

the highland HEARTBEAT

July 23, 2023



CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY



God's Plan Seekers (GPS) in Action!: Over the past several months, a diverse and intergenerational group of members have been busy praying, listening, learning, and navigating what it means to be "people following Jesus". The mission of this team is to facilitate the determination of three to five God-sized goals for HPC through our collective reflecting on the past, thinking about the present, and dreaming for the future. In order to do this, the GPS team needs your help!

In September, October, and November, there will be three unique opportunities to gather all of us for facilitated congregational conversations. These conversations will be held following our Sunday services in the Fellowship Hall. They will be moderated, in small groups, by GPS team members from Noon to 1:30 pm on the following three dates: September 10, 2023 to reflect on "The Past"; October 15, 2023 to think about "The Present"; and November 12, 2023 to dream about "The Future".

In October, the GPS team will reach out to community partners to identify needs where Highland can help the most. In late November, we will collate the conversational findings and identify the three to five major goals that presented themselves throughout this process. A report of findings will be created, delivered to the Session, and presented to the congregation in the New Year.

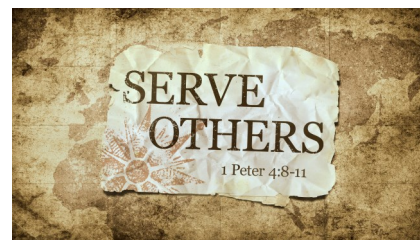
By building upon our strengths and using the cross as our compass, we can continue to grow, deepen our relationships with the community, and serve God in potentially new ways. It is time for us to imagine anew and - with God's help - we, as a Congregation, will do just that! All voices are invited and needed as we undertake this discerning journey!



WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 4:8-11

SERMON: "Serve Others"

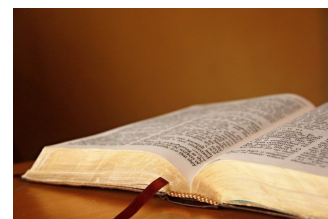


HOW TO VIEW OUR ONLINE SERVICES

- Visit our website for the current week's service at www.highlandpc.org
- Worship services are livestreamed at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings so you can watch it as it happens.
- Visit our Youtube Channel at www.youtube.com/c/highlandpresbyterian for access to all of our past services and events

PREACHING/WORSHIP CALENDAR

7/30 Pastor Allison preaching
8/6 Pastor Ann preaching
8/13 Pastor Allison preaching
8/20 Will Massey preaching
8/27 Pastor Allison preaching
9/3 Pastor Allison preaching
9/10 Pastor Allison preaching
9/17 Pastor Allison preaching
9/24 Pastor Allison preaching
10/1 Pastor Allison preaching



PRAYER LIST

In Memory

Family of Zitella Buzby
Family of Lewis Hershey
The life of Joan Hoar
The life of Carol Klahn
Family of Gine Lancaster
Family of Jim Zollman

In Prayer

Julie Bender
Robert Coup
Marilyn Frandsen
Carolyn McGuigan
Adam Ritchey (Sandy & Marty
Leaman's grandson)
Dorie Steinman & Family
Betty Wade (Jack Snyder's Mother)
Harriet Weaver

PASTOR ON CALL

July 24 ~ July 30

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns



Names found on the Heartbeat prayer list will remain on the list for 30 days. If you would like the name to be included after 30 days, please contact the church office to re-add them. To request a name to be added to the Prayer List, kindly first obtain permission from the individual then call the church office to have them added.

Announcements & Updates

HiLites Save the Date August 19 (rain date August 20) will be the Pool Party and Smorgasbord at Jim and Connie Towers. All are welcome - regular HiLites folks, and those who might be ages 60 to a little over 80 and want to give us a try. It is good fellowship and always good food too! Swimming optional. More information will be forthcoming.

Save the Date Our annual Rally Day will be held following Worship on Sunday, August 27th. Plan to join us for food, fun and fellowship.

Highland Campus Since the rains have greened up the grass and plantings at Highland, take a moment to appreciate the work of our maintenance staff and a group of volunteers who mow and trim the grass around our campus. There are seven teams of volunteers who will work through the growing season (April - November). We are always looking for volunteers to help, so if you are able to help, please contact the church office. Thanks to the volunteers for all their hard work.

