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the highland HEARTBEAT



CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

Hosanna!

Dear Highland Church Family,

Next Sunday, I will be unveiling the new vision for Highland Presbyterian Church. This vision is the culmination of so many conversations, meetings, and prayers! The GPS (God's Plan Seekers) has worked diligently on moving our church forward and this new vision will be like our north star. All our objectives will align with this vision. I expect some exciting and compelling goals coming from our GPS in the near future.

As we look toward Easter, I am reminded of the new life we have in Christ and I believe this vision is going to lead us into new vistas of ministry. We will have a chance to learn, grow, and serve in new ways. It's exciting; however, it's never without its challenges. But I believe Highland is ready for some new goals and prepared to build on the wonderful ministries that are already happening here. We are truly blessed with good and capable leadership as well as resources to support our objective.

As I celebrate my second Easter with you, I want you to know I feel very blessed to be among you, walking side by side with you into the new chapter that awaits. Always remember that we do not walk alone. Like the Road to Emmaus, Jesus is always with us, guiding us forward with resurrection hope.

May you be blessed this holy week and may your Easter be filled with great joy!

Always in Christ,
Pastor Allison



WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:28-40

SERMON: "Songs of the Loudest Praise"

PREACHING SCHEDULE:

March 31 ~ Pastor Allison

April 14 ~ Pastor Allison

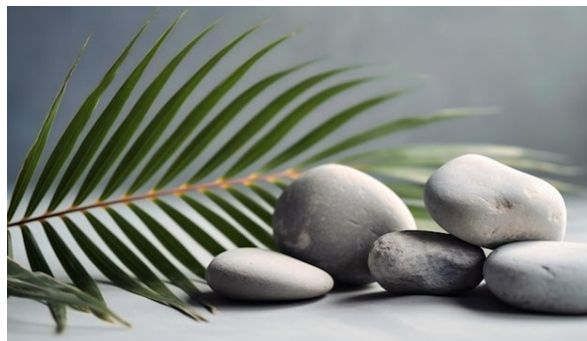
April 28 ~ Pastor Allison

May 12 ~ Pastor Ann

April 7 ~ Pastor Allison

April 21 ~ Pastor Ann

May 5 ~ 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 of Allen Deaver

Family of Fred Engle

Family of Donald Houghton

Family of Mary Lou Stoner

In Prayer

Julie Bender

Harper Brooks

(grand-daughter of Jim Eberle)

Robert Coup

Helen Emmitt

Sue Esch

Judy Eyster

Pete Faber

Linda Guimond

Luther Heiser

Marge Herrmann

Diane Hostetter (Mitchell)

Joan Lewis

Bill Mann

Beverly Moore

Shirley Offermann

Bill Rhoads

Dorie Steinman

John Wolfe

PASTOR ON CALL

March 25 ~ March 31

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

Passing the Offering Plates Many of you have spoken up about your desire to resume passing the offering plates each Sunday during worship. We have recruited extra ushers to do so, both at the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services; but the reality is that we simply don't have enough ushers each week to reliably make this happen. We need your help! We would like to get a list of 12 or more volunteers who will assist the ushers with passing the offering plates each Sunday. If two people signed up each week to assist the ushers in passing the plates, each person would serve about twice each quarter. You would still be able to sit with your family during the service, but would come to the back of the Sanctuary during the Passing of the Peace and join the regular ushers in passing the offering plates. If you are eager to see Highland restart this spiritual practice each Sunday, please call Donna at the church office and indicate your willingness to participate. If we get enough volunteers, we will work to design a process to begin in the Fall with offering plates passed each Sunday as a regular part of the service.

Committee Corner ~ This week we highlight the Market Share Committee. For thirty years and counting, the Market Share program seeks to offer help in tackling hunger and the need for fresh water. It supports both the Local Outreach and Global Mission committees. Gift cards (used like a debit card) for Giant, Oregon Dairy, Stauffers and Weis are sold 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 Highland gets a 5% return. That is the money sent away to help others. Over \$150,000 has already been given to local and global charities. The chair of the Market Share committee is Diana Ludwig, and the staff reps are Will Massey and Mike Nolt.



Book Group Please join us! On **Wednesday, March 27th**, author Martha Hall Kelly (and Juanita Fowler's cousin!) will join us live on Zoom to discuss her latest book, [The Golden Doves](#). The program will take place at 1 pm in the Hudson Room. Martha is a smart, fun and entertaining speaker and all are welcome to join in person or by Zoom from your own home. Please call Judy Eyster or the church office for the Zoom link.

Library News Our Highland Library will be holding it's 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.

From Your Stewardship Committee: Giving Through Your IRA. After you turn 70-1/2 years of age, federal tax laws permit giving up to \$100,000 per year to charities from an individual retirement or similar plan through qualified charitable distributions. These contributions do not count as charitable tax deductions, but instead are not treated as taxable income. They also count toward reducing any required minimum distributions to which you may be subject (where the age requirements may vary). Most IRA plan websites give additional details and explain the mechanics involved. Please consider joining many other Highland members in giving in this way.

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! Sign up at <http://cwngui.campwise.com/Customer/massanetta/browser-check-reg.html> You will make an account and use our group hold code: HIGHLANDPC24 The cost is \$375, but please email Will with scholarship request 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 working on home repairs and providing service within the community. Volunteers participate in daily worship and stay in dorms at West Virginia University. There will be non-construction volunteer opportunities for children and others. There is the option of attending the full week or a modified family week. Meals are included through West Virginia University. Please have the registration form completed by May 19, 2024. Payment is due by June 30, 2024.

Full Week (Sunday to Friday): Adults: \$300; Children entering 5th grade and below: \$240

Modified Family Week (Sunday to Wednesday morning): \$160/person

Sign up via GoogleDocs registration form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftzxaDIzwsT_NpYRJcY14pJNa6LsVntjjRMwiTDJWZnFHUWg/viewform?usp=sharing



Maundy Thursday Intergenerational Service & Light Supper

An intergenerational and participatory worship service celebrating Maundy Thursday on March 28 at 6:00 PM. A light meal (soup & bread) will open our service followed by an interactive worship experience for all ages. We'll end the service with communal handwashing and celebrating communion. Held in Fellowship Hall. Families with children welcome! No sign-ups needed.

Good Friday Service ~ We invite you to this service of music and scripture at 7 pm as we prepare our hearts for the great celebration of Easter. May this be a time to sit with your church family in the pain and darkness of Good Friday as we anticipate the joy and celebration we will share together on Easter.

Easter Sunrise Service with Communion ~ 6:30 am

Ignite ~ 9:30 am

Traditional Worship ~ 10 am

