

# HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2021

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

This has been a difficult year for many of us. The Corona Virus has, in some way, affected us all. I have had many friends and family touched by this pandemic. One good friend, Rev. Frank Queen, died from the Corona-19 virus. Of course, you know about Rev. Doug Hughes. During his time as Associate Pastor at Highland, he was more than an associate to me! He was so much like a brother. The one person that I could talk to and know that it was truly confidential. I miss him so, a great colleague in the ministry and a true friend. We pray for his continual good health and improvement.

Even though it has been hard, God has stayed by our side. He never leaves nor forsakes us. I hope we all know that a better year is coming!

As we begin this new year, let's look at getting a fresh new start in our lives. Even though the pandemic is still here, we must persevere in the Lord. Of primary importance for the New Year and remainder of 2021 is our commitment to follow Jesus and obey His commands. I hesitate to use the word "resolution" because it is often used carelessly and without sincerity. But a more dedicated devotion to Jesus and discipleship should be on our list of Ways I Can Improve My Life this year.

When we choose Christ and follow Him, it is a life of total trust in knowing God is still on the throne. As often stated, following Christ will not eliminate our trials and hardships, but it will give us a power through His Spirit to deal with adverse situations. Through Christ, we enter a life of worship because we know God who created the universe supplies everything we need and deserves our praise. Through Christ, we have a life of courage because God, who empowered Joseph, Joshua, the disciples and so many others watches over us and guides our steps.

In 2021, focus on trying to make a resolution to better love God; to love one another more; and of course, to love those outside the church in a way that the Gospel is clearly seen!

Blessings for a good New Year,  
Bro. Bud

## **CPWM**

CPWM met Monday December 7th, in the Fellowship Hall. We voted to send the \$650.02 that was received from the Loaves & Fishes offering to Martha's Vineyard. This was 75% of the offering received. The remaining 25% was sent to the Missions Ministry Team for distribution in Guatemala and the Philippines. Highland is such a generous Church, and we greatly appreciate your response to the hunger needs in our community. We voted to send Christmas cards and a \$25.00 gift card to each of our four seniors. We also sent a card to Rev, Ordway whose wife recently passed away.

We will be taking the month of January off because of the weather and any surges in the coronavirus.

Happy New Year from Highland CPWM!

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## **Session Highlights**

Items approved at the December meeting

- The 2021 budget in the amount of \$249,961.00.
  - Hold drive-in Christmas Eve Communion Services at 5:30 and 6:30
  - Donate \$200.00 to McCracken County High School Project Graduation.
  - Vacation for Bro. Bud and Pam the week of December 27.
  - Extended appreciation to Roddy Johnson and Tina Gamble for their three years of service as elders.
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## **December Numbers**

Financial Record as of December 28, 2020

income - \$ 28,965.10

expenses - \$ 18,675.70

Attendance

December 6 - 43

December 13 - 52

December 20 - 70

December 27 - 52

## **January Calendar**

January 3 - Elder installation, Morning Worship

January 6 - Wednesday night youth, 6:00

January 17 - Session Meeting, 2:00 p.m.

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**Ushers** – Randy Hughes, Johnny Overton, Ray Massie

**Elder** - Wayne Coleman

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## **Special offerings**

We have had several special offerings and other acts of benevolence lately.

Loaves and Fishes - collections went to local and denominational hunger programs. Total \$866.75 (see CPWM news).

McCracken County High School - help with Christmas gifts for 10 students. Total \$1,350.00.

Gift to the King - denominational project to support building in Guatemala - \$775.00

Other benevolence

MCHS Project Graduation - \$200.00

A homeless person - \$600.00  
A family in need - \$600.00  
Funeral Expenses - \$500.00  
Utility expenses - \$200.00  
Paducah Cooperative Ministry - \$200.00 (monthly donation)  
wagon load of Peanut Butter

Highland Cumberland Presbyterian Church is truly a giving church and a blessing to people in need. Thank you to everyone who has given.

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**Paducah Cooperative Ministry food item** NEW for January, February, and March - crackers

**Youth** Wednesday night activities return January 6 at 6:00

### **New Address**

Dick and Elaine Kaye have retired to Florida.  
Their new mailing address is:  
20190 Ragazza Circle, Unit 202  
Venice, FL 34293

### ***January Birthdays***

8 – Elaine Kaye  
9 – Joanne Robinson  
10 – Suzanne Goehman  
13 – Jamie Gamble  
Matt Stowell  
16 – Ashlee Bryan  
20 – Bob Gross  
23 – Jimmy Finnell  
Brandon Cooper  
25 – Dick Kaye  
26 – Randy Hughes  
28 – Velva Mullen  
30 – Ethan Olmeda

### **January Anniversaries**

12 – Happy and Mary Katherine Rudolph (1951)  
14 – Allen and Reba Rushing  
27 - Gregg and Bettie Stoll