

# the highland HEARTBEAT

April 14, 2024



CONNECTING YOU  
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

## Earth Care Sunday

*"Overhead, the birds in the sky make their home, chirping loudly in the trees. From your lofty house, you water the mountains. The earth is filled full by the fruit of what you've done." Psalm 104:12-13*

Over the years, Highland members have stepped up in many ways to care for our property and grounds. We believe that the faithful stewardship of these resources gives honor and praise to the God who provided them. Thanks to Highland's Earth Care Team, we have another opportunity to celebrate the abundance of God's creation by planning for the future in a way that benefits our local wildlife and the community around us.



Highland's Green Master Plan, developed in partnership with Land Studies, lays out an extraordinary menu of projects that could improve stormwater effects and create habitat for birds and insects, while making some areas easier to maintain. Planting natives flowers, meadows and trees would help Highland bear witness to the beauty of God's creation, and show our love for the community around us.

Since Highland became an Earth Care Congregation in 2021, the Earth Care Team has been energized to provide avenues for Highland to live out this calling in our worship, our mission, and in the stewardship of our resources. In the hands of Highland's leaders, the Green Master Plan could help our grounds become a living, growing witness to the love that we have for God and our neighbors.

**Please join Highland's Earth Care Team for a tour of the grounds and an introduction to the Plan after worship today. We will meet at the main doors of the Narthex, by the Welcome Center, at 11:15AM. For additional information on the plan, contact Dick Entz, Allyson Gibson or Will Massey.**



To become an Earth Care Congregation, Highland affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into our worship, education, facilities, and Outreach. Highland's Earth Care Committee has two primary goals: To increase our awareness and sense of responsibility as an Earth Care congregation; and to activate Highland's members and the community at large to improve their own piece of Creation. The Earth Care Committee meets at 6:00PM on Zoom on the third Tuesday of each month..

## WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:** Psalm 8 and Genesis 1:26-31

**SERMON:** Being Good Stewards of the Earth



### PREACHING SCHEDULE

April 21 ~ Pastor Ann

May 5 ~ Pastor Allison

May 19 ~ Pastor Allison

June 2 ~ Pastor Allison

June 16 ~ Pastor Ann

April 28 ~ Pastor Allison

May 12 ~ Pastor Ann

May 26 ~ Pastor Allison

June 9 ~ Will Massey

## VIEWING OF ONLINE SERVICES

- Go to [www.youtube.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:mikenolt@highlandpc.org) or call the church office at 717-569-2651.



## PRAYER LIST

### In Memory

Family of Sally Buckwalter  
Family of Fred Engle  
Family of Donald Houghton  
Family of Ronald Kellam  
Family of Marilyn Krah  
Family of Joan Lewis  
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  
Bill Mann  
Beverly Moore  
Shirley Offermann  
Herwig Schutzler  
Dorie Steinman  
John Wolfe

## PASTOR ON CALL

**April 15 ~ April 21**

**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

**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.

**The PW Book Group** will discuss “The Secret Book of Flora Lea” by Patti Callahan Henry on **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** at **1:00PM in Room 208**. Visitors are welcome! For questions, please contact the church office. We hope you can join us!

Would you like to know more about **Christian Nationalism**? Dr. Greg Carey, professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary and former Carson lecturer, will be hosting a panel discussion at Life Church Lancaster, 700 Brentwood Dr., Lititz, from **7pm-8:30pm on April 17th**. Admission is free.



**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 Gingham.

**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.

**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.



**Mature Fellowship Breakfast** – The first Thursday of each month join us at Oregon Dairy starting at 9AM for a time of sharing and caring while we eat! We meet in a small room off the main dining area set aside for us. Breakfast is pay for what you order and comes with a free donut and glass of milk. Get to know your fellow mature HPC members better. Bring stories to tell and concerns to share. Hope to see you May 2. Please contact the church office with any questions.

# 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/>



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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\\_NpYR\[cY14p\]Na6LsVntjRMwiTD\]WZnFHUWg/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftzxaDIzwsT_NpYR[cY14p]Na6LsVntjRMwiTD]WZnFHUWg/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 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:willmassey@highlandpc.org).

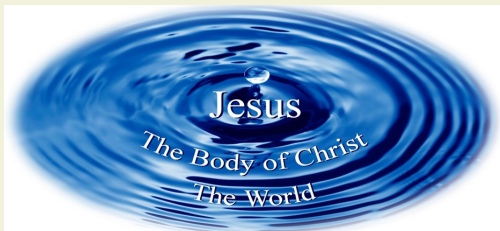
## Highland: A Place to be Seen...Known...Loved

**VISION:** At Highland Presbyterian Church, we are *seen, known, and loved* by God and we strive to *see, know, and love* God, all God's people and the world God created.

**OUR VALUES:** In order to *see, know, and love* as Jesus did, we embrace these five values. Again and again, personally and as a church, we will strive to choose:

Compassion Over Apathy	Kindness Over Resentment
Love Over Hatred	Welcome Over Judgment
	Unity Over Uniformity

**OUR MISSION:** We believe that we are created as individuals who are *seen, known, and loved* by God. We believe that Jesus Christ our Savior shows us and teaches us how to *see, know, and love* each other as the body of Christ. And we believe that the Holy Spirit calls us and empowers us to *see, know, and love* God, all God's people and the world God has created. Therefore, our mission is to focus on building and nurturing these three primary relationships and trust that through this focus we will become the authentic community of grace that God wants us to be **Unity Over Uniformity**.



**THE PLAN:** With Jesus as our center, we will:

**Invite** everyone (children, youth, and adults) into a relationship with Jesus so that they understand themselves to be *seen...known...and loved* by God.

**Create** powerful and inspiring worship experiences that praise the God who *sees, knows, and loves* God's people.

**Connect** people through fellowship and opportunities that help us *see, know, and love* each other as the body of Christ.

**Engage** in the important work beyond the church walls of *seeing, knowing, and loving* God's people and this earth we call our home.

