

HIGHLAND CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2023

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

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESV)

As we soon will see summer gradually give way to the warm earth tones of fall, we are reminded of the beautiful seasons of life - and the changes they bring. Just as nature effortlessly embraces the transition, we, too, can draw invaluable lessons from this season of change. Nature's transformation during the fall symbolizes the cyclical nature of life. Just as trees shed their leaves, we encounter seasons where we need to let go of aspects of our lives that no longer serve us. Holding onto the old can hinder our growth and prevent us from experiencing the new blessings that await us. Fall brings with it a reminder of the abundance and harvests at hand. Just as farmers diligently gather the fruit of their labor, we should take a moment to reflect on the blessings of the previous seasons. The changes we experience throughout the year often result in blessings, growth, and lessons learned.

This time of the year is Pam's favorite. She loves the transformation of the landscape as it changes. Fall reveals a uniqueness that sets it apart from other seasons. Each tree displays its vibrant colors, remarkable in its distinctiveness. Similarly, we have an incredible opportunity during times of change to uncover hidden talents, develop new skills, and discover facets of our character that have yet to be revealed. Rather than fear or resist change, embrace it as a chance to blossom into the person God intends you to be. God's hand is at work in every season of our lives, even when the changes seem challenging or uncomfortable.

During times of transition, remember to count your blessings and develop an attitude of gratitude. Despite the uncertainties that change may bring, we can find solace and joy in the harvest of blessings surrounding us. Let these seasonal transformations challenge us with an open and willing heart to embrace the changes as we trust God's plan and purpose. This is part of God's plan to help us experience periods of growth and revitalization.

Take a few moments to reflect on the changes you are currently facing or anticipate in the coming season. Consider how you can approach them with an open heart, embracing the new opportunities that arise. Trust in God's faithfulness and provision as you navigate the ever-changing seasons of life.

Women's Ministry

Our CPWM ladies met for lunch July 17th at the House of Grace. We all enjoyed this morning of fellowship together! We did not meet in August, but our next meeting will be Monday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our CPWM denominational convention was held in conjunction with General Assembly June 19 - 22. Our theme for 2023-2025 will be "Telling our Story". Pam Russell brought a collection of Bible Studies provided to us and based on our theme. We will be learning about many women in the Bible as well as our own stories. Hopefully, we will learn more about all of our members.

If you attend Highland, you are a member of our CPWM. Please join us and help us know more about your Story

Session Highlights

At the August Session Meeting we voted to:

- Allow Youth Director Elizabeth Spann to explore hosting a retreat for our youth on MLK weekend instead of attending Convocation in Gatlinburg. She would be renting an AirBnB near the Perfect North slopes in Indiana.
- Allow Elizabeth Spann to be absent Sunday, September 3rd and 24th.
- Explore the possibility of placing a Blessing Box under the tree by the mailbox.
- Donate \$300.00 to Eric Horner's ministry, Tanks of Love to be taken from profits of Barbeque on the River.
- Agreed to ask Tanner Parker to look into the water drainage onto Steve Fenney's property behind the Church.

August Numbers

Financial Record as of August 28, 2023

income \$ 19,135.94

expenses \$ 14,813.00

Attendance

August 6 - 82

August 13 - 94

August 20 - 81

August 27 - 93

September Calendar

September 3 - Sunday School breakfast, 9:45

September 9 - Key Lime Pie cut and dip day

September 11 - CPWM, 10:00

September 17 - Session Meeting, 2:00

September 21 - Highlanders

September 21, 22, 23 - Barbeque on the River

Exercise Tuesdays at 5:30 and Saturdays at 10:00

Pickleball Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:00

September Ushers

Steve and Diane Shrewsberry,

Johnny Overton, Steve Davidson

September Elder

Mike Golightly

Paducah Cooperative Ministry

Grape Jelly and preserves

Welcome New Members

Sara and Emilee Staubs joined our Highland family August 27. Sara works with the children's program and Emilee is very active in the youth group. Their address is 3928 Lovelaceville Rd.

Change of Address

James and Deborah Russell
4760 Exall Lane
Paducah, KY 42001

Addison Dumes
1318 Stanley Ave.
Lexington, KY 40503

Blessing Box

At the August meeting, the Session voted to have a small weather-proof box constructed for the purpose of collecting non-perishable foods for anyone in need. The box will be placed for easy access by the public and stocked with food by our members and anyone who would like to donate.

Toys for Tots

Cindy and Randy Robertson are collecting toys for the annual Tots for Toys benefit concert October 7. Toys will be collected until the end of September. Please bring NEW unwrapped toys (no realistic-looking weapons). If you would like to contribute financially, please see Cindy (make checks payable to Toys for Tots).

Youth News

Progressive Fast Food Dinner Event - 6th-12th Graders: Join us for an unforgettable evening of mouthwatering fast food delights on Wednesday, September 6, 6:00 PM-7:30 PM. Bring \$10 and indulge in a unique dining experience as we take you on a culinary journey through the world of fast food. Don't forget to bring a friend!

We 3 Spies Christmas Program - Christmas program rehearsals are in full swing! If your child would like to join the choir for our program, it's not too late! Contact Elizabeth today to sign up!

September Birthdays

1 – Bettie Stoll
Pam Russell
3 – Kevin Perdue
6 – Barb Dolezal
Kenna Kilgore
JJ Owens
8 – Elaine Kaye
11 - Ryan Spann
12 – Roy Rushing
15 – Scott Cunningham
Wayne Coleman
Mike Haynes
16 – Ansley Golightly
17 – Joseph David Robinson-Lehan
18 – Suzan Roberts
Jenny Cooper
20 – Karen Bryan
21 – May Parker
Billy Winsett
22 – Jared Roberts
23 – Evalena Duncan
27 – Betty Hall

28 – Randy Robertson

Peggy Clifton

30 – Addison Dumes

September Anniversaries

1 - Matt and Carolyn Stowell

5 – Nick and Emily Ferrer

10 – Randy and Laura DeHart

Brad and Betty Hall

12 – Jeff and Donna Yates

14 - Jimmy and Deborah Russell

Trunk or Treat 2023

October 29 4:30 - 6:00

Sign up on the YOUTH bulletin board