

Mission & Outreach

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 27th 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/YWCALancasterRaceAgainstRacism>. 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 6th 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 two days before the race. For more information, or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Lynn Dawson or call the church office.

Summer mission trips have a rich history at Highland Presbyterian Church! They are a great opportunity to help our neighbors beyond the Lancaster area and to build community with our church family. Whether you've been going on mission trips your whole life or this would be a brand new experience, these trips are open to you! No matter your age or skill level, we hope you will join us this Summer in one or both of our two mission trip options!



The Intergenerational Mission Trip will take place in Altoona, PA the week of July 13-18. All people from elementary-school (with a parent or guardian) through adulthood are welcome to join us for this trip. If you can't commit to a full week, there is a partial week option for July 13-16. The cost for the full week is \$399 per person while the partial week option is \$329. Please keep in mind that this cost will be reduced by our fundraising efforts throughout the Spring. To register, use the QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/Yv6SvosiaJoHAqTf6>. **The registration deadline is TODAY, March 31,** and deposits of ½ the total cost are due by April 30th

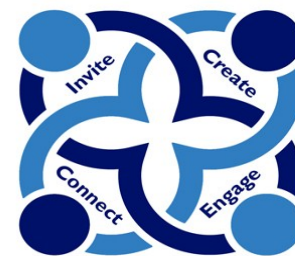


The Youth Mission trip will take place in Ashville, NC the week of July 27-August 1. All youth rising 8th grade to completed 12th are invited to join this disaster relief mission trip. The cost as of right now is \$500 before it is offset with our fundraising. **Registration is due by March 31st** and deposits of \$250 are due by April 30th. At this stage some projects you can expect are cleaning up the rivers and roads from the devastation done by Hurricane Helene, home and community projects, and working in a local food bank. Our projects will develop as the summer progresses. To register, use the QR code or go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemscYxgzdOutC15q7nNK8ikLYLV-U49aXzoV0FBW9mZ6Nvcw/viewform?usp=sharing> **We look forward to serving with you this summer!**

Have you got the Spring bug? Are you purchasing plants, trees, and mulch? Don't forget to purchase Stauffers cards at the **Market Share** desk. Remember our cards help aid others with hunger needs. Even with nursery products, you are helping to feed other families. Other cards available are Giant, Oregon Dairy and Weis.

Easter Tulips ~ Tulips can be purchased and then donated for delivery to someone who is homebound, grieving, or ill. You can also order a tulip in memory of, in honor of a loved one or you can order one for your personal enjoyment. When you purchase a tulip in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one, their names will be printed in the bulletin. Tulips will decorate the Sanctuary for Easter (Sunday, April 20). Stop by the Deacon table in the Narthex to place your order. **If you have any questions, please contact Trixi Ray or call the church office.**

Thank you Highland for all of your donations! We collected 50 gloves, 131 hats, 31 coats, and 42 scarves. These were delivered to First Reformed, the School District of Lancaster, and Anchor Lancaster. Thank you for your generosity! From Kristen Bransby and Kindness Grows.



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

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Thank you Jenn!

A Big Thank You to Our Kids & Youth Volunteers!

We are delighted to celebrate our kids and youth volunteers at Highland and their selfless service. Whether teaching Bible studies, organizing fun events, chaperoning trips, or simply being a positive role model, their contributions make a lasting impact.

To our volunteers: Thank you for supporting the children, youth, and family ministries at Highland! You plant seeds of faith, hope, and love in the hearts of our young people, guiding them on their spiritual journey. You inspire them to follow Christ's example, love others, and grow in their faith. We appreciate you - we see you, we know you, we love you!

To the Children, Youth, Families, Congregants, and Staff of Highland,

It has been my great joy to serve alongside all of you at Highland during these past four years as the Director of Children & Family Ministries and, more recently, as the Director of Upward Basketball & Cheer. As the time has come for me to say goodbye, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we have taken together, and my heart is filled with deep gratitude. While I seldom struggle to have something to say, it is in these moments of goodbye that I'd much rather share a hug, smile, or handshake to express my appreciation, respect, and love for each of you.

When I look back at all we've experienced together, I can see the beautiful story God has written with us. It has truly been a joy to witness families grow in their love for God, hear the laughter of children on Sunday mornings, and experience the relational growth that comes from serving side by side. We have seen lives changed for the better, ministries adapt during big transitions, and faith deepened as we've sought to see, know, and love each other.

