

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

WORSHIP TIMES

10:00AM - Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

10:15AM - Contemporary Worship
in Fellowship Hall

12:30PM - Lighthouse Imani Church
in the Lounge

PASTORAL STAFF

Senior Pastor/ Head of Staff:

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Assoc. Pastor for
Congregational Care:

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Assoc. Pastor for Mission &
Family Ministry:

Rev. Dr. Noé Juárez

Parish Assoc. for Visitation:

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns

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Session Highlights

Discussion about correcting some issues in our current worship schedule that took place at our monthly meeting Tuesday, Dec 4th was not completed with a recommendation so the moderator, Dr. Rabey, called a meeting of session for the following week, Wednesday, Dec 12th. Though some details will still need to be finalized in the coming weeks, especially regarding specifics about children's Sunday School, it was voted that we go back to separated worship services at 9:30 and 11:00am instead of the current staggered times of 10:00 & 10:15am. Since there were too many changes in SS to change in order to do this at the new year in January as originally suggested, Session agreed to give another month of preparation time and not return to the 9:30 & 11:00 am schedule until **Feb 3, 2019**. Much more information will be coming in the next several weeks but session wanted to communicate the essential information to the congregation as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 16 | Christmas Concert | 3:00-4:30PM

Featuring The Auscultation Brass, The Highland Bells and Dr. Paul Thorlakson

Sunday, December 16 | Traditional Service 10:00AM | Contemporary Service
10:15AM

2nd in Series: "The Gifts of Christmas Past,"

Thursday, December 20 | Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea | 3:00PM

Sunday, December 23 | Traditional Service 10:00AM | Contemporary Service
10:15AM

3rd in Series: "The Gifts of Christmas Present "

Monday, December 24 4:00PM - Family Christmas Eve Worship

"A Christ-Centered Christmas"

8:00PM - Christmas Eve Worship with Candles

10:00PM - Christmas Eve Worship with Candles & Communion

4th in Series: "The Gifts of Christmas Future"

December 30 | One Service Fellowship Hall | 10:00am "Provoked to Love"



Adult Christian Education

Faith Café

Room: 105, from 11:15-12:15
A discussion group that looks at current topics through the lens of scripture and our faith. We use a newsletter, the Wired Word to provide topics and discussion points.

Yard Sale Drop Off

Drop off dates for the Yard Sale are:
January 6
February 3
March 3, 10, 17
March 25 from 4-6PM
(all immediately following church)

Highland Christmas Concert

If you need just a little more to get you into the Christmas spirit, come to the Highland Christmas concert on Sunday afternoon, **December 16** at 3 PM. The Auscultation Brass, The Highland Bells and, Dr. Paul Thorlakson our Director of the Music Ministry, will combine to lift your spirits with an assortment of Christmas music! Our Deacons are also going to serve some tasty refreshments after the concert.

Recycle Ink Cartridges



You will find a box in the reception area to deposit any used printer cartridges. We earn cash value at Staples to use toward office supplies!

Upcoming Events

College Student's Brunch - We are hosting a College Student's Brunch, as a way to welcome you back to Highland on your Christmas break. Friday, **December 21st** at 11AM at Olde Hickory Grill: 709 Olde Hickory Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601. Please RSVP at jennykutzner@highlandpc.org

PW Book Group - Please join us on **December 19th** at 12:30pm in the Choir Room for a very special program hosted by Marilyn Felter. Local (Lititz) author Sherry Ostroff will join us to talk about and discuss *The Lucky One*. Please note the earlier date and different location than usual. For more information and questions, please call Judy Eyster at 717-299-3327 or email at jeyster02@gmail.com. All are welcome!!!

The annual PW Christmas Tea will be on **Dec 20** at 11:45 in the Narthex. The Veritas Academy High School Choir will entertain us, and then we will enjoy food and fellowship. The cost is \$6.00. Sign-up will be on Dec 2, 9 and 16 in the narthex between services.

Attention Highland Women: Looking to start the new year of with a small group Bible Study? Starting on Monday, **January 7**, we will begin the study of Daniel. This is a 12-week study using the DVD entitled Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy by Beth Moore. We will meet at 7:00 PM each week, ending about 8:30. Please email Barb Droz at gldroz@comcast.net if you would like to attend, including if you would like a workbook. The workbooks are \$10.00. We will meet in room 208.

