



the highland HEARTBEAT

January 16, 2022



CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The meeting will take place after worship in the sanctuary on **Sunday, January 30, 11:00am**. Agenda will include:

- Statistical Reports for General Assembly
- Financial Reports - 2021 Operating Budget Summary, Stewardship Update, Highland Fund 2021 Summary, Presentation of 2022 Operating Budget
- Pastor Nominating Committee - update
- Vote on Change in Terms of Call for our two ministers
- Vote on Recommendations from Nominating Committee - New Class of Officers Elders, Deacons & Nominating Committee—Bios are available on the News page of Highland's website: <http://www.highlandpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/nominating.pdf>.



HARI Volunteers Needed - We really need your help with our Afghan families to lend them a hand in getting acclimated to our culture. We would like to sponsor more families but without more volunteers we will not be able to do that. We need help with transportation, teaching English classes and advising on the job search front. We are also looking to introduce "Minna," the 21 year old college student, to more young people. Please contact either Lynn Dawson at dawsonlynn@gmail.com or Cyndi DeLong at cyndiannndelong@yahoo.com if you would like to learn more. It is a great way to serve God and meet some wonderful people!



HIGHLAND AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT INITIATIVE

WORSHIP SERVICES

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

⇒ 1 Kings 18: 16-45

Here's how to view our online services:

- Go to www.youtube.com
- In the YouTube search bar, type "Highland Presbyterian Church"
- You should see the Highland picture (as seen below) at the top of the search results, click it.
- Here, you will find all of our weekly services and devotionals by date, including our recent online services.
- Worship services are livestreamed here at 10 am on Sunday mornings so you can watch it as it happens.
- Visit our Website at www.HighlandPC.org for this week's service



SUPPORT HIGHLAND

Many of you may be wondering how to continue to support Highland. You may give in several ways:

- Mail your contributions to Highland Presbyterian church at 500 E. Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.
- Go to our www.highlandpc.org and select the "Give Now" button in the upper right-hand corner. It will walk you through how to give using your credit or debit card.
- Scan the QR code below if you are familiar with doing this and it will take you to the online giving on our website.



If you have general questions, please contact Mike Nolt, Church Administrator at mikenolt@highlandpc.org / 717-569-2651.

PRAYER LIST

In Memory

Family of Donna

Burrows (Cindy

Eidam's sister)

Family of Alethea Card

(Leah Card-

Savastano's mom)

Family of Nancy Deaver

Family of Elaine

Foreman

Family of Richard

Kephart

Family of Dorothy

"Dot" Nolan

Family of Ellen Reed

Family of Mary Sieger

Family of Ron Stefany

Family of Ginny

Westcott

John & Doris Bair

Joan Bashore & Friend

Ken

Zit Buzby

Mike & Marge

Carpenter

Ann Cary

Scott Clark (Son of

Doris Steinman)

Judy Eyster

Bill Foreman

Jennifer Funck

Faye Gemmill

Betty Grogan

Kent & Lois Hagedorn

Gene Hannum

Sharon & Rick Heisley

Marge Hermann

Jane Higdon

Hal & Pat Kinsey

Jerry & Al Knouse

Ginny Mackey (Ellen

Reed's daughter)

Tom McCleary (Friend

of Tom Waleski)

Howard McIntyre

Betsy Piasecki's Friend

Tom Ramsdell (Bill

Heisey's brother)

Joan Randall

Pat & Ken Rankin

Heidi & Herwig

Schutzler

Fran Stefany

Tom (Friend of Jane

Higdon)

Dick Vieth

Brigette & Bob

Voegtlen

Barbara Waleski

Joe & Peggy Wible

Highland Senior Pastor

Nom. Committee

Those impacted by

Covid variants

PASTOR ON CALL

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

717-327-6199

January 17—23

Announcements & Updates

New Members Class - Are you considering membership at Highland? Attend our next new members class on **Saturday, February 5**, from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Child care will be provided. We then will welcome new members on **Sunday, February 13**, at our worship service. Mark your calendars to save these dates. In the meantime, please feel free to get involved. To register, contact Larry and Anita Ewing or the church office (717-569-2651).



Update on Donations for Juarez Family - Wow, Highland really comes through when asked! We estimate that over 40 lbs. of supplies were donated! Laurie and her kids didn't end up making it to the states. Unfortunately, it is expensive to ship things to Peru so 1/3 of the items are being shipped and the rest will be donated to local charities with children. Thanks to all who contributed. Laurie was blown away when we sent her a picture of it all!

Reopening Task Force Updates - With the ongoing surge in COVID cases, and more critically, COVID hospitalizations, the ROTF has continued to monitor the situation. We have made the following recommendations:

1. We will continue with a single 10am service until we feel it is safe to offer additional worship opportunities. Anyone not comfortable with being with others in person can watch the service online. Social distancing should be maintained at all events.

