

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 2017

Highland Church reaches out in the name of Jesus Christ building disciples with vision for ministry.

Our Elder election is coming! This is always an exciting time for our church, as we pray and seek God's will. God has two people that He wants to serve on the session. It is our job, as a church, to seek those out. Our session works as the nominating committee. If God lays anyone on your heart, let the session know. You can also nominate your choice from the floor as long as you have asked the individual and it is agreed upon.

Serving is not always an easy task and the obligation is great. It is not meant for all to be elders. It is a calling! As the Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith says,

2.71 Elders are the immediate representatives of the people, elected by them to share with ministers in the government and leadership of the church. The elders who comprise the session share with the minister in charge in the pastoral oversight of the particular church.

2.72 In caring for and leading the congregation which they serve, elders shall be particularly attentive to persons who have not confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, those who are spiritually weak, and those who need to be instructed in the faith. They shall visit the people in their homes, praying with and for them, especially for the sick, those who mourn, and others in need. They should encourage the people by word and example to share in the worship, study, witness and service of the church through a faithful stewardship of their time, talents, and money. They should inform the pastor of any concerns that need his or her attention.

2.73 Persons who fill the office of elder may be male or female, young or old. Elders share in the same vocation that belongs to all Christians to be witnesses to the gospel, but the vocation of this office places an additional responsibility of leadership upon them. They should exemplify the gospel by their good character, sound faith, wisdom, maturity of judgment, discretion, conversation, knowledge of the doctrine and government of the church, and competency to perform the duties of the office.

2.74 Persons who accept the responsibilities of the office of elder should engage in such study and preparation as are appropriate to the office, and during their tenure on the session shall continue to study in order better to perform their duties.

No wonder someone said, "Everything rises and falls on leadership." So, please pray that God's will be done in our nomination and election of elders! Let us seek out those who have a godly influence and whose example is already an inspiration. May we choose those who are involved in the many ministries of our church and have a passion for mission, evangelism and church growth.

CPWM

The women met Monday, Oct. 1. We finalized our portion of the agenda for the Fall CPWM Regional Meeting scheduled for Oct. 21 at the Oak Grove Union CP Church. Our ladies are in charge of the afternoon program in which we have planned a presentation on the many ways to connect with our neighbors who are different from us.

Our next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 6 in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. We will be making plans for our Christmas dinner. This year, the **CPWM will host a dinner for all Highland ladies on Dec. 4 at 6:00 pm.** Jeff Parker will cater our meal with our ladies preparing Christmas desserts. More details will be coming soon, but please mark your calendars now.

Session Notes

At the October meeting, we voted on and/or approved:

- Donate \$100.00 to Project Graduation at McCracken County High School
 - Upon recommendations from the Evangelism and Member Care Committee update the visitor packet to include visitor cards with e-mail address, to create a spiritual gifts survey for members and implement a drop box for congregational needs.
 - Collect a Love Offering following the mission trip proposal by Justyna Warren.
 - Upon recommendations from the Worship Committee, reestablish 5th Sunday Singings and purchase 18 copies of *The Worship Hymnal* for the choir
 - Divide Barbeque on the River profits as: Cemetery Fund \$4,000; A Soldier's Heart \$1,000; Samaritan's Purse \$1,000; Covenant Presbyterian Widow's Fund \$1,000; and Loaves and Fishes \$600
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October Numbers

Stewardship Report as of October 29, 2017

Receipts	\$ 31,289.00
Disbursements	\$ 25,483.46

Attendance Record

Morning Worship

October 1 - 92

October 8 - 98

October 15 - 88

October 22 - 96

October 29 - 100

PCM food need Instant Potatoes

November Calendar

November 6 – CPWM, 10:00 a.m.

November 8 – Mission Committee, 4:00 p.m.

November 18 – Bridal shower for Haley Russell

November 19 – Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

November 19 – Joint Thanksgiving, Zion CPF, 6:00

Youth Calendar

November 3, 4, 5 – CROSS Retreat

November 8 – Movie Night “Woodlawn” 6:00

November 15 – Thanksgiving potluck

November 29 – Work on Float
Christmas Parade is Dec. 2

November Elders Velva Mullen, Laura DeHart

November Ushers Randy and Debby Hughes,
Jeff Parker, Tommy Hayes

Cumberland Presbyterian Joint Thanksgiving service Zion CP Fellowship will host our celebration, Sunday, Nov. 19 at 6:00 pm. We have been request to bring finger foods (sandwiches, etc., nothing for which a fork will be needed). Other than Zion, Margaret Hank and Woodlawn will be in attendance. Those churches have been assigned things other than finger foods.

Loaves and Fishes

This year's offering will help provide food and other necessities for our fellow Cumberland Presbyterians in Choctaw Presbytery in Oklahoma. Boxes will be handed out Nov. 5 and returned Nov. 19.

Bridal Shower for Haley Russell

Saturday, Nov. 18, 11:00 am. at Highland Haley is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Amazon.com, and Kohls
All ladies are invited

Thank you from Bro. Bud

Pam and I want to express our sincere appreciation for the many things you have done for us during and after my back surgery! The love you showed through your cards, food, flowers, and visits was overwhelming! The elders stepped up and answered the call as they made pastoral visits on my behalf. Then, of course, my great friend and our associate Pastor, Rev. Doug Hughes was able to fill the pulpit for worship and lead Wednesday evening Bible study. We are so blessed to have you at Highland, my friend. Since my return, your love and generosity have again shined as you have showered me with gifts every Sunday for Pastor Appreciation!!! What a blessing to be here. Again, thank you ALL very much! I love you.



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November Birthdays

- 1 – Mason Wooten
- 5 - Melissa Dumes
Rev. John Rogers
- 7 - Cindy Robertson
- 8 - Emily Johnson Ferrer
- 10 - Suzanna Stoll Szabo
- 12 - Madelyn Kauffman
- 13 - Roddy Johnson
- 17 – Haley Russell

21 - Gregg Stoll
25 - Tina Dodd
26 - Jere Hammonds
28 – JoAnn Elkins

November Anniversaries

6 – Harold and Bernice Belt
15 – Steve and Diane Shrewsberry