New Intergenerational Mission trip to Morgantown, West Virginia: This was previously known as the Mars Hill Mission trip. Next year **July 21-26**, we will be going to Morgantown, WV. Our goal is to go with 70 people between children, youth and adults to work on houses of low income families. We will be staying at West Virginia University and working with the Shack neighborhood house. Cost for adults and youth \$250, children \$200. Cost lower with fundraising events. Scholarships available upon request. Brochures and registrations forms are available at the welcome center and you can also download from our website: www.highlandpc.org. Questions: noejuarez@highlandpcr.org or Jim Eberle at: Ebtide86@gmail.com

Sunday School Offerings - Nov/Dec 9AM

Prophecies Unfold... The Nativity Story Retold. - Led by Noe Juarez and Connie Towers. Have you ever considered how long and perilous the journey was for Mary and Joseph as they travel to Bethlehem? This week is the long and dangerous journey to Bethlehem, the search for a room, and the birth of Jesus. Next week, Dec 23 concludes the movie with the birth, shepherds, and Magi. Want to see Mary, Joseph, the Magi, Herod, the times, come to life? Haven't joined us yet? Almost too late! See you Sunday at 9 a.m. in the Upper Room.

"Advent in Narnia" - Engage the Advent season from a new perspective using C.S. Lewis's "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe". We will reflect on themes of love, grace, transformation and sacrifice thru discussion, devotions, fun and fellowship. Led by Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne in room 105.

Jen Hatmaker's "The 7-Experiment" - During this season of giving, take a journey through the seven most common areas of excess in our lives. It will challenge you to not only simplify but also improve the world and grow closer to God. Led by Laura Rothacker in room 208.

Volunteer Opportunities

Coffee Hour - THANK YOU all for volunteering to help with the coffee hour this fall. Special thanks go to the Deacons, the Memorial Garden Committee and Deb Peterson. Fellowship is an important part of the Christian Community. Connecting with friends and introducing yourself to visitors seems to be easier over a beverage. 2019 is just around the corner. Those responsible for the Coffee Hours in January and February are the Mary-Martha Bible Study Group and the Highland Quilters. As an individual you can always sign up to join them. Sign up sheets are outside the kitchen room. Here are the tasks on Sunday mornings: 1. Come early make coffee and set things up 2. Leave church on the last hymn and set up the coffee stations 3. Help with clean up. You can do one or all of these things. Thanks for helping making this fellowship time possible.

Tea Servers - Looking for an easy, and very helpful volunteer opportunity? PW is looking for 4 tea servers (men or women) for the PW Christmas Tea on **Dec 20** from 11:30 – 1:00. Contact Barb Droz (gldroz@comcast.net) if you can help.

Cookie Baking Volunteers are needed for a fun night of cookie baking at Domestic Violence Shelter, Thursday, **December 20**, from 6-8pm. Please consider joining us to provide a fun evening for the brave woman and children currently staying at the shelter. You don't need to bring any materials. I will provide all of the supplies. If interested please contact Barbara Kurtz at 717-471-8252 or at rinkbus@gmail.com.

Announcements

Nativity Scene - Notice our new Nativity scene by the Library in the narthex. Last week you noticed a few animals in the stable with a manger full of hay. You may have also seen a shepherd and lamb in his "field" and the three wise men following the star and making their way to Bethlehem. As Advent progresses look for the arrival of Mary and Joseph and of course baby Jesus on Christmas Eve. Thanks to Gine Lancaster and Jerry Rothacker for making this possible.

Who is God calling to serve as a Deacon at Highland? Deacon: Deacons have existed since the early church and are leaders of the congregation. Scripture tells us they are people of compassion, witness and service following the example of Jesus Christ. Deacons at Highland do many things which include providing comfort meals, prayer shawls, Chancel Flowers, and visitation to our Highland family. They also deliver poinsettias at Christmas and lilies at Easter to our grieving, sick, and homebound members. **We need your help:** Highland's Nominating Committee is seeking two more individuals who feel called to serve as a Deacon for a 3-year term starting in June 2019. If you know of someone who you believe could serve Highland well, or if you feel called to serve Highland this way, please contact Allison Brown at a.doddbrown@gmail.com.

Christmas Outreach - Highland again this year will be spreading sweetness to Lancaster as we would like to donate cookies to St. Anne's Church. As you may recall St. Anne's serves a Christmas Dinner to hundreds of individuals who may not have any other meal that day. This will be the second year we extend this outreach. No sign up is necessary, simply bring along a dozen of your favorite cookies for fellowship on Sunday, December 23rd and a dozen (securely wrapped and labeled St. Ann'es) for donation. St. Ann'es will pick them here at Highland and serve with their meal. Celebrate the season of giving, together!

