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the highland HEARTBEAT



CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

Deacon Recognition Sunday

This year's Volunteer Recognition recipient is the Prayer Chain and all the members. This group of 30 + dedicated prayerful people have provided a most meaningful ministry for Highland Presbyterian Church.



They receive confidential prayer requests from the Pastors or the two directors Connie Towers and Marion Drain. Requests are always kept private and confidential, but are prayed for by the Prayer Chain. It is heartening to know when a person requests prayers for themselves or a loved one, the prayer chain prays over them and cares for them. This is God's hearts and hands ministry of the church. We will be honoring them during today's worship service. The members are: Connie Towers, Marion Drain, Linda Ginn, Kathy Hengst, Jenny Shetromph, Marilyn Ebel, Anne Montgomery, Jean Francis, Mary Njenga, Carol Shreck, Judy Schmoyer, Jean Fontes, Joyce McClintock, Nancy Schlegel, Joy Walker, Jane Chesney Henry, Donna Kiser, Ann Gross, Claudia Falvey, Ellen Morse, Jane Higdon, Joyce Shaffer, Sandy

Cross, Randy Zerr, Nancy Kiiru, Donna Kinsey, Diane Loucks, Kristen Bransby, Katie Caprino, Sarah Jackson, Margie Lisi, and Jack Snyder. If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain please make sure to receive permission from the person who is being added to the prayer chain.

Easter Memorial Tulips for Sale in Narthex One of the Deacons' many ministries provide the opportunity to order tulips to donate for delivery to someone homebound, grieving or dealing with illness. You may, also, order tulips in memory of a loved one or for your personal enjoyment. When you purchase Memorial Plants in memory or honor of someone, their names will be printed in the bulletin. Tulips will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you indicate on the order form that you wish to take home a plant, please pick it up after the Easter Worship Service you attend. Stop at the Deacon table in the Narthex before or after Sunday worship between February 18 and March 17 to place your order.
Plants are \$7 each.



WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Psalm 25: 4-10 , Luke 5: 1-11

SERMON: "Jesus Sought Me"

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

February 25 ~ Pastor Allison preaching

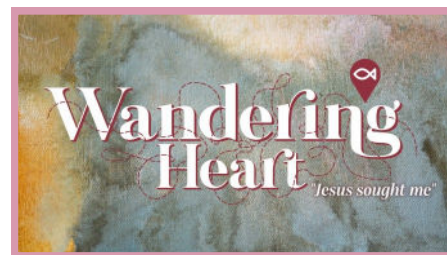
March 10 ~ Pastor Allison preaching

March 24 ~ Pastor Allison preaching

March 3 ~ Pastor Allison preaching

March 17 ~ Will Massey preaching

March 31 ~ Pastor Allison preaching



VIEWING OF ONLINE SERVICES

- Go to www.youtube.com
- In the YouTube search bar, type "Highland Presbyterian Church"
- You should see the Highland picture (as seen below) at the top of the search results, click it.
- Here, you will find all of our weekly services and devotionals by date, including our recent online services.
- Worship services are livestreamed here at 10 am on Sunday mornings so you can watch it as it happens.

GIVING

- Mail your contributions to Highland Presbyterian church at 500 E. Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.
- Go to our www.highlandpc.org and select the "Give Now" button in the upper right-hand corner. It will walk you through how to give using your credit or debit card.
- Scan the QR code below and it will take you to the online giving on our website.

If you have general questions, please contact Mike Nolt, Church Administrator at mikenolt@highlandpc.org or call the church office at 717-569-2651.



PRAYER LIST

In Memory

Family of Rev. Dr. Richard Vieth

In Prayer

Julie Bender

Donna Benson

Harper Brooks

(grand-daughter of Jim Eberle)

Hadley Chisman

(great niece of Jen Winter)

Robert Coup

Allen Deaver

Helen Emmitt

Fred Engle

George Estevez

Pete Faber

Linda Guimond

Marge Herrmann

Diane Hostetter (Mitchell)

Sanford Leaman

Joan Lewis

Bill Mann

Beverly Moore

Shirley Offermann

Bill Rhoads

Dorie Steiman

Megan Stock

Mary Lou Stoner

PASTOR ON CALL

February 19 ~ February 25

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

Lenten Series Faith is a constant journey. It is a to God and other times, we find ourselves in a swirl of questions and doubts. When we find ourselves a bit more distant from God, we have a tendency to feel guilty. But, actually, we are just HUMAN. This Lent, we are going to take a journey with one of Jesus' most famous disciples:

Peter. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. We see Peter as a human being-- just like us, whose faith ebbs and flows. By following Peter's journey, we will watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a regular human being trying to figure it out—just like us. Ultimately, in Peter's story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people-- in fact, time and time again, that's precisely who God calls...and who God claims. For the weeks of Lent, we'll be tracing Peter's journey by using the popular hymn, "Come Thou Fount." Each sermon title below is taken from a phrase of that precious hymn.

Friends, I'm really looking forward to taking this journey with you. May it be a holy Lent and blessed Easter for all of us!

