



The Highland Heartbeat

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

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Due to the holiday, the offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.

Carol with Highland!

Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 PM

Willow Valley Communities

Tuesday, December 16 at 6:45 PM

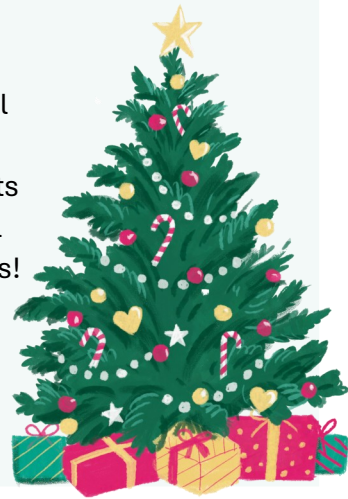
The Long Community



Giving Tree

The 2025 Highland Giving Tree project is nearly complete! A few gift tags for our 15 agencies still hang on the remaining tree in the center of the narthex. While our shoppers are busy buying gifts with funds donated by the congregation, we still need your help to address the remaining gift tags!

Please help make the 2025 Giving Tree a success by taking one of the remaining tags and returning your gifts **next Sunday, November 30** for **Ingathering Sunday!**



On the Way to the Manger: A Family Advent-ure

Sunday, December 7

After worship in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a family-friendly Advent kickoff as we begin the journey toward Christmas together! We'll share lunch, build Advent wreaths, and explore the themes of **hope**, **peace**, **joy**, and **love** through hands-on storytelling and activities for all ages.

*Come wonder, create, and
prepare your heart for Jesus —
everyone is welcome on this
journey to the manger.*



Women's Christmas Tea

*All mothers, daughters, and
grandmothers are welcome!*

Saturday, December 20

Arrive at 11:30 AM

\$5 to attend

Entertainment will begin at 11:45 AM, and food will be available at 12:15 PM. We hope to see you there!



Highland Performing Arts Upcoming Concert

Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 PM

Lancaster Heritage Chorale

Barry Sawyer, Director



*After the concert, join us in Fellowship Hall at **4:30 PM** for a **Patron Reception!** We truly appreciate your support of the Highland Performing Arts.*

2025 Advent Booklet

The 2025 Advent booklet will be available **next Sunday!** It includes daily devotions written by Highland's members for you to read and reflect on during Advent. This year, the theme for the booklet is Highland's vision of being **seen**, **known**, and **loved**. The devotions in the booklet will also be sent weekly by e-mail.

Christmas Poinsettias

Christmas poinsettias symbolize hope and purity. One of the Deacons' many ministries is to provide you with the opportunity to order beautiful poinsettias. Poinsettias cost **\$10 each**, and can be:

- Delivered to someone who is homebound, grieving, or ill;
- Dedicated in memory or honor of loved ones, and their names will be printed on an insert in the bulletin; or
- For your own personal enjoyment!

Poinsettias will decorate the Sanctuary on **Sunday, December 21** and **Christmas Eve**. Questions? Please contact Trixi Ray.

To purchase poinsettias, stop by the Deacon table in the narthex before or after Sunday services on the following dates:
November 23, November 30, December 7



Hilites Progressive Christmas Party

Sunday, December 14

Appetizers — 5:30 - 7:45 PM

Desserts & Ornament Exchange — 8:00 PM

- \$10 per person to attend.
- Please sign up to bring an appetizer or a dessert by **Monday, December 8**.
- To participate in the optional ornament exchange, bring a wrapped ornament (valued ~\$10)!
- Please register using the QR code!
- Questions? Contact Dana Mead.



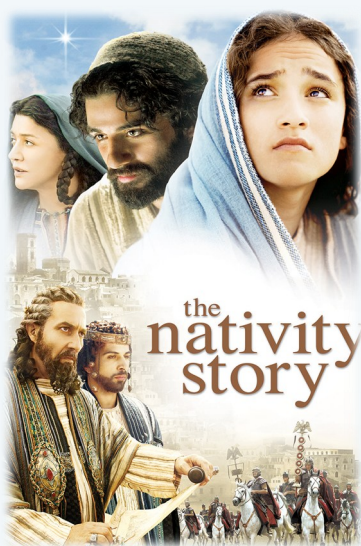
Christmas Bags for Red Rose Manor

Throughout the year, the women of Highland gather toiletries to give as Christmas gifts to the residents of **Red Rose Manor**, a local assisted living facility in Lancaster City. We are in need of hard candy, diabetic candy, small tissue packets, and full-sized lotion, soap, and shampoo. Please drop off your donations in the wicker basket by the food pantry near Fellowship Hall. We will fill the bags in **mid-December**!