Stewardship Corner

Financial Update

From the Finance and Stewardship Committee: here is our financial position through November:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Revenues:	\$1,125,671	\$1,191,667
Total Expenses:	\$1,144,041	\$1,190,893
Revenues vs. Expenses:	(\$18,370)	

We thank you for your support of Highland and ask that you remain current with your pledges so that our ministries may continue to shine the light of Christ to our community. If you have not received a 2019 pledge card please contact the church office.

Market Share

Don't forget your grocery cards!

Using our cards for your holiday shopping return 5% to Highland to address hunger needs through missions.

Holiday Self Care

Survivors Resilience Cohort: Caring for Ourselves during the Holidays

December 18, 2018 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM

(Registration required!)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lizz Durbin at ldurbin@scclanc.org or call

717-560-9989 ext. 254.

Gym Jam

We welcome kids from birth to school age and their parent/guardian every Wednesday morning from now to April 17 9:30-10:30 in the Highland Gym. It's a warm, dry, safe, fun place where kids can run, climb, bounce, explore, and dance to the music while their grown up watches and interacts with them and the other adults. Please join us for another great year!



Prayer List

The Family of John Sourber
The Family of Sam Sieger

Robert Ruxton
Charles McKnight
Richard Klahn
Howard Livingston
Ron Cline - Nephew of Faye Nye
Robert L. Garrett - Brother-in-law of Faye Nye
Richard Hankel
Phyllis Miller
Mary Louise Wylie
Eleanor Sloan
Family of Doris Schaub
Ryan & Krista Ginn
Stella Weigand
Sue Esch
Larry & Barbara McMinn
Judie Wynn
Bruce Hirte
Sarah Sedlak (daughter of John & Sandy Wolfe)
Charlotte Glover
George Knapp
Jovianna Beam
Barbara Arnold (Peggy Erhart's mother)
Brayden Bair (John & Dorris Bair's great grandson)
Jim Deily
Howie & Bonnie Eckhart
Addy Fenchak-Kutzner
Jean Fontes & Children
Linda Guimond
Audrey & Gene Hannum
Elaine & Bill Johnson
Peggy Koelsch
Jayne (neighbor of Jan & Joe Chestnutt)
Jean Rea
Jeremiah (Kathleen Shuman's Neighbor)
Nancy & Dave Roy
Craig & Jean Stearn
Carol Wenger
Sue Young

Staff Listing w/ Extension

Roger Rabey | Senior Pastor | 226
Ann Osborne | Associate Pastor | 222
Noé Juárez | Associate Pastor | 213
Robert Burns | Parish Associate
Jenny Kutzner | Youth Director | 228
Paul Thorlakson | Music Dir. & Organist | 217
Laurie Juárez | Dir. Christian Ed. | 218
Joanne Weaver | Nursery Coord.
Jonathan Lefever | Multimedia Info. Tech. | 229

Josh Witmer | Contemp. Music Leader | 214
Mike Nolt | Church Administrator | 224
Cassidy Godber | Communications Coord. | 211
Donna Stettler | Facility Scheduler/Admin | 210
Steve Smith | Facility Supervisor | 225
Linda Brackbill | Hospitality Coord.
Alan Danthua | Custodian
Mike Hutchinson | Groudskeeper
Amanda Smith | Housekeeper

All staff can be reached at their highland e-mail address.

Example: fullname@highlandpc.org



Sunday School - Sunday Mornings 9:00-9:50AM

Youth Group - Sunday Nights 5:30-8:00PM

Christmas Party - Dec. 16 6:00-8:00

- Ugly Christmas Outfit Contest

- Bring favorite xmas treat to share (snack or drink)

- Bring friends 9every friend you bring will enter you into a drawing for a free registration for our 180 Spring Retreat!

Christmas Cookie Baking Party for Local Charities— Dec. 19 6:00-7:30

No Youth Group on Dec. 23rd and Dec. 30th

Mini Kick Off - January 6

Neon Nerf Wars! Wear neon, and bring your nerf guns (bring extras if you have them!)

More details to come

Tuesday Talks - Launching Tuesday, January 8th

Bible Study/Hangout for anyone in 9th-12th grade

Wegmans Café (2000 Crossings Blvd)

7:00-8:00PM

Kids @ Highland

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Upcoming Holiday Events:

December 15 - Christmas Coffee House (come, relax and enjoy some fellowship!) 6:30PM

December 16 - Make-up Christmas Store & Highland Christmas Concert

December 19 - Make Christmas cookies to donate; TNT/Youth invited—6-8pm

We are asking all families with children and youth to sign up to help with our 4pm Christmas Eve Service! You don't have to be in town to help! sign up at this link on our website to see how you all can participate :)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4faea72cabfb6-4pmfamily>