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the highland HEARTBEAT



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WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

A GPS (God's Plan Seekers) Update



On Nov. 12th, during the *Third Congregational Conversation*, participants contributed 247 individual dreams and 30 table dreams. That creative content was given to Emma Danae Droz who compiled this information into spreadsheets. Imagine the size of those spreadsheets!

Here was the first of several speed bumps we encountered. We had too much information to easily handle during the Writing Retreat that the GPS members attended on Nov. 17th. A full day of work was not sufficient time to organize and digest the sheer number of dreams presented. Work was required after the Retreat to group similar dreams and locate them under the categories to which they pertained: Discipleship, Fellowship, Worship and Mission. In fact, most dreams overlapped several of the categories at the same time – a good thing!

The second thing that presented itself as a speed bump was, once we had all the information gathered from our 3 Conversations organized into neat columns of data, we realized, much to our surprise, that we did not have a Vision/Mission statement that matched with the scope of the dreams.

Our dreams seemed to be pushing for something new...something more current...something more representative of the ministry of our new Pastor and her call. Something new was emerging. We had to allow the *essential* to come into *presence* in its *right time*... And indeed, a *new vision* eventually presented itself for attention. Many contributed to developing this emerging Vision/Mission statement. This past Tuesday, Session excitedly reviewed and approved it! The next step is to share this vision/mission statement with the congregation which we will do on an upcoming Sunday.

Please know we have been working actively behind the scenes to cultivate something new for Highland. We are committed to doing the work carefully, thoughtfully, and with faith. This visioning journey has been full of both valleys and vistas...and throughout we have been accompanied by the Spirit.

We will share more of this journey over time... Until then we thank everyone for their Congregational Conversation participation last year, and for your prayers for Highland that continue to support us in this New Year! We write gratefully and in faith,

The GPS Team.



WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Psalm 107: 17-22 and
New Testament Matthew 16:21-23

SERMON: "I'm Fixed Upon It"

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

March 17 ~ Will Massey
March 31 ~ Pastor Allison
April 14 ~ Pastor Allison

March 24 ~ Pastor Allison
April 7 ~ Pastor Allison



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 off Allen Deaver

In Prayer

Julie Bender
Donna Benson
Harper Brooks
(grand-daughter of Jim Eberle)
Robert Coup
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 Steinman
Mary Lou Stoner

PASTOR ON CALL

March 11 ~ March 17

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

Holy Week Schedule

Ignite ~ Extended Praise Time ~ 9:30 am

Palm Sunday ~ Traditional Service 10 am

Maundy Thursday ~ Intergenerational Service & Light Supper 6 pm

Good Friday ~ 7 pm

Easter Sunrise Service ~ 6:30 am with Communion

Ignite ~ Extended Praise Time ~ 9:30 am

Easter ~ Traditional Service ~ 10 am



Committee Spotlight ~ This week we highlight the Matthew 25 Committee. The Matthew 25 invitation was created by the *Presbyterian Mission Agency* and seeks to encourage and equip PC USA churches across the country to be actively engaged in the world in tangible ways. It focuses on Matthew 25: 31-46, in which Jesus makes clear that what we do matters to God and how we treat others is important to God. When we welcome others, we welcome Christ; when we bring together people who are divided, we are doing God's reconciling work. Education and self-reflection play an important role in this process as we come alongside our missions at Highland, our community, and the PC USA. The Highland Matthew 25 committee consists of 8 members along with co-chairs Lynn Dawson and Laura Rothacker. The staff representative is Will Massey.

Can you help the Art and Artifacts Committee? Highland has two small pen and ink pieces of artwork in the church signed by B. Aul. Can you offer some information on who is this artist, B. Aul? Do you know how these artworks came to the church? Please contact Diana Ludwig or the church office if you can help with some answers.

Library News Our Highland Library will be holding its FINAL book sale in June 2024. We would encourage donations of books, during April and May, to be dropped at the library. These books can be fiction or nonfiction. From our past experiences, we have found that certain subjects and categories DO NOT sell, so we ask that you DO NOT contribute this type of books - personal journals, cookbooks, gardening books, technical or "Do it Yourself" books. Children's books are very welcome! **"Beach reads" sell especially well!** If you are unsure about a book, please feel free to contact the church office and they will put you in touch with members of the Library committee.

Prayer Chain Recently the Deacons recognized the Highland Prayer Chain. As Jack Snyder said, there are about 30 of us, women and men, broken into chains so the message is passed accurately. We usually pray for specific requests, and always maintain confidentiality. We pray for upcoming surgeries, for healing after accidents, for any short term and longer term needs. We believe in a God who hears and cares and we are thankful for the opportunity to lift up our church family's needs. **If you too believe in the power of prayer, and would like to join us in praying, please let Connie Towers or Marion Drain know, or contact the church office by March 18th.**



One Great Hour of Sharing When you give on Easter Sunday, March 31, you help restore hope, provide food to the hungry and accompany the poor and oppressed by supporting three life-giving programs:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

- *Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters. Provides support for refugees.*

Presbyterian Hunger Program

- *Takes action to alleviate hunger and care for creation. Addresses the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.*

Self-Development of People

- *Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice.*
- *Educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.*

This Lent, you can provide safety, sustenance, and hope to our most vulnerable siblings in Christ. Remember, **when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.** Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing today.



Mission & Outreach Corner

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



A tradition like no other! We return to Massanetta Springs with our friends from First Pres and many other Presbyterian youth groups. Current 5th – 8th grade students may participate. We will drive to Harrisonburg, VA to worship, play, create, explore, and more! The cost is \$375, but please email Will with scholarship request at willmassey@highlandpc.org.

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! 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 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. Feel free to use the empty eggs in the Narthex or purchase new ones. Eggs can be filled with candy, chocolates, stickers, stampers, and more! Our goal is 2000 filled eggs (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 to place your order. **Plants are \$7 each. Deadline to order is March 17th.**



Are you a recent visitor to Highland? A get-together for recent visitors will be held **after the worship service on Sunday, March 17**, 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 that you may have. We look forward to seeing you then. For further information, please contact the church office or Larry and Anita Ewing.



Dorothy Rose Smith ~ Concert Series ~ March 13 "Pipes and Keys" On **Wednesday March 13 at 7 PM**, The Dorothy Rose Concert Series will be presenting Jonathan Lefever, organist and pianist, and Paul Thorlakson, pianist in recital. At this concert, the keyboardists join forces to present an eclectic program that features organ and piano solos, organ and piano duets, and two-piano works. A central work in the concert is the fun and whimsical *Carnival of the Animals* for two pianos by Camille Saint-Saens. Kids of every age would love this piece as it explores musical depictions of Kangaroos, Elephants, Turtles, Lions, fish and birds. Dr. Geoffrey Reiter, Literature professor at LBC will be narrating the equally delightful and humorous poems by Ogden Nash, written to accompany this musical work. Ending the concert is a musical romp of Waltzes made famous in Disney movies. Jonathan will play a stirring arrangement of the Adagio for Strings by Samuel Barber. Dr. Thorlakson will play a selection of musical pictures from Robert Schumann's *Carnaval*. For those who have enjoyed our piano and organ duets, you will be treated to two hymn arrangements, the *Overture to the Magic Flute* and Gounod's *Ave Maria*. For the two-piano selections on the program, the audience will be treated to a matching Steinway concert grand to accompany our magnificent sanctuary Steinway D – definitely dueling pianos! Something for everyone!

