

the highland HEARTBEAT

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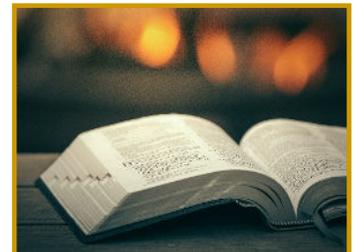
CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

New Sermon Series and Class

The Choices We Make Everyday when we get out of bed, we have a choice to make. Do we choose Christ and therefore commit to walking in His ways, or do we choose something other than Christ? If we choose Christ, then we have many other decisions to make along the way, namely how we will react to situations, in particular situations that may make us anxious, fearful, or even angry. This five-week sermon series called “The Choices We Make,” will explore the five values that underpin our new vision. We have adopted these values as a church but they can also be applied to your personal life. These values are important especially as we enter a contentious election season. This sermon series will help guide you in the right choices so that your actions and your behavior will be God-honoring. We cannot control how others react to the pressures all around us, but we can control how we react. It’s my prayer that this sermon series helps you understand our values as a church and then encourages you to apply those same values to your own life of faith. See you on the Lord’s Day! *Pastor Allison*



- April 28 Compassion over Apathy
- May 5 Kindness over Resentment
- May 19 Love over Hatred
- May 26 Welcome over Judgment
- June 2 Unity over Uniformity



New Spring Class! ~ “Sermon Stew” led by Pastor Allison One of the definitions of “stew” is “a state of excitement, worry, or confusion.” If my sermons cause you to “stew” in a good way (or a bad way!), you belong in this class! This class is a safe space to raise questions, tell stories, and communally engage with the Word of God both read and proclaimed in worship. For these first three “Sermon Stew” classes, we will be focused on the new Highland vision and the values that I will be preaching on in “The Choices We Make” sermon series. So, if you have questions about the vision, this class offers you a forum for those questions. It’s also a great time to talk about how we can put these values into practice both as a community and personally. ***Sermon Stew will be offered on May 5, May 19, and June 2 at 11:15am.*** Bring your bibles! Location TBA.



WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Psalm 103: 1-13 and Matthew 20: 29-34
SERMON: The Choices We Make: Compassion Over Apathy



PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 5 ~ Pastor Allison	May 12 ~ Pastor Ann
May 19 ~ Pastor Allison	May 26 ~ Pastor Allison
June 2 ~ Pastor Allison	June 9 ~ Will Massey
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 Fred Engle
Family of Joan Lewis
Family of Beth McNulty

In Prayer

Julie Bender
Robert Coup
Judy Eyster
Pete Faber
Linda Guimond
Luther Heiser
Marge Herrmann
The Kellam Family

Beverly Moore
Shirley Offermann
The Savoye Family
Dorie Steinman
The Towers Family
John Wolfe
Randy Zerr

PASTOR ON CALL

April 22 ~ April 28

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

Summer Bible Study Attention all Highland Women—Join us at 7 pm on Thursday nights from June 6 ~ August 1 as we offer an 8-week study on the book of James. *The class will not meet on July 4.* Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways, James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any other New Testament book. Topics in this study include joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer. Be inspired to put your faith into action in practical ways. This will be a video-based study by Beth Moore with an optional workbook which costs \$17. We will meet in Room 208. Please see Barb Droz or call the church office if you are interested in attending.



A Wheelchair for Tracey Highland member Nancy Kiiru made a commitment last year to help her niece in Kenya, Tracey, acquire a wheelchair that would help her navigate life with Spina Bifida. Nancy trusted her friends at Highland to respond with compassion, so she reached out to a few people, including members of the Matthew 25 committee and other Youth Group parents. In no time at all, she had collected about \$2,500 to purchase the wheelchair. The chair took months to cross the Atlantic, round the Cape of Good Hope, and then arrive at Tracey's home in Kenya. Here is a message from Tracey: "Hello Everyone! My name is Tracey Njeri. I'm 13 years old. I would like to thank everyone for their contributions towards my new wheelchair. Your support through donations and prayers have been inspirational in my journey. I'm truly grateful for your kindness and generosity. May God bless you all for your ministry. I sincerely appreciate your blessings to me. Thank you!" We can all continue to pray for Tracey, and we can celebrate another



Committee Corner This week we highlight the Personnel Committee. The role of the Personnel Committee is to provide HPC with motivated and qualified staff, able to effectively carry out the programs and priorities of the church as outlined by Session. Responsibilities include hiring qualified staff as directed by Session, develop, maintain, and communicate human resources policies and practices to staff, provide complete information on personnel issues requiring Session decisions, generate and manage annual personnel budget, act as advisors to the Senior Pastor/Head of Staff on personnel related matters and serve as a sounding board on all personnel issues received from the Congregation. Meeting monthly, the co-chairs of the Personnel committee are Doug Good and Grant Schonour, and the staff rep is Pastor Allison.

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.

Senior Fellowship Breakfast – Join us **Thursday, May 2** at Oregon Dairy starting at **9 am** 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. Please contact the church office with any questions.



Mission & Outreach Corner

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/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSftzxaDIzwsT_NpYRjcy14pJNa6LsVntjRMwiTDJWZnFHUWg/viewform?usp=sharing)

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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.

Celebrating Highland's Graduates On Sunday, May 26, Highland will honor our High School and College Graduates during our worship service at 10:00AM. If you are a graduate or the parent of a graduate, please send the following to jonathanlefever@highlandpc.org and willmassey@highlandpc.org no later than Monday, May 13!

- Name of graduate
- School
- Plans after graduation?
- Current photo
- Childhood photo (maybe taken at Highland?)



Please plan to join us in worship that Sunday; we'll have a gift for you!

Civil Rights Pilgrimage Bus Tour Donegal Presbytery is organizing this bus tour that will take participants to key sites in Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama to learn about the history and enduring witness of the Civil Rights movement. The tour will happen October 19-26. Cost is \$1625 or \$2174 for double and single occupancy, respectively. \$150 deposit is required, and then full cost by August 1. Contact Chrissy Wells at christine@donegapby.org for info. Scan the QR code on the flyer using your phone camera to sign up.



Scholarships may be available through Highland see Will Massey for more information.

Highland's Ministers' Visits to Members and Guests living in Retirement Communities

The Pastors plan to be at locations to be announced at various retirement communities to visit and fellowship with Highland's members who reside at that particular location for a time of fellowship and connection. They look forward to seeing 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. Mark your calendars to plan to meet with them according to the anticipated schedule. **May 23** – Landis Homes from 2:00 -3:30pm

Plans 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.