

**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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Finished reading the Heartbeat already? Don't throw it away! Please place them at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

**Have an announcement or story idea for The Heartbeat?** Contact [bulletin@highlandpc.org](mailto:bulletin@highlandpc.org)

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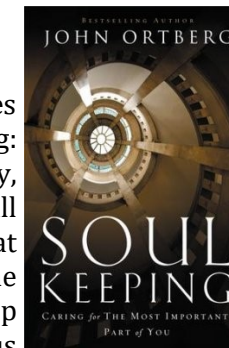
If you haven't already heard, in August, we learned that Highland and Dr. Roger Rabey received a \$50,000 grant from the respected Lilly Foundation. Dr. Rabey became eligible for sabbatical time after seven years of service at Highland, and he used a first portion in 2017. The Lilly Foundation will underwrite the second part of his sabbatical, which Roger will take next year in May, June and July.

In the past the Lilly Foundation has awarded grants to only about 25% of its applicants. Highland has been blessed by past Lilly support. In 2016 Highland and Dr. Ann Osborne received Lilly funding for her four-month sabbatical.

"We were so happy to get this latest news," said Barb Droz, Highland Clerk of Session. "Please join me in congratulating Dr. Rabey. We will share more details with you in coming months as Roger finalizes details for his upcoming time of spiritual renewal and revitalization."

**September and October Sermon Series and Small Group Fellowship and Study: "Soul Keeping"**

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey will lead Highland in a six week sermon series with study and fellowship groups meeting to discuss "Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You." Beginning this Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, you can sign up to be part of one of the eight small groups meeting throughout Lancaster County in homes and at Highland Church. Plan to sign up in the Narthex at the table with the Purple Tablecloth or call the Office at 717-569-2651 to join the group that suits your schedule. For the groups meeting at various residential communities, please call the number indicated for directions to the host home and to register directly with the facilitator.



<u>Time and Day</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Facilitator(s)</u>	<u>Contact</u>
11:45AM Mondays	Willow Valley Square	Jocelyn Pyett/Coleman Harris	717-869-6345
7PM Mondays	Home of Dr. Rabey	Dr. and Mrs. Roger Rabey	717-823-2672
11AM Wednesdays	Homestead Village	Phyllis Miller/Sandy Limont	717-392-2881
1PM Wednesdays	Brethren Village	Jack Sapper/ Marilyn Ebel	717-569-5820
7PM Wednesdays	Warwick Woodlands	Tom Whitworth	717-725-1462
7PM Thursdays	Highland Hudson Room	Patti Smith	717-569-2651
12PM Fridays	Highland Choir Room	Dr. Osborne & Dr. Burns	717-569-2651

Small Groups will meet during the weeks of September 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and during the weeks of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Plan to register at the sign up table on Sunday in the Narthex, call the Highland Office at 717-569-2651, or contact the facilitator directly at the number listed.

## Adult Christian Education

### Sundays

#### **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.

**New Members Class** - Are you considering membership at Highland Presbyterian Church? Attend our next prospective new members class on **Saturday, September 15**, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Childcare will be provided. We then will welcome new members on **Sunday, September 23**, at either of our two worship services. Mark your calendars to save these dates! In the meantime, please feel free to get involved! To register, contact Larry and Anita Ewing (717-824-3318) or the church office (717-569-2651).

#### **Seeking Sunday School Teachers**

We just have a few spaces left that we need to fill in with loving volunteers! Thank you so much to everyone who has made the commitment to help our children grow in their faith this year! You are all a blessing to Highland! If you haven't volunteered but would like to, here is what we still need. Thank you!

