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The Weekly Newsletter of Highland Baptist Church
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Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

All Saints Sunday: Remembering Those We Love

All Saints Sunday (November 1) is a time to pause, remember, and give thanks for those in our church family who have passed away over the past year. We honor their lives, their faith, and the love they shared with us.

We will remember these saints of Highland who have joined the great cloud of witness:

Doris Anderson	Bonnie Florence
Ruby Burke	Reece Little
Don Coulter	Mike McDaniel
Carol Anne Edwards	Randy Smith
Evelyn Evans	Buckie Smithen

Though we feel the sadness of their absence, we give thanks for the memories, lessons, and moments of joy they leave behind. Their impact lives on in our hearts and in the community they helped shape.

As we name and remember those who have gone before us over the past year, may we find comfort in God's unfailing love, strength in one another, and hope in the promise of eternal life. May we honor their memory by sharing that same love, kindness, and grace with those around us.

~ Paul Henderson



A.I. & Faith: Weekday and Weekend Gathering Dates

As artificial intelligence (A.I.) and other advanced technologies expand faster than government leaders, university researchers, school systems, industries, and even tech leaders can manage or understand, we're wondering: what does this mean for us as people of faith? Join us over lunch to listen and learn from one another!

To accommodate different schedules, we're offering two options: Sunday, November 22, at 12:30 PM, and Wednesday, December 2, at 12:00 PM. Both gatherings will feature similar questions to guide the

conversation in The Commons, so choose the date and time that work best for you. For our Sunday, November 22, gathering, we're looking for a volunteer to pick up sandwiches for the group. We will provide drinks and desserts. Please contact Carol if you're willing to help! For our Wednesday, December 2 gathering, simply bring your own lunch to enjoy during our conversation.

~ Carol Harston

Don't Miss the Adult Faith Formation Survey!

We still hope to gather individual information about your experience with adult education and faith formation at here at Highland. Please consider filling out this survey, even if you are someone who doesn't currently participate in adult education/faith formation programming. Thank you for sharing your voice!

~ Adult Education Task Force

Senior Adult October Outing





The Senior Adult trip to Claudia Sanders Dinner House was a beautiful time of community, discovery, and fellowship! Join us November 10 at Noon in the Fellowship Hall for a Thanksgiving potluck. The church will provide the turkey and we will play Family Feud together!

~ Paul Henderson

Did You Know?

Next Tuesday, November 3, is the date for national mid-term elections, and for many years Highland has served as a polling location for several precincts. For many folks in our community, voting in our

Fellowship Hall may be the only time they enter our building during the year. This is just one of the many ways that we strive to be a good member of the community!

~ Walter McWhorter

Highlights Class Concludes This Sunday



Our fall edition of the Highlights Class will conclude this Sunday, November 1! We hope you will join us at 10:00 AM in the Commons if you are a recent new member or are visiting with us and want to learn more about Highland.

Ministry Council Recap from QCC

During the Quarterly Church Conference on Sunday, October 18, the church approved a change to the composition of the Ministry Council. Going forward, the Ministry Council will consist of Ministerial Staff, the chair and Vice-Chair of Deacons, the chair of the Finance Ministry Group, the chair of the Personnel Ministry Group, and nine at-large representatives nominated and elected by the congregation.This change brings our bylaws into accord with how we have staffed the Ministry Council in recent years and clarifies how the chair and vice chair will be selected.

~ Robert Kahne, Ministry Council Chair

November 4: An Evening of Prayer and Song

When we gather on November 4, regardless of what happened the day before as the election results

came in, we know our country's future will weigh on our hearts and minds. We plan to meet in the Sanctuary to pray, read Scripture, and sing our faith, speaking to God what weighs on us, listening for God's voice, and opening ourselves to the Spirit's care.

Wednesday Night Fellowship 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 make standing reservations or make them weekly by emailing Leslie Morris here 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 anytime or by check or cash at the door. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this great opportunity for intergenerational fellowship!



October Menu:
October 28: Mexican Casserole, Steamed Veggies, Salad, Chips & Salsa, Dessert

November Menus:
November 4: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans or Steamed Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Dessert
November 11: BBQ Pork, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Salad, Dessert
November 18: Fried Chicken/Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

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Christian Zionism

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (LPTS) and Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) are hosting two major events on the theme of Christian Zionism on Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31 at LPTS. Here are some basic details:

- **"Christian Zionism and Its Victims" - a talk with Dr. Mark Taylor - Friday, October 30 from 2:30-4:00 PM**
    - This talk will focus on the urgency for Christian engagement to end the violence in the Holy Land

- **"When Theology Kills: Tools for Understanding Christian Zionism" - Saturday, October 31 from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon**
    - This session will be interactive seeking to answer questions like those below. It is particularly geared for people in congregations wanting to understand and discussing ways of engaging our congregations. Questions that will be considered: What is Zionism? Is there a difference between Christian Zionism and Jewish Zionism? Is anti-Zionism antisemitic? Why did the 2026 PCUSA General Assembly "reject all forms of Christian Zionism? Why might all this matter?

The events are free. For registration and further information, click this link.

Festival of Faiths



Join us at the 30th annual nationally acclaimed Festival of Faiths November 11-13 as we celebrate **Sacred Courage** and explore the many ways we can lead with radical love, stand for justice and embody bravery rooted in purpose. Through dialogue, workshops, art and music, the festival will foster a courageous compassion that honors our interdependence, calls us toward the common good and emboldens us to act.

