

the highland HEARTBEAT

September 24, 2023



CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

The Nominating Committee is Calling You

Your Nominating Committee is developing the slate of candidates for the Session, Deacons, and Trustees, Class of 2027, which will be presented to the congregation for a vote in the coming months. Four committee members-at-large will also be nominated. We would like to give all members of the congregation the opportunity to recommend themselves or others for the important leadership roles on the following Boards. You might ask “what do each of these Boards do?”

Session is the leadership body of HPC, called to lead, govern, discern and discipline.

Deacons are the heart & hands of HPC and focus on sympathy, witness & service to others.

Trustees are the leadership body of the corporate entity of HPC: stewards of church finances and managers of facility operations, maintenance, and security.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider who might be the spiritual leaders to fill these roles and carry us into Highland’s bright future. At the **Sunday services on October 8th and October 15th**, we will receive your suggestions. If attending virtually, call the church office with your recommendations.

For questions, contact Sue Walker or the church office at 717-569-2651.

A Recent Visitor to Highland? A get together for recent visitors will be held after the worship service **TODAY** in the McClintock Chapel. 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 you might have. We look forward to seeing you then. For further information, please see the Larry or Anita Ewing or anyone at the Welcome Center or contact the church office.

New Members Class Are you considering membership at Highland Presbyterian Church? Attend our next New members class on **Saturday morning, September 30** at 8:30 am or **Wednesday evening, October 4**

at 6:30 pm. Childcare will be provided. We will then welcome new members on **Sunday, October 8.**

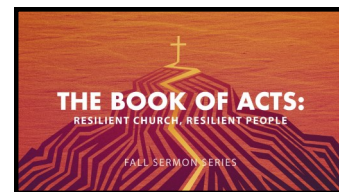
To register, contact Larry and Anita Ewing or the call the church office (717-569-2651).



WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:1-20

SERMON: "Keeping in Step with the Spirit"



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

10/1 Pastor Allison preaching
10/8 Pastor Allison preaching
10/15 Bill Owen presenting
10/22 Will preaching
10/29 Pastor Allison preaching
11/5 Pastor Ann preaching
11/12 Pastor Allison preaching
11/19 Pastor Allison preaching
11/26 Will Massey preaching

Purpose of our Acts sermon series;

1. To explore our roots as a church
2. To encourage the congregation to dream and innovate as the early church did
3. To study the Spirit's role in shaping a resilient church
4. To build hope and confidence in our work and our church

PRAYER LIST

In Prayer

Julie Bender

Jane Boris (sister of Carla Rothacker)

Robert Coup

Bill & Claudia Dyson (Friends of Lee Heisey)

Marilyn Frandsen

Ryan Ginn

Kathy Groves

Carl Henkel

Marge Herrmann

Diane Hostetter (Mitchell)

Family of Jack & Marty Hynd

Joan Lewis

Carolyn McGuigan

Beverly Moore

Heather Sievers

Dorie Steinman

The people of Northwest & Southwest Cameroon

PASTOR ON CALL

September 25 ~ October 1

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne



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

World Communion Sunday, The first Sunday in October celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. At Highland Church we celebrate this Sunday in several ways. We celebrate the Lord’s Supper making sure that all members and guests are able to participate. We deploy teams of Highland Home Communion Servers to minister to ones who are unable to get to church due to health concerns or no longer being able to drive. We connect as partners with other members, guests and our partnership nested congregation from Kenya – The Imani Lighthouse Congregation, a Bible Fellowship which has had it’s home at Highland since 2008.



World Communion Sunday (originally called Worldwide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr’s younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

Rev. Dr. Donald Kerr notes, “The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Celebration of Worldwide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn’t until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to several churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

Congregational Conversation ~ October 15 The registration process for the next Congregational Conversation starts today. There will be a person or two with clipboards in the Narthex after Church for the next 4 Sundays... Sign-up to be part of the conversation that focuses on the present & enjoy lunch!

Peace & Global Witness Offering This is one of four special offerings collected by the Presbyterian Church USA. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils (the Presbytery and Synod) retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. One example of how the offering is used is the Global Peacemakers program through the PCUSA. Ten people have been named Global Peacemakers in 2023. Carmen Diaz (a colleague we have worked with in El Salvador) is among them. She is pictured with Joseph Rus a PCUSA mission coworker in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Please support the Peace & Global Witness Offering this fall. The 25% of the offering will be used by our Matthew 25 committee to support a local Presbyterian African American. Highland will be collecting this offering the next few weeks.



Mission Corner

Highland is participating in the 2023 CROP Hunger Walk which helps the FoodHub and Church World Service deliver food to families that are struggling with hunger. We're asking you to join us with your steps and your donations - to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world.

The walk will take place on October 15, with a program at 1:30PM and the walk at 2PM. The walk begins and ends at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 64 Hershey Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603. We suggest that Highland's walkers drive down *after* the congregational conversations!

You can join the team and donate online today. Donations will begin in the Narthex on October 9, or you can mail a check to Highland made out to "CWS CROP Walk" Click the link to learn more, donate, or join the team.



Highland's Earth Care Team invites you to join an online training offered by Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake. This would be a great way to be introduced to Highland's collaborative efforts to care for creation. We will learn about: Exciting environmental education programs to engage your congregation. How to develop an action plan.



Ways to enhance your communication skills to help spread the word. Talk to Will Massey for more info!



Support Youth Ministry: Volunteers and Meals Youth Group kicks off on August 27, and once again we will need two types of contributions:

- Youth Group volunteers (adults with Child Protection Clearances who also attend orientation)
- Sunday Dinners

You can start signing up today for Sunday Youth Gatherings from now through December. Contributing in either way makes a big difference for our youth as they build relationships and explore their faith in a non-judgmental environment.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4faea72cabfb6-youth1#/>

