



**Youth Group** meets most Sundays 4:00PM-5:30PM. If you are not on our email list, please email Sarah Hostetter at [sarahhostetter@highlandpc.org](mailto:sarahhostetter@highlandpc.org) to be added to our mailing list and stay up to date on our activities.

**Youth Lock-in ~ Saturday, February 22- Sunday February 23 5:30pm-9am.** all youth 6th grade and above join us for a night of fun, food and good healthy laughter. We will eat together, complete a churchwide Amazing Race, have a time of creative prayer, and wake to a lovely catered breakfast. **Please RSVP with Sarah Hostetter by February 16th.** Suggested donation for the evening is \$15.

**YWCA Race Against Racism April 26, 2025 ~** Please join Highland's **Matthew 25 Committee** by participating in the nation's biggest and longest consecutively run **Race Against Racism!** The Lancaster YWCA's 27<sup>th</sup> RAR is on **Saturday, April 26th** at Musser Park in Lancaster City. You can run, walk, or stand along the 5K course to cheer on our Highland team racers! Plenty of food, music, and activities throughout the event which starts at 8:30 am with a Kids Fun Run.

To participate, please register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Lancaster/YWCA/LancasterRaceAgainstRacism>. Click on the **Groups** tab at the top, then enter **Highland Presbyterian Church - Mt 25**. The cost is: \$6.94 for the Kids Fun Run; \$14.41 for racers ages 14 & under; and \$38.96 for racers 15 & up. (Scholarships are available for low-income and marginalized children.) All 5K participants who register by April 6<sup>th</sup> will receive a free RAR t-shirt. There is a price increase for registration after that date.

Lynn Dawson, the Team Administrator, will pick up the teams' t-shirts and racing bibs which will then be available at the church office on Thursday and Friday before the race. For more information, or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Lynn Dawson.

**Earth Care Committee ~** Invites you to join them for important hands-on work in our community. Our congregation has been invited to join with Community Mennonite Church as they maintain the buffer zone at Overlook. **On the third Saturday of every month**, you can live out God's call to be stewards of this planet by helping to maintain this important piece of our local ecosphere. (more details, timing, location, etc.).



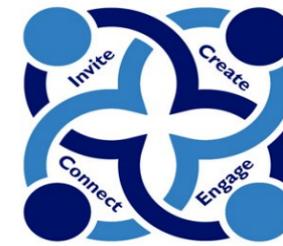
**Inclement Weather ~** A reminder that Highland follows the Manheim Township School District regarding delays and closings. **Should the school be closed we will be closed. Should the district move to a remote learning day or a "fid" day (flexible instruction day) we will be closed.** If there is a delayed opening by the district please call the church office before venturing out. You can also check WJTL or WGAL for updated building information.

**Highland's Working Adults Lunch** is this **Wednesday 2/19 at 12:00 pm**. Join us at Two Cousins in Brownstown, Schwalm's Corner for lunch and conversation. Individual tabs. Hope to see you there!



**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is working hard to respond to two devastating ecological disasters. Our neighbors have been suffering. In recent months, members of Highland have responded by offering funds to support the denominational effort. The generosity of this congregation has been astounding. When there is a need, members of Highland follow Jesus' call to act. **Our congregation has raised \$7,975.00 to support wildfire relief in California and \$10,390.00 to support hurricane relief in the Southeastern United States.** These numbers are overwhelming, and words fall short of expressing thanks for your generosity. We continue to pray for those in California and in the Southeast affected by these disasters.