Highland has had a Market Share program for 29 years! During the last three of those years, Covid 19 changed a lot of things. One thing that hasn't changed is the need to combat hunger in Lancaster and the greater world. The Market Share program seeks to offer help tackling hunger and the need for fresh water. It is part of both the Local Outreach and Global Mission committees. Gift cards from Giant, Oregon Dairy, Stauffers or Weis are sold at our desk in the Narthex every Sunday. The cards are sold at a face value of \$50 or \$25. You use the card at that same face value, but we get a 5% return. That is the money that is sent away to help others. Over \$150,000 has already been given. These cards are easy to use and work like a debit card for anything sold by that store: your groceries, pharmacy scripts, garden supplies and flowers, restaurants, and gas. We would all like to help others but sometimes find it hard to fit into our lives. However, you do go buy groceries and other necessities on a regular basis. Consider that your use of the grocery gift cards we sell here---even one card a month--- will make a difference. No effort is too small to be of help to curb the hunger so prevalent in Lancaster and our world. **Please remember to visit the Market Share desk on Sunday mornings and join in the mission!**



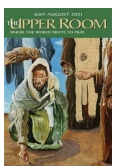
Home Communion Four times a year volunteers reach out to home bound members to provide a tangible connection to Highland through Home Communion. October will our next time of service. Home Communion Servers, and anyone who may be interested in serving, are invited to a short gathering in Fellowship Hall following today's service. We will review the process, ask questions, and seasoned servers can provide helpful hints.



Museum Trip Come join us for a journey to the African American Museum in Philadelphia on August 31. Leave from Strasburg at 1pm. Return by 9:30pm on a chartered bus. Following the trip to the museum we will have dinner together to debrief our time together. The cost of the transportation and the museum visit have been fully funded by the Presbytery of Donegal and there will also be a supplement to help offset the meal. This is brought to you by the Racial Task Force of the Donegal Presbytery Questions? Contact Bob Bronkema at: bbronkema@straspres.org



Upper Room Devotionals Are available in the church office or on the large round table in the Narthex.



Stewardship During the Summer Months Highland's ministry, missions, and operations – along with the expenses that are connected with them – continue during the summer months. The numerous local, national, and world-wide missions supported by Highland depend on us for regular, ongoing funding throughout the year. And the utilities that supply Highland with power, gas, and water do not take vacations. With these and other needs in mind, let us keep up with our pledges in the months to come.

Stewardship Update

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Revenues:	\$579,732	\$691,120
Total Expenses:	\$646,910	\$699,675
Revenues vs. Expenses:	\$(67,178)	

Are You Being Called to be a Highland Parish Visitor? Do you enjoy connecting with others? Then you might love being a Highland Parish Visitor. Highly trained professionals and folks who love using caring gifts and skills volunteer to visit one or two people or families in the congregation who need a friendly visit or caring relationship with another person. If you possess gifts of active listening, care, prayer or just enjoy visiting someone who needs a friend, then God may be calling you to become a Highland Parish Visitor. Pastor Ann will offer a short training experience to offer you all the resources and support that you may need to connect with the type of visit or person that you believe God is calling you to make. For more information, please contact Pastor Ann by calling the church office.

Chancel Flowers Following our Sunday worship service, the bouquet that beautifies our chancel will be divided into smaller arrangements, which will be delivered to members that may be homebound or hospitalized. We hope to have four people sign up each week to help defray the costs of the large bouquet. The cost for each sign-up is \$25.00. Each contributor will be listed in the bulletin along with the name of the person or event they wish to honor or memorialize. To sign-up look for the "sign-up poster" near the Welcome Center. Fill out the Chancel flower sponsor sheet and return it to the church office prior to the date you selected. The church office will contact you in order to confirm the wording, names or event you wish to sponsor. Payment of the \$25.00 can be placed in the wooden Offering Receptacles collection container near the sanctuary, mailed to the office or paid via online giving (under notes indicate chancel flowers) The Deacons are pleased to provide this ministry and hope that you will be willing to participate. Please contact Jane Hartin with any questions or the church,



Senior Breakfast at Oregon Dairy Join the group on the first Thursday of each month at 9:00 am. They meet in the dining room at Oregon Dairy. Contact the church office with any questions.