- *Preschool Assistant 1 time per month*

- *4th/5th Grade Assistant 1-2 times per month*

- *Middle School Assistant 1-2 times per month*

**Prayground is Starting!** - We will be offering a prayground in each service starting in September. If you wouldn't mind giving the children their sermon activity sheets and then sitting with them during the sermon please let Laurie Juarez know - [lauriejuarez@highlandpc.org](mailto:lauriejuarez@highlandpc.org). She will need a few willing people in each service to do it 1-2 times per month. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

**The Fall Presbyterian Women's dinner** is scheduled for Thursday, **September 20th** starting at 5:45. All women are invited to attend. Our speaker is Robert A. Frick, Ed.D. His slogan is *Keeping Education Alive*. He will speak to us about two famous Lancastrians – James Buchanan and his first lady Harriet Lane Johnston. The cost will for the meal and speaker is \$6.00, and we will begin sign ups on Sept 2 in the narthex after the services.

**New Confirmation Class of 2019** - 9th Graders and Parents, we are excited to start a new Confirmation Class of 2019. If you are raising a 9th grader please sign up as soon as possible. We will be using the brand new curriculum that the Presbyterian Church has just published this summer. It is called "Big God, Big Questions". Dr. Juárez, Dr. Rabey, Dr. Osborne and Jenny Kutzner will be teaching the class. The classes will be on Sundays from 9-9:50am. We will have 8 sessions in the fall: September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 14, 21, 28. We will also have 8 sessions in the winter: January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10, 17, 24. Confirmation Sunday will be **March 10**. We will have a mission activity in the fall & winter and Youth retreat in the Spring. To register please sign up at the narthex or email pastor Noé Juárez at: [noejuarez@highlandpc.org](mailto:noejuarez@highlandpc.org)

**Highland's Holiday Fair** Silent Auction Begins Sunday **October 14** - The Silent Auction will be held the four Sundays previous to the Holiday Fair. There is always time to put in a last bid at the Fair as the winners are announced at 1 p.m. A reminder to all who have something to donate to the Silent Auction, groups and/or individuals, please bring your donation to the Church office by **October 3**. The Silent Auction always includes beautiful quilts, great gift baskets, gift certificates to local events and more. The proceeds from the silent auction benefit three mission projects, one here at Highland, one in the Lancaster community, and one worldwide mission.

There will be a **return work trip to Kinston**, North Carolina the week of **October 7 to 13**, 2018. Mark your calendar. Everyone over the age of 16 is welcome. All skill levels are also welcome. Questions? Contact Larry Fowler (717-203-1277) or [lwfassoc@gmail.com](mailto:lwfassoc@gmail.com). *Registration available online and at the church office!*

**Needles 'n Pins** (Highland's any-kind-of needlework group) will gather on Tues., **September 11th** from 1:30-3:30 in the Narthex. Please join us! Questions? Call Martha Matt, 717-572-7593 or Kathy Potier, 717-569-0564.

## Sunday School Classes

Dr. Jerry Rothacker will facilitate "**The Spiritual Lives of Great Composers**" which will explore the giftedness of many of history's greatest composers, learning about their faith and how they connected their faith with their greatest musical compositions.

**Soul Keeping** - Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey will lead Highland in a six week sermon series with study and fellowship groups meeting to discuss "Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You." Beginning this Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**The Gospel of Mark Kerygma Bible Study** enables learning about what we have in common with the initial twelve disciples and other early disciples of Jesus. Participate in not only learning about ancient history but also about how following Jesus is our vocation in today's world. Barbara Droz will lead this discussion class. The participant's book can be purchased for \$15 at registration.

**Faith Cafe** ' offers a look at weekly current news and events through the lens of scripture and our faith. Using, the Wired Word Newsletter, the curriculum is emailed to each participant earlier in the week so that participants are able to discuss the topics and discussion point. This class will meet from 11:15 to 12:15.

## Announcements

**Presbyterian Women collect toiletries** all year long to gift Christmas bags to underprivileged seniors in Lancaster City. As the season of summer travel approaches, please bring home all those wonderful small things the hotels provided you that are unused. We have a home for them. Hint: Stick a plastic Ziploc bag in your suitcase before you go, and fill it up, then bring it to the collection hamper by the Food Cupboard.

