

the highland HEARTBEAT

May 12, 2024



CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

Happy Mother's Day!

Whether a parental mother or mother in the faith, we thank all the women in our lives for their love and leadership. We see you; we honor you; we value you.

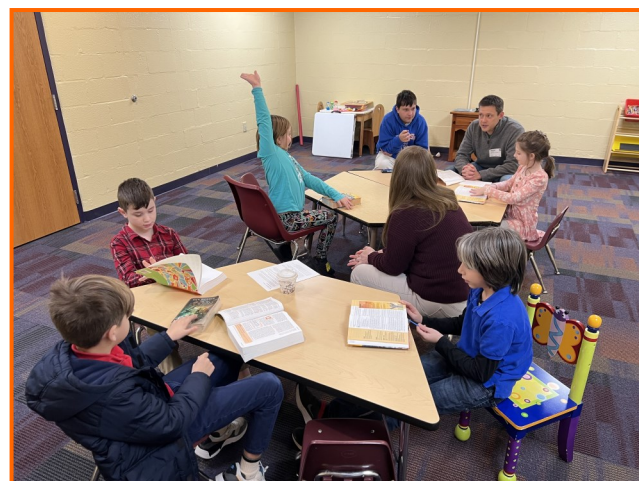


With heart-filled appreciation, we want to thank the many volunteers who make Children and Family Ministries work smoothly at Highland. From Sunday School teachers to volunteers for special events to everyone who participates, we say "thank you" for making Highland a place of connection for children, youth, and families! During the past school year, we have found a steady rhythm for children to be present in both communal worship and age-appropriate small groups to learn about the Bible and Jesus. We have also enjoyed special events like Kids Night Out (playing games, doing crafts, eating pizza), Easter Egg Hunts, Corn Mazes, and Sunday Socials (lunch, playing in the gym). As a part of our ongoing effort to enhance fellowship spaces, we started Ladies Night Out and Guys Night Out for adults in the 20-60 age range. These groups have enjoyed pottery nights, movie nights, and score-topping trivia outings. Our families feel grateful to have a safe, hospitable, and relaxed environment to meet other families and grow in their love for Christ.



As we head into Summer, Children and Family Ministries are striving to create a series of opportunities for families of all ages (households of all ages and with(out) (grand)children – so, everyone!) to come together in spaces of fellowship. Stay tuned for our calendar coming out soon and get excited for ways that you can join in the fun! We are planning an Intergenerational Changelmaker's Lab 2.0 experience

(VBS) where (grand)parents bring their (grand)children for 1, 2, or 3 evenings to engage in Bible stories through art, science, and baking. Volunteers will guide the station activities as families enjoy their experience together. We are also planning a Hershey Park Meet-Up day, park parties, movie nights, and more! We challenge everyone at Highland to join us at ONE of the various events. We can best SEE, KNOW, and LOVE one another when we take the time to BE with one another. Come and be with us!



WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Psalm 103:1-5, 11-13, 22
2 Corinthians 3:1-6

SERMON: "You Are Christ's Love Letter"

PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 19 ~ Pastor Allison
June 2 ~ Pastor Allison
June 16 ~ Pastor Ann
June 23 ~ Will Massey

May 26 ~ Pastor Allison
June 9 ~ Pastor Bob Burns



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 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

May 12 ~ May 18

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

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 next be offered on May 19, and June 2 at 11:15am.** in the McClintock Chapel. Bring your Bibles!



Committee Corner This week we focus on the Art Committee, which serves as a conservatorship for art and artifacts belonging to Highland. The committee uses a specific policy for any proposed donations. Another goal of the committee is to educate the church body about existing pieces. All notable art is being researched and catalogued. This information, including photos, will be available on the Highland website at a future date. An updated version of the 60th Anniversary Self-Guided Walking from 2018 will become available when completed. The chair of the art committee is Averril Good, along with committee members Linda Crosswell, Jack Hynd, Diana Ludwig, Nancy Mudloff, Judy Smith, and Phyllis Thompson. Pastor Allison oversees the committee.