There is no cost to attend the Opening Celebration on Wednesday, November 11 at 5:30 PM featuring Silas House at the Cathedral of the Assumption. Panel discussions, keynotes, interviews, and more including a live recording of Interfaith Alliance's State of Belief podcast will be ticketed events all day Thursday and Friday, November 12 and 13. Speakers include Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez, Kaitlin Curtice, Gene Tagaban, Rev. Jacqui Lewis, Sadiqa Reynolds, Rabbi Tamar Elad-Appelbaum, and so many more!

For a schedule, speakers, tickets and more, click here.

Room in the Inn Program

Could your Bible Study class or circle of friends spend a night serving with *Room in the Inn* this winter? From January 4 through February 28, *Room in the Inn* offers our neighbors experiencing homelessness a warm, safe place to sleep, meals, and a welcoming community at two downtown churches. Alan Spade is putting together a team of Highland folks and their friends to form crews of six who can cover one night at

one location, with two people per shift: welcoming guests and serving dinner from 4:30–10:00 PM, staying overnight from 10:00 PM–5:00 AM, and serving breakfast and cleaning up from 5:00–7:00 AM. You probably already know a couple of night owls and someone who thinks 5:00 AM is a perfectly reasonable time to be awake. Ask them!

Room in the Inn offers a great chance to spend time together, offering care and hospitality to our neighbors during the coldest part of the year. To learn more or get a team involved, contact Alan Spade here or at 502-803-7457.

Click Here for Church Signup Links

Sunday, 11:15 AM
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https://www.youtube.com/@highlandbaptist
Friday, 7:00 PM
https://www.facebook.com/hbclouisville.org

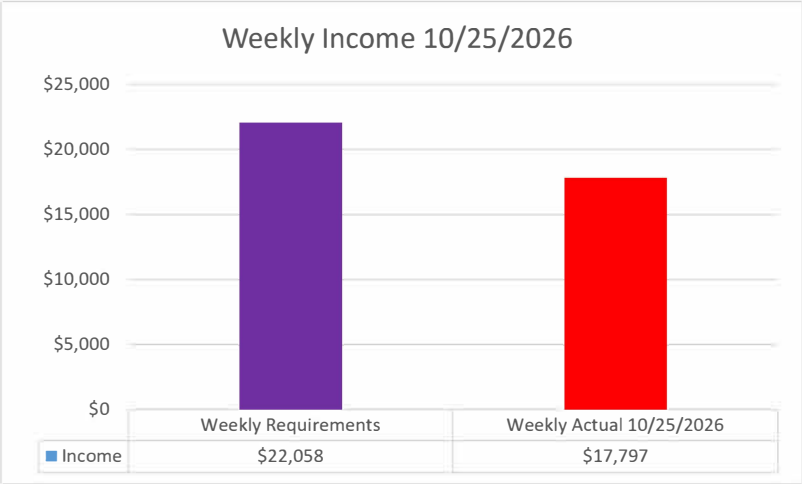


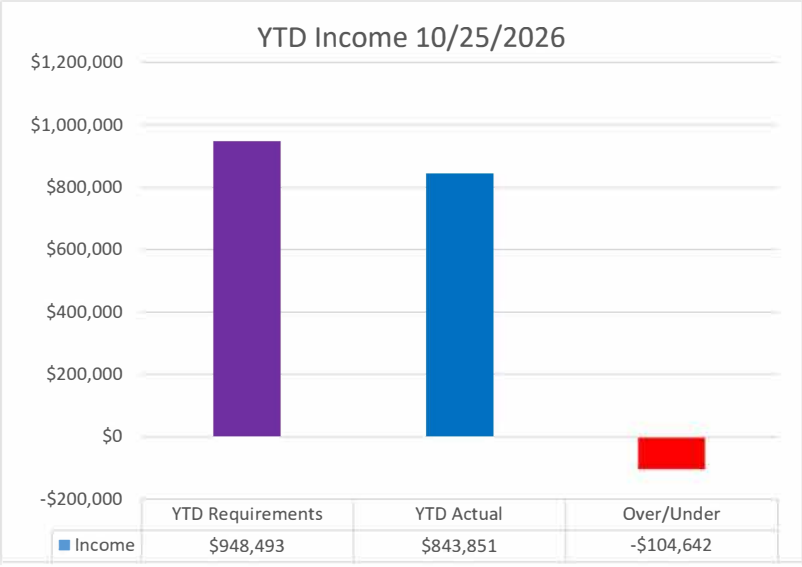


October 28: Exploring Robert P. Jones' *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy*
October 29: Byck Elementary Fall Festival, 5:30-7:00 PM
November 1: Highlights Class continues, 10:00 AM, Commons
November 4: An Evening of Prayer and Song, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
November 11: Budget Presentation, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
November 15: Joining Day, 8:45 and 11:15 AM, Sanctuary
November 18: Cloud of Witness, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
November 22: Thanksgiving Brunch,10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall (stay tuned for details)
A.I. & Faith Gathering, 12:30 PM, Commons

November 29: First Sunday of Advent - Hope
Hanging of the Green Service, 6:00 PM, Sanctuary
December 4: A.I. & Faith Gathering, 12:00 PM, Commons

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.

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