**President's Day ~ Monday, February 17** The church office will be closed in observance of the holiday.



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## Congregational Care Sunday

Each year in February, Highland celebrates Congregational Care Sunday by recognizing the many teams that provide care to individuals who worship at Highland. The Board of Deacons recognizes a particular volunteer group working on behalf of the congregation during the year. The Health and Hope Ministries team supports individuals and families dealing with diseases of addiction and also presents a brief update on its ministries. The congregation receives individual emergency contact information cards to update so that in an emergency, their family members may be contacted, especially if an emergency situation happens while the person is in the Highland building. The other congregational care ministries include the hospital visitation team, the parish visitation team, the grief support team, and the prayer teams which involve the confidential prayer chain team, the Heartbeat Prayer List and the pastoral healing prayer team. In addition, Highland's three ministers, two parish associates and other volunteers visit and connect with the congregation through visits, telephone calls, postcards, emails, and quarterly newsletters. If you would like to be a part of Congregational Care ministries, please connect with Pastor Ann, Minister of Congregational Care at 717-569-2651 ex. 222.



On February 9th, Super Bowl Sunday, our local mission at Highland Presbyterian Church needed a group to make sandwiches and serve them at First Reformed Church on Tuesday, February 11th. Family ministries was excited to take on this mission. We held a packing party on Sunday after church where about 40 of us packed and made sandwiches for 150 brown bag dinners. Lisa Murray spent some time with our children, youth and parents sharing about the food insecurity and problem with housing in Lancaster city, which helped our young people understand the importance of the dinners they were packing. On Tuesday, the weather prevented us from having a full group of volunteers to serve, but the group who was there provided a caring and safe space for those coming in from the wintry elements and in need of a meal. We served over 90 people, and were able to also provide new coats and handmade hats, gloves and scarves for each person that needed them. We are thankful for the mission partners serving our neighbors just a few miles down the road, and were able to see first hand what God is doing through so many wonderful organizations in Lancaster City.



**THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:** Luke 6:17-26 nrsv  
**Sermon ~ "Stand by the Door!"**

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne  
 Next week ~ Pastor Allison



**Worship Times**

Ignite Worship | 9:30AM  
 Traditional Worship | 10AM

**Program Staff**

Senior Pastor - Rev. Allison Beaulieu  
 Pastor for Congregational Care - Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne  
 Associate Pastor for Missions & Discipleship - Rev. Matt Drumheller  
 Parish Associate - Rev. Dr. Bob Burns  
 Parish Associate—Rev. Ken Osborne  
 Music Director ~ Dr. Paul Thorlaxson  
 Organist—Jonathan Lefever  
 Director of Youth Ministries—Sarah Hostetter  
 Director of Children & Family Ministries—Jennifer Weitzel.

**Office Hours**

Mon - Thurs | 9AM - 3:30 PM  
 Friday | 9:00AM - 12PM

**Contact Information**

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**PRAYER LIST**

**PASTOR ON CALL - Rev. Matt Drumheller Feb. 17 ~ Feb. 23**

**In Memory**

Family of Kenneth Aument  
 Family of Mary Dutka  
 Family of Barbara Holran

Family of Dot Bisalski  
 Family of Marge Herrmann

**If you or a family member are in the hospital and would like a visit from a pastor or hospital visitor please contact the church office.**

**In Prayer**

Judy Berg  
 David Dagen  
 Faye Gemmill  
 Jane Hartin  
 Luther Heiser  
 Shirley Offermann  
 John Wylie  
 Family of Abigail & Jeff Martin (death of Abigail's grandmother)  
 Eric (son-in-law of Jean Fontes)  
 Elizabeth Devitry (grand-daughter of Jack Sapper)

Marge Carpenter  
 Sandy Cross  
 Linda Guimond  
 Richard Hankel  
 Gretchen Laubach  
 Martha Matt  
 Megan Stock



**VIEWING OF ONLINE SERVICES**

Go to www.youtube.com

- In the YouTube search bar, type "Highland Presbyterian Church"
- You should see a picture of Highland at the top of the search results; click it.
- Here, you will find all of our weekly services by date.
- Worship services are livestreamed at 10 am on
- Sunday mornings.

**GIVING**

- Mail your contributions to the church office.
- 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 and it will take you to the online giving on our website.
- If you have general questions, please contact the church office at 717-569-2651.



