

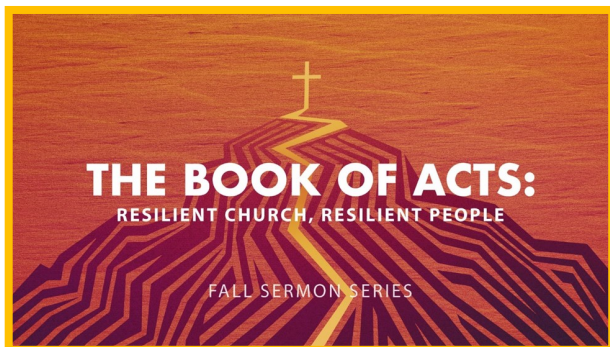
the highland HEARTBEAT

July 30, 2023



CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

Highland Fall Sermon Series



The Book of Acts: Resilient Church, Resilient People

In Acts, Chapter 1, the resurrected Jesus ascends to heaven leaving the disciples confused and afraid. Staring up to heaven in sheer bewilderment, you can almost hear one of them ask this question: what's next? This fall, we are collectively asking, "What's next for Highland?" This is a question that is exciting and full of possibility. It is a question that gives us permission to dream and imagine. But it's also a question that can spark fear in us. It is natural for us to be afraid of the unknown and to feel discomfort with any kind of transformation. But the early church

needed to expand and evolve in order for it to grow. And grow it did! The reason why Highland exists is because the early church was resilient and faithful, carrying the message of the gospel to all corners of the earth. This fall, we're going to take a look at the early church movement through the lens of resilience. We're going to ask, "What makes a resilient church?" And we're going to take lessons from those early Christians who adapted and fought for the gospel to be shared and for faith communities to be formed. We will be applying those lessons to our dreaming process as we think about what's next for Highland. And, hopefully, we'll be applying them to other aspects of our lives where we need to show up as resilient leaders, forging ahead with both faith and hope. I invite you to join me this fall as we dive into the book of Acts and follow where God leads.

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.



WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: **Genesis 32:22-31**

SERMON: **"Wrestling with the Divine"**



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

8/06 Pastor Ann preaching
8/13 Pastor Allison preaching
8/20 Will Massey preaching
8/27 Pastor Allison preaching
9/03 Pastor Allison preaching
9/10 Pastor Allison preaching
9/17 Pastor Allison preaching
9/24 Pastor Allison preaching
10/1 Pastor Allison preaching
10/8 Pastor Allison preaching



PRAYER LIST

In Memory

Family of Zitella (Zit) 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
Dill & Claudia Dyson (Friends of Lee
Heisey)
Marilyn Frandsen
Linda Guimond
Carolyn McGuigan
Adam Ritchey (Sandy & Marty
Leaman's grandson)
Family of Jack & Shelby Snyder
Dorie Steinman & Family

Harriet Weaver

PASTOR ON CALL

July 31 ~ August 6

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

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!

HiLites August Event: Join us for the **pool party** at Jim and Connie Towers, assisted by Mike and Judy Eyster. The date - **Saturday, August 19** with Sunday the 20th as a rain date. It will be a smorgasbord event, so we are asking everyone to bring an appetizer, salad, main course or dessert to share. There will be the opportunity to swim, play boochi, ladder golf, corn hole, or just mingle and visit. Time: opens 1:30, appetizers 3:00, dinner 5:30. Cost \$5 to cover drinks and paper products. We are pleased to say we will have a special guest again this year. Please respond to the Towers or Eysters or call the church office by Monday, August 14. 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.

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)	

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



The Children's Ministry at Highland is growing! Help us keep pace with this growth by occasionally volunteering to help on Sunday mornings. Currently, we are serving children in these age groups: nursery (infants to 3 years), PreK - 1st grade, 2nd - 4th grade, and 5th grade & above. What is involved, you ask? Here are the key components of a Sunday morning helper with children:



1. Submit your SafeChurch clearances (once every five years & free to everyone),
2. Join us for a team huddle on the morning your scheduled to help,
3. Play, interact, guide, and build relationships with the children during the Sunday service, and Support other volunteers in the classroom.

A larger pool of volunteers equips us to share the load of our growing ministries. Grab a hard copy of the Fall Volunteer Availability Form today or sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/hpckidsfall2023>. Submit your form by

- August 13th. (We also have volunteer openings for August.) See Jennifer Weitzel or email her at jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org

Highland's Earth Care Team encourages you to attend a presentation on the Purpose, Planning & Plantings on **Saturday, August 19 @ 1 pm**, Manheim Township Public Library in the natural area across from the Historic Stoner House and the Stoner Grille in Overlook Park. A tour will be hosted afterwards. Lamonte Garber is the Watershed Restoration Coordinator for the Stroud Water Research Center in Avondale, PA, which advances knowledge and stewardship of freshwater systems through global research, education, and restoration. The event will also be streamed live via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82944937566>

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



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!**

Rally Day will be held following Worship on **Sunday, August 27th**. Plan to join us for food, fun and fellowship.

