



The Highland Heartbeat

Highland, a Place to be Seen, Known, and Loved

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Happening at Highland



Be a part of it!



Choosing **Compassion** Over Apathy • **Kindness** Over Resentment • **Love** Over Hatred • **Welcome** Over Judgement • **Unity** Over Uniformity

WORSHIP SERVICE/PREACHING CALENDAR

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Genesis 1:1-5 and Genesis 2:1-4a

SERMON: "God's Presence"

PREACHING SCHEDULE

July 14 ~ Pastor Allison

July 28 ~ Pastor Allison

August 11 ~ Pastor Matt

July 21 ~ West Virginia Mission Team

August 4 ~ Pastor Ann

August 18 ~ Pastor Allison



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 Donald Pentz

Family of Gene Hannum

Family of Hazel & Walter Wright

In Prayer

Julie Bender

Robert Coup

Judy Eyster

Pete Faber

Linda Guimond

Luther Heiser

Marge Herrmann

Gretchen Laubach

Joyce McClintock

Beverly Moore

Dave Morton (relative of Jen Winter)

Shirley Offermann

Dorie Steinman

John Wolfe

Our Nation

PASTOR ON CALL

July 8 ~ July 14

Rev. Ken 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

Congregational Meeting There will be a very brief Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, July 14**, immediately following the worship service. The Nominating Committee will present two additional Highland members for nomination to the Board of Deacons. A congregational vote will then be taken. These actions will complete the Deacon Class of 2027. A flyer with photos and biographies of the two nominees are available in the Narthex for the next two weeks. We look forward to seeing you there!

Presbyterian Women will once again send Christmas gift bags filled with toiletries, etc, to all the residents at Red Rose Assisted Living. How can you help?

- ◆ Collect any toiletries you don't use in hotels as you travel this summer.
- ◆ Use your remaining dollars from Medicare Advantage quarterly pharmacy plan to order the items such as toothpaste, mouthwash, and toothbrushes.
- ◆ See a deal while you are shopping, think of this mission work and pick up extra.

Thank you for your support!

Committee Spotlight

This week we highlight the Communion Guild. Every month, members of the Communion Guild gather at 9:00am on the Saturday before the first Sunday of the month to prepare the elements for Communion. They set-up and fill the bread and juice trays as well as ready the Communion table. The bread had been cut-up by a member of the guild earlier that week. Supplies are purchased regularly. Currently, our faithful and congenial workers are Susan Basore, Diane Ingram, Rachel Reist, and Sara Shank led by Linda Ginn and Lee Heisey (the chairs). The committee works under the Worship and Music Council.

From Your Stewardship Committee -- Pay it Forward! There are a number of ways you can "pay it forward" by creating a legacy for Highland Presbyterian Church. All the options below have the advantages of not reducing your current financial situation or income (perhaps even enhancing it) while in many cases allowing you to escape federal and state taxation.

Bequests are the easiest way to "pay it forward." Including a bequest in your will to Highland Presbyterian can take several forms.

- ◆ Cash Is easy to designate but runs the risk of reduced value due to inflation.
- ◆ Percentage of assets avoids the problem of the amount being eroded by inflation.
- ◆ Real Estate can provide a unique opportunity. The donor may transfer a home or other property.
- ◆ If it is a personal residence or farm, the donor can retain use of it during their lifetime.

Retirement Plans such as IRAs, 401(k)s and 403(b)s can be used to designate a charitable beneficiary upon your death, usually for a percentage of the account's balance. Typically, all one needs to do is revise the plan's beneficiary designations, and there is no need to change your will or other estate plan documents.

Life insurance with Highland as the beneficiary ensures that a fixed sum goes to Highland upon your passing. Often this is an "old" policy whose cash value has risen over the years.

Appreciated assets, such as stocks or other securities, **can be transferred to Highland. Many stocks and other securities have a value far in excess of the original cost which, if converted during your lifetime, lead to capital gain taxation. Transferring these to Highland during your lifetime avoids that tax.**

Charitable remainder trusts allow a future gift to Highland while receiving income during your lifetime. A trustee makes payments from the trust to the income recipient during their lifetime. When the income payments end the remaining assets would become available for the work of Highland.

Annuities take a variety of forms and should be individually tailored for your situation. All of them have tax advantages, but their main benefit is to guarantee lifetime income for the owner. Annuities may be for a single life or for two. Remaining funds (if any) could be transferred to Highland as a beneficiary.

These are only examples and should not be considered financial advice. For that information see A financial or tax advisor or lawyer.

MISSION & OUTREACH CORNER

Arch Street Volunteer Opportunities ~ Picnic Lunch on July 19: Highland's Local Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a cookout at the Arch Street Center on Friday, July 19. Many of our regular volunteers have signed up to help prepare side dishes, bake cookies or flip burgers and serve food at the event. We could still use a few more volunteers to prepare side dishes/salads for the lunch.

Ongoing Monthly Lunches: This is an easy way to help our friends at Arch Street. Each month we need about 10 volunteers to prepare casseroles or bake cookies so we can provide a hot meal for about 60 members of Arch Street Center. The recipe is provided. Highland volunteers then purchase the ingredients and prepare the food at home and deliver it to the church at a designated time. The next morning all the food is delivered to Arch Street to be heated and served for lunch. Currently there is a faithful core group of about 15 volunteers. They are notified of the schedule ahead of time and sign up as they are able. There is no expectation for a volunteer to participate every month. The more volunteers we have, the more we can "share the load." If you would like to be on the list and receive the emails specifying the menus and dates, please sign up. There is no obligation. Some volunteers prefer making casseroles, some like to bake, and some do both. Whatever your level of participation is, your efforts will be appreciated. **For more info about becoming a regular volunteer or providing food for the July 19 event, please contact Linda Neumann or the church office.** Thank you!



Update from GPS (God's Plan Seekers) team ~ Have you been wondering what is going on behind the scenes with the GPS team? Summer vacation may be starting, but we haven't set this important task aside! The GPS team has been extremely busy since the last update in March. It has almost been a year since we started the journey of our visioning process and congregational conversations. The GPS team has come far; it has been quite the journey of discernment, growth, discovery, and collaboration.

At the end of March, Pastor Allison announced the new vision statement, "At HPC, we are seen, known, and loved by God through Jesus Christ and we Partner with the Holy Spirit to see, know, and love God, all God's people, and the world God created." This vision allows us to reflect and act on God's love and compassion for ourselves, our neighbors, the Earth, and everything He has created. It aligns with the GPS team's visioning process and provides a foundation for future goals, decisions, and plans for HPC.



The GPS team has designated three focus areas: mission, worship, and discipleship. These are three of Highland's strengths that were uncovered from the Fall 2023 conversations. As we've been reflecting on the congregation's input, the team has noticed all of these areas are intertwined and connected. Without one, we cannot be successful with the others. It is important to keep this in mind as we continue going through this process.

The GPS subcommittees have formed near-term (Sept. 2024 to June 2025), mid-term (July 2025 to June 2027), and long-term (July 2027 to June 2029) objectives with specific key results for each category. We are excited to give the congregation more details on the objectives and key results in the Fall!

Prayer Partners **WV Mission Trip Prayer Partners!** If you are not going on the WV mission trip but would like to support our team with prayer, please select a folded piece of paper off the WV mission trip bulletin board. Each slip of paper has the name of an individual or family going on the trip. Please begin praying for that person this week and then throughout the mission trip which is July 14-19. Thank you so much for supporting our mission team!

