

## ***Our Mission: Sharing Hope from the Heart of the Highlands***

*Highland Presbyterian Church is a community of believers inspired by the love of Jesus Christ and biblical teachings. We believe we are called to guide our children, support our neighbors, comfort the troubled, soothe the suffering and bless the dying.*

*We give, we receive, we serve,  
we teach, we question, we learn,  
we sing, we laugh, we pray.*

*We strive to use our time and talents to serve God, one another, and the world,  
Sharing Hope from the heart of the Highlands*

### **Our History**

In 1882, men and women, drawn by faith, crossed the religious and political divides of the Civil War to form Highland Presbyterian Church. By 1887, they raised the roof that still covers part of the sanctuary where we worship. Then, for more than a century, Highland members with diverse talents and opinions worshiped there as they built traditions of scholarly preaching, inspirational music, quality education, caring fellowship, and, courageous mission that has embraced both our community and the world beyond. Church members began the Weekday School to provide caring, innovative education for little children, and, in 1960, built the Walker-Nevin Building to provide classrooms designed for children. The church gave Kentucky Refugee Ministries its beginning in an office above the chapel in 1991. And, in 2001 the church expanded its campus again by buying the 87-year-old Parr's Rest nursing home building as an education and mission center. Today's congregation continues to build on those traditions to further our mission: Sharing Hope from the Heart of the Highlands.

### **Today's Needs**

#### **Worship**

**The Sanctuary:** Last summer we discovered that one of the trusses that supported our roof for 129 years had cracked. Supporting the ceiling while engineers analyzed the problem and designed solutions was difficult and dangerous and forced us to move out of the sanctuary for months. Once the roof and walls are stable, the sanctuary ceiling, and floor will need to be restored. However, the repairs also provide an opportunity for renovation and updating with insulation, sprinklers, better lighting, an improved sound system and more efficient temperature control. Preliminary cost estimate: \$1 million.

#### **Education**

**Pleune-Mobley Mission and Education Center:** We have renovated the former Parr's Rest Nursing Home in stages to support its purpose as a mission and education center. Two years ago money from a capital campaign let us finish work on a large Youth Center on the second floor

that provides classroom and meeting space for our youth. The center includes overnight facilities for our youth and other church groups on mission trips and shows what is possible when we finish the renovation we began. Finishing remaining work in Pleune-Mobley would create a home with real classrooms and seminar space for our growing adult education programs. Renovation would also support Kentucky Refugees Ministries, which has rented space in Pleune-Mobley since it outgrew its first home in our main building. The world's trouble spots have packed refugees into overcrowded classrooms and forced KRM's support staff into every possible cranny for offices. Renovation would support the English-as-a-second-language school and work-readiness programs.

The exterior of Pleune-Mobley needs work as well. A geo-thermal system that serves part of the building needs to be expanded to serve the full building with low-cost heating and cooling before an aging boiler gives out. The building's heavily used Highland Avenue entrance is not handicapped-accessible or welcoming. The building's trim needs paint and other work. Estimated cost: \$3 million.

### **Other**

Age and heavy use have created needs in other parts of our campus. The Walker-Nevin Building needs a fire sprinkler system and work on the playground. The gym in the main building needs work to make it dry and welcoming. Areas that have gotten heavy use while the sanctuary has been closed will need refreshing. Because construction on old buildings always includes surprises, our goal also includes a prudent contingency. Estimated combined cost: \$700,000.

**Total estimated need: \$4.7 million.**

### **Goals:**

/Restoring our sanctuary so we can worship in a place that is rich with memory and meaning.

/ Finishing renovation of the Pleune-Mobley Mission and Education Center for classrooms that will reemphasize our commitment to quality continuing education for adults by providing comfortable, modern education and seminar space for Highland members, as well as to support our mission partners at KRM as they meet the needs of people forced from their homes by war, persecution and want. Supporting that work with facilities and friendship responds to the Biblical command to love and welcome strangers..

/Renovating the playground and gym and adding sprinklers to provide our children and youth with safe places to play and learn.

