

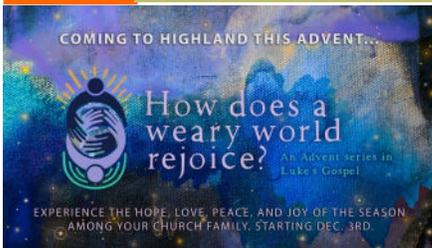
the highland HEARTBEAT

October 29, 2023



CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

Coming to Highland this Advent...



"How does a weary world rejoice?"

Experience the hope, love, peace, and JOY of the season among your church family. Starting Dec. 3rd.

2023 Christmas Giving Tree at Highland

For the 42nd year Highland Presbyterian Church will be asking for your Christmas gift donations for individuals in need in the Lancaster community. Our list of 15 agencies includes agencies which serve newborns, children, women, the homeless, and those suffering from mental illness. For at least one agency these may be the only Christmas gifts which they may receive. The trees will be available starting Sunday, October 29 with gifts collected at any time in the church office or on Sunday, November 26 during In-Gathering Sunday. Please make a special effort to return gifts by November 26 to allow a timely distribution of the Giving Tree gifts to the agencies.

Christmas Tea Attention all the women at Highland. Save **Thursday, December 14** at noon for the annual Christmas tea sponsored by Presbyterian women. All ages are encouraged to attend.



Senior Ministry Christmas Gathering ~ Thursday December 7 from Noon~1:30

Save the date! Registration will begin in the Narthex starting on November 12 for the JOY CHRISTMAS PARTY. The party will start promptly at 11am on Thursday, December 7th with carol singing, special music by Bill Rhoads, a Christmas Devotional with Pastor Allison, and fun with Pastor Ann. Lunch will be provided by our own Linda Brackbill, and her hospitality team. Registration is required for the party so that we will have sufficient food for everyone. Donation baskets will be provided to cover the expenses of the meal.

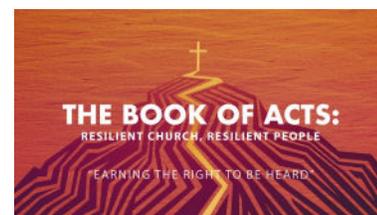
Be part of the Christmas Pageant being planned We're planning to have a Christmas pageant for our family service on Sunday, December 24th at 4:30 pm. **We need actors, narrators, Black Light performers, ushers, children's hand bells, and behind the scenes helpers to make this a success. Children, youth, and adults are all encouraged to join us in the preparations. We need LOTS of people for various roles, so please SIGN UP TODAY and definitely before November 2nd.** Contact Jennifer Weitzel at jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org OR Will Massey at willmassey@highlandpc.org for more information Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/hpc2023xmas430>



WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Acts 17:16-34

SERMON: "Earning the Right to be Heard"



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

11/5 Pastor Ann preaching
11/12 Pastor Allison preaching
11/19 Pastor Allison preaching
11/26 Will Massey preaching
12/3 Pastor Allison preaching
12/10 Pastor Allison preaching
12/17 Pastor Allison 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 Memory

Family of Frances Kaufmann

In Prayer

Julie Bender	Joan Lewis
Jane Boris (sister of Carla Rothacker)	Carolyn McGuigan
Robert Coup	Beverly Moore
Bill & Claudia Dyson (Friends of Lee Heisey)	Ingeborg Ross & Family
Ryan Ginn	Hank Savard
Averril Good	Heather Sievers
Linda Guimond	The people of Israel & Gaza
Carl Henkel	
Marge Herrmann	
Diane Hostetter (Mitchell)	

PASTOR ON CALL

October 30 ~ November 5

Pastor Allison



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

Acts: Resilient Church, Resilient People ~ Sermon Series Recap



Resilient churches....

- Week 1 (Jesus' ascension): They trust God and have faith even when that plan is not evident.
- Week 2 (Pentecost): They invite the Spirit into the church and expect transformation.
- Week 3 (The formation of the earliest Christian communities): They create communities shaped by the resurrection and the gospel of Christ.
- Week 4 (Peter and John refuse to stay silent): They boldly and unapologetically tell the story of Jesus and testify in His name.
- Week 5 (Paul's conversion): They keep in step with the Spirit and know they are called for a purpose.
- Week 6 (Peter baptizes Cornelius and his household): They welcome God's children as the Spirit welcomes them.
- Week 7 (Paul and Silas in prison): They live as free and forgiven people.
- Week 8 (The early Christian communities share and break bread together): They tell and re-tell their stories of faith.
- Week 9 (Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch): They proclaim the gospel to those hungry for the Word.

