

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 2022

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

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church along with a host of other denominations around the globe identify themselves as having a Reformed Theology. (Other theologies are labeled Liberal, Catholic, Dispensational, Pentecostal, or Evangelical). Reformed Theology was born out of the sixteenth century Protestant Reformation and the teachings of Martin Luther, John Knox and John Calvin. With its distinct theological emphases based on the Scriptures, these leaders sought to expose the ideas and dogmas practiced by the church in its use of tradition, church fathers and other false teachings or misinterpretations. In his book, *The Reformation and The Men Behind It*, Stephen Lawson explains the Reformation as “...a crisis over which authority should have primacy. Rome claimed the church’s authority lay with Scripture and tradition, Scripture and the Pope, Scripture and church councils. But the Reformers believed that the authority belonged to Scripture alone.” (See Luther's Five Solas: Gratia, Fide, Christas, Scriptura and Gloria). Others have called Reformed Theology a Covenant theology of God's Grace.

The churches recognized as Reformed commemorate the date closest to October 31 as Reformation Sunday to mark the day Martin Luther displayed his 95 Theses - the spark which ignited the Protestant Reformation. We can use this day to renew our commitment by following Paul's words to Timothy, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15) Additionally, our Confession of Faith says in Section 1.05: *God inspired persons of the covenant community to write the scriptures. In and through the scriptures God speaks about creation, sin, judgment, salvation, the church and the growth of believers. The scriptures are the infallible rule of faith and practice, the authoritative guide for Christian living.*

Luther, Knox and Calvin, who were already very knowledgeable in the scriptures, continued to study searching for God's truth. We too may have a good foundation, but we should always strive to learn more leading to a deeper personal growth in Christ and discipleship. To do this you may want to use a daily devotion to choose a scripture, pray over that scripture, investigate what you don't understand, affirm your understanding and compare the chosen scripture with other scripture.

My prayer for you and me as we recall the work of the reformers is to develop a fresh desire to read and study the Bible.

Women's Ministry

CPWM met Monday, October 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. We made plans for the Christmas Dinner we are hosting Monday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. All the girls and ladies of the Church are invited to join us in celebrating the beginning of Advent. We will be asking for reservations later in the month to let Jeff Parker know how much food to prepare. Please make your plans now to join us! We also finalized plans for Christmas stockings to give to our shut-ins. We closed our meeting by filling goody bags for our Fall Synodic Retreat at Kenlake Resort Park. Thank you Jeanne Mullen for designing our "Revive Us Again" bags. The gift bags were greatly appreciated by everyone who attended the retreat. Also, thanks to all the ladies from Highland who attended!

Our next meeting will be held Monday, November 7th in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us to see what all we are planning for Thanksgiving!

Session Highlights

Items approved at the October Meeting:

- On recommendation from Youth Director Elizabeth Spann:
 - use a study called "Counter Culture" for middle school and high school students in 2023;
 - offer a six week parenting Bible Study for parents in all stages of life;
 - explore payment options for youth attending Convocation in January, 2023.
- Continue our \$200.00 monthly contribution to Paducah Cooperative Ministry and the collection of pantry items.
- Accept a proposal from Caldwell Mechanical to replace a heating and air unit for the Outreach Center in the amount of \$13,557.04.
- Sing Happy Birthday on the first Sunday of every month for all the birthdays during the month.

October Numbers

Financial Record as of October 24
income - \$ 17,915.34
expenses - \$ 17,770.68

Attendance

October 2 - 63
October 9 - 75
October 16 - 77
October 23 - 85

November Calendar

November 4, 5, 6 - Youth CROSS Retreat
November 7 - CPWM, 10:00 a.m.
November 13 - Friend Sunday and Potluck
November 17 - Highlanders, 5:00 p.m.
November 20 - Session meeting, 2:00 pm
November 23 - No Wednesday evening activities
November 24 - Thanksgiving, office closed

Ushers – Mike and Brenda Haynes,
Debby Hughes, Ryan Spann
Elder - Cindy Robertson

Highlanders - Rafferty's
Marlene Wallace, hostess

LOAVES AND FISHES OFFERING

Boxes for the annual Loaves and Fishes Offering have been distributed. This year's offering will be used to fund the Harvest Project in Brazil. The goal is that sufficient donations will be made to allow the Mata de Sao Joao Mission to provide monthly food assistance to fifteen families for two years starting in 2023. Please fill up these boxes and return them Sunday, November 20th for dedication to this work.

Paducah Cooperative Ministry Canned Soups

Friend Sunday and Pot-luck

How many friends do you have who don't go to church? On November 13 you have an opportunity to invite them to Highland for worship and a sandwich/finger food pot-luck. The church will provide drinks, you are kindly asked to bring sandwiches, finger foods, chips, fruit and vegetable trays.

We urge you to enthusiastically invite your friends and family to fill your pew, especially those that are unchurched. Let's show everyone what a friendly and welcoming family we are!!

Youth News

Cookies & Cards - Join us on Wednesday, November 2 at 6PM for fresh-baked cookies while we prepare cards for friends in our church family and community. This is a great serving opportunity for our kids and youth!

graceCONVO - Convocation is registration is open. We will return to Gatlinburg, January 13-16, 2023! If you are in 6th-12th Grade and plan to attend this event, see Elizabeth to get your registration form. **The deadline to register is December 10.**

Sunday Funday Hang - 3th-12th Grade is invited to join us for The Great Turkey Chase, Sunday, November 13 from 4PM-6PM! Form your team and come ready to win! Let Mrs. Elizabeth know if you're coming so that we can be sure to have enough drivers.

Thank You Bro. Bud and Pam extend a big thank you to everyone for their cards and gifts during Pastor Appriciation month.

November Birthdays

- 1 – Mason Wooten
- 5 - Melissa Dumes
 - Rev. John Rogers
 - Tammy Wood
- 7 - Cindy Robertson
- 8 - Emily Johnson Ferrer
- 9 – Rev. Doug Hughes
- 10 - Suzanna Stoll Szabo
- 13 - Roddy Johnson
- 17 – Haley Russell Camp
 - Patrick Mahan
 - Isla Mahan
- 21 - Gregg Stoll
- 25 - Tina Dodd

November Anniversaries

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



Saturday, November 5