**Help teach Highland Youth!** Do you have a gift you could share with our afterschool children? We are looking for one more person to teach a group of 8-10 kids (ages K-4th) a skill. It could be sewing/quilting, a musical instrument or choir (we have ukes, pianos and guitars here at highland, or we could buy recorders) or it could even be a fun Bible study class where you play games and learn about the Bible. If you could make this commitment every Wednesday for 8 weeks starting on September 19 and going until Nov. 14, please email or talk to Laurie - [lauriejuarez@highlandpc.org](mailto:lauriejuarez@highlandpc.org) or Vickie Kutz.

**Highland Women:** Looking for a monthly Bible Study? All are welcome. We offer two options for studying each year, using the PCUSA developed curriculum used by our denomination worldwide. This year the title is *God's Promise: I am With You*. One group rotates leadership and meets on the first Wednesday at 11:30 in people's homes, followed by a lunch. The other group, led by Barb Droz, meets at 10:00 on the second Wednesday in Room 208. There is also the possibility of starting an evening study. Interested in any of these options? See Barb Droz or email at [gldroz@comcast.net](mailto:gldroz@comcast.net).

*Grandpals* We will be starting up our TNT group soon (4th/5th graders) and we will be continuing our Grandpal program. I need around 10 grandpals this year (and perhaps a few "alternates" for new kids that may show up during the year). If you would like to be a grandpal again this year please let me know! If you haven't been a grandpal before and are asking - what is a grandpal? Then here is a description: Once a month you will write a letter to your 4th/5th grader, who will read your letter during the monthly meeting and respond (if they were in attendance). The correspondence continues through May when you will be invited to join your grandpal for a final activity at the church! It's been a great program and participants at both ends have enjoyed the letter writing. If you were a grandpal of a 4th grader last year and would like to keep your same child, please let me know. Thanks! [lauriejuarez@highlandpc.org](mailto:lauriejuarez@highlandpc.org)

**Raise Your Hand!** - Here's your chance to say YES! To helping your church and your community. For the next four weeks before and after each worship service you'll find two **Mission Giving Trees/Boards** in the Narthex. There you can check out a variety of opportunities to try out a volunteer experience. Whatever your interests, whatever your age, you're sure to find a way to participate. Pick out a card, sign your name and contact information and you'll get a call with more information.

**Box Tops for Education** are collected by Presbyterian Women and donated to King Elementary School in Lancaster. There is a box near the Food Cupboard where they can be deposited. Soup labels are no longer useable. Only the little square labels are accepted. Thanks for your contributions!



**Fabric Donations to Quilters** - If you are cleaning out your sewing room, the quilters would welcome your cotton fabrics. All other fabrics, polyesters, wool, etc. cannot be used by the quilters. They should be donated to another outlet such as the Mennonite Central Committee. Additional guidelines are posted outside of the quilting room.

## Stewardship Corner

Here it is!

*The antidote to materialism is generosity.*

As Highland members we are most generous. We share, we comfort and we volunteer.

If you are not involved in a Highland committee, mission project or ministry **GET INVOLVED.**

Your reward is not measurable in dollars but in satisfaction and spiritual renewal of helping those that our Lord leads us to. We are so fortunate to have what we have, and we must remember that *"what is ours is truly His"*.

As a generous Highland member we are blessed to serve our Lord with our talents and our energy... thanks for your generosity!!



## Crafty Critters

The Crafty Critters meet at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. No cost to you, just a fun time to make things for the fall Fair!

Just added! Oct 4 9:30 - 12:30 Journal project with Judy Smith. Bring some supplies including things like wallpaper sample books, heavy/embroidery thread, needles, scissors, rulers, yard sticks, good weight paper, leather laces, very long shoe laces, yarn, lengths of ribbons, anything decorative that comes in lengths, Tissue paper-any interesting papers.

**September 14** - Advent Candy Strips led by Juanita Fowler at Highland

**October 12** - Redo Wreaths led by Pat Rankin at Highland

Help assemble these Advent ribbons for the Holiday Fair!



