



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Exploring Gratitude

In the weeks following our Carson Lecture, you are invited to join a small group to further explore the Christian practice of gratitude. Small groups will gather for 3 weeks in a variety of times and locations.

You can sign up for a small group in the Narthex before and after worship, or using the following link:



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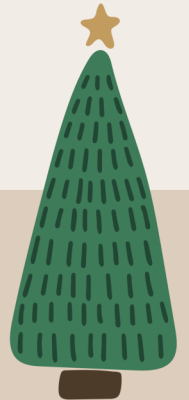
Giving Tree

For the 44th year, Highland Presbyterian Church is asking for your Christmas gift donations for individuals in need in the Lancaster community. Our list includes 15 agencies which serve newborns, children, women, the homeless, and those suffering from mental illness. For some individuals, these may be the only Christmas gifts which they receive. The suggested value of each gift this year is \$40 to \$50, with gift cards in the amount of \$45.

The trees are available as of
today, October 26!



Gifts will be collected at **any time in the church office**, or on **Sunday, November 30** during Ingathering Sunday.



Christmas Shopping Spree for Local Families

Supported by Our Giving Tree Ministry

Join us next **Sunday, November 2 at 4:00 pm** for a special Children, Youth, and Family Ministry event as we share Christ's love in a joyful and tangible way this season!

- We'll gather at MOD Pizza in the Belmont Shopping Center for dinner and fellowship, before heading to Target to shop for families supported by our Giving Tree Ministry.
- There will be multiple pizza options at MOD—please plan to contribute \$5 per person, payable at the door or via Venmo.
- After we eat, we'll walk together to Target and hand out lists of Christmas wishes and basic needs for families walking through a difficult season.
- Each group, led by an adult, will shop to meet those needs. Please bring at least \$20 per person to contribute toward the gifts.



Please sign up using the QR code, or on the paper sign-up sheet in the narthex.

From the Stewardship Committee:

Please check your mail!

At this time of year, many of us receive lots of mailings (including, for those of a certain age, health care insurance options). With such a volume of mail, it can be easy to overlook this year's stewardship mailing from Highland, **which will be sent this coming week.** It contains a brochure, which includes a letter from Pastor Allison, a pledge card, and a return envelope. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment for 2026 and return your pledge card, which will be dedicated in worship on November 16.

If you believe that you have missed this mailing, please call the church office and a replacement will be sent.

Join Our Upward Basketball League!

Looking for a fun, affordable, faith-based basketball program for your kids? Upward Basketball at Highland Presbyterian Church is more than just a league—it's a ministry! Our goal is to help kids grow in basketball skills and in character, all in a safe, encouraging, and Christ-centered environment. Every coach and referee is trained in the Upward program, ensuring practices and games are positive, developmental, and uplifting. Each game begins with a devotional, and every child is celebrated as part of the team.

- \$120 per player
- Family discounts of \$10 off for each additional player registered
- Scholarships are available if finances are a concern
- Parents who volunteer to coach will receive a player discount
- Open to all Kindergarten-4th graders

Register and come be part of a league where kids have fun, families connect, and faith is at the center. Contact upward@highlandpc.org for any questions.

Highland Performing Arts Upcoming Concert

Sunday, November 2 at 3:00 pm



LBC String Orchestra and Art Song Concert

Doris Hall-Gulati, Director

Children's Choir

The first practice was held this morning — join us **next Sunday at 9:25 am in Room 101!**

- For K-5th grade, although youth are welcome to assist. If you have children younger than Kindergarten, please contact us.
- Will run in blocks of time with short breaks in between; first block is preparing the children to sing with the Cantata on Sunday, December 7th.
- 6-7 practices, with one Saturday morning rehearsal.



REGISTER



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Calling all adults!
**Breakfast, Lunch,
& Evening Fellowship**



THU
Nov
13

Ladies Night Out

Board and Brush | 7:00 - 9:00 pm
(Sign-up link coming soon)

WED
Nov
19

Working Adult Lunch

Pancake Farm | 12:00 pm

WED
Nov
19

Men's Trivia Night

Stoner Grille
Dinner at 6:00 pm | Trivia at 7:00

Looking for a breakfast bible study, book club, or Sunday school offerings? Have a question about an event? Contact events@highlandpc.org!

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UPWARD BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



SIGN UPS BEGAN OCTOBER 1ST

The season begins mid-January!