2. Masks must be worn in the church when around others, regardless of your or their vaccination status.

3. We will suspend food and beverage activities, which encourage mingling of unmasked individuals.

For more information on masks, see the Highland website: <http://www.highlandpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Reopening-Task-Force-Update-January-4-2022.pdf>.



Staff Updates - For the past several years, Highland member Josh Witmer has faithfully led the music and bands of our contemporary worship services. He's done a terrific job, always working with a variety of members and guests to offer wonderful praise-filled music. For the past few years, he's been ready to let someone else fill this role, but always something came up (Noe's departure, then extended, then Covid, then Delta, then Omicron) which made it more difficult for Highland if he were to step aside. So he always said yes when asked to delay his departure.

Now, with our latest change to delay our return to offering a contemporary worship service on January 9th, Josh again discussed this request to Dr. Rabey, and both agreed. As of Sunday, Jan 16th, Josh will be stepping back from his position as the Contemporary Worship Leader. Josh wanted to be sure everyone knows he is not a "disgruntled staff member". Rather, as he has said several times to the staff and worship committee, he has believed for a long time that Highland needs a different person in the Worship Leadership role. Plus, with his own life changes, he says he's also ready to move on to his next challenge.

Josh will continue to offer his talents as our church video/utility technician. He'll be available to help with videos, help the A/V team as needed, assist with all tech needs and anywhere else he can contribute.

As a talented musician, he plans to contribute to the mission of Highland as a lay musician, continue to organize worship on mission trips and help wherever needed, lead small groups etc. This change will probably not be a surprise to many members, but we want to make it formal, finally, and to thank Josh for ALL that he has done for the contemporary worship service.

January Family Care - available to all Highland families with children/youth. Please sign up by Sunday, January 23 if your family is planning to pick up a ready-made Hamburger Veggie meal* on **Sunday, January 30** at 11:00 am (after service). <https://forms.gle/L9Afa9k7R1WvTgus9>

*Vegetarian option available

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Are You a Recent Visitor to Highland? A get-together for recent visitors will be held after the worship service on **Sunday, January 23**, in the Upper Room. This will offer an opportunity for you to interact with staff members and each other, learn more about the overall scope of Highland's ministry, and get answers to some questions that you might have. We look forward to seeing you then. For further information, please contact the church office or Larry and Anita Ewing at larryanita1896@comcast.net.

“Flourishing in Faith and Wholeness” Week Two Living with Joy and Delight -

There is a vast difference in joy and the emotions of happiness, giddiness, fun, and being jovial. The joy experienced in God's presence is not just for mystics, monks, or spiritual directors. Because we understand God to be with us in all circumstances of life, we are always able to tap into God's power and presence and practice becoming sensitive to it.

The simplest and most basic way is to recall moments which bring an overwhelming sense of joy and delight within us. Remembering the touch of a loved one, the beauty of a sunrise, the glance or wink from a friend, the smell of fragrant honeysuckle, the timbre of a voice, cry of delight from a toddler, or the sound of a waterfall can transform us to a place of joy. Memories of such special moments can generate feelings of gratitude, warmth, delight, and joy rising from the deep within us. We can know that we rest in God's powerful presence.

Recall a time when you paused a moment in nature. Maybe it was a clear summer morning when you saw an eagle soar lazily on shifting air currents. A gurgling forest stream, falling over pebbles and rocks can lift our feelings. Remember the mountain lookout high above vast snow-covered peaks or the warmth of the sun and sand on bare toes and a swimsuit covered body as you walked a white sand beach. Stillness and sounds of nature soothe our spirits and restore God's joyful presence within us.

This week experience newfound joy in the following ways:

- Recall a moment of simple but profound joy
- Dwell on the feeling and let it grow in your sense of self
- Thank God for opening divine presence to you
- Offer a moment of joy to someone you know
- Pray that they may know the presence of God
- Ask God to help you experience joy and delight in the present moment

Pastor Nominating Committee Update - As of this past week, the Highland Senior Pastor Nominating Committee has completed interviews for all candidates that we felt were strong contenders. We remain open to other applications, but none have been forthcoming for some time. We are delighted with the quality of these candidates and are thankful to God for sending such talented people our way. All are strongly interested in coming to Highland. Our next steps will be to try to trim the list to just 2-3 finalists and visit their churches, check references, and advise Donegal Presbytery of our progress, as they too have things to do in the selection process. We hope to be able to reach a final decision and offer a call in the next several months. Once we have negotiated those terms of call and received the approval of Presbytery, the candidate will be invited to preach at Highland before the final congregational vote to approve. Please keep the committee in your prayers as we continue down the path to the future of Highland.