Information session Sunday, November 5th at 11:15 AM We are constantly inviting and welcoming new volunteers to these activities. This opportunity is for both new and veteran volunteers as we strive to better serve our fellow Highland members and visitors. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for no more than an hour. Hope to see you there! Topics of interest to all that include:

The Power of Hello ~ Observation techniques ~ Radio usage/communion
Situational awareness ~ Emergency response ~ Evacuation posts

Dorothy Rose Smith Concert Series Enjoy an entertaining evening on **Wednesday, Nov 1**, starting at **7 pm** with the **Rizzetta's Tones**, a Celtic Americana band, comprised of two hammer dulcimers, silver flute, high and low whistles, guitar, bass guitar, with alto and bass melodions. Additional sounds are from a button accordion, Greek bouzouki, mandolin, autoharp, ukulele, as well as bodhran, djembe, and other percussion instruments add to the variety of sounds.

Band members Randy Kochel, Amanda Wells, Linda Lohr, Bill Stine and Jared McDonald will sing lead and backup vocals on songs often with poignant and humorous lyrics and commentary. Their repertoire includes music from Ireland, Scotland, and the USA, drawing as well from the traditions of other lands.

Forging new arrangements and writing their own material, this local ensemble presents audiences with a pleasing twist while respecting musical traditions. You're in for a fun evening at Highland Presbyterian Church. Please give the "**TONES**" a warm welcome.

Veteran's Day Concert For the first time since 2019 Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra will have our Special Guests, America's Sweethearts all the way from New York City, performing with us for our Veterans Day Wounded Warrior benefit concert! We will be playing classic big band music from all era's to Honor our Veterans. Admission is free, a voluntary offering will be taken for Wounded Warrior Project.

The Concert will run from **7- 8:30 PM in the Sanctuary on November 12th.**



Mission & Outreach

Earth Care Bus Tour ~ Saturday, November 11, 1PM-5PM Highland's Earth Care Team invites you on a tour of stream restoration projects in Southern Lancaster County, in partnership with Donegal Trout Unlimited. For decades, Donegal Trout Unlimited has worked to protect and enhance cold-water resources in our area, so let's take an afternoon to understand and appreciate the impact of their work! Highland member Bob Kutz will explain the process of identifying funding designing, implementing and maintaining stream restoration projects. There are at least 50 such projects in the region, but we will explore 3 or 4 during the tour. We will see some "before" and "after" examples, and learn about how these projects benefit all of us. Please wear weather-appropriate shoes and clothing. bring a refillable water bottle; we will provide snacks! The bus will leave from Highland at 1:10PM. We will accept registrations until November 3 or the bus is full, whichever comes first. You don't want to wait! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stream-restoration-projects-bus-tour-tickets-733595021457?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>



Ecological Gardening for Fall At the linked article, Lancaster Conservancy offers their wisdom on ecological gardening this Fall. By implementing these tips you can support habitat for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife. Scan the code using the camera app on your phone to read more! Their advice includes:

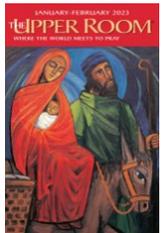
- Leave the Leaves
- Expand your garden with native plants
- Leave stalks, stems and seed heads in your garden.



Thanksgiving offering during November. One program to receive \$35,000 from this fund raiser is Okra Abbey New Worshipping Community Solar Power for Resilience. Okra Abbey is a new worshipping community in the Pigeon Town neighborhood of New Orleans, a low-income area that is often overlooked as many neighbors struggle with housing and food insecurity, addiction and mental health issues. This unconventional community has a garden for a sanctuary and gathers around meal tables rather than pews. Utilizing the garden space and the ability to grow vegetables, Okra Abbey extends the welcome of Jesus to those who might otherwise not be interested or feel welcomed into a church. With the 2023 Thank Offering grant, Okra Abbey will become a solar powered space, resilient in the face of extreme storms and a hub for disaster response. With reliable solar energy, they will reach out to neighbors daily by offering electrical outlets and a charging station. The vegetables grown at Okra Abbey are a starting point for conversation, and with the Thank Offering grant, Okra Abbey will be consistent hosts for community growth and faith discovery. Please support this program with the Thanksgiving envelope in your giving envelopes or in the pew racks.



Upper Room Devotionals The November ~December devotionals are available on the round table in the Narthex or near the office entrance.



From Your Stewardship Committee: Please Check Your Mailbox This year's Stewardship Campaign materials are being mailed. When yours arrive please read them over and prayerfully consider your financial support for Highland for the coming year. Pledge cards can be returned to the church office at any time, and will be dedicated during worship on November 19th