMMER CAMPS

June 8-11 **Discovery Camp**
Completed Grades K-2nd

June 22-25 **Passport Kids**
Completed Grades 3rd-5th

July 13-16 **Advocacy Camp**
Completed Grades 3rd-5th

Registration opens Thursday and details will be shared in the
Children & Family Ministry Newsletter.



Senior and Young Adult Game Night



Senior and young adults enjoyed gathering for games and fellowship on Sunday evening, January 11.



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](mailto:kathleen.gordon@epicenter.org) 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!

January Menus:

January 14: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans or Steamed Veggies, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

January 21: Soup, Salad, Cornbread, Dessert

January 28: Mexican Casserole, Steamed Veggies, Salad, Chips & Salsa



A Taste of the Highlands



MARDI GRAS + 21+

A TASTE OF THE HIGHLANDS

1228 E. Breckinridge St

FEBRUARY 17, 2026 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

\$60 GEN **BENEFITING** **\$75 VIP**

Open Bar!
Unlimited Food Tastings!

Highlands Community Ministries
grow. heal. play.

Live Music!
VIP Bourbon Experience!

Sponsored By:

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HIGHLAND COMMERCIAL GUILD
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Chicago Spring Tour

Contact [Paul Henderson](#) for complete information -

four spots are still available!

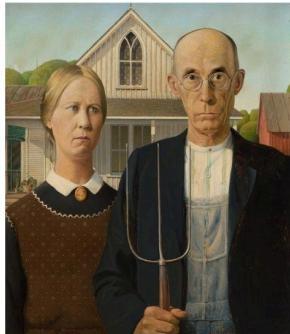
Contact & Registration

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American Gothic, Art Institute of Chicago

Quick Facts

Depart: Sun, Apr 19 at 1 PM (after church)

Return: Wed, Apr 22 (5 PM ET)

Hotel: Radisson Blu Aqua
(3 nights)

Transport: Deluxe Motor Coach
(312 Limo)

Includes:

- Daily breakfast
- River Architecture Cruise with Lunch
- Art Institute guided tour
- Frank Lloyd Wright home tour
- 3 Group Dinners (Welcome, Beatrix, Robert's)
- Walking Tour & Pedway Experience
- Taxes, tips & coordination



Highland Baptist Chicago Spring Tour

Art, Architecture & Friendship
in the Heart of Chicago

April 19–22, 2026



[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

January 14: Wednesday Night Dinners and Activities Continue
Cloud of Witness, 6:00 PM - Angela Dennison, Jan Forren, and Gene Streible

January 19: Church Office Closed for MLK, Jr. Day

January 25: Quarterly Church Conference, 4:00 PM on Zoom

February 18: Ash Wednesday

February 22: Highland's Got Talent, 6:00 PM, HCM Campus, 1228 E. Breckinridge

March 6-8: Spring Women's Retreat - Contact [Ginger Miller](#) for questions or to reserve a spot.
Phone: 502-599-6569



Giving to Highland

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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