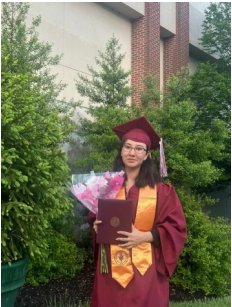
Celebrating Highland's Graduates On Sunday, May 26, Highland will honor our High School and College Graduates during our worship service at 10:00AM. If you are a graduate or the parent of a graduate, please send the following to jonathanlefever@highlandpc.org and willmassey@highlandpc.org no later than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



Update on Highland Resettlement Initiative's Work with Afghans: Thanks to the generosity of Highland members and friends, we were able to give \$1500 and several gift cards to Church World Services for the benefit of newly arriving Afghan refugees in Lancaster City. HRI is also excited to announce that Sahar Mehryar (who fled Afghanistan in 2021) graduated from Harrisburg Community College with highest honors and an Associate's Degree in Architecture-Applied Science. Since Sahar's arrival, she has worked very hard, holding down a full-time job while attending HACC. Her future plans include enrolling in a four year college to complete her architecture studies and working for an architecture firm. Many thanks to those who helped support Sahar by donating to provide her with tuition assistance and books.



“The Midst Of Faith” A dramatic stage play written by Nathan Lee Gadsden; Story by Cheryl Holland-Jones Amber Holland Nathan Lee Gadsden “The Midst of Faith” depicts the journey of educator Hazel Jackson, from the one-room segregated schoolhouses of the South where she learned as a child and later taught as a teacher to her groundbreaking hiring as a teacher in a northern school district and professor at a predominantly white college. The story is drawn from the late Ms. Jackson’s own autobiographical musings and secondhand accounts from her daughter and granddaughter. Rather than unfolding in chronological order, the story moves back and forth in time among classrooms, juxtaposing Miss Hazel’s methods and styles used as a teacher and community leader as an adult with the childhood experiences that helped shape her thought, all of it interwoven with world events. The audience will share in the challenges and triumphs of a soft-spoken, classy, educator whose influence and aura helped shape her into an icon in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania community. The story ends with a rousing and emotional posthumous scene where students celebrate when they learn that a school is to be dedicated in their mentor's name, and then an empty stage where we hear Ms. Jackson’s regal voice humbly turning the attention back to the students and the community she loved.

This stage play tribute will be held at The Ware Center on June 1, at 7:30 pm. The QR code will direct you to ticket information.



Mission & Outreach Corner

Support the West Virginia Mission Trip! Over 40 participants are planning to spend a week in Morgantown, WV this Summer to partner with friends in that community and make homes warmer, safer and drier. You are invited to donate for supplies and scholarships for children/youth in three ways:

1. Stop by our big board in the Narthex! Grab an item and make a pledge to give that amount.

Or donate directly by putting a check in the offering box with the memo "West Virginia Donation."

2. The youth and children participants will hold a car wash fundraiser at Oregon Dairy on May 18! Come between 9AM-2PM to get your car looking fresh for Summer! You can also lend us necessary supplies for the Car Wash; scan the qr code with your phone camera to sign up for that.

We have another Isaac's Fundraiser on June 7! On that day you can dine in, take out, or purchase gift cards at the Greenfield or Centerville locations of Isaac's restaurant. Just mention to your server that you want to participate in the Highland Presbyterian Fundraiser!



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.

Hershey Park Tickets Discounted Hershey Park Tickets will be sold from now until May 30th. Cost is \$46.95/ticket for ages 3 and older. Discounted parking tickets are also available for \$25 each. **Give your completed order form and check made payable to Highland PCUSA, Memo: Hershey Park Tickets, to Jennifer Weitzel NO LATER THAN Thursday, May 30th.** Tickets should arrive mid-June. We'll be planning a Highland Hershey Park Meet-Up Day in August, so get your discounted tickets now and join the fun later. (Tickets can be purchased by non-Highland members, as well.)

Save the date: we are planning another meal packing on **Sunday, June 30 at 11:15**, after the service.

Plan to join us with Rise Against Hunger to pack 10,000 meals. Last year our meals were sent to Madagascar, an island nation off the southeastern coast of Africa. If you have questions, contact Dick Entz or the Church Office.

Each year on **Pentecost Sunday**, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. **Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come.**

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

One of those young adult ministries is the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program an ecumenical, faith-based year of service for young people (ages 19–30) in sites across the United States and around the world. YAVs accompany local agencies working to address root causes of poverty and reconciliation. Two people associated with Highland have been part of the program: Will Massey (our Director of Youth Ministry and Mission), and Brian Entz (currently a pastor in Minnesota). It has proven to be a transformative program for those who participate.

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised nearly \$18 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more — to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith. Please consider supporting the Pentecost offering next Sunday, May 19.



Sunday, May 19th ~ Pentecost Sunday, wear red to celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

PW Book Group Please join us for a discussion of the book *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt on **Wednesday, May 22nd at 1:00 IN Room 208**. It is a wonderful, heartwarming story about the friendship between an octopus in captivity and a lonely woman and the supporting fascinating characters who surround them. For questions, please call the church or contact Judy Eyster.