

the highland HEARTBEAT

October 8, 2023



CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

Carson Lecture Oct. 14-15

This year our Carson lecturer is Rev. Bill Owen, our consultant from the Center for Healthy Churches. On Saturday, Oct. 14th, Bill will be meeting with the session to do a workshop on appreciative inquiry.



Appreciative inquiry is collaborative, strengths-based approach to change in organizations. It focuses on core-positives while moving organizations forward. It is a great technique used in churches and will be our leadership model during the implementation phase of our visioning process. And then on **Sunday, Oct. 15th**, Rev. Bill Owen will be preaching for us before he leads us into our second congregational conversation on the

present. We are so blessed to spend this much quality time with Rev. Bill as part of our Carson Lecture. His teachings are really helping our church move forward as we think about the next chapter of Highland's ministry. Sign-up to be part of the conversation that focuses on the present & enjoy lunch!



WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Lancaster
CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 15, 2023

LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

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!



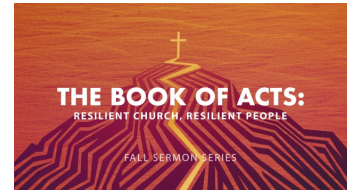
You can join the team and donate online today. Donations will begin in the Narthex TODAY, or you can mail a check to Highland made out to "CWS CROP Walk" Click the link to learn more, donate, or join the team.



WORSHIP SERVICE

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

SERMON: "Living as Free and Forgiven People"



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

Purpose of our Acts sermon series;

10/15 Bill Owen presenting

10/22 Will preaching

10/29 Pastor Allison preaching

11/5 Pastor Allison preaching

11/12 Pastor Ann preaching

11/19 Pastor Allison preaching

11/26 Pastor Allison preaching

11/26 Will Massey preaching

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 Jeanne Leib

Family of Donald Weber

Family of Walter Wright

In Prayer

Julie Bender

Jane Boris (sister of Carla Rothacker)

Robert Coup

Bill & Claudia Dyson (Friends of Lee Heisey)

Marilyn Frandsen

Ryan Ginn

Averril Good

Carl Henkel

Marge Herrmann

Diane Hostetter (Mitchell)

Joan Lewis

Carolyn McGuigan

Beverly Moore

Heather Sievers

Dorie Steinman

The people of Northwest & Southwest Cameroon

PASTOR ON CALL

October 9 ~ October 15

Rev. Allison Beaulieu



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

Food Cupboard Donations – The challenges of food insecurity have increased substantially in our community with the decrease in food stamp allotments which occurred this Spring. The number of individuals requesting food assistance at the Lancaster County Food Hub has nearly doubled in the past twelve months. The Highland Food Cupboard has been supplying food for many years to the Food Hub and we are again asking your assistance either with cash donations or food items. The food items which are needed include peanut butter, breakfast cereal (low sugar), rice, pasta (whole wheat preferred), tuna/chicken(canned or pouches), and canned meals (individual servings w/pull tab cans). These items should not be past their expiration date and should be placed on the Food Cupboard shelves outside Fellowship Hall.



October is National Church Library Month The round table is filled with brand new books! Please come in and browse. Take a good read with you. It's that time of the year to sit by a window, in the sun and read a book of your choice. We have plenty from which to choose, both Christian Fiction and Non-fiction.



Highland's Dorothy Rose Smith Concerts Highland has always celebrated music as an expression of faith, melody and rhythm help to make that faith come alive in us. Highland's Dorothy Rose Smith (DRS) Concerts are an integral part of Highland's music ministry. Next year, we'll be celebrating its 25th season with a variety of special music, retired choir members, and other surprises! As always, your support is vital to maintaining this outreach to our church family and the Lancaster community.

Dorothy Rose Smith was Director of Music at Highland from 1976 to 2005, and she helped to establish Highland's reputation as a place for spiritually uplifting music. Through a generous gift, we installed our magnificent Wicks pipe organ in 1998. Upon Dottie's retirement, our concert series highlighting the new organ was renamed in her honor – and each season still includes an organ recital.



The DRS mission statement calls the series “a ministry of inspiration and nurture to our congregation and community at large.” The series offers concerts throughout the year “featuring local, national and international musicians with the goal of offering the audience an opportunity to experience a variety of music.” These concerts are provided free of charge and are supported only through free will offerings and patrons’ annual donations. Through the series, many of our friends and neighbors are introduced to what Highland is all about. They also experience our fantastic worship space with its wonderful organ and Steinway concert grand piano not to mention the Highland Chancel Choir, which is always featured in the final concert of each season. Finally, please join dozens of your fellow Highlanders in becoming a patron! Pick up a brochure in the Narthex today and learn about the upcoming concerts.

Acts: Resilient Church, Resilient People ~ Sermon Series Recap

Resilient churches....

- Week 1: They trust God and have faith even when that plan is not evident
- Week 2: They invite the Spirit into the church and expect transformation
- Week 3: They create communities shaped by the resurrection and the gospel of Christ
- Week 4: They boldly and unapologetically tell the story of Jesus and testify in His name
- Week 5: They keep in step with the Spirit and know they are called for a purpose
- Week 6: They welcome God's children as the Spirit welcomes them



Mission Corner

El Salvador Mission Lunch and Learn Join the El Salvador mission team on **October 22 after worship** to learn more about what they learned in El Salvador. It will give us a chance to speak about the progress at the Juan Calvino school, other current ministries, and to share our excitement about what the future holds! This all fits nicely into Highland's strategic vision congregational meetings covering the past, present, and future. **Come join us and taste the national dish of El Salvador.**



El Salvador Mission Lunch and
Learn Sunday, October 22 @
11:15AM



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!



Upward Basketball We are excited to announce the return of Upward Basketball at Highland Presbyterian for the 2024 season. **Registration will open** on October 9 for Kindergarten - 4th grade students. An early bird registration period will conclude on October 23, and registration will close on December 2. Practices will happen on week nights, beginning the week of January 8; the first games will be on January 26.

