



**The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church  
June 9, 2026**

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 **Celebrate Pride with Highland!**

# Pride Month

JUNE  
14



## PRIDE SUNDAY

Celebrate Pride in Worship at Highland, with services at 8:45 and 11:15 AM.

JUNE  
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## DRAG REVIVAL

A family friendly spiritual night of music and joy at Highlands Community Ministries, 7-9 PM.

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## KENTUCKIANA PRIDE PARADE

Highland will walk in the Pride Parade! Sign-ups begin this Sunday.

[Click here to join us for the Pride Parade!](#)

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Around Highland  
June 7, 2026



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## Highland Hangouts

We're trying something new this summer: lay-led, informal social gatherings to create connections through play. Like an experiment, we're going to test it as the summer goes on to see what works and what we might try differently next summer. To learn more about hosting a gathering or activity, [click here](#).



### **Kayaking and Canoeing Hangout - June 16**

McNeely Lake Boat Ramp, 6994 Cooper Chapel Road on Tuesday, June 16, 10:30-1:30

- BYOPicnic and chair if you want.
- Any skill level. No age limit.
- Some kayaks will be provided, with life vests. We have 7 kayaks.

If you have a kayak, canoe, stand up paddle board or life vest, please bring it along! We will take turns enjoying the lake and each other's company. Hosted by Robin and Buddy Lee and Michele and Ron Smith. [Click here to sign up.](#)

### **Pickleball Hangout - June 28**

Friends of all ages, if you love to play pickleball or if you've ever thought about learning, come out and join us! Hosted by Mary Cooksey and Tanya Cornely on Sunday, June 28 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Charlie Vettiner Park (5550 Charlie Vettiner Park Rd, 40299). If you have an extra paddle bring that along for any new players. The alternate rain date is Tuesday, June 30 (same time and location). [Click here to sign up.](#)

### **SALT on Tap Hangout - July 10**

Join the SALT Bible study class for SALT on Tap! We will get together for fun and fellowship on Friday, July 10 at Noble Funk, located at 922 S 2nd St, from 6:00-8:00 PM. They have a nice food menu and there is plenty of parking. This hangout is hosted by Jennifer Baker.

Please bring money and ID - they have food and drinks. Everyone welcome! (Parents must accompany children). [Click here to sign up.](#)

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## Highland Welcomed Several New Members on June 7



**Debbie Gandy**



**Grayson Provencher**



**Emily Minnis & Owen Strunk**



**Matt & Tori Samples  
with children Shiloh & Sol**

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## Highland's Children Wonder During Discovery Camp



What prompts you to notice something or someone in front of you and to become curious about it? What's their story? How does something function? What do we do next with our curiosity, our wonderings? This week, Highland's K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders gather for a week of activities we fondly call Discovery Camp where we will explore being wide-eyed with *Wonder*. Valarie Kaur's book "World of Wonder" will inspire us, particularly the quote, "You're a part of me I don't yet know." Join us by praying for our children and leaders as we gather, learn, and lean into curiosity and wonder together.

~ Renee Purtlebaugh

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## Practicing Resurrection

Wendell Berry wrote a poem that ends with the phrase "practice resurrection." This past Sunday, white lilies blooming in front of the church seemed to trumpet this phrase—practice resurrection. The calendar says it's June, but even so, we are called to be "Easter people." Easter was as much of a surprise to the original followers as it can be to us today. The lilies reminded me that Easter is not confined to a specific date or time. God works God's ways on God's time.



How many times have I passed without seeing? How many times have I missed resurrection because I

wear the blinders of calendar or my own limited expectations? In a world of hurt and strife, in a world where even God's people sometimes seem to exclude and judge, we are called to practice resurrection.

~ Bill Campbell

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## Drag Revival Hosted by May O'Nays



The 5th annual Drag Revival is a night celebrating diversity, inclusion, and LGBTQIA+ community support through performance and art. Now in its fifth year, the event will raise funds for PRISM Performing Arts and Camp Beacon, organizations that empower LGBTQIA+ folks and promote self-expression. Join us for this family friendly spiritual night of music and joy on June 17 at Highlands Community Ministries, 7:00-9:00 PM. Tickets are \$6.89 each. [You can purchase tickets here.](#)

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## Summer Fun Crawl for Families with Children



Families with children are invited to join us for our Summer Fun Crawl around Louisville! Together we'll make stops at local ice cream shops, have picnics with popsicles at various parks, and make some stops at spraygrounds for water play on hot days. We'll gather each Wednesday night from June 3-July 22 from 6-7 pm. Watch for our weekly location in the church newsletter, or find the full list in our bi-weekly e-newsletter for families, *Family Ministry Happenings*. To sign up for this publication, please contact [Renee](#) or [Megan](#).

