

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John W. Bowling

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

Running to the Light; Day By Day; Shout to the Lord;
40; Holy Spirit

*Worship Team: Chris Pinelo, AJ Allen, Maria Sweeney ,
Neal Sterrett, Sally Osborn*

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

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MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERING MUSIC When We Were Light; Living Hope

SCRIPTURE MARK 2:23-28

MESSAGE “The Rest of the Story” Rev. John W. Bowling

WORSHIP WITH SINGING*

When We Were Light; I Thank God; The Blessing

BENEDICTION*

*Please stand as you are able.

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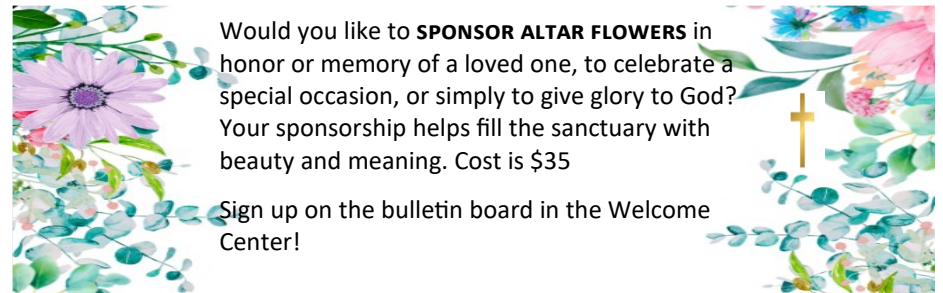


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Special thank you to today's **Ushers & Greeters**,
Karen Beymer & Mark Browe
Your service is greatly appreciated!

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE GIVEN BY JIM & GAYLE DAVIS
"IN CELEBRATION OF COURTNEY & JASON'S BIRTHDAYS-LOVE, MOM & DAD"

PRELUDE My Soul Now Bless My Maker Diderich Buxtehude

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HYMN #96* Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #881* The Apostle's Creed

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY OF GIVING

OFFERTORY God We Praise You Kevin Sadowski

DOXOLOGY*

SPECIAL MUSIC How We Love Beth Nielsen Chapman

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Lord of all creation, even You rested after six days of forming the world and humankind. You delighted in the heavens and the earth teeming with life, and were refreshed by its beauty.

Help us to remember that we, too, are worthy of rest—not because of our high accomplishments but because we are made in Your image and likeness.

Faithful God, You delivered the Israelites from enslavement and endless work in Egypt and into life as Your covenant people in the Promised Land.

As we cease our work and regular daily activities today, we do so to remember that You are God and we are not. Lead us into places of spiritual rest each sabbath day.

Lord of the Sabbath, You declared that this day of rest and worship was created not for the Sabbath itself, but for all creation's benefit.

The bold words and acts of Jesus' healing on the sabbath day teach us that Sabbath is not about a rigid command, but it is an invitation to delight in life; to flourish as fully-alive children of God; to worship faithfully, to love others and to make ourselves available to be loved.

Father in heaven, through Jesus' demonstration we have been graciously invited into spiritual rest and worship.

To set apart a day for rest, fellowship, and worship is our free response to this hope as it is also our obedience to Your desire.

May these sabbath days aid us in cultivating a sacred rhythm to our living.

Equip and empower us by Your Spirit, on each sabbath. As the food we eat fuels our bodies, may our worship and rest invigorate our love for one another and our service to You.

In Jesus name we seek this.

Amen.

HYMN #664* Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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POSTLUDE Eternal Father Strong to Save arr. David Johnson

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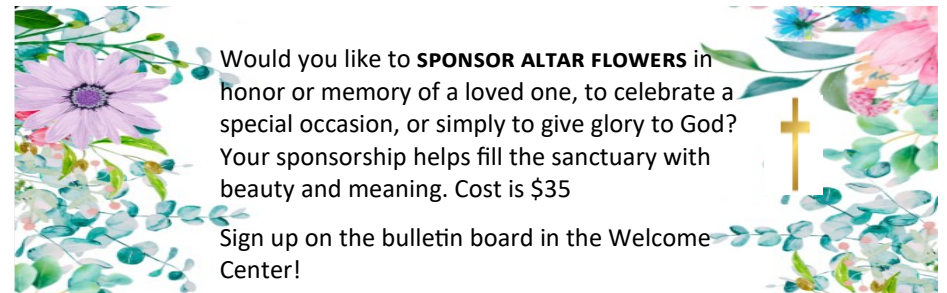
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YOUTH MINISTRY