1st Sunday in Lent- "Jesus Sought Me" Luke 5:1-11, Psalm 25:1-10

2nd Sunday in Lent- "Rescue Me From Danger" Matthew 14:22-23, Psalm 22:23-31

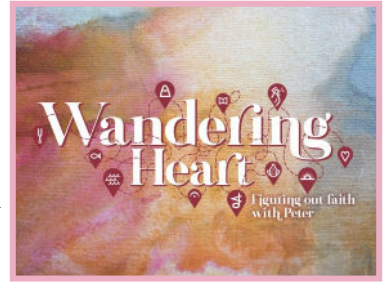
3rd Sunday in Lent- "Praise the Mount" Matthew 16:13-20, Psalm 19

4th Sunday in Lent- "I'm Fixed Upon It" Matthew 16:21-23, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

5th Sunday in Lent- "Teach Me" Matthew 18:15-22, Psalm 119: 9-16

Palm Sunday- "Songs of Loudest Praise" John 12:12-16

Easter Sunday- "And I Hope" Luke 24:1-12



Lenten small groups meet today! This Sunday Lenten Small Groups begin to meet. Get your cup of coffee and plan to join one of the three groups meeting at 11:15 today. You can join the group and purchase a book to read over the next six Sundays of Lent.



small groups

Adam Hamilton's "Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple" is led by Peter and Carol Schreck, in Room 105 (just down the hall from the Library), using video and a book to engage participant discussion. The book will be available for purchase in the classroom for \$14.00. Two groups will explore the emotional life of Simon Peter, entitled, **"A Fragile Stone" by Michael Card**. Facilitator Sara Woodbury will facilitate a group meeting in the Prayer Room (just down the hallway that runs parallel to the Sanctuary), and Facilitator Leslie Aikens will lead a group in the Library. Books for these two groups will be for sale in the classrooms for \$12.50. Plan to join a group for the next six weeks to enrich your Lenten devotional life.

"Getting Your House in Order Before You Need It" offers information on important topics of interest to families and individuals approaching retirement. The class starts following Worship from 11:30-12:30 today in the McClintock Chapel.

Feb 18 - Carol Vanden Berg - Hospice & Community Care, Education & Volunteer Coordinator.

"Leaving an Ethical Legacy and Personal Values Will"

Committee Spotlight ~ This week we highlight the Stewardship Committee. ~ The Stewardship Committee coordinates the yearly Stewardship campaign and communicates throughout the year with Stewardship messages to the congregation. This committee also coordinates Legacy Sunday. There are six members on the Stewardship Committee led by Bob Hoelscher serving along with an assigned pastor/staff representative, currently Pastor Allison.

A BIG thank you goes out from the trustees to all those that volunteered their time and energy to assist with the Mechanical room cleanout. The many hands truly made light work, and the assistance was greatly appreciated!

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Revenues:	\$132,495	\$111,887
Total Expenses:	\$95,859	\$107,850
Revenues vs. Expenses:	\$36,636	

Reminder ~ The church office will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of President's Day.

Mission & Outreach Corner

Save-the-Dates for Summer Trips! Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference, June 19-23.

For rising 6th - 9th graders. Gather with youth groups from all over the country at a Presbyterian retreat center in Harrisonburg, VA. Estimated cost \$375, scholarships will be available.

Inter-Generational Mission Trip, Sunday, July 14 to Friday, July 19. A week in Morgantown, WV for Highland's adults, youth, and school-aged children. Home repair and other service projects, daily worship, staying in dorms at West Virginia University. Cost and registration info coming soon!

How Parents can support their children's mental health ~ February 24 from 8 -12:30 held at Highland ~ Registration closes February 19 The seminar will begin with a continental breakfast from 8:00 - 8:30 AM and end at 12:30 PM. Professionals from Samaritan Center and Mental Health America will be the presenters. Admission is free, but we ask that you register so we know how many people to expect. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-wellness-how-parents-can-support-their-childrens-mentalhealth-tickets-769699430717>.

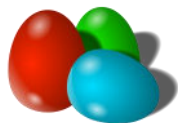


In the event of inclement weather ~ snow date is March 2.

Let's team up to make a difference in our community by helping out at Upward basketball games in the Highland Gym. Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/upwardfun2024, visiting Leah Card in the Narthex, or emailing Jennifer Weitzel at upwardhpc@gmail.com. Join us at games on Fridays from 5:30 - 8:30 pm or Saturdays anytime between 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM to be on Team Highland. You can help sell concessions, greet people as they mingle in the lobby, monitor the environment, or as an announcer and devotional leader (prepared in advance for you). Whatever skill set you have, we have a spot waiting just for you!



RSVP for our Easter Egg Hunt! All Highlanders and their children/grandchildren ages one through 4th grade are invited to RSVP to our Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 23rd from 9:30 - 11:00 am**. We will also be inviting the Upward Basketball community to this event; we are not advertising to the general public. Face painting, snacks, activities, and age-divided egg hunts will be provided. Limited spots available and RSVP is required to attend. Sign up soon at <http://tinyurl.com/hpcEggHunt2024>.



Filled Easter Egg Collection Starts Now! Kids & Family Ministries are excited to announce our first community event in over 5 years. With many helpers, we can make this a delightful experience for everyone involved. Join us by dropping off your FILLED Easter eggs **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, March 10th to the collection bin in the Narthex or at the front office. Our goal is 2000 (Highland's members provided 1800 last year, so we know we can reach this goal). Contact jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org with any questions.

New Group Working Adults Luncheon, 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12pm.

We'll choose a new lunch location each month, so stay tuned to announcements and the Heartbeat for more info. If you work from home or have a flex schedule, join us at our first gathering at Luca Pizzeria, 1200 Christopher Place, Lancaster, PA 17601, on **Wednesday, February 21 at 12pm**. Pay on your own. Email jenniferweitzel@highlandpc.org to let us know if you can make it!



Adult co-ed slow-pitch softball team ~ We have talented and knowledgeable players, but are in need of someone to take over the coaching duties, such as attending games on Tues. and Thurs., coordinating the players/roster, and being the leader/decision-maker among the coaches/umps when necessary. If interested please call the church office and we will put you in touch with Emily Longenecker who currently is offering to support anyone interested. Additionally, any players interested in joining the team can also call the church office, 717-569-2651.