~ Renee Purtlebaugh

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 Senior Adult Trip to Huber's



Join the senior adults on Thursday, June 11 for lunch at Huber's Family Farm and Restaurant at 12:00 noon. The church bus will leave at 11:00 AM. Please email [Paul Henderson](mailto:Paul.Henderson@hubers.com) to reserve your spot.

~ Paul Henderson

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## Race4Justice

Future Ancestors 502 is student-led social justice organization founded by students at Waggener High School. They hold the Race4Justice each year to help increase awareness around justice and raise funds for community organizations.



Several members of the Good Time Gospel Hour Bible Study Class participated in the Race4Justice on June 6

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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>

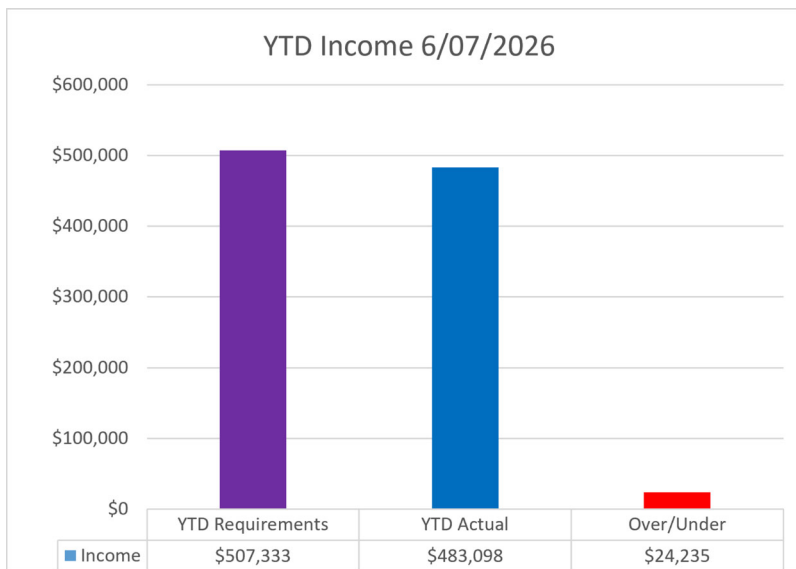
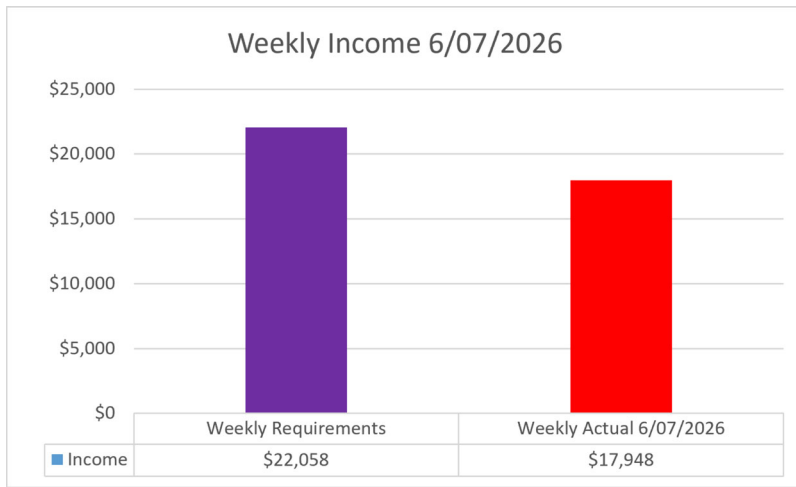
**Streaming  
Worship  
Links**



- June 10: Summer Fun Crawl, 6:00-7:00 PM, Seneca Park
- June 11: Senior Adult trip to Huber's Family Farm and Restaurant, 12:00 PM
- June 14: Pride Sunday at Highland, 8:45 and 11:15 AM services
- Jun 16: Highland Hangout - Kayaking/Canoeing, 10:30 AM -1:30 PM (see article above)
- June 17: Drag Revival at Highlands Community Ministries, 7:00-9:00 PM
- June 20: Pride Parade and Festival
- June 28: Highland Hangout - Pickleball, 6:00-8:00 PM (see article above)
- July 10: Highland Hangout - SALT on Tap, 6:00-8:00 PM (see article above)
- July 19: Quarterly Church Conference, 4:00 PM via Zoom
- August 12: Wednesday night activities resume

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## **Financial Update**



**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.

- Quantay Workman, 39, killed May 14
  - Danielle Cordes, 43, killed May 25
  - Maria Elena Sanchez Oroczo, 44, killed May 27
  - Jasmine Hereford, 33, killed May 27
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