## Prayer List

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  
Family of Edith Groves  
Linda Guimond  
Richard Hankel  
Audrey & Gene Hannum  
Elaine & Bill Johnson  
Irene Kimball  
Jeff Klassen (brother-in-law of Jan & Joe Chestnutt)  
Peggy Koelsch  
Chuck Matt (Dale Matt's brother)  
Rita Pickles  
Ruth Philips  
Jayne (neighbor of Jan & Joe Chestnutt)  
Graham Rabey (Dr. Rabey's Son)  
Jean Rea  
Jeremiah (Kathleen Shuman's Neighbor)  
Family of Nancy Reese  
Ron Reese (Elizabeth Hess's brother)  
Nancy & Dave Roy  
Family of Sara Royer (Mac Marrs' Daughter)  
John Sourber (Greg Sourber's dad)  
Craig & Jean Stearn  
Connie Towers  
Carol Wenger  
Sue Young  
Randy Zerr

## Staff Listing w/ Extension

Roger Rabey   Senior Pastor   226	Josh Witmer   Contemp. Music Leader   214
Ann Osborne   Associate Pastor   222	Mike Nolt   Church Administrator   224
Noé Juárez   Associate Pastor   213	Cassidy Godber   Communications Coord.   211
Robert Burns   Parish Associate	Donna Stettler   Facility Scheduler/Admin   210
Jenny Kutzner   Youth Director   228	Steve Smith   Facility Supervisor   225
Paul Thorlakson   Music Dir. & Organist   217	Alan Danthua   Custodian
Laurie Juárez   Children's Ministry   218	Mike Hutchinson   Groudskeeper
Joanne Weaver   Nursery Coord.	Amanda Smith   Housekeeper
Jonathan Lefever   Multimedia Info. Tech.   229	

All staff can be reached at their highland e-mail address.  
**Example:** [fullname@highlandpc.org](mailto:fullname@highlandpc.org)

### Men's breakfast invitation:

**Tuesdays 6:45-8am;** We resume September 11 at Olde Hickory Grille: 709 Olde Hickory Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601. We will have a delicious breakfast and this fall will have Bible Study on the book of Exodus. If are interested in attending please contact Pastor Noe Juarez at [noejuarez@highlandpc.org](mailto:noejuarez@highlandpc.org)

**Wednesdays 7-8:30am;** This is an ongoing breakfast and book discussion at Olde Hickory Grille: 709 Olde Hickory Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601. Currently we are discussing the book: The Soul of America by John Meacham. Please contact Dr. Rabey at [rogerrabey@highlandpc.org](mailto:rogerrabey@highlandpc.org)

**Thursdays 7-8:30aam;** This also a book discussion group that meets at Homestead Village (Plow and Pineapple dining room): 1800 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603. We are going to start a new book. TBD. If interested please contact Josh Witmer at [joshwitmer@highlandpc.org](mailto:joshwitmer@highlandpc.org)

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### Global Outreach Committee - El Salvador Update

The Global Outreach committee is pleased to share with the congregation that the construction of the additional bathroom facilities at Juan Calvino School in El Salvador has been completed. This project, which also includes a new water storage tank, will greatly improve the sanitation conditions at the school. This work was financed in partnership between Highland and the Reformed Calvinist Church of El Salvador.

Earlier this summer the Global Outreach committee held a special offering, where over \$3,300 was raised to help assist our mission efforts around the world. To all who contributed, we can't thank you enough for your dedication to helping others. Along with the funds raised from the Mission Dinner in April, the committee decided to allocate the combined funds in the following manner: \$1,000 to be used for supplies and materials for the mission team traveling to Kinston, North Carolina in October for Hurricane Matthew recovery; and \$3,500 to be used in El Salvador to improve the pre-existing bathrooms, purchase much-needed desks for the high school students, and contribute to the meal program at Juan Calvino School.

Since the mission team to El Salvador returned in June, many members of Highland have expressed an interest in making additional contributions to support the children at Juan Calvino. The vehicle to do that is through the Alternative Gift Catalog at anytime during the year. Please note "AGC-El Salvador" on your donation. The committee will work in partnership with our brothers and sisters in El Salvador to address their needs, both immediate and long-term. Again, thank you very much for being a shining light of hope and God's love to the children in El Salvador.