There will be **NO MONDAY MORNING PRAYER** tomorrow, **Monday September 1**. We will be back, **Monday, September 8th** at 7:20 in the youth room. Enter through the little parking lot basement door.



Sunday, September 7th 6th—12th graders are invited to join us in the Youth Room for a meal, inspiration, laughter and spiritual growth.

7 - 8pm

AS OF JULY 31, 2025



General Fund YTD Income: \$295,566

General Fund YTD Expense: \$311,877

YTD Net Shortfall: (\$16,311)

YTD General Fund Budgeted Need: \$357,929

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

- Peggy—weakened heart
- Lynn E—recovery
- Brenda S—breast cancer
- Scott S—loss of vision
- Rhonda R—health issues
- AJ S—surgery & health issues
- Greg—Bladder cancer/chemo
- Laura C—loss of family members



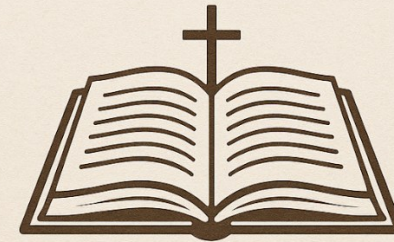
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Highland United Methodist Church

August 31, 2025 9:30am

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

THE REST OF THE STORY



Grow – Follow – Love

At Highland United Methodist Church, we are a community of imperfect people who exist to **grow** God's kingdom by **following** the examples of Jesus and **loving** with purpose.

We are deepening our spiritual understanding by embracing diversity, enriching lives, mindfully serving, and bringing joy through music and friendship. As United Methodists, we inclusively welcome everyone and follow the Wesleyan call to do no harm, do good, and love God.



HUMC CARE Closet will accept donations in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 13th from 9:00-11:00am.

Most needed items include:

- Kids sizes, both genders, from 5 thru 18
 - Lightweight jackets
 - leggings, jeans, shorts, sweatpants, athletic pants
 - short and long sleeved tops and sweatshirts (please no school logos)

Please:

- No sandals, dress shoes, or stained sneakers
- No used underwear or socks
- No fancy dresses (i.e. satin with tulle, etc)
- **No stains, holes, broken zippers, rips in seams**

We can always use men's lightly worn belts and casual tops sizes S/M/L/XL.

What if I don't have items to donate?

Volunteers are needed to sort donations! Come help out for an hour between 9:00 - 11:00. Contact Jen Heindl for info 859-653-1576 jenheindl@icloud.com



Announcing *Witness: Faith in Practice*. How does our faith impact how we interact with a complex world? How does the United Methodist Church's teachings help us navigate complex societal issues? We'll explore these questions and more in our new Wednesday Night Study, *Witness*, beginning September 10 at 6:30 in room 109. RSVP on the website or app.



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Highland Church Choir Season Kickoff

We're excited to begin a new season of music and ministry together! Please join us for our Choir Season Kickoff Gathering at the home of Jane Smith:

Friday, September 5th

Dinner at 6:00 pm, Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

We'll share a meal, enjoy fellowship, and then raise our voices as we begin preparing for a wonderful season of singing and worship. Whether you're a longtime member or interested in joining for the first time, this is the perfect opportunity to connect.

Bring your voice, your joy, and a spirit of community-we can't wait to see you there! Please reach out to Jason with questions at 260-609-3411.



Kentucky Conference
The United Methodist Church

Saturday, September 6th at 4pm,

Highland United Methodist Church will be hosting a DS listening session. All are encouraged to attend. This is an

opportunity to get to know Rev. Kevin Burney, your new superintendent, to ask questions, and to give feedback about how we help each other in ministry as a District.