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Highland to Host PSL Meeting



On Saturday, October 15, we will be the host for the meeting of the Presbytery of South Louisiana. Session members are already on deck working and have asked some of us to help in specific ways. Can you help too? Here are some of the hospitality roles that you can assist in:

- direct visitors to meeting rooms, restrooms, etc.
- prepare and set-up for snack breaks
- arrange for lunch
- assist with parking
- help with clean-up after lunch
- assist with registration
- help with clean-up after the meeting

If you would like to help Highland be a good host, please talk to Jim Rollins or other any Session Member.

An Investment Opportunity - God's Mission in 2012

A CORE VALUE of Highland Presbyterian Church:

Responsive generosity in order to bless others

A BEDROCK BELIEF of Highland Presbyterian Church:

God is working to transform us to become more like Christ.

Generosity is the heart of being good stewards of God's blessings, the Bible tells us. For it is in demonstrating generosity toward others that we mirror God's faithfulness and generosity toward us and become "more like Christ."

As we prepare for an exciting new year in ministry and mission in Baton Rouge, we call on all faithful members and friends of Highland to share in investing in God's Mission at Highland of "Connecting Our Community with Christ."



God can **POUR ON** the blessings
in astonishing ways
so that you're ready for anything and everything.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (The Message)

All are invited to a

**Mission Investor Dinner
on Monday, October 24, 2011
at 6:30 p.m.**

Come and hear more about the mission goals our Session has set for the first half of 2012. We will all have an opportunity to share our big dream about how God is calling us to bless our community in 2012.

Reservations for this dinner are a must, so please

**RSVP the church office as soon as possible but no later than
Sunday, October 23.**

Youth Liturgist

Children you have a special invitation to participate in leading Sunday morning worship by offering, the Call to Worship and the Opening Prayer. If you would like to be a Youth Liturgist, look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen window in the Narthex.

"... and a little child shall lead them." – *Isaiah 11:6b.*

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Schedule of Events

10/15 - Presbytery Meeting

10/16 - OLOL Blood Drive

10/18 - Session Mtg

10/24 - Mission Investor
Dinner

Birthdays

- 10/06 Laurelie Gheesling
- 10/11 Alan Cutter
- 10/11 Debbie Gurtner
- 10/16 Christine S. Lemken
- 10/23/02 Haleigh Thompson
- 10/26 Todd Stewart
- 10/27/10 Skylar Lemken
- 10/28 Shelby Brown
- 10/28 Julia Stewart



Wedding Anniversaries

- 10/07 Chacko & Rosemary John
- 10/14 Michael & Barbara Aguillard
- 10/23 Jim & Chris Rollins
- 10/29 Hans & Rosmarie Dünner



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 John Kleinpeter Yard Crew
2 Worship / Communion 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am 1st Sunday of the month Food Bank Collection	3 AA meeting Noon	4 AA meeting Noon Lagniappe Ladies Mtg 6:00 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Prayer Group 8:00 am AA Meeting Noon Bell Choir 6:00 pm Vocal Choir 7:00 pm Ladies' AA Mtg 7:00 pm	6 AA Meeting Noon Men's AA Meeting 8:00 pm	7 Office Closed AA Meeting Noon	8 Bill & Mary Lambert Yard Crew
9 Worship 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am	10 AA meeting Noon Girl Scout Unit Service Mtg. 6:30 pm	11 AA meeting Noon AA Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Prayer Group 8:00 am AA Meeting Noon Bell Choir 6:00 pm Vocal Choir 7:00 pm Ladies' AA Mtg 7:00 pm	13 AA Meeting Noon Men's AA Meeting 8:00 pm	14 Office Closed AA Meeting Noon	15 Presbytery Mtg 8:00 am Mike Leonard Yard Crew
16 Worship 9:30 am Third Sunday Luncheon 11:00 am Outreach Team Mtg OLOL Blood Drive 8:00 am - Noon	17 AA meeting Noon	18 AA meeting Noon Session Mtg 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	19 Prayer Group 8:00 am AA Meeting Noon Bell Choir 6:00 pm Vocal Choir 7:00 pm Ladies' AA Mtg 7:00 pm	20 AA Meeting Noon Men's AA Meeting 8:00 pm	21 Office Closed AA Meeting Noon	22 Jack Bagent Yard Crew
23 Worship 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am	24 AA meeting Noon Mission Investor Dinner 6:30 pm	25 AA meeting Noon AA Meeting 7:30 pm	26 Prayer Group 8:00 am AA Meeting Noon Bell Choir 6:00 pm Vocal Choir 7:00 pm Ladies' AA Mtg 7:00 pm	27 AA Meeting Noon Men's AA Meeting 8:00 pm	28 Office Closed AA Meeting Noon	29 John Kleinpeter Yard Crew
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Session Highlights