Register Below



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Gifts, Talents, and Interests Survey

We're excited to share that we have tallied and summarized the results of our recent **Gifts, Talents, and Interests Survey**! What an incredible reminder of the rich diversity and God-given abilities within our congregation. From creative minds and compassionate hearts to skilled hands and servant spirits, this survey has revealed the depth of our congregation's gifts and talents to serve, grow, and glorify God.

Over **250 people participated in the survey** with a wide variety of age groups represented. The survey asked you to indicate interest and/or experience in 72 categories. Survey results indicated interest in a vast majority of categories! Leading categories of interest were **Worship, Mission and Music**, as well as **Leadership, Discipleship, Fellowship, Care & Compassion, Campus Care** and **Craftsmanship**. Other categories of interest were **Church History, Building Maintenance, and Prayer Ministries**.

We will continue to use the survey as an important tool into the future. New members are filling them out as they become involved at Highland.

The next step is to determine how to use this information. Timely updates will follow as survey results are implemented. For example, the list of people who indicated interest in Leadership and Care & Compassion was shared with our Nominating Committee to assist them in their important work.



If you haven't filled out the survey, you are welcome to do so by visiting www.highlandpc.org and clicking About Us > Gifts, Talents, and Interests Survey, or by using the QR code to the left.

Thank you to everyone who participated! Your responses are helping us build a vibrant, connected church community where every gift has a place and every talent can shine. Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to get involved and share your gifts.

Let's continue to celebrate the ways God is working through each one of us!

Hilites 2025

Covered Bridge & Pedal Car Museum Tour

The rescheduled Covered Bridge & Pedal Car Museum Tour is **today**!



October 26, 2025

Ollie's Parking Lot at Park City Mall

Meet at 2:00 pm

Depart at 2:15 pm

Native Plant Garden

Several members of Highland gathered on October 16 to plant our native plant garden. Over 300 pollinator plants went into the ground in about 45 minutes. Thanks to our partnership with Waxwing Ecoworks, our garden will hopefully be blooming and growing strongly in the near future!



Middle & High School Refreshing Mountain Fall Retreat



Get ready for a weekend of adventure, fun, and faith! Our Middle and High School Fall Retreat will take place **Saturday, November 22 through Sunday, November 23** — and you won't want to miss it!

- Depart from the church at 9:00 AM on Saturday and head to Refreshing Mountain, where we'll spend the day enjoying outdoor activities, lunch, and an unforgettable zipline and high ropes course experience under the Christmas lights!
- After a full day of adventure, we'll return to the church around 7:00 PM for pizza, a movie, and a lock-in.
- We'll wrap up our time together by attending worship at 10:00 AM on Sunday morning as a group.

Youth are welcome to join us for the full retreat, or just the Refreshing Mountain or lock-in portion. Please let us know specifically which part you will attend when registering.



Full Weekend
\$50 / participant
Overnight Only
\$10 / participant

Please sign-up using the paper sheet in the narthex, or the QR code above!

Worship Times

Ignite Worship | 9:30 AM

Traditional Worship | 10:00 AM



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 Thorlakson

Organist — Jonathan Lefever

Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries — Sarah Hostetter

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Friday

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Contact Information

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For staff contact information, visit our website at www.highlandpc.org and go to About Us > Staff, or ask the reception desk for a copy of our Staff & Committee Contacts brochure.

Worship



This Week's Scripture

Colossians 1:1-14

"Grateful for Highland"

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

November 2

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Prayer List

In Memory

The family of Sue McCarty

The family of David Dagen

The family of Heidi Schutzler

The family of Doris Bair

The family of John Gooding

The family of Kenneth Weaver, Sr.

In Prayer

Cal Kent

Marjorie Mann

Dorie Steinman

Beckie Drover

Virginia Gazdziak

Luther Heiser

Shirley & Walt Offermann

Martha Matt

Vincent and Ginny Michael Candiello

Elizabeth DeVitry (granddaughter of Jack Sapper)

Doris Ramsdell (sister of Lee Heisey)

Scott, Lauren, & Janet Kennedy (Joyce Shaffer's sister)

Pastor on Call

October 27 - November 2

Rev. Ken Osborne

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.



View Our Online Services

Worship services are livestreamed at 10 am on Sunday mornings. To view our online services, visit us at www.youtube.com/HighlandPresbyterian, or:

- Go to www.youtube.com and search "Highland Presbyterian Church".
- Click the photo of Highland that appears at the top of the search results.
- On this page, you will find all of our weekly services by date.

Giving

To give, you can:

- 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. The website 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 page of our website.



If you have general questions, please contact the church office at 717-569-2651.