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the highland HEARTBEAT



CONNECTING YOU
WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY

Pentecost Sunday

Shiloh Presbyterian Church in Oxford, PA is one of two majority Black churches in Donegal Presbytery. In recent years, Shiloh found that their vital mission to children and families in the Oxford community was being hampered by a burdensome mortgage. Recognizing the role of racial privilege in Donegal's history, and embracing the beauty of being a connectional church, the Presbytery issued a call to action to other congregations. By the end of 2023, we were going to make sure that Shiloh Presbyterian could "Burn the Mortgage," and continue to serve their community with faithfulness and creativity into the future.

Many churches stepped up, including Highland's Session, which contributed \$5,000. Before Highland's Matthew 25 team could lead a congregational fundraiser, we had achieved our goal! The mortgage has been paid, and Shiloh has turned its attention to improving their aging building and funding the emerging ministries at their Community Outreach Center. Two representatives from Highland's Matthew 25 team



will attend today's celebration at Shiloh, when they will finally Burn the Mortgage. This campaign has allowed Highland to celebrate our bonds with the brothers and sisters at Shiloh, and to support vital ministries for young people in the Oxford community. If you would like to contribute to Shiloh's building improvements, you may write a check to Donegal Presbytery with "Shiloh" in the memo line. And of course you can hold that community in your prayers!



Will Massey's Departure

Last Sunday, Will announced that he has been called as Associate Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church in Madison, Wisconsin. We are so happy for Will! But, we are going to miss him. Will's last Sunday with us will be **Sunday, June 23rd**. We plan on having a reception after church that day. The session has also authorized a collection of funds to be given to Will and Yana as a gift from Highland Presbyterian Church. If you would like to donate to this purse, please write out your checks to Highland Presbyterian Church and put "Gift for Will" in the memo line. We will then present this monetary gift to them on June 23rd.



WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 13

SERMON: "The Choices We Make: Love Over Hatred"

PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 26 ~ Pastor Allison June 2 ~ Pastor Allison
June 9 ~ Pastor Bob Burns June 16 ~ Pastor Ann
June 23 ~ Will Massey



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

In Prayer

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

Beverly Moore
Shirley Offermann
Doris Ramsdell
(sister of Lee Heisey)
The Savoye Family
Dorie Steinman
The Towers Family
John Wolfe

PASTOR ON CALL

May 20 ~ May 26

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 ~ 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. The “Sermon Stew” classes 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 today, May 19, and June 2 at 11:15am,** in the McClintock Chapel. Bring your Bibles!



Committee Corner This week we highlight the Worship and Music Council. Working closely with the staff, particularly the Senior Pastor, the Worship Council oversees all worship services at Highland, providing the necessary support and environment to achieve our vision. Responsibilities include defining the type and time of worship services, providing volunteer support for these services such as ushers, greeters, and Communion Servers, and tracking attendance at worship. The Council also ensures the Sanctuary and other areas of the church are properly decorated for the Advent Season, secures Session approval for Highland’s annual Communion schedule (including for those who are home bound), and works with the Trustees, recommending and implementing alterations to the physical and technological elements of Highland’s facilities to enhance the worship experience, both in person and online. The Council also works with the music staff to create a dynamic music ministry during worship and for Highland-sponsored concerts. The Co-Chairs of the worship Council are Leigh Shuman and Kip Van Blarcom, and the staff reps are Pastor Allison and Paul Thorlakson.

Staff Retreat On Wednesday, May 8th, the staff had a retreat with Lori Sweet. The retreat was called, “The Power of



Circles: Drawing Out the Gifts of Shared Ministry.” The retreat included a time of visio divina and then a shared ministry exercise that involved creating mandalas. We used this artistic expression to think about the gifts we share, how we work together as a team, and how we each will contribute to the vision of Highland of being “seen, known, and loved.” Our mandalas have been framed and will be on display in the near future for the congregation to view.



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 and connection with Highland’s members who reside at that particular location. 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.

Library News - The library book sale will be held on June 9th and the 16th. If we have sufficient books unsold, we will continue on to the 23rd and possibly the 30th. The sale will be in the library and will happen before and after the 10:00 service. Thank you all for your previous support of our sales, including the donations of books.

Happy 100th Birthday, Doris! On Monday, May 13th, Doris Edwards celebrated her 100th birthday with a party at Meadow Ridge in the Willow Valley Community. Both her sons attended and many other friends including nurses that she supervised at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York. Pastor Allison represented the Highland Presbyterian community in wishing her a very happy birthday!



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 the following 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. **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-Date ~ 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.)

Get to know the children at Highland this Summer! Summer is quickly approaching. Consider helping (for even one Sunday) this Summer in our nursery and children's Sunday School space. It's an easy, no-prep way to engage with the younger people in our congregation. Pick up an availability form in the Narthex and return to Jennifer Weitzel by Thursday, May 30th. Email or contact the church office with questions.

Mt 25 Supports Lancaster's RAR: In spite of the day being chilly and damp, on April 27th a small but enthusiastic group from Highland showed up in support of the YWCA's annual Race Against Racism! The Matthew 25 Committee sponsored our team as one way of showing our commitment to the cause of racial justice. Please join the committee if you are interested in building congregational vitality, eradicating systemic poverty, and dismantling structural racism. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month and you can contact Laura Rothacker or Lynn Dawson for more information.



Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. 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 today.



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.