Session met Tuesday, September 20, 2011 for its monthly stated meeting.

Highlights from the meeting include:

- Mary Martin, Tom Tucker and Jack Bagent were recognized for their involvement in and contributions to the work within the Presbytery of South Louisiana. Mary Martin is completing her 3-year term as recording secretary for the Presbytery and Presbytery Council. Jack will continue to serve on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and Tom Tucker will continue in his role as Presbytery Treasurer. Jim Rollins is completing 6 years as Moderator of the PSL Permanent Judicial Commission and Member of Council.
- Jack Bagent was elected Highland's elder-commissioner for the October Presbytery meeting.
- Session discussed Tom Bandy's visit with HPC on Sunday, September 25, 2011. He will participate in worship and attend our Sunday luncheon. After lunch he will discuss Highland's Transformation Journey with the congregation. He invites questions and dialogue.
- Plans for the Saturday, October 15, 2011 Presbytery meeting were discussed in detail. Highland will be the host church and Session will need assistance from the congregation in setting up for the event, helping with parking and directions, registering the guests, providing refreshments, and assisting with serving of lunch. More announcements will be made on Sundays and via e-mail in the coming days.
- Future fellowship events include Third Sunday lunch on October 16, 2011; Mission Lunch with a focus on Heifer International on Sunday, November 20, 2011; and the annual Christmas fellowship event on December 11, 2011. The annual preparation for Christmas breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 3, and a brass ensemble will provide special music prior to and during worship on Sunday, December 4.
- Sunday morning hospitality was discussed; assistance with supplying refreshments and with set-up is welcomed and continues to be a need.
- The Outreach Team continues with visitation of all church members; responses have been very favorable.
- More information was presented regarding presentation technology for the sanctuary. Session also learned of a repair need for the sound system in the sanctuary that could entail a cost of \$2500.
- Budget preparation and the stewardship campaign for 2012 were discussed. Session recognizes the seriousness of financial stewardship and its fiduciary responsibility and encourages the congregation to join in their prayer that Highland can move toward its vision of being a church truly connected with the community.

Lagniappe Ladies

Lagniappe Ladies' next meeting will be on
Tuesday November 1st, at 6:00 pm at the church.

We plan to enjoy a turkey dinner from Piccadilly Cafeteria (approximately \$5 per person). This month's voluntary contribution to the Battered Women's Shelter will be either cash or Wal-Mart gift cards.



There will be copies of this month's *Horizon Bible Study* for you to pick up in advance from the table in the back of the sanctuary.



All women are invited to attend!



OLOL Blood Drive

The Our Lady of the Lake Bloodmobile will be at Highland on
Sunday morning, October 16th, from 8:00-12:00.

We have a "Blood Assurance Account" at OLOL which allows immediate family of Highland members to withdraw blood credits from our account. Recently we had several people use blood units during surgery and now need to replenish our account. So please **roll up your sleeves** and **invite** your friends, neighbors and relatives to come and give the gift of life. The Blood Bank really needs your support.



Buckets

The ten clean-up buckets that HPC was contributing to the Presbyterian Women's project have been completed and will be picked up by our Presbyterian Women's Mission coordinator shortly. We finally found out exactly where these needed to go, and they will soon be on their way to those in need.

Thanks to everyone who donated to this project!

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