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CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

Health & Hope Sunday

Health and Hope Addiction Ministry For those at Highland who haven't heard of this ministry, we are trained to be listeners for families who have addiction issues. We are not counselors but folks who have a passion for helping people find recovery in the best way that they are able to do. Anything said to us is confidential.

There are racks of both AA and Al Anon (for families and friends of alcoholics) pamphlets in our Narthex.

We have been able to help people in our congregation and will continue to do so. There is now a short self-directed training put together by GOAL Project that will train any new individuals that might be interested in this ministry. For more information, please get in touch with Connie Hoelscher or contact the church office.

Update on Highland's Ministers' Visits to Members and Guests living in Retirement Communities On Thursday, Feb. 22, Highland's ministers met with 25 residents at Woodcrest Villa in the Garden Café' for a time of fellowship and connection. It was exciting to see long-time Highland members who no longer drive, new members who have joined in the past six months, and former members who have recently returned to Lancaster, as well as all who worship each week in Highland's Sanctuary. An added benefit to the conversation and suggestions for improving Highland's worship and outreach ministries, was a guided tour through the nearly mile long connecting hallways that join each apartment building to the Garden Café'. Many thanks to the residents of Woodcrest for such a wonderful visit! On **Thursday, March 21st**, Highland's Ministers will visit Moravian Manor residents from 2:00pm to 3:30pm in The Zinzendorf Room in the main building of the old campus of Moravian Manor. Pastor Allison, Pastor Ann, Pastor Bob and Pastor Ken plan to be at a location to be announced at the various retirement communities to visit and fellowship with Highland's members who reside at that particular location. Mark your calendars to plan to meet with them according to the anticipated schedule.

March 21 – Moravian Manor (mentioned above)

April 4 - Homestead Village from 2:00-3:30pm

May 23 – Landis Homes from 2:00 -3:30pm

Plans are to visit Willow Valley Manor & Square in September and Willow Valley Lakes in October. Residents will receive a postcard invitation early in the month of the ministers' visits to advise them of where the gathering will be held.



WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Psalm 34:4-8
Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON: "Rescue Me From Danger"

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

March 3 ~ Pastor Allison preaching
March 10 ~ Pastor Allison preaching
March 17 ~ Will Massey preaching
March 24 ~ Pastor Allison 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

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
Sue Esch
George Estevez
Pete Faber
Linda Guimond
Marge Herrmann

Diane Hostetter (Mitchell)
Joan Lewis
Bill Mann
Beverly Moore
Shirley Offermann
Bill Rhoads
Dorie Steiman
Megan Stock
Mary Lou Stoner

PASTOR ON CALL

February 26 ~ March 3

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

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!

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 have started to meet! Join one of the three groups meeting at 11:15 on Sundays during Lent to enrich your Lenten devotional life.

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 a 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.

Book Club Please join us on **Wednesday, February 28th at 1:00pm** in Room 208 to discuss **The First Ladies** by Marie Benedict. All are welcome! We hope to see you there! Any questions please call the church office at 717-569-2651.



Committee Spotlight ~ This week we highlight the Local Outreach. As the hands and feet of Christ, the Local Outreach Committee offers support to various local agencies through volunteering and with committed financial contributions. Responsibilities include first - encouraging all members of the congregation to get involved locally with acts of service, second - increase the congregation's financial support to local mission and third - to administer the Local Outreach budget. The committee consists of 11 members along with the chair, Lisa Murray, and session rep Linda Matthews. The staff representative is Will Massey.

Blanket Offering: For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone. One blanket costs \$10.00. Please consider supporting this simple yet far reaching ministry of CWS. The offering will be collected on Sunday, March 10.



Mission & Outreach Corner

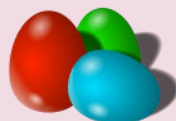
Save-the-Dates for Summer Trips! Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference, June 19-23.

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!

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://www.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.



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.**



Market Share 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. The cards are easy to use and work like a debit card for anything sold by that store: your groceries, pharmacy scripts, garden supplies, 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!



Communication reminder Articles submitted for the Heartbeat will not include personal information such as email or phone numbers. The articles will be revised to have any interested parties contact the church office, who in turn will then reach out to any necessary contacts.