Lunch & Movie: The Nativity Story

Are you looking to get past the commercialism and experience the real meaning of Christmas? Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 21** and join us for lunch and a movie! It will take you back in time to view Mary and Joseph in Galilee, the angel coming to Mary, the long, difficult journey to Bethlehem, the birth. The movie is Biblical, yet brings the time and the people to life. It is appropriate for youth group age and older.



Event Details

- Plans are being made for a nursery and movie for the younger kids at the same time.
- Lunch will be served right after worship, followed by the movie, The Nativity Story. Come at **11:15 AM**, and leave ready to truly celebrate Christmas by 2:00 PM!
- Please sign up in the narthex so we have a lunch count.

Reverse Advent Calendar

What is it and how can you participate

Instead of receiving, let's **give** to those in need of food security! Starting **December 1**, simply add a food item listed on the **Reverse Advent Calendar** to your grocery list. A handout with the calendar will be available on the kiosk next to the Heartbeat or on the round table in the narthex starting next Sunday.

- Collected food will be donated to the **Lancaster Food Hub**.
- You can bring your food items each Sunday during Advent, or fill a box of your own and bring it in on Christmas Eve.
- Collection boxes are located in the narthex and in the office reception area.
- For questions, see Deb Peterson.

Christmas JOY: Caroling & Lunch

Thursday, December 4
10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Register in the narthex or by calling the church office. To reserve a spot, we ask that you put down a \$5 deposit. Registration is required so we can provide food for everyone!



Breakfast with Santa The Long Community

Saturday, December 13
8:30 to 10:30 AM

Join our neighbors at The Long Community for a heartwarming morning filled with joy, laughter, and holiday cheer! Bring the kids and make unforgettable memories as you enjoy a delicious breakfast with Santa Claus himself!



*Please.RSVP.by.calling.
(979)907-0666.before.
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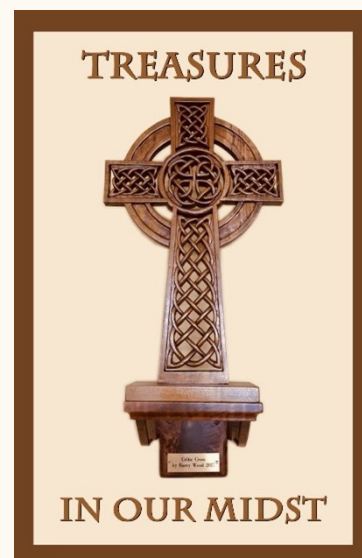
Treasures In Our Midst

Highland is proud to serve as the custodian of the many beautiful works of art and historic artifacts that are displayed throughout the church. These treasures, both historical and contemporary, enrich our shared space and help to tell the story of our faith community. The **Art and Artifacts Committee** is dedicated to making the congregation more aware of these remarkable pieces, as we believe they are a meaningful part of our collective heritage.

This beautiful walnut Celtic cross was carved by Highland member Barry Wood. He incorporated the Celtic knot and rings to symbolize eternity, God's never-ending presence, and God's love for his people. The intricate interlacing of the Celtic knot, with no beginning or end, visually represents eternity and the unbroken connection between God and His people. The cross is on display in the narthex on the wall to the right of the nursery.

The Art and Artifacts Committee has also created a self-guided Holy Spirit Doves and Celtic Crosses Tour which allows you to explore these meaningful works at your own pace. Tour brochures are available at the Welcome Center. Other "treasures" can be viewed on Highland's website under the **About Us** tab.

Keep an eye out for more "Treasures in our Midst" articles in upcoming issues of The Heartbeat, highlighting some of these cherished works and share their unique stories with you.



Earth Care

Partner Events

Saturday, November 29

9:00 AM All About Birds: Winter Birding

Register — <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-about-birds-winter-birding-tickets-1701533014049>

Thursday, December 4

6:00 PM Nature Hour: Winter Birds

Register — <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nature-hour-winter-birds-tickets-1835421247359>

Thursday, December 18

6:00 PM Nature Hour: Stories of the Conestoga River

Register — <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nature-hour-stories-of-the-conestoga-river-tickets-1838781979399>

Worship



This Week's Scripture

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 23:33-34
"A Crown of Thorns"
Rev. Matt Drumheller

Upcoming Preaching Schedule

November 30
Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 30

- 10:00 AM** First Sunday of Advent
- Bring your Giving Tree gifts
 - Advent booklet available

Thursday, December 4

10:30 AM Christmas JOY: Caroling & Lunch

Sunday, December 7

- 9:00 AM** Quilters Christmas Sale
- 10:00 AM** Choir & Orchestra: *Hodie Christus Natus Est*
- 11:00 AM** On the Way to the Manger: A Family Advent-ure

Thursday, December 11

7:00 PM Ladies Night Out at Harvest Grill

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

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