**Lenten Sermon Series: Short Stories by Jesus** ~ Jesus was a skilled storyteller. He used images and metaphors from everyday life to capture the hearts and minds of his followers. This technique made his messages both accessible and relevant. In this sermon series, we're going to explore how Jesus' original audience heard his parables and we're also going to explore how contemporary Christians hear and interpret those parables today. To do this, we will get help from Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Amy Jill Levine. Her book, **Short Stories by Jesus** will be referenced throughout the sermon series and small groups will be formed to go through her engaging and fascinating study that places these parables in their historical context. The goal of this sermon series is to hear the challenge in these parables anew. "Too often we settle for easy interpretations," Levine writes "and if we stop with the easy lessons, good though they may be, we lose the way Jesus' first followers would have heard the parables, and we lose the genius of Jesus' teaching. We might be better off thinking less about what they **"mean"** and more about what they can **"do"**: remind, provoke, refine, confront, disturb..." I'm excited to dig into this series. I hope you are as well. See you on the Lord's Day! **Pastor Allison**



In coordination with our Lenten sermon series, we will be offering small groups for folks to further engage in this topic. Each small group will be facilitated by a volunteer. They will meet for about an hour once a week for five weeks at a consistent time and location. Participants are encouraged to read the book, *Short Stories by Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. Books can be purchased beginning today in the Narthex for \$10, or online. **You can sign up for a small group beginning next Sunday, February 23.** Groups will begin in the week following Sunday, March 9, and continue for five consecutive weeks. No matter how many sessions you can attend, we encourage you to get involved! Join us as we explore this important topic together!

**You can purchase a book in the Narthex for \$10 beginning today and you can sign up for a small group beginning on Sunday, February 23.**

**Library Update** ~ While we are no longer accepting book donations; there is the used bookstore, Marshall Street Bookstore at 225 N. Marshall St. in Lancaster, PA who will welcome them. Please take the books directly to their location. All funds raised from the sale of books go to benefit the Lancaster Public Library. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Meeting of the Corporation** ~ Will be held next **Sunday, February 23 following the 10 am worship service.**

**Lenten Schedule at Highland**

- 1pm-2pm, March 5<sup>th</sup>**- Imposition of Ashes in the Chapel (Drop in anytime between 1pm-2pm for ashes)
- 7pm, March 5<sup>th</sup>**- Ash Wednesday service (Sanctuary)
- 10am, March 9<sup>th</sup>**- Lent Week #1 Lost Coin/Son/Sheep
- 10am, March 16<sup>th</sup>**- Lent Week #2 Yeast and Mustard Seed
- 10am, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**- Lent Week #3 The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
- 10am, March 30<sup>th</sup>**- Lent Week #4 The Laborers in the Vineyard
- 10am, April 6<sup>th</sup>**- Lent Week #5 The Rich Man and Lazarus
- 10am, April 13<sup>th</sup>**- Lent Week #6 Palm Sunday
- 5:45pm, April 17<sup>th</sup>**- Maundy Thursday Worship Experience and Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 7pm, April 18<sup>th</sup>**- Good Friday service (Sanctuary)
- 6am, April 20<sup>th</sup>**- Sunrise Easter Service (Narthex)
- 10am, April 20<sup>th</sup>**- Easter Sunday service in the sanctuary



*\*Don't forget to join a small group to read Amy Jill Levine's **Short Stories by Jesus!***

**Blanket Offering** ~ Every February, Highland supports Church World Services with the Blanket Offering. Blanketing the world in love is easy when people of faith unite through the Church World Service (CWS) Blankets and Kits ministry. Together, we can offer comfort, hope and warmth to our neighbors during their most challenging times. Imagine the impact of your compassion. Each blanket and kit serve as a tangible expression of God's love—sharing warmth on a chilly night, relief in a crisis and a reminder that someone truly cares. Join other generous donors and share tangible expressions of love with our neighbors in need: \$10 provides a CWS Blanket to someone in need. \$25 provides a CWS Blanket and a CWS Hygiene Kit, offering warmth and essential supplies. Please give generously to this mission. Envelopes are in the pew pockets or write a check with CWS Blanket in the memo line.

