



April 7, 2024

the highland HEARTBEAT



CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

Central America Mission Migration Network Conference ~ A note from Dick Entz



The Central America Migration Network Conference delegates

Representing our Global Mission Committee, I traveled to El Salvador for a weeklong conference about migration, just before Easter. Presbyterian and Reformed Churches from El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, and the US gathered in San Salvador for the conference, creating the Central American Mission Migration Network. Hosted by the Reformed Calvinist Church of El Salvador (IRCES), about 40 people gathered to talk about the state of migration from, to, and through these countries. We learned about what churches in the Meso-American countries are doing in response to Immigration over the last 20 years, and in an evening meeting with representatives of other Protestant churches in El Salvador, the Mission Migration Network was formed.

We got a chance to look at migration from each country's perspective, some of this was eye opening. A group of us also got a chance to see

some of the other mission activities of the Salvadorian church including the Juan Calvino School in El Limon. Highland has been partnering with the church there to support the Juan Calvino school for more than 20 years. We learned of an ambitious building plan to complete the grades they serve from elementary through high school. Others got a chance to see work with local farmers (supported in part by the Presbyterian Hunger Program), and other mission projects around El Salvador.

We left after a full week as colleagues and friends, recognizing that we are partners in mission and committed to working with our sister churches on the issue of migration.



Rev. Santiago Flores, the head of Reformed Calvinist Church in El Salvador, our host, and the convenor of the conference. ➡

← The official beginning of the Central America Mission Migration Network.



WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: John 21:1-19

SERMON: "Here's My Heart"

PREACHING SCHEDULE

April 14 ~ Pastor Allison
April 28 ~ Pastor Allison
May 12 ~ Pastor Ann
May 26 ~ Pastor Allison
June 9 ~ Will Massey

April 21 ~ Pastor Ann
May 5 ~ Pastor Allison
May 19 ~ Pastor Allison
June 2 ~ Pastor Allison
June 16 ~ Pastor Ann



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 Sally Buckwalter
Family of Allen Deaver
Family of Fred Engle
Family of Donald Houghton
Family of Marilyn Krah
Family of Parke Phillips
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

April 8 ~ April 14

Rev. Dr. Robert Burns



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

Highland's Ministers' Visits to Members and Guests living in Retirement Communities The Pastors visited our members that reside at Homestead Village this past week. Here is a photo from the gathering.

New Members Class – Are you considering membership at Highland Presbyterian Church? Attend our next new members class on either **Saturday morning, April 20**, at 8:30 am until 10:30 am or **Wednesday evening, April 24** starting at 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm. New members we meet with Session at 9:15 am and then will be welcomed into the congregation on **Sunday morning, April 28**. Mark your calendar to save these dates. In the meantime, please become actively involved in our church life. To register, visit the welcome desk or the church office at 717-569-2651.



Volunteer opportunities below you will find an array of ways to help serve others and get to know your fellow Highland members as you work together. Please consider volunteering for one of these opportunities. Check below if any interest you. The contact names are listed, or you can call the church office who will can put you in touch with the lead person of each committee or by calling the church office.

Arch Street - Arch Street is one of the local missions that Highland supports. It is a daily program for adults living with serious mental illness. Once a month Highland provides a meal for Arch Street. This involves making a casserole and/or cookies at home, then bringing it to the church where Linda Neumann will pick it up and deliver it to Arch Street.

Caring Meals - These meals are under the Deacons' umbrella. When someone has been hospitalized or for some other reason is unable to prepare meals for a time, meals are brought to their home two or three times a week. You can prepare the meal at home, often a main dish or soup, salad, vegetable and dessert. This is an opportunity to prepare your specialty. Contact is Johanna Ginger.

Coffee Hour - This is a Sunday morning commitment. Coffee Prep: Come to church 45 minutes early, prepare the coffee and set up in the narthex. Coffee Clean Up: Clean up both the coffee hour area in the narthex and in the kitchen. Both time slots are about 45 minutes to an hour. You are able to attend the church service and/or listen to it as it is broadcast in the kitchen. This task is done with one other person. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen or see Jerry Rothacker

Funeral Meals - These meals and/or receptions are held as needed. You can make desserts and/or other foods. Help is also needed for serving and/or clean up. Contact is Ginny Kleppinger.

Hospitality - Special events, lunches, receptions, etc. Days and times vary. You are needed to help with food preparation, room set up, serving and/or clean up. An hour or more as needed. Contact is Linda Brackbill

Youth Group We love when Highland members donate a meal and then take the time to sit and eat with the group. Most Sundays, we have about 15 people in attendance. Contact Will Massey or use the following link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4FAEA72CABFB6-youth1#/> They meet on Sundays at 4:30-6:30 during the school year.



Mission & Outreach Corner

Race Against Racism Sign up to Race Against Racism with the YWCA on **April 27th at 9am**. A Kids Fun Run takes place at 8:30 am, followed by a 5K race at 9. You can run, walk or cheer! This is the nation's largest and longest consecutively run race aimed at eliminating racism. Sign up under "Highland Presbyterian - Mt 25" Team and we'll meet at Musser Park before and after the race. Register by April 7th to take advantage of the reduced fee and to get a free RAR t-shirt. Sign up using this link <https://ywcalancaster.org/raceagainstracism/>



Matthew 25 Film Discussion Join the Matthew 25 group in a conversation discussing the film "Origin" which is inspired by the remarkable life and work of Isabel Wilkerson, author of "Caste: The Origin of Our Discontents". The movie is being shown locally at Zoetropolis (March 23-April 3) and streaming on Apple, YouTube, and Amazon. Watch it in your preferred format and then meet with others who viewed it for a discussion following the service **TODAY in The Upper Room**.



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

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 to make an account and use our group hold code: HIGHLANDPC24 The cost is \$375, but please email Will with scholarship request willmassey@highlandpc.org.

Library News Our Highland Library will be holding it's FINAL book sale in June 2024. We encourage donations of books, during April and May, to be dropped at the library. These books can be fiction or non-fiction. 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 welcomed! **"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.



Art Committee continues to research many beloved art pieces and artifacts donated to Highland. We ask anyone with knowledge of the lovely "Adoration of the Magi" tapestry to contact the church office. This wall hanging is located in the Prayer Room to the west of the Sanctuary. Thanks for your help.

Help with New Afghan Refugees Leviticus 19:33-34 tells us, "When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." We have an opportunity to show Christ's love to newly-arriving refugees. Church World Service of Lancaster informed us that they are receiving multiple refugee families from around the world who are without local support. Highland helped resettle families from Afghanistan in 2021-22, so Highland members are invited to support in one of the following ways:

1) **Donate furniture, household, and other goods directly to CWS**. A list of acceptable In-Kind Donations can be found here: <https://cwslancaster.org/in-kind-donations/>; 2) **Donate gift cards to the Blessing Basket** we have set up in the Narthex (great opportunity to buy Giant gift cards from our Market Share Folks), or put Target or Walmart gift cards in the basket. We will have the Blessing Basket set up through April 30th. 3) Monetary donations may be made to CWS online at <https://cwslancaster.org/donate/>. Thank you for considering how you might help!