And still, there is plenty left to do! The ministry soil we've tilled together is fertile for more planting. I can say with great certainty that the new leadership team for Children and Family Ministries at Highland will yield much fruit. With God's help and your faithful participation, Highland will cultivate something even more amazing. May each of you always respond to God's invitation to nurture this growth!

While my family and I look to the future with anticipation, we will miss you and this community of faith. You are all a part of our story, and we are thankful for the ways in which you have received us as a part of yours. The memories we've created together will be etched in our hearts for years to come. And should you remember us in your prayers, pray that we may increase our courage, spark joy and kindness, and spread the love of Christ wherever we go. From the very depths of my heart and soul, I say "thank you" for seeing, knowing, and loving me, my family, and our children, youth, and families at Highland. In Christ's love, Jennifer Weitzel

A note from Pastor Allison ~ Saying goodbye to staff is always hard. This one is especially bittersweet. While we are so happy for Jennifer and her new chapter in England, we will miss her dearly. She has served Highland since 2021 with her imagination, thoughtfulness, organization, compassion, and grace. She has been a fierce advocate for our children and grand-children, a faithful mentor and friend to her volunteers, a strong support for our parents, and a trusted leader for our Upward Basketball sports family. Please join us in the narthex after today's worship to say goodbye to the Weitzel Family and thank Jenn for her ministry at Highland.



WORSHIP | March 30, 2025

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE: Psalm 104: 1-5, 10-12
Luke 13:18-19

Sermon ~ “The Kingdom In Your Own Backyard”
Pastor Allison

Next week ~ Pastor Allison



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

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Music Director—Dr. Paul Thorlakson
Organist—Jonathan Lefever
Director of Youth Ministries—Sarah Hostetter
Director of Children & Family Ministries—Jennifer Weitzel.

PRAYER LIST PASTOR ON CALL - Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne March 31 ~ April 6th

In Memory
Family of Dot Bisalski
Family of John Wylie

Family of Barbara Holran

In Prayer
Judy Berg
David Dagen
Faye Gemmill
Richard Hankel
Luther Heiser
Shirley Offermann
Stacy Self & her family
Eric (son-in-law of Jean Fontes)
Elizabeth Devitry (grand-daughter of Jack Sapper)
Lewis Fitzgerald (father of Carolyn Danaker)

Marge Carpenter
Linda Guimond
Gretchen Laubach
Martha Matt
John Ray (father of Trixi Ray)
Megan Stock

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.



VIEWING OF ONLINE SERVICES GIVING

- 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.
- Mail your contributions to the church office.
 - 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 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.



Highland Presbyterian Church is a member of the denomination called the Presbyterian Church (USA). **This means that we are connected to other PC(USA) churches throughout our region and country.** These connections provide us with support and give us the opportunity to support others. No church is an island - we all strive to serve Jesus Christ together. If you are ever curious about what is happening at the denominational level, there are several existing email newsletters for which you can sign up. If you'd like to see the full range of the many email lists, you can visit <https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/newsletters>. If you'd like to register for the general PC(USA) daily news briefing, you can register at <https://share.hsforms.com/17bmXBaTURReObkrsDviOTPQdf5ts>.



The Highland Annual Easter Egg Hunt is almost here! The Easter Bunny has graciously agreed to hide eggs for us to find after worship on Sunday April 6th from 11am-12:30pm. He's even planning on staying around for pictures! Hunt is open to those 1 year old through 5th grade. **Please sign up in the Narthex today!**

The Lancaster County Food Hub is doing incredible work to provide essential food and support to families facing hardship. Many of our neighbors rely on this service, especially during times of financial difficulty. Easter provides us an opportunity to make a tangible difference. The Highland Food Cupboard has been a historical supporter of the Food Hub. In 2024 we provided more than 1400 pounds of food during the Advent Food Calendar Project. We're asking for your support again during the weeks leading up to Easter. Please bring donations to the Food Cupboard outside of Fellowship Hall of peanut butter, breakfast cereal (low sugar), rice (white or brown), pasta (whole wheat preferred), soup (low sodium), tuna/chicken (pouches or canned), and canned meals (pull tab canned ravioli, beef stew, etc.). In this season of hope and renewal let us come together to share our blessings and extend a helping hand.

Sixty people of all ages — "The Post-career Generation" comprised of ones who live their days as they wish, laughed, learned new tidbits about each other and made new connections. Fun, great food, meeting new friends and guests, and a fabulous movie, were just part of last Thursday's JOY (Just Older Youth) Spring Luncheon and Movie! **Everyone is looking forward to the Summer JOY event planned for mid-June.**

